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Agenda of the Thursday, May 3, 2018 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Memorial Room, WSH

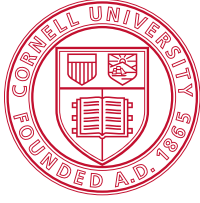
- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Open Microphone**
- III. Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. April 26th Minutes
- IV. Announcements & Reports**
 - a. Rep Schott: The First Ivy League International Student Conference Recap
 - b. Rep Wallace: Straight Edge Report
 - c. Rep Wallace: Anabel's Report
- V. Presentations**
 - a. CDTI Presentation on New Students Orientation App
- VI. Business of the Day**
 - a. Resolution 49: Approving Appendix B for 2018-2020 Byline Cycle.docx
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 - a. Resolution 50: Approval of the Fall 2018 Elections Rules
 - i. Election Rules Amendments
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- c. Resolution 52: Recommendation for Cornell University to Establish a Testing Center for MCAT

VIII. Additional Announcements and Reports

- a. GPSA, FS, EA, UA Liaison Reports

IX. Adjournment



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Minutes of the Thursday, April 26, 2018 Meeting
4:48pm-6:40pm in Memorial Room, WSH

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present*: D. Barbaria [0], A. Chowdhury [2], O. Corn [1], V. Devatha [1], O. Din [2], D. Engelson [0.25], O. Egharevba [1], H. Hassan [3], N. Hernandez [0], R. Herz [5], M. Indimine [1.5], S. Iruvanti [0], G. Kaufman [0], J. Kim [1], L. Lipschutz [4.75], D. Nyakaru [1], G. Park [0], C. Schott [1.25], E. Shapiro [1], J. Sim [1], M. Valadez [1], I. Wallace [1]
 - ii. *Arrived After Roll Call*: S. Park (*Excused*) [4]
 - iii. *Absent*: T. Ball (*Unexcused*) [1.75], R. Cornell (*Unexcused*) [3.5], J. Dominguez (*Unexcused*) [1], S. Lim (*Unexcused*) [0], M. Peralta-Ochoa (*Unexcused*) [2]

II. Presentations I

- a. Orientation Steering Committee
 - i. The co-chairs of the Orientation Steering Committee presented on initiatives and plans for the upcoming Fall 2018 Orientation for new incoming students.
 - ii. D. Barbaria asked if the Committee had any issues regarding the newly extended calendar.
 - iii. One of the co-chairs responded in the negative.
 - iv. Luke Opyd asked a question regarding orientation and nontraditional students such as veterans.
 - v. T. Cabbell asked what the process would be for an organization trying to be on the pamphlet given to students at orientation.
 - vi. One of the co-chairs said that such access is mostly restricted to new student programming, and to reach out to their advisor for more information in this regard.
 - vii. O. Corn asked if there were any events or programs planned for orientation that would help promote and increase diversity in the wake of racially-charged incidents in the past year.
 - viii. One of the co-chairs said that there will be programs in this regard, with one specifically for transfer students and another specifically for first-year students.
 - ix. D. Nyakaru asked what the topics of conversation will be.
 - x. Brandon Cohen said that more information will be coming from the Presidential Task Force.

- b. Convocation Committee
 - i. Lizzi Gorman said that, after a long process with tough conversations, film director Ava DuVernay will be the convocation speaker for the Class of 2018.
 - 1. Lizzi Gorman is the Class of 2018 Convocation chair.

III. Open Microphone

- a. No speakers at the open microphone.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

- a. April 13th Minutes & April 19th Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve both minutes – **approved** by unanimous consent.

V. Announcements & Reports

- a. G. Kaufman said, in accordance with Assembly standing rules, that the Appropriations Committee funded La Asociación Latina \$1250, Cornell Welcomes Refugees \$1000, and Delta Ball \$1499.
- b. M. Valadez said that the Student Experience Grant received 281 applications this year, and that the Financial Aid Review Committee has approved \$45000 to go to these grants. She also said that there will be a graduation event for first-generation students, and asked that first-generation students reach out to her.
 - i. S. Iruvanti asked how many applications were accepted for the Student Experience Grant.
 - ii. M. Valadez said that this has not yet been determined, but that the maximum award is \$3000, and most applicants get \$1500. She added that last year, 272 applications were submitted and roughly 10% of applicants were given grants.
- c. J. Sim said that the first round of internal elections is this Saturday, and that anyone who cannot make it to this meeting should email him beforehand.

VI. Presentations

- a. Rep. Egharevba: APC Survey on Student Center and Pre-Enroll
 - i. O. Egharevba said that the Academic Policy Committee (henceforth APC) conducted a survey dedicated to Student Center and course pre-enrollment. He also said that suggestions included adding past professor evaluations, estimated enrollment based on previous trends, student comments about the course, and amount of time per week spent on the course, as well as combining the course scheduler and Student Center and ensuring a functioning Student Center.
 - ii. G. Kaufman commended O. Egharevba on the presentation, calling it informative and impressive.
 - iii. S. Park asked if O. Egharevba was on the APC or if he has reached out to its chair.
 - iv. O. Egharevba said that he is on the APC.
 - v. O. Corn said that she is a big supporter of having pre-enrollment during orientation for freshmen, since time zone issues are prevalent for West Coast and international students.

- vi. S. Iruvanti asked what is in the realm of possibility for working on stopping Student Center from crashing. He also asked if O. Egharevba has yet contacted CIT.
- vii. O. Egharevba responded in the negative, saying that the APC wanted a starting point before investigating possible solutions.
- viii. V. Devatha said that he was surprised that 60% of surveyed students preferred having summer pre-enrollment for freshmen as opposed to during orientation. He also asked if the APC concluded that the 7:00 am timeslot that is currently used for pre-enrollment is the best timeslot.
- ix. O. Egharevba said that it was discussed, and that he argued for a late-night timeslot since people can sleep through pre-enrollment time.
- x. V. Devatha said that a lot of clubs, organizations, and group projects meet later at night, and that while the 7:00 am timeslot is bad, he agrees with the APC that it is the best possible timeslot.
- xi. O. Egharevba stated his agreement, saying that it is a necessary evil.
- xii. V. Devatha asked whether the APC has reached out to CIT in regard to avoiding Student Center crashing.
- xiii. O. Egharevba responded in the negative, saying that the APC wanted to gauge student opinion before reaching out to any groups.
- xiv. Zachary Schmetterer said that peak internet traffic is during the evening, and that many students who get locked out of required classes are freshmen, and that the problem lies in seniority and predetermined amounts of seats in classes. He recommended that the APC write a resolution that would make the number of seats in a class more flexible, as well as for the APC to talk to individual colleges to reserve more seats.
- xv. O. Corn said that the issue in regard to class sizes is that most are set in relation to room sizes, and that if they're assigned to a smaller room they cannot be as flexible with seating.
- xvi. L. Opyd asked if there was anything on the survey which asked whether or not students ask their parents for advice in enrolling in classes.
- xvii. O. Egharevba responded in the affirmative.
- xviii. L. Opyd asked what percentage of students ask their parents for advice for pre-enrollment.
- xix. O. Egharevba said that it is between 8% and 10%.
- xx. C. Schott said that it is important to look critically at the ramifications of these recommendations, and that he anticipates pushback from bodies such as the Faculty Senate.
- xxi. O. Egharevba said that this survey was a preliminary procedure, and that criticism in regard to not reaching out to organizations or people so early in the process is unjustified.
- xxii. C. Schott said that his comments were not a criticism and that the initiative is great. He also said that if the APC wishes to move forward with this initiative, they must talk to the faculty.
- xxiii. G. Park asked if a weekend time for pre-enrollment was discussed as a possible option.
- xxiv. O. Egharevba said that it was discussed on the committee, but that it was concluded that many people are away during those times which would be an

- issue. He reiterated that the 7:00 am timeslot is a necessary evil, and that a weekend timeslot would put some students at a comparative disadvantage.
- xxv. G. Park asked whether a question in regard to students being away on the weekend was included in the survey.
 - xxvi. O. Egharevba said that the committee discussed the issue.
 - xxvii. N. Hernandez asked whether or not the survey had a question regarding student usage of Cornell Wi-Fi during pre-enrollment.
 - xxviii. O. Egharevba responded in the negative.
 - xxix. N. Hernandez said that she has gotten into every class during each of her pre-enrollment times without using the Cornell Wi-Fi, and that this should be considered.
 - xxx. O. Egharevba said that something to talk to CIT about in the coming weeks would be increasing server capacity for Student Center, but that this would probably be difficult since it is his understanding that Cornell contracts Oracle to handle Student Center for them.
- b. Campus Code of Conduct Changes.
- i. D. Barbaria said that changes to the Campus Code of Conduct (henceforth CCC) have been proposed by the Codes and Judicial Committee (henceforth CJC), and that members who are in support of or against these changes should go to the University Assembly meetings and voice their opinions.
 - ii. Matthew Battaglia explained the proposed changes to the CCC.
 - 1. M. Battaglia is the chair of the CJC.
 - iii. V. Devatha asked a question.
 - iv. M. Battaglia said that the repercussions for violations can go from fines and probation all the way up to expulsion, and that this change increases possible suspension time for organizations from one year to five.
 - v. M. Battaglia continued to explain the proposed changes to the CCC.
 - vi. S. Park asked if non-Cornell students on campus in the summer have to comply with safety policies.
 - vii. M. Battaglia said that the code applies to all people of the Cornell community.
 - viii. C. Schott asked if the maximum suspension for students was now five years, as opposed to the possibility of indefinite suspension.
 - ix. M. Battaglia responded in the affirmative.

