

Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Friday, December 1, 2017 Meeting
5:30pm-8:00pm in 401 Physical Sciences Building

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Open Microphone**
- III. Announcements and Reports**
 - a. Rep Sim: NetPrint Task Force
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. August 24, 2017
 - b. September 21, 2017
 - c. September 28, 2017
 - d. October 5, 2017
- V. Byline Reports**
 - a. Outdoor Odyssey
 - b. Alternative Breaks
 - c. Club Insurance
 - d. Slope Day Programming Board
 - e. Senior Days
 - f. CU Tonight Commission
 - g. SAFC
 - h. Athletics & Physical Education
 - i. Cornell Concert Commission
 - j. Collegiate Readership Program
 - k. Student Assembly

VI. Business of the Day

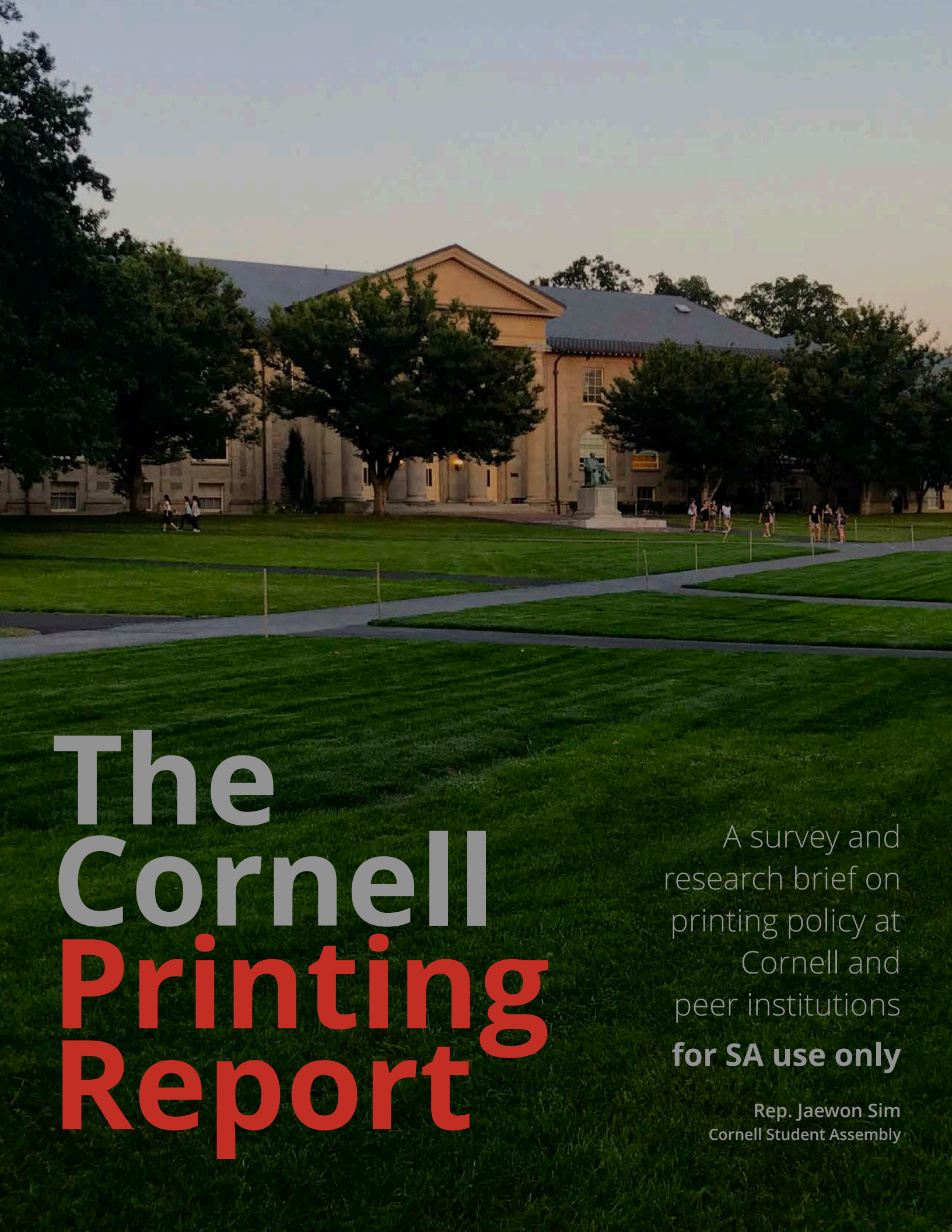
- a. Resolution 14: Increasing the Transparency of WCM-Q
- b. Resolution 17: Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus
- c. Resolution 19: Preventing the Use of University Resources for Political Purposes
- d. Resolution 22: Spring 2018 Election Rules
 - i. Rules Attachment
- e. Resolution 24: Allocating Part of the Student Assembly Surplus

