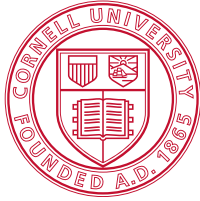


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Agenda of the Thursday, March 1, 2018 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Open Microphone**
- III. Approval of the Minutes:**
 - a. February 22nd Minutes
- IV. Announcements & Reports**
 - a. Rep Schott – Making the Econ major STEM-certified
- V. Presentations:**
 - a. Tri-Council D&I Updates
- VI. Business of the Day:**
 - a. Resolution 29: Community Sponsorship Access
 - b. Resolution 31: Adding a Veteran's Ex-Officio Representative to the Student Assembly
- VII. New Business**
 - a. Resolution 32: Accommodating Muslim Holidays
 - b. Resolution 33: Increasing Gender Neutral Bathrooms
 - i. Resolution 33 Addendum
 - c. Resolution 34: Risley Crosswalk
 - d. Resolution 35: Creating an Asian American Living Learning Unit (LLU)
 - e. Resolution 36: Supporting the Activism of Prospective Students
- VIII. Additional Announcements and Reports**
 - a. GPSA, UA Liaison Reports
- IX. Adjournment**
- X. Executive Session**
 - a. (Graduate) Trustee Nominating Committee Internal Elections (2 seats)



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Agenda of the Thursday, February 22, 2018 Meeting
4:46pm-6:02pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:46 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present*: D. Barbaria [0], O. Corn [0], R. Cornell [2.5], V. Devatha [1], O. Egharevba [0], N. Hernandez [0], R. Herz [5], S. Iruvanti [0], G. Kaufman [0], J. Kim [0], S. Lim [0], D. Nyakaru [0], S. Park [1.5], G. Park [0], M. Peralta-Ochoa [1], C. Schott [1.25], E. Shapiro [1], J. Sim [1], D. Tokunboh [2.75], M. Valadez [1], I. Wallace [1]
 - ii. *Absent*: T. Ball (*excused*) [0.5], A. Chowdhury (*unexcused*) [2], O. Din (*excused*) [2], H. Hassan (*unexcused*) [3], M. Indimine (*unexcused*) [2.5], L. Lipschutz (*unexcused*) [4.75], S. Romero Zavala (*unexcused*) [2]

II. Open Microphone

- a. No speakers at the open microphone.

III. Approval of the Minutes:

- a. February 15th Minutes
 - i. Motion to amend the roll call such that "Nathalia Hernandez" reads "N. Hernandez" – **amended** unanimously.
 - ii. Motion to approve the minutes – **approved**.
- b. There was a motion on the floor – **approved**.

IV. Announcements & Reports

- a. VP Valadez – D&I Summit
 - i. M. Valadez spoke about the Cornell Diversity and Inclusion Summit, and said that she is currently in the process of reaching out to organizations currently implementing new and innovative ways to promote diversity and inclusion in their organizations. She also said that all byline organizations will be invited to the Summit, and that she expects an attendance of 100 people.
 1. The Summit will be held on Sunday, March 18th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- b. Dining Committee
 - i. D. Barbaria announced in the stead of the unavailable Dining Committee chair that Trillum has implemented extra operating hours.
 1. Trillum's hours from Monday to Thursday will now be 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

- c. University Assembly Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. C. Schott announced that the Campus Infrastructure Committee is seeking new members, and spoke about certain initiatives that the Committee is taking.
 - ii. V. Devatha referenced C. Schott's comment regarding the taxing of plastic water bottles and asked what the money raised by such a tax would be going toward.
 - iii. C. Schott said that this is currently in discussion.
- d. C. Schott – International Students
 - i. C. Schott spoke about an initiative that enables international students to extend their work authorization in the United States by two extra years following graduation.
 - 1. This allows international students to be authorized to work in the United States for three years following graduation, instead of one.

V. New Business

- a. Resolution 31: Adding a Veteran's Ex-Officio Representative to the Student Assembly
 - i. V. Devatha said that Resolution 31 is a bylaw amendment, and that the Student Assembly would be unable to pass this resolution until next week.
 - ii. There was a motion to amend the title of the resolution to "Adding a Veteran's Ex-Officio Representative to the Student Assembly" – amended unanimously.
 - 1. The title previously read "Reinstating the Financial Aid Review Committee as a Byline-Funded Organization for the 2020-2022 Cycle".
 - iii. Luke Opyd, president of the Cornell University Veterans Association (henceforth CUVA) said that there are currently 23 undergraduate veterans at Cornell University, and that Cornell's provost has committed to admitting 100 veterans by Fall 2020. He noted that an ex-officio representative would represent few members of the undergraduate body now, but would represent more in the future.
 - iv. G. Kaufman said that he supports the efforts of veterans on campus, but noted that he does not believe that there are enough veterans on campus to warrant a Student Assembly seat, and that allowing this resolution to pass would make it difficult not to give a seat to any organization that requested one.
 - v. L. Opyd said that the issue at hand transcends the amount of student veterans on campus. He said that veterans seek proportional representation on campus relative to their national representation, and that the introduction of this seat would set a precedent and tell the University that this issue is something to address.
 - 1. The national proportion of veterans in the United States is 6%.
 - vi. V. Devatha added that the whole idea of this resolution is that the underrepresentation of veterans is something to address, and that the veteran community cannot voice their opinions and concerns in the Student Assembly as it stands.