VII. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 45: In Support of GPSA Resolution 13
- i. C. Schott said that he did not know how much of the resolution was discussed due to his absence in the previous week.
 - ii. There was a motion to vote.
 - 1. There was a dissent.
 - 2. J. Kim said that there are two people on the speakers list.
 - iii. D. Barbaria asked what impact this resolution has on undergraduate students.
 - iv. C. Schott said that there will soon be a large expansion of undergraduate housing, and that public-private partnerships (henceforth P3s) are popular due to their cost-effectiveness, and that it is conceivable that some of the new housing for undergraduate students could be P3, and so international students in such housing would be unable to act as RAs.

- v. Z. Schmetterer said that the P3 is not the reason why international students cannot serve as community leaders. He also said that Cornell would need to tell the winning bidder for any given P3 project that international students must be allowed to act as RAs, and that Cornell can alter the terms of the P3 during negotiations.
- vi. A co-sponsor of GPSA Resolution 13 said that Z. Schmetterer's understanding of the P3 in regard to international students is incorrect, and that the problem with P3 employment is not contractual, but goes against federal immigration requirements. He said that neither EdR nor Cornell was responsible for this, and that international students' visas allow employment with Cornell, but not with a P3.
- vii. There was a motion to vote – **approved** 21-0-1.

VIII. New Business

- a. Resolution 49: Approving Appendix B for 2018-2020 Byline Cycle
 - i. G. Kaufman said that the Appropriations Committee met on Monday and proposed amendments to Appendix B, and proceeded to explain the proposed changes.
 - ii. J. Kim asked what the per-student cost would be for the Orientation Steering Committee.
 - iii. G. Kaufman said that it would be \$1.12, and apologized for the confusion.
 - iv. G. Kaufman continued to go through the proposed changes.
 - v. C. Schott said that the International Students Union is not included in the proposed changes, and asked whether or not this was because there was nothing to amend.
 - vi. D. Barbaria said that this was the case, and that not every organization who needs to be funded needs to be in the guidelines.
 - vii. I. Wallace yielded his time.
 - viii. V. Devatha asked what the Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board (henceforth SUB) is.
 - ix. G. Kaufman said that SUB is funded at \$0.50 per student, and that it focuses on Willard Straight Hall-themed programming that takes place in or near Willard Straight Hall.
 - x. V. Devatha said that this sounds like taking byline money and throwing it into university-funded events.
 - xi. G. Kaufman said that this is correct.
 - xii. V. Devatha asked who books SUB rooms now.
 - xiii. G. Kaufman said that there was an issue in Fall 2015 in which SUB kicked some organizations out of their rooms, and that the Dean of Students' office now handles these bookings following this.
 - xiv. V. Devatha asked whether or not the SA has a guarantee of this, or if it more of an understanding.
 - xv. G. Kaufman said that if they wanted to take the Memorial Room from the SA, that they would not leave without a fight.
 - xvi. D. Barbaria said that the process is 100% not controlled by students at all.
 - xvii. D. Engelson yielded his time.

- xviii. O. Corn said that the Appropriations Committee met until 9 at night on Monday going through every single detail, and that if the SA trusts the Committee, then they should just pass the resolution.
- xix. D. Nyakaru referenced this funding cycle's issues with CUTonight and their rubric, and asked what would happen if this cycle's events were to occur again, or if CUTonight were to not cooperate.
- xx. O. Din said that the SA would find them in violation of Appendix B.
- xxi. D. Barbaria referenced lines 20-31 in the guidelines, saying that these are the enforcement guidelines that give power to the rules that the SA is setting.
- xxii. Joseph Anderson said that there is concern from some perspectives in regard to adding political affiliation to the nondiscrimination clause, and referenced Haven's issues in regard to community members of certain political affiliations coming to Haven meetings and harassing other members.
- xxiii. O. Corn said that line 24 states that organizations can enforce standards of conduct, and that in such a situation they could be removed from the organization. She added that she has been told directly that people would not feel comfortable having her in an organization, and that an organization can still remove someone for conduct violations.
- xxiv. D. Barbaria said that everything is included so that the SA can discuss the changes, and that the SA has a chance to amend next week when the resolution comes back. He added that the Appropriations Committee will also come back next week with amendments, and that questions now should pertain to the process or content.
- xxv. O. Din said that these are recommendations, and that if anyone feels a certain way about any of these changes, that they can amend them next week.
- xxvi. G. Kaufman asked that anyone who plans to make an amendment notify him first.
- xxvii. Chantel Moseby said that she has edits that she would like to propose regarding the Cornell Concert Commission and CUTonight, and asked whether those could be discussed now.
- xxviii. G. Kaufman responded in the affirmative.
- xxix. C. Moseby said that the Commission wanted to strike the language regarding loss, since the concerts do not make money. She also said that the desired information in a potential report can be told to whoever would ask, but no formal report is created, and asked whether a report would now be necessary.
- xxx. G. Kaufman said that nothing was changed regarding the Cornell Concert Commission except that performances in Bear's Den are no longer required.
- xxxi. C. Moseby asked what the definition of "loss" would be as referenced in Appendix B.
- xxxii. G. Kaufman said that it would be C. Moseby's definition.
- xxxiii. D. Barbaria said that the language regarding loss should be changed since the Commission does not have profits or losses, but that he does not see why the reporting mechanism should be removed.
- xxxiv. C. Moseby said that the Commission does not normally do reports and that the SA has never asked for them. She asked why the Commission now needs to do reports.
- xxxv. R. Herz explained her perspective on what loss would entail for the Commission, referencing the Carly Rae Jepsen concert of Fall 2015.

- xxxvi. C. Moseby said that the Carly Rae Jepsen concert was before her time as the Commission's advisor, but that some concerts do lose more money than others. She added that the former director said that this was potentially more loss than other cases, but not a huge loss altogether relative to concerts that do not make money.
- xxxvii. V. Devatha asked what sort of margin is to be expected at a concert.
- xxxviii. C. Moseby said that the Commission looks at who the artist is and how much they are being paid, and then bases ticket sales on those figures.
- xxxix. V. Devatha asked if C. Moseby had any specific information in this regard, such as historical variances.
 - xl. C. Moseby said that the Commission always gets higher numbers in Barton Hall for Homecoming, but that last year Barton Hall was closed which threw off the numbers.
 - xli. V. Devatha asked what C. Moseby sees as the harm in reporting.
 - xl.ii. C. Moseby said that she is unsure what they would be reporting and what a loss would be, as well as that similar organizations are not required to give reports.
 - xl.iii. V. Devatha asked if the authors of the resolution would be open to requiring other similar organizations to give reports.
 - xliv. O. Din responded in the affirmative, saying that the goal is to make the information transparent and readily available, and that they are willing to make it this way for other similar organizations.
 - xl. v. C. Moseby spoke regarding CUTonight.
 - xlvi. There was a motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes – approved.
 - xl. vii. G. Kaufman said that members of the Student Assembly should vocalize their opinions regarding CUTonight and the amendments in the resolution, and that he would be more comfortable giving the Student Assembly or the Appropriations Committee oversight instead of just one person, as it is now.
 - xl. viii. D. Barbaria said that he does not believe it to be a tremendous struggle to have the rubric approved once per year.
 - xl. ix. C. Moseby asked why she is not qualified as a person who can make these rubrics and decisions. She also said that the SA VP of Finance could have been present at earlier discussions regarding the rubric.
 - l. R. Herz said that the Assembly is not questioning C. Moseby's background and expertise, but that the SA has had issues with the rubric, especially this semester in regard to how it was not used and how organizations got no information or the ability to appeal. She added that this is less of a capability issue and more of a checks and balances issue, and that the SA has checks and balances on all organizations on byline funding.
 - li. C. Moseby said that this is an extra check and balance.
 - lii. There was a motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes – approved.
 - lii. iii. R. Herz asked why there is an issue with the Student Assembly also being a check and balance.
 - liv. C. Moseby asked why the Assembly did not handle things better prior to her instatement as an advisor.
 - lv. Discussion in regard to CUTonight continued.
 - lvi. There was a motion to table Resolution 49 – tabled.