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Executive Session

- a. SAIFC Chair Nominations & Voting
- b. CRPC Nominations & Voting



The Cornell Printing Report

A survey and
research brief on
printing policy at
Cornell and
peer institutions
for SA use only

Rep. Jaewon Sim
Cornell Student Assembly

Let's look at the numbers.

Printing is an *inevitable* part of academics at Cornell.

98%

of students are or have been enrolled in courses that **require assignments to be printed out before submission**

High printing costs and inaccessibility of Net-Print printers may be causing students to *buy printers instead*.

36% 24%

of students own or have owned a printer during their undergraduate years

of students who do not own a printer are **likely to purchase one** during their undergraduate years

... spending per printer a maximum of **\$350** and a mean of **\$85**

Students buy printers because...

54%

want an accessible printer

41%

want cheaper printing

It is possible to reduce unnecessary printer purchases —
which cause environmental damage and financial burden.

77%

agree that they would not have
purchased a printer if
**Net-Print printing
was cheaper**

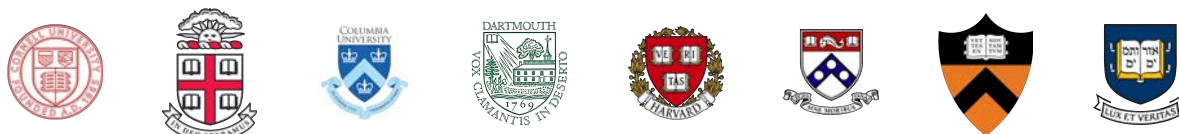
51%

agree that they would *not* have
purchased a printer if
**Net-Print printers
were more accessible**

91%

believe Net-Print
printing
is expensive

And research shows that they are not wrong.
Let's take a look at our peer institutions.



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provide students with **free** printing credits,



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charge students **less** for printing double-sided in B&W*



allows **5,400 sides** of B&W free printing and **400 sides** in color and students can **ask for more credits when they run out**

It costs **\$0.18** to print one double-sided sheet of paper at Cornell in B&W, which is the **highest** among Ivy League institutions that do not offer free printing credits.

**At Cornell, students don't save any money by printing double sided (\$0.09 per B&W side)*

Raw data collected from institutions available on the last page.
The Hotel School provides its students with printing credits.

Here's what students had to say.

there should be a discount for **double-siding printing**.

We need printers for clubs and organizations printing quartercards.

I don't think it makes sense to charge prices per side as opposed to per page, because it **disincentivizes double-sided printing**.

Plotting fees for architecture students need to be subsidized.

The print system is **hard to configure** and a lot of freshman have trouble setting it up. We are actually having a printing issue right now as I type at work!

The author of this comment works at the **Tatkon Center** for First-Year Students

There are no computer labs south of campus/ in Cascadilla. Makes it very difficult for me to print out homework assignments due the next day or late at night. Freshman year, RPCC was very convenient. There is no equivalent south.