- vii. O. Corn asked why this resolution seeks a non-voting position for the representation of veterans. She also echoed Varun's sentiment and said that she found G. Kaufman's previous comments to be problematic.
- viii. V. Devatha said that veterans on campus face particular struggles that other members of the student body do not, and that veterans face many barriers to inclusivity.
- ix. O. Corn reiterated her previous question.
- x. V. Devatha said that an at-large position would allow anyone on campus to run for the position, and with only 23 veterans on campus at this time, such a position would run the risk of a non-veteran running for and winning the position. He explained that an ex-officio position would be a liaison, and that CUVA would be designating its own liaison to the Student Assembly.
- xi. L. Opyd concurred with V. Devatha's explanation.
- xii. D. Barbaria noted that the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning makes up 3% of the undergraduate body, but 9% of the Student Assembly body. He also asked if there is anything that the Assembly could do to ensure that the liaison position is sent every year.
- xiii. L. Opyd said that he is unfamiliar with the workings of the Student Assembly, but that this position would hopefully run indefinitely.
- xiv. D. Barbaria asked if there is anything that the Student Assembly could do to ensure that CUVA's request for a liaison gets done every year.
- xv. L. Opyd said that CUVA holds elections every year, and that there would hopefully be some type of turnover in which the current administrators of both parties indoctrinate their successors and establish contact before the start of the next school year.
- xvi. D. Barbaria said that if this resolution is passed, it would be appreciated if CUVA amended their bylaws to ensure the continued existence of a Student Assembly liaison.
- xvii. L. Opyd said that he plans on doing this.
- xviii. M. Valadez said that she is glad that this resolution has come to the floor and stated her disagreement with G. Kaufman's earlier statement. She also motioned to strike line 24 of the resolution – amended with a majority.
 - 1. The line of the resolution struck was line 24 in the earliest form of this document; following the amendment made in subsection ii, the line to be struck was found on line 23.
- xix. Zachary Schmetterer voiced his support for the resolution.
- xx. D. Barbaria said that if this resolution is passed, then the timeline on which CUVA would select its liaison must match up with the timelines of organizations that undergo a similar process.
- xxi. J. Sim recommended that a seat be created for students coming back from a long leave of absence, such as Korean or Israeli students that must fulfill military requirements in their home countries, since this would encompass a larger portion of the student body.
- xxii. V. Devatha said that he understands J. Sim's idea, but that his proposal is an unconventional seat, and that there are so many unconventional backgrounds in this regard that would theoretically be encompassed by this seat that it would be hard for each of them to be represented by one position.

- xxiii. J. Sim said that if this resolution passes, then his aforementioned seat should definitely be considered.
- xxiv. L. Opyd clarified that CUVA is not strictly for veterans of the United States' military or the militaries of her allies, and that international students who served in the militaries of their respective countries are included.
- xxv. J. Kim asked whether or not there are any international students in CUVA.
- xxvi. L. Opyd said that there are not.
- xxvii. V. Devatha said that the idea of this ex-officio seat would be to facilitate CUVA and veteran students' ability to forge connections on campus.
- xxviii. C. Schott said that he could help L. Opyd get in contact with international veterans by virtue of his status as international students liaison.
- xxix. Joseph Anderson stated his disagreement with G. Kaufman's earlier statements.
- xxx. N. Hernandez voiced her support for the resolution.
- xxxi. M. Peralta-Ochoa said that he hopes that the Student Assembly will take further steps following this resolution to represent more identities that are not currently represented, and questioned the ability of those of a white, middle-class background to understand the diverse perspectives and backgrounds at hand.
- xxxii. J. Kim asked M. Peralta-Ochoa to refrain from personal attacks against other Assembly members in the future.
- xxxiii. J. Anderson motioned to table the resolution.
- xxxiv. J. Kim said that there are more speakers on the speaker's list.
- xxxv. O. Egharevba said that he does not believe that this resolution is the best route for veterans to try and gain more representation on campus.
- xxxvi. V. Devatha said that the former Assembly representative for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences was a veteran, but that in his capacity as the representative of CALS, he had to represent CALS students' issues, rather than veteran students' issues.
- xxxvii. G. Kaufman said that he understands that the Assembly is not perfectly representative, but that 23 students is only 0.16% of the student body. He also said that his concerns are not of a slippery slope, but that of logical consistency.
- xxxviii. V. Devatha reiterated his previous point that since there are so few veterans on campus today, having an at-large position to serve this need runs the risk of having a student run and win who knows nothing about veterans or the issues they face.
- xxxix. G. Kaufman said that this is a risk for any voting member seat.
 - xl. J. Anderson said that when the seat for LGBTQ+ liaison was initially introduced, there were some students who ran for the position with the intent to have the seat removed from the Student Assembly. He said that the introduction of an ex-officio seat is a good step to remove this possibility.
 - xli. The resolution was tabled.