IX. Adjournment

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hannan

Clerk of the Assembly



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SAIFC report on Anabel's shelving application

Veronica Dickson La Rotta applied on behalf of Anabel's Grocery for SAIF funding in the fall to implement a kitchenware rental system. They requested \$200 of SAIFC's \$107,944.70 to pay for storage for the kitchenware. This rental system would function similarly to checking library books. The Commission approved this project after the March 24th meeting by a vote of 14-0-1.

Submitted by Ian Wallace '20 on behalf of The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission.



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SAIFC Report on Straight Edge application

The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission is a committee which evaluates applications for funding through the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund (SAIF). The SAIF acts as an endowment and is independent of byline and SAFC funding. The purpose of the Commission is to provide financial support to projects and/or initiatives that improve infrastructure or facilities on campus that contribute to the undergraduate experience of Cornell students.

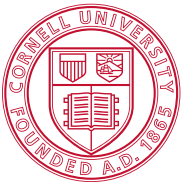
The Straight Edge project was submitted to the Commission in the fall 2017. On March 24th 2018, Daniel Correa presented on behalf of the Straight Edge to the Commission. Through an email vote the Commission approved funding the permanent furniture for the Willard Straight Hall terrace 14-0-1. During deliberation the Commission calculated rough estimates for all applications. The Commission's balance for the year is \$107,944.70, which includes a significant surplus from last year. The Commission is certain it can fund \$40,000 towards the Straight Edge without impacting funding for other applications. Total planned expenses for the Straight Edge come to roughly \$99,000. By funding a significant portion of project, the Commission hopes that other funding sources would be encouraged to support the project as well. Furthermore, as outlined in the Commission's charter, after funding a project once, we cannot provide additional funds at a later point.

Though the group is planning a pop-up, the funds from the SAIF will not fund this event. SAIF funds may only be used to fund permanent fixtures, thus the Commission has no involvement in this event. The purpose of the pop-up is to collect data in order to implement a final design which is reflective of the space's use by students. The pop-up will measure student use of furniture in order to inform Straight Edge's purchase of permanent furniture.

The Straight Edge has been in contact with Brandi Smith, assistant director of community center operations, and William Marsh, WSH building coordinator. Straight Edge is now registered as a student organization. They have eight undergraduate members as of now, and Kathleen Gleason of Landscape Architecture is their faculty advisor.

As a student organization, the Straight Edge is unique in terms of the high level of student initiative. The furniture students and the university.

Submitted by Ian Wallace '20 on behalf of The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission.



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S.A. Resolution #49 Approving Appendix B for 2018-2020 By-Line Cycle

ABSTRACT: This resolution approves the following amendments to Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter

Sponsored by: Gabe Kaufman '18

Whereas, According to Appendix B, Section 5, Sub-Section A of the Student Assembly Charter, “these Funding Guidelines shall take effect on July 1, 2016 and shall expire on June 30, 2018, unless amended or renewed by the SA.”

Whereas, for each by-line funding cycle, the Appropriations Committee has regularly updated Appendix B to reflect the recommendations of the Committee and the Assembly,

Whereas, the Appropriations Committee has approved the attached Appendix B amendments;

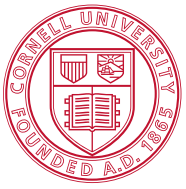
Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly amends Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter based on the attached document.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabe Kaufman '18

Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 9-0-1, 4/23/2018)



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2 **APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED**
3 **ORGANIZATIONS**

4 **Section 1: Preamble**

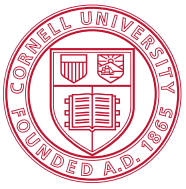
5 Each organization that receives funding from the Student Assembly (SA) through the Student Activity Fee (SAF) is
6 subject to Guidelines set by the Assembly in consultation with the Graduate & Professional Student Assembly
7 (GPSA), these organizations, and the Cornell student body.

8 **Section 2: Student Assembly's Role and Obligations**

- 9 A. **SA Charge:** As the student-elected governing body at Cornell University, the SA shall seek out and voice
10 effectively the interests and concerns of the student body.
- 11 B. **Notice of Current Governing Documents:** The SA shall provide each by-line funded organization, the
12 Director(s) of Student Activities, Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students with a current copy of
13 these Guidelines, as well as the SA Charter and the SA Appropriations Committee Charge and Guidelines
14 each year.
- 15 C. **Notice of Pending Legislation:** Each by-line funded organization, the Director(s) of Student Activities,
16 Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students shall be notified of any SA, SA Appropriations
17 Committee, or other meeting in which legislation concerning or affecting Fee recipients is pending.
- 18 D. **Outreach:** The SA Vice-President for Finance shall, wherever possible and as often as possible, attend
19 meetings of each organization throughout the year.
- 20 E. **Enforcement, Violations & Penalties**
- 21 i. The SA Vice-President for Finance shall be charged with investigating ~~on~~ of all accusations regarding
22 violations of these guidelines and will report such findings to the SA.
- 23 ii. If the SA determines that an organization has committed a violation, the SA may impose a fine,
24 reduction or revocation of the organization's by-line funding allocation. In order for a fine,
25 reduction, or revocation of funding to occur, a two-thirds majority of the SA must concur. Reasons
26 for a fine, reduction, or revocation of funding include, but are not limited to, violation of these rules,
27 violation of campus policies, or violation of contract. Any money garnered from a fine on an
28 organization shall be placed in the Special Projects Fund of the Student Assembly. If a reduction or
29 revocation of funding affecting the remainder of the funding cycle occurs, the University shall
30 attempt to reduce the SAF to reflect the lower amount. Excepting that, the money shall revert to the
31 Special Projects Fund.

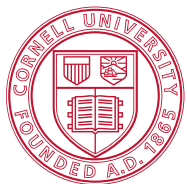
32 **Section 3: General Guidelines**

33 All recipients of the SAF shall adhere to the following guidelines:



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- A. Eligibility:** SAF allocations are to be used primarily for the benefit of undergraduate students. Organizations that have the capability to be student run and led shall be primarily student run and led.
- A-B. SA Access:** The Vice President for Finance shall have immediate access to the budgets, operating accounts, associated accounts, and all income sources for any SAF-funded organization at any time. These items may be shared with the Appropriations Committee at the discretion of the Vice President for Finance.
- B-C. Event Ticketing:** For all events (concerts, lectures, films, etc.) funded by the Fee allocations and for which admission is charged:
- Cornell students shall receive a reasonable discount per event to reflect their prior contribution via the SAF.
 - Cornell students shall receive the first opportunity to purchase tickets or (otherwise should have a substantial amount of tickets reserved for student use).
 - The Appropriations Committee or the Executive Committee shall have the ability to request that organizations publish a report to the SA on the amount of money received for an event, where that money has been allocated, total attendance, and how much money was spent on the event.
- i. Attendance Tracking:** Each By-line Funded Organization shall, whenever possible, provide accurate attendance figures. Such figures may be acquired through a number of measures including swiping Cornell ID's, using a ticketing system, keeping a sign in sheet, or having someone at the door count entrants. For events that are expected to exceed a capacity of 100 attendees, organizations are required to track attendance through a ticketing system or using Cornell ID Scanners. For organizations unable to purchase their own scanners, scanners will be available to rent through the Office of the Assemblies. For events where tracking attendance would provide an unnecessary burden to organizations, a brief written statement explaining why attendance was not taken is required.
- D.**
- E-E. Public Promotion & Engagement:** Each organization shall regularly advertise its existence and encourage student participation at its meetings, which shall be open to the public. Each organization funded by the SA will be required to include the SA logo or the following statement on all fliers, posters, promotions, programs, and literature "Funded in part by the Student Assembly".
- D. Capital Expenditures:** ~~SAF allocations are meant to serve as a "current account." No organization shall use its Fee allocations for major capital equipment purchases costing more than \$500 without the express approval of the SA. Organizations shall request approval in their annual fall report to the SA. A major capital equipment purchase shall be defined as anything having a useful life of two years or more.~~
- F. Funds Partitioning:** SAF money and earned income generated from SAF-funded events and programs will preferably shall be held in a separate University accounts for accounting and reporting purposes, referred to as the SAF account and the SAF earned income account, respectively. Otherwise all expenditures from SAF money shall be authorized by the Organization in accordance with its governing documents. These requirements apply to all organizations unless explicitly exempted in this Appendix or waived by a 2/3 vote of both the Appropriations Committee and the Student Assembly. The waiver shall apply for one by-line funding cycle. Otherwise all expenditures from SAF money shall be authorized by the Organization in accordance with its governing documents.
- G. Prohibition on Compensation:** Activity fee funding shall not be used to compensate individuals. Towards this end, no Advisor, President, Treasurer, staff member, other officer, or member of an organization may be compensated from an organization's SAF account or SAF earned income account.
- E.—**