It would be more convenient if there was a clear, user-friendly list of printers and their locations.

In all but one of my classes I am required to print 60 pages of reading.

I really shouldn't have to print things to begin with (particularly readings) for environmental reasons.

There should be printers available in dorm buildings.

The exorbitant costs of Net Print would actually, in the long run, exceed the costs of buying a printer. I would like to see the University provide data on where this money is actually going

The fine print

Institution	Type	Simplex (cost per side')	Duplex (cost per side)	Subsidies
<u>Cornell University</u>	B&W	\$0.09	\$0.09	No subsidies.
	Color	\$0.25	\$0.25	
<u>Brown University</u>	B&W	\$0.07	\$0.05	\$30.00 credit at the beginning of each academic year.
	Color	\$0.25	\$0.25	
<u>Columbia University</u>	B&W	\$0.10	\$0.10	Weekly quota of \$10.00. Semesterly quota of \$10.00.
	Color	\$1.00	Not offered	
<u>Dartmouth University</u>	B&W	\$0.06	\$0.0425 * \$0.085 per page (two sides)	\$20.00 credit at the beginning of each academic year.
	Color	\$0.245 *\$0.49 per page (two sides)	\$0.245 * \$0.49 per page (two sides)	
<u>Harvard University</u>	B&W	\$0.05	\$0.03	Information not available.
	Color	\$0.15	\$0.08	
<u>University of Pennsylvania</u>	B&W	\$0.07	\$0.05	Information not available.
	Color	\$0.28	\$0.20	
<u>Princeton University</u>	B&W	2700 sheets per academic year * Equivalent to 5400 sides	Quota-based printing system. May request B&W quota increase if students were to run out before the end of the year.	
	Color	200 sheets per academic year * Equivalent to 400 sides		
<u>Yale University</u>	B&W	\$0.10	\$0.06 average * \$0.10 for the first page * \$0.02 for the second page	No subsidies.
	Color	\$0.25	\$0.25	

Statistics shared above are self-reported from the **641 respondents** of the online Undergraduate Printing Survey, shared through email and Facebook groups.

The Cornell Student Assembly thanks the respondents for helping us better assess the needs of the undergraduate student body.

Peer institution printing pricing research has been based on publicly available data on each institution's website, as of October 7th, 2017, when this report was created.

Survey results and research brief put together by **Jaewon Sim**,
Freshman Representative on the Cornell University Student Assembly.
Ask questions: direct emails to js2689@cornell.edu.

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**Cornell SA & RSC
Joint Task Force on
Net-Print System Reform**

Overview

Name of Task Force: Cornell SA & RSC Joint Task Force on Net-Print System Reform

Purpose of Task Force

- *Combine efforts of the Cornell University Student Assembly and Residential Student Congress to tackle any and all issues regarding the Net-Print system at Cornell*
- *Work with Cornell IT and the Administration to streamline the process of Net-Print system reform*

Background Research

- Assess the printing needs and Net-Print usage statistics of the Cornell undergraduate student body
- Review printing systems and policies at peer institutions such as but not limited to Ivy League institutions
- Brainstorm policies to improve the Net-Print system at Cornell

Pricing Revisions

- Reduce student financial burden by developing a revised pricing structure for Net-Print printing fees by tackling specific objectives such as but not limited to:
 - Lowering the price of duplex printing, which also improves environmental sustainability
 - Introducing a limited amount of free printing credits for all undergraduate students

Accessibility Improvements

- Make Net-Print more accessible by increasing printer locations (e.g. dorms, west campus, Collegetown)
- Creating a centralized system for requesting refunds for misprinted pages
- Creating a visual guide for locating Net-Print printers around campus
- Advertising to encourage students' use of Net-Print printers by promoting resources that:
 - Show students the location of Net-Print printers
 - Explain how to receive Net-Print refunds
 - Explain how to use Net-Print on personal computers