VI. Business of the Day:

- a. Resolution 28: Puerto Rico Debt and Disclosure Amendment

- i. Z. Schmetterer said that he seeks a re-vote on Resolution 28 so that he can introduce an amendment based on new information received last week following the initial vote.
 - ii. Gina Giambattista requested that Z. Schmetterer email the language of the resolution to the Student Assembly listserv.
 - iii. Z. Schmetterer said that he would do so, and motioned to reconsider Resolution 28 – **passed**.
 - iv. Z. Schmetterer motioned to strike lines 48 through 50, and to insert text starting on line 48 that reads “Be it further resolved, the Cornell Board of Trustees Investment Committee create distressed government debt investment guidelines for the Office of University Investments to effectively review existing investments and partnerships as well as guide subsequent investments in order to prevent and mitigate exploitative creditor relationships such as a situation of coerced repayment above the market terms offered to all investors;” – **amended** 22-0-1.
 - v. Motion to vote – **approved** 18-1-2.
- b. Resolution 29: Community Sponsorship Access
 - i. V. Devatha explained before debate on Resolution 29 began that the reconsideration of Resolution 28 was only necessary because of a conversation had immediately after the resolution’s initial passing. He asked that Assembly members use the time for questions to actually question the resolution being discussed, rather than to simply voice support for a resolution, since the latter wastes time that could be used more productively. He said that the Assembly will soon begin to recognize, at the discretion of the Chair, when someone is out of order in this regard.
 - ii. D. Barbaria added that all Assembly members have the ability to yield their time to the Chair, and that if a member has nothing new to add to the conversation, no one is forcing them to speak. He also motioned to table Resolution 29 – **tabled**.
 - iii. D. Barbaria said that historically, only Student Assembly members have been able to sponsor resolutions, but that this has changed in the past few years. He said that the current bylaws do not reflect these changes and have no statement regarding who can and cannot sponsor a resolution, and that this resolution seeks to address these concerns. He said that this will be discussed further next week when O. Din returns.
- c. Resolution 30: FARC Byline
 - i. M. Valadez said that this resolution gives a formal recommendation to the Appropriations Committee as to what the Committee should do when reviewing Appendix B. She said that the resolution suggests waiving the requirement of 1500 signatures for an organization formerly on byline funding to reapply. She explained that this resolution is necessary due to the history of the Student Assembly in regard to the Financial Aid Review Committee (henceforth FARC), and that it is important for FARC to return to byline funding.
 - 1. Toward the end of the 2000s, FARC willingly removed itself from byline funding due to the economic crisis of the time.

- ii. J. Anderson said that this resolution needs to find a specific way to stay with the Assembly due to its lack of an executive archivist, and asked if this is addressed in the resolution.
- iii. M. Valadez said that this will be discussed when Appendix B is written this semester.
- iv. S. Iruvanti expressed confusion regarding a clause of the resolution.
- v. M. Valadez said that the Appropriations Committee is not bound to this resolution, but that FARC intends to suggest that they follow their recommendations.
- vi. G. Kaufman apologized on behalf of his predecessors for being unable to follow through with the aim of this resolution, but said that this does not need to be a resolution. He explained that even if all other members of the Appropriations Committee do not agree with him in this regard, it would still be up to the Student Assembly to vote on their decision.
- vii. C. Schott suggested amending the resolution to acknowledge G. Kaufman's comments.
- viii. G. Kaufman said that if he does not follow through on his promise to waive the signature requirement, then they are welcome to motion to add any desired or necessary language, and that if the Assembly will pass this resolution, then they'll pass that. He motioned to table the resolution indefinitely because of this.
 - 1. V. Devatha dissented, stating that he does not trust the organizational capacity of the Appropriations Committee to follow through on this, especially considering the Committee's delay in reaching out to the Cornell Cinema.
- ix. G. Kaufman maintained his motion to table indefinitely – **failed** 5-11-2.
 - 1. J. Kim acknowledged that fewer members than were in attendance voted on this motion, and asked where they were at that time.
- x. H. Hassan yielded his time to the chair.
- xi. There was a motion to vote – **passed** 16-1-4.

VII. Additional Announcements and Reports

- a. University Assembly Representative
 - i. A member said that the Campus Infrastructure Committee is seeking new members, and yielded his remaining speaking time to J. Anderson, since the latter attended more of the meeting than him.
 - ii. J. Anderson said that the Committee did not meet this week, but that they will meet next week, and also said that the Committee had previously had a conversation regarding the reappointment of the Judicial Administrator.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. D. Barbaria said that the Codes and Judicial Committee met yesterday, and that they passed a small resolution. He also said that the first official meeting of the Hate Speech Working Group will be tomorrow in Mann Library at 1:00 PM.
- c. Residential Student Congress
 - i. J. Anderson said that Natalia wrote a resolution from the Latino Living Center for a uniform ice machine policy across all dorms.
- d. Campus Welfare Committee