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F.H. SA Liaisons: The SA shall have the option of appointing a Student Assembly member to serve as a non-voting liaison to each organization or, where appropriate, to its Executive Board. If an organization feels their liaison is failing in their duty, a new liaison may be appointed.

G.I. Off-Year Reporting: During the fall of even-numbered calendar years each organization shall provide the Appropriations Committee with a written account of the use of its fee allocation and operations for the previous academic year, and an oral summary of its activities, including usage statistics and future programming plans. The SA Vice President for Finance will conduct an unofficial vote regarding the committee's recommendation on whether or not the organization should receive an increase in funding, a decrease in funding or maintenance of funding at its current level. The SA Vice President for Finance shall then provide a written summary report of these meetings to the SA.

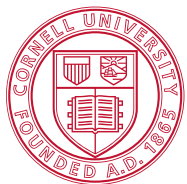
H.J. New Organization Reporting: Organizations receiving By-Line funding for the first time in the current funding cycle shall report each semester to the Appropriations Committee on their operations and finances.

I.K. Conferences: Organizations may send Executive Board member(s) to one annual conference, if desired. The Appropriations Committee must approve organization's conference expenditures and each organization must demonstrate to the committee that conference attendance will benefit the Organization's ability to achieve its mission statement. Organizations shall request approval in their annual fall report to the SA. All conferences, teambuilding, banquet, training, and other social expenditures for organization members, in sum, shall be no greater than \$4,000 or 10% of the organization's by-line allocation, whichever is less. This rule shall not apply to SAFC-funded organizations.

J. Governing Document Approval: All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations' bylaws, constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.

K.L. Non-discrimination: All organizations receiving Student Activity Fee funds directly or that receive such funds indirectly from a by-line funded organization shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, political affiliation, or any combination of these factors when determining its membership and when determining the equal rights of all general members and executive board members, respectively, which shall include, but are not limited to, voting for, seeking, and holding positions within the organization. Additionally, all organizations receiving funding from the Student Activity Fee and that serve as a funding source for other organizations on campus shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, political affiliation, or any combination of these factors when awarding funding.

- i. Notwithstanding these requirements, a club sport may make requirements based on competitive athletic skill which may result in a club sport of one or predominantly one gender. Organizations may also make requirements based on vocal range or quality which may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one gender. Organizations that participate in activities with governmental age restrictions may also make appropriate requirements on the basis of age.
- ii. Organizations may also enforce uniform standards of ~~belief or~~ conduct as a prerequisite for obtaining some or all rights of general members and executive board members, respectively, so long as said standards are protected by the 1st Amendment of the United States Constitution in the context of a public university and do not impede enforcement of Appendix B, Section II, subsection E.



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- iii. Each organization receiving Student Activity Fee funds directly from the Student Assembly shall include a “Non-discrimination Clause” section in its bylaws, constitution or other governing documents reflecting this policy.

Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines

Furthermore, individual organizations shall adhere to the following additional Guidelines:

B.A. ALANA Intercultural Board

- i. \$2.05 shall be used to fund ALANA’s member organizations as outlined in the ALANA constitution
- ii. \$3.00 per student per year of the ALANA allocation shall be used to fund the MCFAB program each year.
- iii. MCFAB shall seek to bring ~~multiple acts to campus representing different musical genres~~ diverse programming to campus.
- iv. \$1.90 per student per year of the ALANA allocation shall be contributed toward funding umbrella organizations as outlined in the ALANA constitution. Umbrella organizations ~~may~~ shall not apply for SAFC funding.
- v. \$1.10 per student per year of the ALANA allocation shall be contributed towards ALANA’s own administrative costs and programming needs such as general body meetings and other intercultural programming

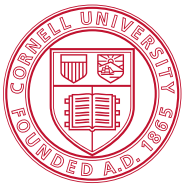
B. Alternative Breaks

- i. Alternative Breaks shall reduce transportation costs.

C. Athletics & Physical Education

- i. The Athletics Department shall provide, at no cost, a Big Red Sports Pass (BRSP) to each undergraduate student. \$7.00 per student per year of the total annual Athletics allocation may be spent towards providing the BRSP. The BRSP shall provide free admission to all varsity sports excluding Men’s Varsity Ice Hockey.
- ii. In collaboration with the Sports Marketing Group, the Athletics Department will promote Cornell Athletic events to the entire Cornell community. ~~\$3.00~~ 2.08 per student per year of the annual Athletics’ allocation may be spent towards providing marketing and promotions. ~~Athletics shall further promote increased autonomous student leadership in the Sports Marketing Group during the 2016-2018 funding cycle.~~ The Sports Marketing Group shall increase spending on marketing directed at women’s sports.
- iii. The \$2.08 per student per year shall be listed as a separate budget item and the Sports Marketing Group shall report to the Student Assembly the total spending on advertising for men’s and women’s sports before the final Student Assembly meeting in the spring.
- iv. Athletics shall further promote increased have autonomous student leadership in the Sports Marketing Group during the 2018-2020 funding cycle.
- ii. ~~The BRSP shall provide free admission to all varsity sports excluding Men’s Varsity Ice Hockey.~~

D. Class Councils



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i. The Class Councils allocation ~~may shall~~ be divided between the four class years in proportions determined by the organization.

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E. Collegiate Readership Program

i. ~~The Collegiate Readership Program shall operate for the 2018-2020 by-line cycle using its accumulated surplus and the activity fee disbursement.~~

ii. ~~The SA Vice President for Finance or their designee shall oversee the operations and finances of the Collegiate Readership Program.~~

iii. ~~The Collegiate Readership Program shall provide free New York Times and Wall Street Journal access for undergraduate students.~~

~~iv.~~ Newspapers shall be distributed from the Monday of the week prior to the first full week of classes to the last day of exam week during each fall semester and from the first day of class to the last day of exam week during each spring semester. These distributions periods do not include Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, or Spring Break.

v. ~~The CRP liaison~~ SA Vice President for Finance or their designee shall prepare and present a report to the Student Assembly at the end of each academic year with information regarding readership and an analysis of the current distribution locations. Any proposed changes in locations or proportions must be approved by a ~~two-thirds~~ majority vote of the SA.

~~vi.~~ The SA Vice President for Finance shall report to the Student Assembly the amount allocated to the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

~~iii.~~ ~~The CRP liaison shall yearly provide a list of publications available through CRP that are deliverable to Ithaca and allow the SA to change the publications that are purchased.~~

F. Community Partnership Board

i. The Board shall use Activity Fee money for the funding of projects. Administrative expenses shall be paid by the Board's parent body, the Public Service Center, or other non-activity fee sources of funding.

ii. Projects funded are to be decided by the Board. Those projects are to be included in the annual report to the SA.

G. Convocation

i. At the time of the selection of Convocation Committee membership, ~~the Convocation Committee Chair shall invite~~ all voting members of the SA, ~~directly-elected undergraduate members of the UA,~~ and student-elected trustee(s) that belong to that class year ~~will be invited~~ to participate as full voting members of the Convocation Committee. ~~The SA Vice President for Finance shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee.~~

ii. Convocation shall ~~seek to~~ announce speaker selection first at a Student Assembly meeting.

~~iii.~~ Convocation Committee shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance if the Committee is expected to require more than its SAF allocation to support Convocation.