Sustainability Improvements

- Create a sustainable printing system by increasing the usage of FSC-certified 100% recycled paper
- Reduce students' need to print by encouraging the faculty to receive assignment submissions online
- Setting up recycling bins next to printers to encourage recycling of misprinted pages

Roles and Responsibilities

The Task Force shall comprise of 12 Cornell undergraduate students or less with:

- At least one member from each college listed below:
 - College of Arts & Sciences
 - College of Engineering
 - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
 - College of Human Ecology
 - College of Industrial and Labor Relations
 - School of Hotel Administration
 - College of Architecture, Arts and Planning
 - Charles H. Dyson School of Economics and Management
- At least one member from each residential area listed below:
 - North Campus, first-year undergraduate dorm or program house
 - Townhouse Community (for first-year and transfer students)
 - West Campus House System
 - Cascadilla Hall, 112 Edgemoor, 122 McGraw Place, Schuyler House, Sheldon Court combined
 - Collegetown
- At least four members who are not current voting members of the following organizations:
 - Student Assembly
 - Residential Student Congress

The Task Force shall be led by:

Task Force Co-Chair, from the Student Assembly (Jaewon Sim, js2689):

- Oversee all operations of the Task Force
- Update the Student Assembly on the progress of the Task Force
- Contact the Student Assembly when in need of assistance from the Assembly

Task Force Co-Chair, from the Residential Student Congress:

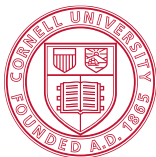
- Oversee all operations of the Task Force
- Update the Residential Student Congress on the progress of the Task Force
- Contact the Residential Student Congress when in need of assistance from the Congress

Other positions within the Task Force shall be established as necessary by the Task Force after its formation.

The Co-Chairs of the may appoint members or restructure the Task Force.

Establishment of the Task Force

- The Task Force shall be established, and begin appointing members on the first day of the Spring semester of the 2017-2018 academic year. Current plans aim at finalizing all appointments within 30 days of the Task Force's establishment.
- The Task Force shall end its operations and disband when it is determined by the Co-Chairs that it has completed its objectives. The Task Force shall create a Task Force Report that summarizes its activities and outcomes and submit it to both the Student Assembly and the Residential Student Congress before ending operations.



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Minutes of the Thursday August 24, 2017 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM in WSH, Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order
 - a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.
 - b. *Present at the Roll Call:* Attendance not available
 - c. *Not Present at the Roll Call:* Attendance not available.
- II. Open Microphone
 - a. Nothing to report from SA Representatives or community members.
- III. Announcements and Reports
 - a. Carpool Initiative (Rep Valadez)
 - i. Rep Valadez said the Carpool Initiative this past weekend to address the problem of inequity that first generation and low-income students face when they arrive on campus was a great success. Rep Valadez sent out email signups and 17 students signed up. Only 10 new students signed up to receive a ride, which was less than she wanted. She came to the SA to ask for reimbursement for the drivers' expenses, time, and gas, but was denied.
 - ii. Cornell Senior Miguel who helped drive the students spoke about his experience and said he was grateful for the opportunity to give back to these new first generation students.
 - iii. Opened to Speakers List
 1. Rep Kaufmann said he felt he was indirectly addressed and is happy to forward anyone the email conversation that he had with Rep Valadez explaining why he did not authorize the expense. The SA did not know exactly where the money would go and giving money to compensate volunteer student drivers could lead to consequences for the SA. However, he does support this initiative next year and is open to discussing this.
 2. Rep Valadez, in response to Rep Din, said at the time she began the initiative, she didn't know how many people were going to be involved. She wanted each driver to be compensated \$15.
 3. SA Rep said last year the SA did not spend nearly as much money as it was supposed to and there is definitely enough money left in the budget. In the future, the SA is open to discussing how to spend this.
 - a. SA Rep urged the Executive Board to not only communicate about the extra funds, but be clear on the guidelines on how to apply for it.