- i. J. Anderson said that the Committee did not meet this Tuesday or last week, but that previously sponsored resolutions included a resolution regarding LGBTQ+ inclusion. He also referenced the upcoming tobacco referendum.
 - 1. This referendum, if passed, advocates for the President of the University to take steps toward making Cornell tobacco-free within the next two years.
- e. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. I. Wallace said that the Committee will meet on Sunday, and that two resolutions being considered are one regarding the creation of a new crosswalk by Risley Hall, and one regarding gender-neutral bathrooms on campus.
- f. Transportation Hearing Advisory Board
 - i. L. Lipschutz explained the function of the Transportation Hearing Advisory Board (henceforth THAB).
 - 1. If a Cornell student receives a parking ticket on campus and appeals the ticket three times, THAB makes the final decision regarding the status of the ticket.
 - ii. Z. Schmetterer expressed confusion regarding the varying designs and appearances of parking guideline signs on campus, and asked L. Lipschutz whether this problem could be addressed.
 - iii. L. Lipschutz said he would bring it up, and said that there are currently three positions open on THAB.
 - 1. At the time of meeting, THAB had one undergraduate and two graduate student slots open. THAB meets on the first Thursday of every month.
 - iv. D. Barbaria said that THAB is an appeals board, and that Z. Schmetterer's concerns would be best addressed elsewhere.
 - v. L. Lipschutz said that THAB does deal with issues regarding signage.
 - vi. V. Devatha asked if L. Lipschutz would pass these concerns on to the relevant party within THAB.
 - vii. L. Lipschutz responded in the affirmative.
- g. Residential Student Congress
 - i. Shivani Parikh said that there will be a housing forum hosted by Cornell Vice President Ryan Lombardi in the near future, and that the RSC is currently exploring the potential creation of a Living Learning Unit (henceforth LLU) for Asian students.
 - ii. J. Kim asked if the LLU is to be part of the new Housing Master Plan.
 - iii. S. Parikh said that the RSC is currently gauging interest.
 - iv. V. Devatha asked if there would be separate plans for South Asian students and for East Asian students, since the two groups are very culturally distinct from one another.
 - v. S. Parikh said that other universities have pan-Asian centers, and that she would be in support of visual representations within the LLU that would display that the center is not strictly for East Asians.
- h. Faculty Senate and its Subcommittees
 - i. C. Schott said that he has not yet heard about any Faculty Senate meetings.
 - ii. E. Shapiro echoed this sentiment.
 - iii. Z. Schmetterer said that he has received no communications.

- iv. C. Schott said that he formerly received Faculty Senate emails, but that these communications ceased in November of 2017.
- i. Consensual Relationship Policy Committee
 - i. S. Iruvanti reported that he asked D. Barbaria to remove him from the committee due to class conflicts.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm.

IX. Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hannan

Clerk of the Assembly



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Originally Presented on:	(02/15/2018)
Type of Action:	Bylaws Amendment
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #29 Amending Community Sponsorship Access in the Student Assembly Bylaws

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to amend the bylaws in order to make it easier for members of the student body to submit resolutions to the student assembly.

Sponsored by: Omar Din '19, Dale Barbaria '19

Whereas, the Student Assembly was founded to effect more extensive involvement in campus governance and work on matters which involve the interests of or concern the welfare of the student community.

Whereas, the focus of the Student Assembly should be on the Cornell undergraduate body, and not on the elected members of the Student Assembly.

Whereas, the Student Assembly charter grants all members of the Cornell undergraduate student body ex-officio membership to the student assembly in order to ensure and encourage their participation, and rights thereof, in shared governance.

Whereas, the participation of its members, the equality of its community, and the transparency of its governing body are all hallmarks of and necessary conditions for any democratic society.

Whereas, Article VII, section 1, lines 443-446 of the Student Assembly Bylaws reads as follows:

The SA and its committees shall respect and protect the rights of individual members of the Cornell community. All members of the community have the right to add a resolution to the Student Assembly Agenda after procuring the written signature of at least a majority of seated SA members, and presenting the signatures to the SA President or their designee for verification, at least 48 hours before the meeting at which the resolution is to be introduced.

Whereas, resolutions function as the main avenue through which the student assembly functions.

Whereas, the reason students would seek to bring resolutions straight to the assembly floor without assembly member co-sponsors is because they are unable to or otherwise unwilling to find any.

Whereas, if that is the case, it is an unrealistic and undemocratic expectation for them to have to procure a majority of Student Assembly members' approval.

Whereas, even if a resolution in such instance is unlikely to pass, it still deserves to be discussed if members of the Cornell undergraduate body deem it relevant, and as a democratic body the Student Assembly has a duty to do so.

Be it therefore resolved, that article VII, section 1, lines 443-446 of the Student Assembly bylaws be amended to instead say:

The SA and its committees shall respect and protect the rights of individual members of the Cornell community. All members of the community, **who do not otherwise have an appointed or elected position on**



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the student assembly, have the right to add a resolution to the Student Assembly Agenda as a sponsor (without the requirement of having a member of the assembly being a sponsor) after gaining the approval of a Student Assembly committee through a majority vote or ~~the approval~~ after procuring the written signature of at least a majority of seated SA members and presenting it to the SA President or their designee for verification at least 48 hours before the meeting at which the resolution is to be introduced. Resolutions that appear on the agenda using either of these methods may not have more than 3 sponsors who are not Student Assembly members or Student Assembly committee chairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Omar Din '19

Human Ecology Rep, Student Assembly

Dale Barbaria '19

Vice President for Internal Operations, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-0, 02/13/2018)



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Originally Presented on:	(02/22/2018)
Type of Action:	Internal Policy
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #31

Adding a Veteran's Ex-Officio Representative to the Student Assembly

ABSTRACT: This resolution adds a Veteran's Ex-Officio Representative to the Student Assembly.