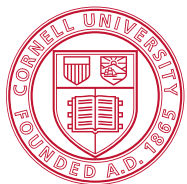
~~H. Cornell Cinema~~

~~i. Cornell Cinema shall not increase student ticket prices without the express approval of the SA.~~

~~ii. Cornell Cinema shall strive to promote autonomous student leadership.~~

~~H.~~ Cornell Concert Commission

i. The Concert Commission shall seek to produce at least one act each semester in Barton Hall, Lynah Rink, or similar venue.



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ii. The Concert Commission shall ~~strive to~~ put on one free concert during the academic year.

~~iii. The Concert Commission shall strive to do at least one event in the Bears Den every year.~~

iii. The Cornell Concert Commission shall send a report to the Appropriations Committee any time a concert loses more money than expected detailing the loss and the impact it will have on future operations.

~~iv.~~

J.I. Cornell University Emergency Medical Service

i. CUEMS may save no more than \$25,000 per each two-year funding cycle toward the purchase of a new vehicle.

ii. CUEMS shall record the number of undergraduates who use their CUEMS services.

~~K.J.~~ Cornell University Programming Board

i. The Cornell University Program Board shall use its SAF allocation to bring widely known speakers to campus. ~~Such speakers should have diverse following, within the university, and in the Board's best opinion, should be able to attract a large attendance by students and community members.~~

~~ii.~~ CUPB shall record the number of undergraduate who attend each program.

~~L.K.~~ CU Tonight Commission

i. CUTonight shall ~~seek to~~ promote non-alcoholic, late night social programming, on campus, open to the entire Cornell community.

ii. CUTonight shall send at least one representative to every funded event with the intention of reviewing the event

iii. CUTonight shall ~~develop an appeals process whereby student organizations applying for funding have the opportunity to present why they believe the commission overlooked funding provide applicant organizations the opportunity to appeal the decisions of the Commission to the Appropriations Committee.~~

iv. CUTonight shall develop and adhere to a rubric off of which the commission will evaluate applicants. This rubric shall be submitted to the SA Vice President for Finance for approval by the Appropriations Committee.

v. CUTonight shall forward the results of the rubric to the SA Vice President for Finance after each CUTonight funding cycle.

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~~M.L.~~ Orientation Steering Committee

i. The Assistant Dean of Students in New Student Programs shall continue to supervise the planning and implementation of all August and January orientation activities.

ii. By the last meeting of the Spring Semester, OSC shall present a report to the SA detailing planned activities for the upcoming Orientation week

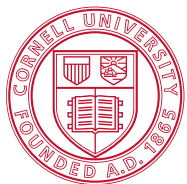
iii. The president of the SA and the ~~senior~~ Student Elected Trustee must be invited to address the new students at the President's New Students Convocation each year. If the Cornell University President limits the OSC to two speakers, the president of the SA must be invited.

iv. Attendance at Welcome Weekend events shall not be mandatory for Orientation volunteers.

v. OSC shall increase funding for both transfer and January Orientation programming.

vi. OSC shall allocate ~~more than~~ \$1.142 of their allocation towards programs designed to educate new students about consent and sexual assault.

vii. OSC shall submit the results of the feedback surveys to the Appropriations Committee.



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~~vi-viii.~~ OSC shall reduce the costs of apparel.

N.M. Outdoor Odyssey

- i. Outdoor Odyssey shall maintain their need-based financial aid program for students who apply for pre-orientation trips and shall dedicate no less than \$20,000 per year towards this program.
- ii. Outdoor Odyssey shall conduct a review during the 20186-202048 Funding Cycle of the demographics of those who attend.
- ~~iii.~~ Outdoor Odyssey shall investigate creating trips accessible for the differently abled, and shall report their findings to the Student Assembly before the final Student Assembly meeting in the fall of 2018.

O.N. Senior Days

- i. SAF-funded Senior Week events will charge no admittance fee and will be open to all seniors.
- ~~ii.~~ Before the final Student Assembly meeting in the fall, Senior Days shall report to the Appropriations Committee the attendance, expenditures, and income generated from each event held during the most recent Senior Days.

P.O. Slope Day Programming Board (SDPB)

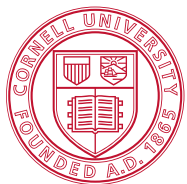
- i. The allocation for the SDPB shall be used exclusively for programming and publicity for an event at the end of the spring semester.
- ii. The SDPB shall organize a non-alcoholic Slope Fest event concurrent to Slope Day.
- iii. SDPB shall offer all undergraduate students free admission to Slope Day, unless expressly permitted by the SA.
- ~~iv. The Slope Day Programming Board shall work with the Cornell Administration to achieve the best possible event for all Cornell students.~~
- ~~v-iv.~~ The Slope Day Programming Board shall collect demographic information from all Slope Day entrants. These statistics shall be reported to the SA and GPSA the Fall Semester following Slope Day.
- v. The Slope Day Programming Board shall ~~seek to~~ announce artist selection first at a Student Assembly meeting.
- vi. The Slope Day Programming Board shall set a price floor for non-activity fee paying individuals approximately equal to the total activity fee disbursement divided by projected undergraduate attendance. The price paid by non-activity fee paying individuals shall be no less than the activity fee allocation, except with the explicit consent of the Student Assembly.

Q.P. Slope Media Group

- i. Slope Media Group shall establish durable goods inventory management procedures, which must include details about anticipated storage locations, authorized persons to possess or handle equipment, device security, and theft.
- ~~ii.~~ Slope Media group shall not spend student activity fee funding on any giveaways including but not limited to glassware, clothing, and general accessories, without the explicit approval of the Appropriations Committee.

R.Q. Student Activities Funding Commission

- i. SAFC shall publish and make publicly available a written account of the organizations requesting funding, the amount requested, the amount rewarded, and the amount spent.
- ii. Criteria for funding of undergraduate student organizations may not be altered or waived without the ~~express-explicit~~ approval of the SA.



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iii. The SAFC shall reserve at least 1 dollar per student per year for a special projects fund. Monies held in this fund will be allocated first for appeals of the SAFC's funding decisions to the [SASAF](#)
[Appeals Board](#).

iv. ~~Each organization funded by the SAFC will be required to include the following SAF logo or statement on all fliers, posters, promotions, programs, and literature "Funded in part by the Student Activities Funding Commission".~~ [SAFC shall annually review and amend its tier system guidelines to ensure that expenditure projections do not increase more than 3% per year. SAFC shall report the outcome of this review to the Appropriations Committee.](#)

~~iv.~~

[S.R.](#) Welcome Weekend

i. [Welcome Weekend shall seek to hold events during the first two weeks of each semester.](#)

ii. [Welcome Weekend shall offer the TGIF Midnight Breakfast, for free only to undergraduates, and shall record undergraduate attendance.](#)

iii. [Welcome Weekend shall seek out co-sponsorships where applicable.](#)

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[F.S.](#) Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board

i. [All events funded by WSH SUB must either take place in Willard Straight Hall or the surrounding environments and be directly associated with the purpose and mission of WSH.](#)

ii. [WSH SUB shall develop and adhere to a yearly budget. By a majority vote, the Appropriations Committee may amend the budget.](#)

~~iii.~~ [WSH SUB shall not purchase and dispense giveaways including but not limited to gold or silver plates and graduation gifts.](#)

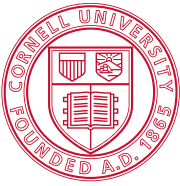
[U.T.](#) Women's Resource Center (WRC)

i. The Women's Resource Center shall collaborate with the Student Assembly Women's Liaison Representative, ~~Community Life~~ on safety, health, and other topics pertinent to women on campus.

ii. ~~\$0.50 per student per year of the WRC allocation shall be used for the development and operation of the Big Red Shuttle late night shuttle service. The Women's Resource Center will be responsible for coordinating the management and operation of the Big Red Shuttle late night shuttle service. The WRC shall set a budget at the beginning of the year for Feminism Food for Thought not to exceed \$5,000.~~

i. [When 80% of this budget has been exhausted, the WRC shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance.](#)

~~ii.~~ [The WRC shall strive to maximize and strive to track attendance at this event.](#)



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S.A. Resolution #50 Approval of the Fall 2018 Elections Rules

ABSTRACT: This resolution updates the Student Assembly Election Rules for the Fall 2018 Student Assembly Elections.