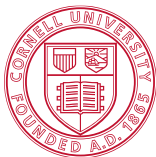


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- b. Rep Lipschutz – Hotel School Body/Body Switching Platform
 - i. Rep Lipschutz talked about the initiative that started in the hotel school. Next week, he will be working with the Office of Student Services to create an online platform to make the course switching process more efficient.
- c. EVP Devatha – Wall Street Journal Access
 - i. EVP Devatha pushed for free digital Wall Street Journal subscriptions for Cornell Students. The SA has the New York Times subscription and historically the USA Today subscription. From his discussions with Wall Street Journal, it will cost about \$1.75/student. If the SA gets the grad students on board, it will be \$1.50/student. The benefit of getting them on board is that faculty and staff will get free access to this. With this, professors can start utilizing material from Wall Street Journal without having to worry about student access.
 - ii. Opened to speakers list
 - 1. EVP Devatha said Rep Kaufman is going to have a convo with the GSPA, but regardless of that situation, it will be 25 cents more expensive with just undergrads, which he thinks is still a good deal.
 - 2. SA member clarified that the current allocation to spend on newspapers was made two years ago when they were still funding print copies. For the previous year and this school year, the SA is actually overfunded for newspaper allocations.
 - 3. G. Giambattista, responding to concerns that New York Times online subscription wasn't working, said it runs on an academic cycle that ends in May and starts up this week. She said it should be working now and told representatives to tell their constituents because they want students to use this.

IV. Presentations

- a. Agnes App (Alumnus Joe Nelson '14)
 - i. J. Nelson gave a background of himself and showed two videos introducing the free mobile app, Agnes, a centralized platform that features a collection of events on and off campus, as well as group profiles of all student organizations. Through the app, students can be kept up-to-date about the events going on around them.
 - ii. J. Nelson gave a brief overview of how to use the functions and personalize the app. To access the app, students have to download the app, connect to Facebook, and provide their Cornell email addresses. Students can make their own personal profiles on the app and share events with their friends. J.



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Nelson said he was open to the SA for input on how to make the app better for Cornell.

- iii. Opened to speakers list.
 - 1. Rep Devatha said one problem the SA faces is that the representatives do not understand their constituents well enough. An app like this can solve that problem, as it allows us to see what our constituents are doing and where to go. An organization may be able to say they want the SA to know about an event specifically, and we can do that on a two way street. We will be able to better understand who our constituents are and how to reach them. We should discuss the marketing of this app.
 - 2. SA Rep said this is a great way to engage people. I know of this app at other schools where you can take a picture of a quarter card and it will lead you to a link. If we could combine that feature, that would be amazing.
 - 3. Rep Herz suggested partnering with ClubFest, so instead of having students sign up for listervs and getting a bunch of emails, students can just utilize the app to follow organizations.
 - 4. J. Nelson said the app does attempt to filter events. For example, if you are an undergrad on campus, you will not be shown graduate student organization suggestions and vice versa. He also said, regarding off campus events, that they do try to pull events from different sources, and as long as the event is public, it can be picked up by the App.
 - 5. Rep Valadez suggested having a feature where people can have a specific place to put initiatives or a weeklong event as a lot of student organizations have initiatives that span a long period of time.

V. New Business

- a. Rep Kim motioned to move SA Resolution 2 ahead of SA Resolution 1 on the agenda – **passed** by unanimous consent
- b. Resolution 2: Ensuring Applicant Accessibility to SAFC Guidelines (Rep Kaufman)
 - i. Rep Kaufman said this resolution amends the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) Charter to help lower-tier organizations (organizations assigned Tier 4, 5, 6, or 7) receive funding. At the time of their application, organizations of these tiers must demonstrate that they have sent a representative to attend a “Help Session” that would assist in the SAFC application process. Organizations that do not do so forfeit the right to demand a SAFC Appeals Board Hearing, unless granted an exception by the



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Chair of the SAFC Appeals Board. This Help Session could help clarify the process and reduce the chances of technical mistakes that would lead to no funding. However, the organization will still have the right to a budget hearing.