Sponsored by: Varun Devatha '19

Whereas, Cornell University was founded by Ezra Cornell as an “institution where any person can find instruction in any study,”

Whereas, all members of the Cornell community are technically ex-officio members of the Student Assembly,

Whereas, veterans are an underrepresented population on the Cornell campus with a series of unique experiences,

Whereas, veterans struggle with inclusivity as well as knowledge of organizations, support centers, and resources across campus,

Whereas, Cornell University has committed to increasing the veteran student population by planning on quadrupling the veteran population to 100 by fall of 2020,

Be it therefore resolved, a Veteran's Ex-Officio Representative to the Student Assembly be instated with the following language added after Article I, Section 3, line 22 of the Student Assembly Bylaws:

C. The SA will grant one member from Cornell University Veteran Association an ex-officio position as an organizational liaison.

Respectfully Submitted,

Luke Opyd '18
President, Cornell Undergraduate Veterans Association

Varun Devatha '19
Executive Vice President, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-0, 02/20/2018)



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Originally Presented on:	(03/01/2018)
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #32 Accommodating Muslim Religious Holidays

ABSTRACT: This resolution urges the University to allow for academic exemptions and accommodations for Muslim students celebrating religious holidays.

Sponsored by: Omar Din'19

WHEREAS, Cornell University is an institution founded on the principle: “any person...any study.”;

WHEREAS, Article II of the Student Assembly Charter states the Student Assembly has “the authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community”;

WHEREAS, the diverse Cornell University student body includes individuals from many faiths and background;

WHEREAS, there have been numerous studies showing the link between faith and overall wellbeing and improved mental health;

WHEREAS, most academic calendars, including Cornell’s, have been built to accommodate Christian holidays (ex. Christmas during winter break, Easter during spring break);

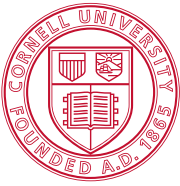
WHEREAS, Section 3 of New York State Education Law states:

“3. It shall be the responsibility of the faculty and of the administrative officials of each institution of higher education to make available to each student who is absent from school, because of his or her religious beliefs, an equivalent opportunity to . . . make up any examination, study or work requirements which he or she may have missed because of such absence on any particular day or days”

WHEREAS, Muslim religious holidays such as Eid-al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha often conflict with course schedules, forcing students to choose between their education and their religious observance;

WHEREAS, Ramadan is a required month-long religious holiday, during which Muslims can neither eat nor drink anything from sunrise to sunset, occurring in 2018 from May 16th to June 14th;

WHEREAS, Final examinations for the spring 2018 semester are slated from May 14th to May 22nd, thus overlapping with Ramadan;



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WHEREAS, students observing these holidays are often fatigued and drained physically, leading to difficulty retaining information and reduced attention span, which negatively impacts exam performance;

WHEREAS, the University recommends for instructors to allow students to move scheduled finals or take make up examinations if there are more than two examinations in a 24 hour period;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Student Assembly affirms students should never be required to choose between their faith and education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Assembly requests the Faculty Senate Educational Policy Committee review procedures and policies regarding religious holiday accommodations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Assembly requests that, where practical and appropriate, instructors should outline policies regarding said religious holiday accommodation, for any religion, on distributed syllabi;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for final examinations that conflict with students fasting for Ramadan, students are given the option to either take the finals before Ramadan begins or to take them in the evening after they have broken their fast;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that takeout or to-go boxes are made available on North, West, and Central Campus dining halls to students upon request, where they are not otherwise provided, so that students may still utilize their meal plan and save the food for when they are able to eat;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such opportunities for religious exemptions are made aware to the student body as a whole through a campus wide email sent out by the Vice President for Student and Campus life in the weeks leading up to Ramadan (among other religious holidays);

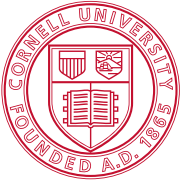
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the Vice President for Student and Campus Life, the Provost, the Dean of Faculty, the Cornell Dining Director, the Deans of each college, and the Chairs of each academic department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Omar Din '19
Board Member, Muslim Educational & Cultural Association
Human Ecology Rep, Student Assembly

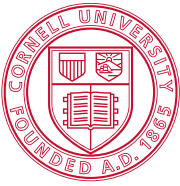
Khaddy Kebbeh '19
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Mahfuza Shovik '19



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S.A. Resolution #33

Increasing Access to Gender Neutral Bathrooms on Campus

ABSTRACT: This resolution calls for increasing access to gender neutral bathrooms across campus.