Sponsored by: Travis Cabbell '18

Whereas, the Student Assembly Bylaws task the Elections Committee with coordinating and implementing the regularly scheduled and special elections of the Student Assembly;

Whereas, to appropriately coordinate and implement the Student Assembly elections, the Elections Rules must be up to date;

Whereas, the Student Assembly Elections Committee approved the attached rules for the upcoming Fall 2018 elections;

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly approves the Fall 2018 Elections Rules in the attached document;

Respectfully Submitted,

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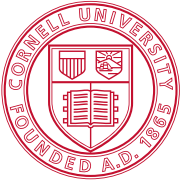
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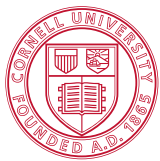
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Student Assembly Election Rules

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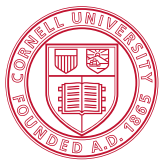
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Article I: Election Guidelines

Elections are the foundation upon which representative governance rests. These rules are designed to protect the rights of all candidates, as well as all members of the University community, and to ensure that the election process takes place in an open and fair arena. Candidates must respect the rights and privileges of all members of the Cornell community, and follow all election guidelines outlined in this document. Election rules are subject to the approval of voting members of the Student Assembly each semester.

A. Voter Eligibility

To vote in an election for a seat in the Student Assembly (SA) or for the directly elected seats on the University Assembly (UA), a person must:

1. Be a full-time, matriculated undergraduate student enrolled in a degree-granting unit of the Ithaca campus of the University; and,
2. Be a member of the constituency for which the seat is designated, if it is designated for one of the following:
 - a. Specific to college of enrollment
 - b. Freshman
 - c. Transfer

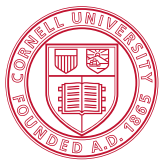
B. Candidate Information

1. Eligibility and Requirements

To be a candidate, a person must, prior to the petitioning deadline specified in the election calendar:

1. Be eligible to vote in the election for the seat and plan to remain seated so for the full term for which they are seeking election¹.
2. Submit a completed candidate registration form and any associated materials required in that form. You may not register for more than one position on the candidate registration form.
3. Submit petitions endorsed by the required number of people who are eligible to vote in the election for that specific position, which is the lesser of 10% of those eligible to vote for that specific position or:
 - a. 300 for President and Executive Vice President
 - b. 150 for all other at-large seats
 - c. 100 for Arts and Sciences seats
 - d. 25 for Transfer seat
 - e. 75 for all other seats
4. Not already hold a directly elected voting position on the SA and/or UA for the term for which they are seeking election.

¹ Candidates should not plan to pursue study abroad programs or internships that would require them to leave the Ithaca campus for any semester during their tenure.



5. Have not resigned for a reason other than a Health Leave of Absence or been removed from the SA or from a directly elected UA seat during the Student Assembly term prior to the academic year of the term for the seat being elected.

To be a candidate, a person must, prior to the commencement of voting as specified in the elections calendar:

1. Attend at least one full SA meeting in that semester and register his or her attendance at that meeting with the Director of Elections, unless waived by the Director of Elections for extenuating circumstances².
2. Apply online to serve on at least one committee of the SA.

The Office of the Assemblies, assisted by the Elections Committee, will review submitted materials for compliance with petitioning requirements as follows:

1. A sampling method may be used as long as at least 10% of required signatures are validated for all petitions and all required signatures are attempted to be validated for any petition found to be ineligible.
2. All petitions will be available for viewing only to members of the Cornell community and may be examined in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall after the announcement of candidates. Petitions may not be photocopied once submitted.
3. The Office of the Assemblies will notify the Director of Elections, who will notify any candidates who fail to meet petitioning requirements prior to the announcement of candidates.
4. Candidates who are listed on the ballot but found to have not fulfilled eligibility requirements prior to tabulation of results will be disqualified with vote counts untallied and discarded.

2. Petitioning

In order to demonstrate that they will be a respectable representative of the student body at large, candidates are required to collect a certain number of petition signatures. The required number of petition signers is designated above. Candidates are expected to maintain the highest standards of integrity when collecting petition signatures. In addition to the Early Campaigning rules detailed in Article 1, Section C(1) of these elections rules, the following restrictions are in place to ensure fairness during the petitioning period. Candidates may not:

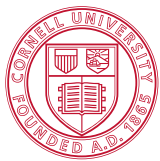
1. Announce their candidacy on social media platforms in order to collect signatures
2. Announce their candidacy in front of a classroom during class hours in order to collect signatures
3. Circulate unattended petitions

Supporters of potential candidates may collect petition signatures in accordance with the above rules. The names and netID of both the potential candidate and the individual who collected the signatures must be noted on the petition form.

3. Written Statements

1. Each candidate is asked to submit a short statement, which may be no more than 1,250 characters, including spaces (NOT word count) via the online Candidate Profile portal. Submissions must be plain text.
2. Statements will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections Committee.

² However, this rule does not apply to past SA representatives.



3. Statements may not include names of any political coalitions.
4. If a candidate's statement does not conform to these guidelines, the statement will not be posted.

4. Pictures

Candidates may have their photos taken in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, before the petition deadline. Photos will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections Committee. Candidates may submit a photograph of themselves that conforms to the specifications noted in the online candidate registration form.

5. Promotional Materials

Candidates' promotional materials must include the dates and times of the elections and be in compliance with election guidelines. No Cornell insignia or logo is allowed. The definition of a promotional material is up to the interpretation of the Elections Committee. Promotional materials can be digital or printed.

1. Printed Promotional Materials Provided by the Office of the Assemblies

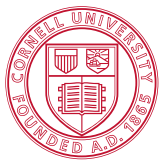
Each candidate may receive a combination of up to 300 one-sided 8 1/2" X 11" or 150 two-sided 8 1/2" X 11" printed materials at no charge. These may be posters or quarter-cards, or a combination of both.

- a. The design must be attached, exactly as it is to be copied, as a PDF to the Candidate Profile Form online and submitted by the application deadline.
- b. All materials must include the dates and times of the elections and be in compliance with election guidelines.
- c. Candidates may select up to two different paper colors from the swatches provided by the Office of the Assemblies.
- d. Materials will be printed in black & white only.
- e. No Cornell insignia or logo is allowed.
- f. Candidates who do not submit materials (which meet these criteria) by the petitioning deadline, forfeit the opportunity to receive such materials from the Office of the Assemblies.
- g. The Office of the Assemblies will be responsible for making the copies.
- h. The Office of the Assemblies will not assist in designing, modifying, or otherwise formatting a printed submission.

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6. Candidate Forum

All candidates are encouraged to participate in the Candidates' Forums held by the Elections Committee during the campaign period. The Elections Committee will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and marketing these forums. At the forum, candidates are encouraged to discuss their experience, platforms, and more. Candidates are also encouraged to use the forum as an opportunity specifically to discuss why they are more qualified for the contested position than their opponent(s). The Director of Elections shall reach out to student organizations that receive funding from the Student Assembly, encouraging them to use the candidate forum as an opportunity to consider candidates for endorsements.



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172 C. Election Guidelines

173 1. Early Campaigning **Prohibition**

174 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must not participate in the following campaign activities
175 until campaigning officially begins:

- 176 1. Distribution of printed campaign materials to the public.
- 177 2. Advertising candidacy by chalk, poster, or other method designed for public viewing.
- 178 ~~3. Making speeches or statements to student organizations or groups of students.~~
- 179 ~~4.~~3. Promoting their candidacy through email, social networking tools, or other digital media

180 The Elections Committee may challenge or disqualify a candidate if a violation is found to compromise the
181 fairness of the election.

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183 2. Restrictions for Current SA Members

184 Current SA members seeking reelection:

- 185 1. Must refrain from any form of individual or self-promoting publicity during the petitioning period.
- 186 2. Must not host constituency outreach events that are meant to fulfill an outreach requirement from
187 the deadline for election materials through the last day of voting.

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189 3. Compliance with University Policies and Campus Code of Conduct

190 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must be aware of and comply with all applicable policies
191 and provisions of the Campus Code of Conduct, including but not limited to:

- 192 1. Use of Cornell Name, Logo & Artwork policy
- 193 2. Event Registration policies
- 194 3. Facilities reservation policies, including Willard Straight Hall area reservation policies
- 195 4. University Postering & Chalking policies
- 196 5. Residential & New Students Programs' policy for postering in residence halls
- 197 6. Dining hall policies, including a prohibition of distributing printed campaign materials in dining halls
198 without permission from authorized staff, and as designated in the Campus Code of Conduct³

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200 A violation of any University policy is a violation of these rules and therefore grounds for a challenge if it
201 compromises the fairness of the election. It is the candidate's responsibility to read the referenced
202 documents and be familiar with the rules and regulations established within them. The Director of Elections
203 may also refer any reported violations to the Office of the Judicial Administrator or any other appropriate
204 office, which may impose disciplinary remedies and penalties according to its own rules and procedures.