- ii. SA Rep said the first type of mistakes organizations make in the application process are often technical mistakes, for example submitting a budget in time. The second type of mistakes are often in interpretation and misunderstandings. These mistakes are easily explained if the club attends the Help Session. The reason we do not require this of high-tier organizations is that these organizations that have demonstrated over a period of time that they are able to fully comply with SAFC guidelines in filling another budget.
- iii. Motion to move this to Business of the Day – **passed**
- iv. SAFC Representative said the clause of “truly exceptional circumstances” that would allow a lower-tier organization that failed to send a representative to a Help Session to be granted a SAFC Appeals Board Hearing was included because such exceptions could include technical difficulties, such as computer malfunctions.
- v. Rep Kaufman made a motion to amend the Resolution to “and it has fulfilled the Help Session requirement as outlined in section 6.1.2”
- vi. SA Rep said they do not see the purpose of these Help Sessions if the SAFC holds Office Hours.
 - 1. SAFC Representative said we do have office hours and actually they do help groups, but they have a lot on campus and it’s not possible to address every group’s needs in these times.
- vii. Rep Kaufman made a motion to amend lines 32 “of three” and “three” 33 in case they want to hold more Help Sessions.
- viii. Motion to vote on the amendment – amendment **passed** 19-0-1
- c. Resolution 1: Approval of the 2017-2018 Standing Rules (Rep Devatha)
 - i. Rep Devatha motioned to amend the title to say 2018 – **passed**
 - ii. Rep Devatha said the SA Bylaws state the first meeting of the academic year must be used to approve the Standing Rules and this resolution proposes changes to the Standing Rules for the Fall 2017 Assembly session.
 - iii. Rep Kaufman said he thinks the SA should get some feedback before we vote.
 - iv. Rep Hertz made motion to move this to Business of the Day – **passed**
 - v. A motion to amend at the end of line 133 to strike “A summary of the initiative reports will re reported over the Actions Listserv bi-weekly” was made.



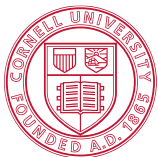
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- vi. Motion to amend 132 strike “as reports” – **passed**
- vii. Rep Kim made a motion to approve the amendment by unanimous consent – **passed**
- d. Resolution 3: Approving Student Assembly Budget (Rep Kaufman)
 - i. Rep Kaufman said according to the SA Standing Rules, the SA budget must be passed by the second meeting of the year, which is next week. He did not think it was appropriate for the SA to vote on this today, but at the next meeting. Rep Kaufman went through the expense categories for the 2016-17 budget and noted that the thing that jumped out the most was that although \$2,000 was allocated within the “Diversity” section, \$0 was spent. He said it not acceptable and that the SA should be spending more.
 - ii. Rep Kaufman said the Organizational Support account was created to help support SAFC organizations that didn’t get funded. He spoke with the SAFC commissioners and they said this amount wasn’t nearly enough to make a dent to help these organizations, so he recommend they get rid of this organizational support category.
 - iii. Motion to remove the “Organizational Support” category of the 2017-18 Budget.
 - iv. Rep Hertz asked why these funds were not allocated directly, but rather backup funds were created under “Special Projects.”
 - 1. Rep Kaufman said if allocate the \$5,000, it would get spent up and create an incentive for organizations to not cooperate with us.
 - 2. Rep Park said there are a lot of organizations that do not get SAFC funding, but it would be beneficial even if the SA is able to fund only one or two organizations. It would be beneficial to have that safety net there.
 - 3. Rep Kaufman recommended putting the \$5,000 into the Special Projects funding if the SA decides to remove it from this Organizational Support section. They can advertise more about how to use it and get more organizations involved.
 - v. Rep Cabbell supported keeping the Organizational Support because it is a different route for organizations to get additional funding.
 - vi. Rep Varun said he was on the special projects team and said it was not fair to give the money out to one or two specific organizations when 50 or so of them made the exact same application mistake. Instead of focusing on the organization, he suggested refocusing on the individual project so organizations can maybe get a smaller allocation of the fund.
 - vii. Rep Kaufman made a motion to vote on the amendment.