Sponsored by: Ian Wallace '20, Lavanya Aprameya '19

Whereas, transgender and gender non-conforming persons may face discomfort and discrimination when using gendered bathrooms;

Whereas, the university has made strides in increasing access to gender neutral bathrooms since SA resolution 21, "Availability of Accessible Gender-Neutral Bathrooms and Locker Rooms on Campus" was adopted during the 2011-12 school year;

Whereas, bathrooms in dorms on West Campus operate under the gender inclusive "E" system;

Whereas, Cornell Maps shows locations for all-gender bathrooms across campus;

Whereas, many buildings used heavily by undergraduates contain no gender neutral Bathrooms;

Whereas, Robert Purcell Community Center and Appel Commons, two important community centers for freshman, contain no gender neutral bathrooms;

Whereas, students should not require a map to find a bathroom they can use;

Whereas, existing gendered bathrooms can be converted into gender neutral bathrooms promptly and cost-effectively;

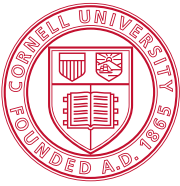
Be it therefore resolved, that Cornell University set the goal for itself that every building on campus will contain at least one gender neutral bathroom;

Be it further resolved, that the University will redesignate existing multi-stall bathrooms to be all-gender;

Be it further resolved, in future renovations Cornell University will incorporate designs for all-gender inclusive restrooms;

Be it further resolved, that Willard Straight Hall enters a trial period in which all bathrooms on the fourth floor be designated all-gender;

Be it further resolved, that the "E" system by expand to encompass all dorms on west;



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Be it further resolved, that Bartels Hall, Duffield Hall, Statler Hotel, Robert Purcell Community Center, Appel Commons, Helen Newman Hall, Myron Taylor Hall, and Day Hall be considered high priority for inclusion of gender neutral bathrooms;

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the Campus Planning Committee, Dean Pendakur, VP Lombardi, Shorna Allred, Edward Baptiste, Garrick Blalock, Julia Thom-Levy, and Steven Jackson;

Respectfully Submitted,

Ian Wallace '20

Chair, Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission

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Savanna Lim '21

Freshman Representative, Student Assembly

Member, Student Assembly Committee Infrastructure Fund Commission

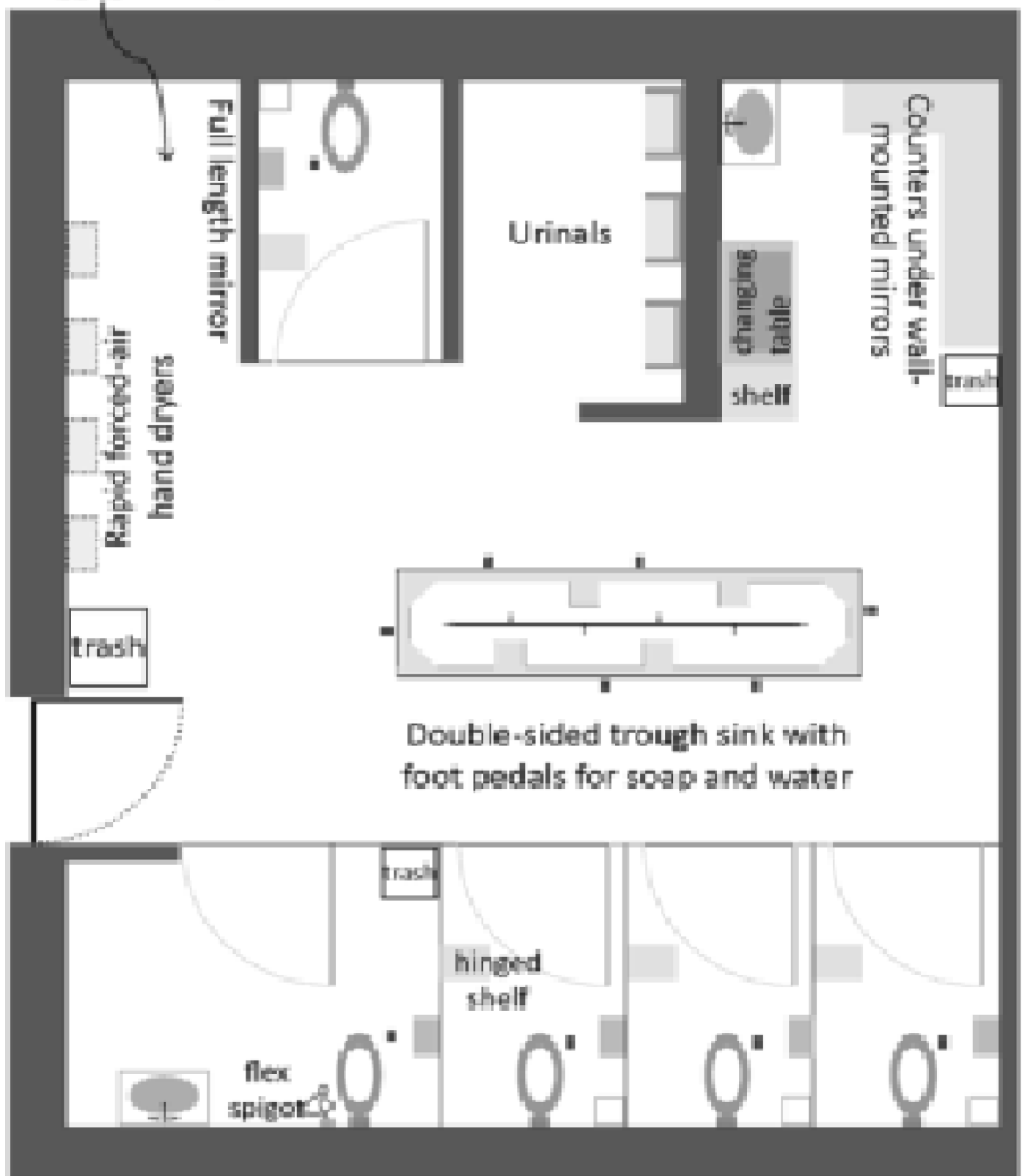
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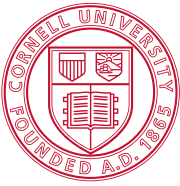
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Nook for stashing
luggage and prams