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206 4. Campus Mail

207 Candidates and their supporters may not use Campus Mail for campaigning purposes.

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209 5. Electronic Communications and Social Media

210 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:

- 211 1. Must obtain permission from the administrator of any university-hosted bulk mailing lists
- 212 2. Must comply with Cornell University IT policies

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³ Please note that it is against the University Postering and Chalking Policy to chalk on any vertical surface, regardless of the location.



6. Campaign Finance

Candidates or supporters acting on their behalf must submit all receipts and/or proof of fair market value with the signed expense report to the Office of the Assemblies by the deadline specified in the election calendar. Candidates who do not submit receipts and/or proof of fair market value will be presumed to have spent \$0 on their campaign.

1. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not exceed the ~~\$50~~\$100 limit for out-of-pocket expenses and fair market value of donations of materials, professional services, and/or money
 - a. Fair market value is the value at which something is to be obtained normally if documentation of its dollar value is not provided.
 - b. If there is a supporting receipt for a good used in a candidate's campaign, then the value of that good is the dollar value on the supporting receipt as long as the transaction was conducted at arm's length.
 - c. For donated materials, professional services, or other goods for which no official receipt is provided, candidates must seek the most plausible assessment of the fair market value of the good. Professional services will be defined as any work for which the given individual/donor is typically compensated. Volunteer time donated by full-time students will not be considered professional services.
 - d. Paid advertisements and related costs on social networking sites or other websites must also be accounted for at fair market value.
2. Candidates who do not receive or choose not to receive free promotional materials printed by the Office of the Assemblies will be eligible for up to ~~\$50~~\$100 in reimbursements to cover out-of-pocket expenses from the campaigning period that can be used towards the following expenses: website expenses (web hosting, domain names, and online advertising), chalk, printed materials, or any other promotional materials approved by the Director of Elections that are not a violation of these elections rules.
3. Candidates who do receive free promotional materials printed by the Office of the Assemblies will be eligible for up to \$25 in reimbursements to cover out-of-pocket expenses from the campaigning period that can be used towards the following expenses: website expenses (web hosting, domain names, and online advertising), chalk, printed materials, or any other promotional materials approved by the Director of Elections that are not a violation of these elections rules.

7. Endorsements

All registered student organizations receiving funds from the Student Assembly are encouraged to endorse candidates. If an organization chooses to endorse a candidate, it is expected to abide by the guidelines below.

1. Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) funded and Student Activity Fee (SAF) byline funded organizations may endorse candidates. All groups must act in a way that is fair and balanced when deciding on the endorsement of candidates.
2. The Elections Committee may recommend that the SA impose fines on or revoke allocated funds from organizations failing to comply.

All registered students, except candidates, are encouraged to individually endorse candidates once the campaign period officially begins.

8. Campaign Ethics



Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:

1. May not, at any time before, during or after the elections, harass, threaten, or coerce others.
2. May not provide anything of material value to a member of the Cornell community to further themselves in the election or to promote their candidacy.
3. May not compel any person to endorse their candidacy, assist their campaign, or act as supporter as an explicit or implicit condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in a group or organization.

D. Restrictions on Ticketing and Slates

1. General Rules

Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not:

1. Include any other candidate's name, a common "ticket" name, or a shared slogan and/or symbol on any promotional materials or within any form of electronic communication and/or media.
2. Share or pool campaign finances with any other candidates or supporters acting on their behalf.
3. Distribute any promotional materials, send any electronic communication, or utilize any other form of electronic media on behalf of any other candidate except if the candidate does so for another candidate in the President and/or Executive Vice President races.
4. Campaign with or on behalf of each other or engage in any coordination of campaigning activities except if the candidate does so for another candidate in the President or Executive Vice President races.

2. Special circumstance for the President and Executive Vice President elections

Candidates in any race, besides those running for the position of President or Executive Vice President, will be given the freedom to distribute promotional material, send electronic communications, campaign on behalf of, and speak for candidates in the President or Executive Vice President races. Candidates who choose to do so are considered supporters and are held accountable to all clauses in these rules that pertain to candidates and their supporters. The President and Executive Vice President candidates are strictly prohibited from coordinating activities. Candidates are strictly prohibited from performing the actions above for candidates not in the President or Executive Vice President races.

3. Plagiarism

Candidates may not disseminate written statements, promotional materials, or electronic communications that are plagiarized or substantially copied from any such items created or distributed by any current or former candidate.

Article II: Direct Election of President and Executive Vice President

A. President and Executive Vice President (EVP) Designation and Eligibility

1. Two of the Undesignated At-Large Representative seats will be reserved for the directly elected seats of President and Executive Vice-President.
2. Candidates running for the Undesignated At-Large Representative seats may specify themselves as a Presidential candidate or Executive Vice Presidential candidate.
3. Candidates who do not wish to run for the position of President or Executive Vice President may run individually for an undesignated at-large seat.



4. All candidates running for any undesignated at-large seat will be listed as Undesignated At-Large candidates on the ballot. The Director of Elections, in consultation with the Office of the Assemblies, will draft the election calendar prior to the semester

Article III: Election Procedures

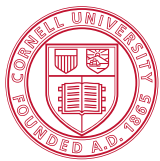
A. The Election Calendar

1. The Director of Elections, in consultation with the Office of the Assemblies, will draft the election calendar prior to the semester of the election, and will be approved by the Elections Committee at a meeting in the prior semester if possible⁴.
2. Consideration shall be given to any religious holidays that may fall during the election period, guaranteeing that the right to free religious observance is afforded to all potential candidates.

B. The Elections Committee

1. The Director of Elections shall serve as chair and a designated representative of the Office of the Assemblies shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of this committee.
2. Members of the Elections Committee may not seek SA or UA office for the academic year following their term of service on the committee.
3. The Director of Elections shall publish at the beginning of each semester a list of Assembly seats to be filled, in accordance with Student Assembly Charter.
4. The intent and interpretation of the Elections Rules will lie with the sitting Elections Committee.
- ~~4.5.~~ Elections Committee members are expected to abide by the highest standards of personal conduct and integrity. Students are mandated to excuse themselves from serving on the Elections Committee if they plan to take part in a campaign. Therefore, members should not be involved in the campaigning process. All conflicts should be considered and resolved before the election cycle begins. If a member of Elections Committee sits on the Executive Board of an organization who chooses to endorse a candidate, the committee members are required to recuse themselves from any challenge hearing involving the endorsed candidate.
- ~~5.6.~~ The Elections Committee should be prepared to meet immediately following the challenge deadline to rule on all pertinent challenges. The Elections Committee shall use Robert's Rules of Order to consider challenges, in addition to the election rules. In the event of conflict, these election rules supersede Robert's Rules of Order. The Elections Committee has no power to overrule the election rules under any circumstances.
- ~~6.7.~~ The Director of Elections shall give a final report on the results of the election when there are no remaining unresolved matters.
- ~~7.8.~~ For the benefit of the students, the Elections Committee shall establish voting booths across campus on the days of the election. Committee members will ensure that no campaigning occurs within 25 feet of a voting booth.
- ~~8.9.~~ The Elections Committee must pass an amended version of these Election Rules before the second to last Student Assembly meeting of each semester.

⁴ The Director of Elections should coordinate the schedule of the Student Assembly elections with other campus elections, such as those of the Student-Elected Trustee and Class Councils. It may also result in disciplinary referral to the Judicial Administrator.



C. Independence of the Elections Committee

1. While members of the Elections Committee are expected to abide by the highest standards of integrity, they also enjoy independence from undue interference. Hence, students may not falsely accuse, harass, threaten or coerce any member of the Elections Committee for actions taken in their official capacity.
2. Subject to the determination of the Elections Committee, any violation of this section can result in temporary or permanent disqualification from contesting elections to the SA or UA.