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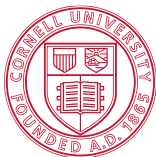
1. Dissent: SA Rep said they have not discussed the important part of the logistics of what this would mean. The SA does not know exactly where the funds of “Organizational Support” would go to.
 2. SA Rep said most of what where the funds went last year was to the Slope Day Programming Board to supply breakfast. Referring to the \$16,000 amount the SA spent last year, they only allocated \$5,000, so the SA spent more than 3 times the amount.
 3. SA Rep said they should not keep this in the budget because they currently have no definition to what “organizational support” is. As of now, special projects allocation can go to any project or service so they can put all this money into Special Projects and use it for what we intended the Organizational Support section to do.
 4. Rep Kaufman went over the process of applying for Speical Project funding. An organization would apply for special project funding is to fill out a special projects funding request that is online. It is between 400 and 1500\$. The appropriations committee then has to approve it and if its more than \$12-1500 then the full assembly has to approve it.
 5. Motion for amendment – **passes** 19-0-1
- viii. G. Kaufman made a motion to amend the budget as it did not include the percent over expense column – **passed**
- ix. Rep Valadez also brought up the issue of the SA not spending any money on diversity last year. However, last year she did request funding for the Latino Leadership Summit and she thought that is where the money came from. They also gave funding for the Thanksgiving Initiative last year, and also funded food for a memorial last year, so she wondered where the money came out of and asked if it was out of Special Projects.
1. G Kaufman said he is happy to speak to her about that.
- x. Rep Barbaria brings up a lack of communication. The previous Executive Board did not explain properly as to how to request funding for initiatives and what the money could be spent on. A lot of budgets that could of gotten funding did not. He pushes for better communication so that the SA does spend the allocated money.
- VI. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn and move into executive session – **passed**



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J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Tran
Clerk of the Assembly



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Minutes of the Thursday September 21, 2017 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM in Malott Hall: Balche Auditorium

- I. Call to Order
 - a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:45PM.
 - b. *Present at the Roll Call:* D. Barbaria, T. Ball, O. Corn, V. Devatha, R. Hertz, H. Hassan, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, L. Lipschutz, T. Magloire, R. Cornell, S. Park, J. Pollard, S. Romero Zavala, C. Schott, E. Shapiro, D. Tokunboh, M. Valadez
 - c. *Not Present at the Roll Call:* O. Din, A. Martinez, J. Sanon
- II. Open Microphone
 - a. S. Romero Zavala announced the Students With Puerto Rico Initiative, a fundraiser inspired by students in universities over 15 states to assist those affected by Hurricane Maria. She encourages people to donate at www.gofundme.com/studentswithpr.
 - b. A. Martinez addressed the incident that occurred this week regarding a Cornell Student, believed to be a member of the suspended Cornell chapter of Psi Upsilon, said to have called a black student a racial slur and then physically attacked him. He does not believe the university embodies its mantra of “any person, any study” and strongly urges for conversations with people of color and other minority groups.
 - c. A community member from Black Students United said the group is appreciative of the administration so far and has been in communication with President Martha Pollack on this issue.
 - d. A community member said that a fraternity with roughly 30 to 40 members does not deserve to be put down on the actions of one or two of its members. He asks the university to conduct a very thorough investigation before making a decision about the Cornell chapter of Psi Upsilon.
 - e. A community member said that this chapter has not had a very good history and this may be something we should consider not wanting to have at Cornell.
 - f. A community member said the Greek system was founded on principles of racism. The institutions that moderate the system is flawed and she listed out a list of demands, including urging the university to create better ways to monitor groups on campus, analyze why these issues persist, and to create a better version of the Greek system.
 - g. A community member said we all have a role to play in combatting this institutional racism.
 - h. Motion to amend the agenda to move Resolution 8 ahead of the Tri-Council Presentation – passed