Design by Laura Noren



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S.A. Resolution #34 Risley Crosswalk Resolution

ABSTRACT: The Risley Crosswalk on North Campus has been a major source of stress and danger for pedestrians and drivers; this resolution urges the administration to add a crosswalk and ensure safe crossing for all.

Sponsored by: Savanna Lim '21, Ian Wallace '20

Whereas, the Student Assembly Infrastructure Funding Committee (SAIFC) has received multiple requests from students regarding the addition of a crosswalk on Thurston Ave by Risley over the multiple years;

Whereas, SAIFC has received two requests from students regarding the addition of the crosswalk during the 2017-18 school year;

Whereas, students, especially freshman, find crossing the road from Balch to Risley or vice versa to catch the bus to be extremely dangerous;

Whereas, in addition to being next to a bus stop, Risley constitutes both a residency and a dining hall;

Whereas, many students dangerously jaywalk across Thurston Ave by Risley;

Whereas, the Campus Planning Office has acknowledged the importance of a crosswalk at this location;

Whereas, there has been no official statement from administration regarding the crossing;

Whereas, there has been anticipated construction of the Risley Crosswalk that the SAIFC finds to be an unreasonable amount of time;

Whereas, that the SAIFC urges the administration to take swift action to implement a crosswalk;

Be it therefore resolved, that the SAIFC urges the administration to take swift action to implement a crosswalk;

Be it further resolved, that Cornell University recognizes the dangers of the crosswalk and promptly take action to ensure the safety of all students;

Be it further resolved, the Campus Planning Office research student safety regarding the intersection of Cradit Farm and Thurston, specifically regarding the curb radius;



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Be it further resolved, the Cornell University work with the City of Ithaca to construct a crosswalk that allows for students to walk safely across Thurston Ave;

Be it further resolved, that Cornell University release an official timeline regarding the implementation of a crosswalk on Thurston Ave between Risley and Balch Hall;

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to Leslie Schill and Steven Wolf.

Respectfully Submitted,

Savanna Lim '21

Freshman Representative, Student Assembly

Member, Student Assembly Committee Infrastructure Fund Commision

Ian Wallace '20

Chair, Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commision

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S.A. Resolution #35 Creating an Asian American Living Learning Unit (LLU)

ABSTRACT: Cornell University and Residential Student Congress recommends the creation of an Asian American LLU to be included in the creation of new housing at Cornell.

Sponsored by: Shivani Parikh '19 & Savanna Lim '21

Whereas, Cornell University has a long tradition of cultural housing for students of minority and marginalized backgrounds, seen in program houses such as Ujamaa, the Latino Living Center (LLC), Akwe:kon, Holland International Living Center (HILC), and the Multicultural Living Learning Unit (McLLU), and;

Whereas, a Living Learning Unit engages students fully in experiential education and co-curricular learning, and;

Whereas, Asian Americans are Americans of Asian descent and the term refers to a panethnic group that includes diverse populations which have ancestral origins in East Asia, Southeast Asia, or South Asia, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau¹, and;

Whereas, Asian and Asian-American students are the only racial minority group on campus that do not have a cultural residential area and solely have the Asian & Asian-American Center (A3C) and Asian American Studies Program (AASP) office as designated identity spaces, and;

Whereas, Cornell University and the Student Assembly are committed to creating and maintaining an atmosphere of diversity and inclusion on this campus, and;

Whereas, Cornell University and the Student Assembly acknowledges, through their commitment to diversity and inclusion, the needs of all students, and;

Whereas, it is essential for Asian & Asian-American individuals to connect with their peers, their heritage, and their cultural community so that they may too find themselves with students who identify with comparable histories, migrational journeys and backgrounds, and;

Whereas, visibility of Asian & Asian-American individuals through such a living learning unit is essential to their efforts to dispel the Model Minority Myth; to demonstrate their cultural diversity and work against stereotypes perpetuated by the ideas of the “Yellow Peril,” the “Hindoo Invasion,” Islamophobia, and more broadly xenophobia; and to celebrate their hyphenated identities and relationships with the lands in Asia that their ancestors call home, and;

¹ A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.