D. Voting and Tabulation

1. The order in which names appear on the ballot shall be randomly selected.
2. Uncontested candidates will not be listed for a vote on the ballot and will be deemed victorious pending the resolution of challenges.
3. Results for challenged races will be posted after the Elections Committee has ruled on those challenges.
4. The Elections Committee will not have access to the results prior to and during challenge deliberations. The Office of Assemblies will release election results after the Elections Committee has validated the election results.
5. A printout of election results for qualifying candidates shall be available in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, for one year following the election. Disqualified candidates will not have their vote tallies made available.
6. The Student Assembly election results will be sent out to the entire student body via email using the Assembly's monthly email.

E. Challenges

1. Eligibility to Challenge

1. Any member of the Cornell community may submit a challenge.
2. The Director of Elections may submit a challenge.
3. The Elections Committee as a body may submit a challenge by majority vote.
4. Individual committee members, except the Director of Elections, may not submit a challenge.

2. Challenge Deadlines

1. Election challenges must be submitted by the election challenge deadline specified in the elections calendar.
2. The Director of Elections or the Elections Committee by a majority vote can submit a challenge at any time before the declaration of results.
3. No challenges will be accepted after these deadlines.
4. Once submitted, a challenge becomes part of the formal record, and may not be withdrawn except by the explicit permission of the Director of Elections.

3. Format of Challenges

Challenges must be in writing, submitted on the signed Challenge Form, and accompanied by the following supporting documentation:

1. Challenger's name
2. Candidate's name
3. Date of challenge



4. Reason for challenge and supporting evidence

4. Notification of Election Challenges

The Office of the Assemblies will notify the Director of Elections who will send an email notifying anyone who is named in an election challenge. The email will contain a scanned copy of the challenge.

5. Response to Election Challenges

A challenged candidate may review challenges to which they are a party in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, and address written statements in response to the committee. The challenged candidate may request a hearing in person 378 with the committee.

6. Challenge Review Meeting

The committee will schedule a meeting to review challenges in Executive Session. The committee, less temporarily recused members, will provide an opportunity for the challenged candidate to respond in person if requested by the challenged candidate or a member of the committee. For each challenge, the committee will determine:

- Whether a preponderance of evidence substantiates each alleged violation; ~~and, This vote will be taken for each violation individually, and a majority of the seated membership of the Elections Committee is required to declare that a preponderance of evidence substantiates each violation;~~
- Which, if any, substantiated violations or combination thereof compromised the fairness of the election and constituted a material advantage to the extent the challenged candidate should be disqualified ~~by a two-thirds majority. If the committee finds either that a single substantiated violation or that a combination of substantiated violations should require the disqualification of a candidate, with at least 7 members of the Elections Committee in the affirmative, may disqualify the candidate.~~

~~The Committee will first vote by simple majority to determine if the evidence substantiates each alleged violation. If the violation is substantiated, the committee will vote which, if any, substantiated violations or combination thereof compromised the fairness of the election and constituted a material advantage to the extent the challenged candidate should be disqualified by a two-thirds majority.~~

7. Written Report

- For each rule violation, the Director of Elections or a member of the Elections Committee as delegated by the Director will create a written report summarizing the challenge(s), the decision made, and how the decision was reached.
- The report is kept confidential and only released to the challenged candidate and the challenger(s).
- A copy is kept in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall.
- For each challenge, the committee will report to the challenger(s) and the challenged candidate all evidence received/found, any violations substantiated, and any decisions to disqualify the challenged candidate.

8. Reconsideration

- If the committee determines a candidate should be disqualified, the candidate may request reconsideration within twenty-four hours of receiving the written report. To be reconsidered, the candidate seeking such reconsideration must submit a request in writing to the Office of the Assemblies via email to assembly@cornell.edu. The statement should address the specific findings in



the written report to be reconsidered and should detail the specific points where the Elections Committee failed to follow procedures in these Elections Rules.

2. The committee will convene in response to such a request. The committee, after evaluating each request for reconsideration, will take a vote requiring a simple majority to determine if the previous decision to disqualify should be overturned.
3. If a disqualified candidate ~~finds-believes~~ that the Elections Committee ~~was biased in their application of the rules, they may request a review by the Judicial Codes Counselor (JCC). If the JCC review finds that the application of the rules was biased, the decision of the Elections Committee may be overturned.~~ made an incorrect decision after the first appeal process, they may request a review by the Judicial Codes Counselor (JCC). The challenged candidate will submit all original appeal materials that were previously submitted to the Elections Committee to the JCC. The Elections Committee will submit all challenge reports pertaining to the candidate's appeal to the JCC within 24 hours. After a review of all materials sent by the candidate and the Elections Committee, the JCC will determine whether or not to take the case. If the JCC deems that the appealed case does not merit consideration, then the decision of the Elections Committee will be final. If the JCC decides to take on the case, then the finality of the decision lies with the JCC.

9. Finality

~~The determination of the committee after expiration or resolution of requests for reconsideration shall be final.~~

10. Confidentiality

1. Members of the committee and parties to a challenge may not share the contents of challenges, evidence, or decisions submitted to or received from the committee, except when explicitly permitted by these rules or by the Director of Elections.
- ~~2. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information may result in a disciplinary referral to the Judicial Administrator.~~
- 3.2. A review of the Challenges may take place in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, by any member of the Cornell community. Challenges may not be photocopied, photographed, digitally recorded or removed from the Office of Assemblies.



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S.A. Resolution #51

Recommendation for Cornell University to Amend its GPA Scale

ABSTRACT: The purpose of this resolution is to recommend that Cornell University reconsider its current undergraduate grading policies to promote uniformity and transparency.

Sponsored by: Christopher Schott '18

Whereas, there are inconsistencies across Cornell's various schools and departments in how professors assign letter grades to percentages (e.g., an A can be from 93%-97%, or from 94%-100%; an A+ can be a 97% and above or for 100% and above);

Whereas, professors often state that they do not give out A+'s, regardless of a student's grade in the class;

Whereas, Cornell University has the second lowest GPA average among its graduating seniors in comparison to other Ivy League universities;

Whereas, the following peer institutions have a GPA out of a 4.0 scale: Harvard, Princeton, Yale, UPenn, UC Berkeley, Duke, UCLA, Johns Hopkins, NYU, UChicago, Notre Dame, Northwestern;

Whereas, Princeton University changed its GPA from a 4.3 scale to a 4.0 scale in the 2001-2002 school year, and Rice University did the same in the Fall of 2018 (indicating that peer institutions are continually moving toward a 4.0 scale);

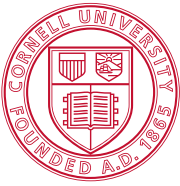
Whereas, according to U.S. News, 22.5% of their scoring to rank universities is based on graduation and retention rates, and whereas, Cornell University has the lowest retention rate in comparison to other Ivy League institutions;

Whereas, students are at a disadvantage when applying to graduate school, summer internships, and full-time job opportunities because of the confusion with the 4.3 scale;

Whereas, the current grading system leaves many students unsure of their grades throughout the semester, causing unnecessary stress and anxiety;

Be it therefore resolved, Cornell University should adopt a 4.0 GPA scale in order to compete with its peer institutions and to improve the academic experience of undergraduate students;

Be it further resolved, that any A+'s received by students can still count as a 4.3 grade toward the overall GPA on a 4.0 scale,



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Be it finally resolved, that Cornell University reevaluate its current grading system to improve uniformity across schools and departments in how grades are calculated and given.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/how-us-news-calculated-the-rankings>



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S.A. Resolution #52

Recommendation for Cornell University to Establish Testing Center for MCAT

ABSTRACT: The purpose of this resolution is to identify challenges students experience regarding their location for taking the MCAT exam and to encourage Cornell University to develop solutions to these problems.

Sponsored by: Travis Cabbell '18

Whereas, seventy-six percent of Cornell students with a GPA of 3.4 or better were accepted to medical school in 2016¹ and have thus taken the MCAT exam;

Whereas, the MCAT is no longer offered on college campuses, due to the requirements which are mostly physical structure related making it difficult for campuses to devote a single space for testing use;

Whereas, the MCAT is currently offered at PEARSON testing centers;

Whereas, the nearest testing center to Cornell University is approximately 50 miles away in Syracuse, New York²;

Whereas, students taking the MCAT exam experience unnecessary stress and incur expenses planning travel to their testing center;

Be it therefore resolved, Cornell University should explore alternative options, such as establishing a testing center in Ithaca, for students taking the MCAT exam.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Student Assembly Academic Policy Committee

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Director of Elections

¹ <http://www.career.cornell.edu/paths/health/medschool/charts.cfm>

² <https://wsr.pearsonvue.com/testtaker/registration/SelectTestCenterProximity/NES/190145>