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35 **Whereas**, an Asian & Asian-American space would be able to support all Asian & Asian-American
36 individuals and be able to supplement the Cornell Asian & Asian-American Center (A3C) in
37 providing more dedicated spaces to Asian & Asian-American individuals, and;

38 **Whereas**, this model of an Asian & Asian-American Living Learning Unit, consisting of one floor
39 of a residence hall, has been successful at peer institutions including but not limited to, Dartmouth
40 College², University of California at Berkeley³, Amherst College⁴, and;

41 **Whereas**, currently Vice President Student and Campus Life Ryan Lombardi and many individuals
42 of the Cornell community are involved in the implementation of the Housing Master Plan, and;

43 **Whereas**, the implementation of the Housing Master Plan allows for the strategic implementation
44 of an Asian & Asian-American Living Learning Unit, and;

45 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly endorses and wishes to to create an Asian &
46 Asian-American Living Learning Unit, and;

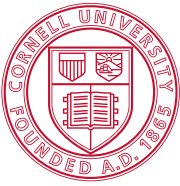
47 **Be it finally resolved**, the creation of the program living learning unit be implemented with a task
48 force that benefits from the consultation of Asian & Asian American individuals including, but not
49 limited to, a representative of Residential Student Congress, the Asian & Asian American Center
50 (A3C) staff and interns, the Facilitator of Cornell Asian Pacific Student Union (CAPSU), the
51 President of South Asian Council (SAC), Asian & Asian-American members in Residential and New
52 Student Programs (RNSP), and anyone else deemed necessary.

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² The Asian and Asian American Living Learning Community is a residential community base for all Dartmouth students interested in engaging with issues specific to Asian/Asian American identity and the histories of trans-Pacific migrations, regardless of prior knowledge base or racial identification.

³ The Asian Pacific American Theme House (APATH) was established in 1992 and is a residence for students who have an interest in Asian American and Pacific Islander history, culture, and contemporary issues. APATH provides a small community experience in a large university. The program offers a dynamic environment for interaction and learning through academic and social activities such as group discussions, cultural events, and community service. A live-in theme program assistant provides resources and support for residents' social and academic needs. Our academic seminar brings together students and faculty, alumni, community leaders, activists, and other speakers to discuss a variety of topics. Through social and academic activities, students gain leadership skills, form a close-knit community, and have fun.

⁴ The Asian Culture House was established to enhance awareness of all Asian cultures and to promote cultural diversity on campus. Each semester, members are required to organize one event that pertains to Asian culture and to attend events organized by fellow members. These projects are excellent opportunities to increase visibility and impact on campus. The Asian Culture House currently occupies the first floor of Morrow residence hall. The House is open to all students. In fact, it is vital to the success of the House to include people of all nationalities and cultures who are interested in Asian culture. Students are not required to be Asian or to speak an Asian language. Any and all those who possess an interest in Asian culture are strongly encouraged to apply. Sincere interest, strong commitment, and enthusiasm are most sought in applicants.



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57 *President, South Asian Council*

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61 *Member, Chinese Students Association*

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73 *Member, Cornell Filipino Association*

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75 Kimaya Raje '20

76 *President, Hindu Student Council*

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78 Carunya (Caro) Achar, '18

79 *Ex Officio, South Asian Council*

80 *Student Organizer, Cornell Organization for Labor Action*

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82 Joseph Anderson '20

83 *Undergraduate Representative, University Assembly*

84 *Vice President, Residential Student Congress*

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91 *Programming Co-Director, East Coast Asian American Student Union*

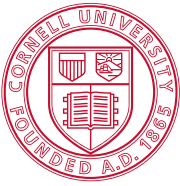
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121	<i>Member, Asha Cornell</i>



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S.A. Resolution #36 Supporting the Activism of Prospective Students

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to have Cornell not rescind any admissions decision of students who participate in peaceful protests, regardless of their school's disciplinary policy.

Sponsored by: Joseph Anderson '20, Mayra Valadez '18 and Natalia Hernández '21

Whereas, in result of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida many high school students have participated in walkouts and other peaceful protests against gun violence; and

Whereas, many school districts have threatened these students with suspensions; and

Whereas, these suspensions might put these students acceptance decisions at risk; and

Whereas, Yale University, MIT, Boston University, University of Virginia, Tulane University, Dartmouth College, George Washington University, University Massachusetts at Amherst, Brown University, Northeastern University, and others have said in response they will not rescind any acceptances of students who are punished over these disciplinary codes¹; and

Whereas, Cornell University released a statement on its various social media platforms that supports students who are participating in non-violent protest²; and

Whereas, the support of or participation in, non-violent protests should never jeopardize incoming students' applications; and

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly requests that Cornell University make the policy of not considering disciplinary actions of students who take part in nonviolent protests permanent for all future applicants; and

Be it finally resolved, that Cornell University accurately defines what the University considers "non-violent" protest.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Undergraduate Representative, University Assembly

Mayra Valadez '18
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¹<http://time.com/5174165/colleges-gun-control-protests-admission/>

² <https://twitter.com/Cornell/status/967850219055575040>



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