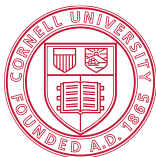
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III. T. Magloire – Resolution 8: Condemning Hate Crimes and Hate Speech

- a. M. Valadez said this resolution comes to the floor in addition to parallel resolutions from every other body of shared governance on campus. The resolution that came to the floor of the University Assembly tasked the committee to, by the end of the semester, come up with a timeline as to how to address the Code of Conduct changes. This resolution, in addition to condemning hate crimes and hate speech, also calls on the University Assembly Codes and Judicial Committee to expedite the consideration of the Campus Code of Conduct changes requested by Black Students United (BSU). The resolution also supports all the demands made to the Administration by the the LAL (La Asociacion Latina) and BSU.
 - i. T. Magloire made a motion to amend line 34 to strike “one student allegedly” and replace with “John P.A. Greenwood ‘20” – **passed** through unanimous consent
 - ii. M. Valadez made a motion to amend line 64 to add “Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly unequivocally supports all of the demands made to the Administration by Black Students United and La Asociación Latina” – **passed**
 - iii. T. Maglore made a motion to amend line 67 to, after “Black Students United” add “by the end of the fall 2017 semester.” – **passed**
- b. M. Valadez added that she was in contact with the administration as well, including VP Ryan Lombardi.
 - i. Motion to amend line 68 to add “Be it further resolved that Cornell University fulfills its commitment to students by never recognizing the Chi Chapter of Psi Upsilon again”
 1. Motion to vote on the amendment by roll call – **passed** 17-1-1
 - ii. Motion to vote on amendment – amendment **passes** 16-1-2
- c. Motion to move resolution to Business of the Day – **passed** by unanimous consent
- d. Motion to vote by roll call – **passed**
 - i. J. Kim said they also have 2 community votes.
- e. Resolution **passes** 19-0-1.

IV. Tri-Council Presentation

- a. Presentors
 - i. Drew Lord, President of the Interfraternity Council
 - ii. Brianna Barrett, President of the Multicultural Greek Letter Council
 - iii. Caitlin Gleason, President of the Panhellenic Council
 - iv. Paul Russell, Vice President for Recruitment for the Interfraternity Council
 - v. Dr. Joseph Burke, Executive Director of Campus and Community Engagement



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- b. D. Lord announced they were presenting their plan on diversity and inclusion, something that is long overdue. He said their proposal is not going to solve every single problem, but it is a start. D. Lord said that horrible people are always going to exist, but the council does acknowledge the Greek system has always historically promoted social factions, elitism, and exclusionary behavior, but this does not have to define the future.
- c. B. Barrett said the scope of the council's judicial power is not as all-encompassing as some may imagine. The executive board can mandate programming, implement educational training, create and enforce regulations, and sanction chapters for chapter-specific violations, recruitment of factions, and minor hazing allegations. However, they do not have the power to expel individual members or revoke the recognition of a chapter. Any investigations, interviews, reports, sanctions, and decisions relating to these infractions are handled by the Office of Campus and Community Engagement.
- d. C. Gleason said the Tri-Council's Diversity and Inclusivity plan is the beginning of a long and hard fight to restructure their cultural core. The council representatives come today to ask for partnership to attack these issues.
- e. P. Russell said there are immediate action items in the plan and there are items that will come into effect later on.
- f. J. Burke said he believes this is an issue larger than the Greek community and that administrators and staff also have to step up more than they have in the past.
- g. Community member criticized President Pollack for calling on, in her statement, the IFC to develop substantial diversity training and educational training programs but not connecting the council leaders with administrators or allocating resources to them to support the initiative.
- h. Community member brought up having every chapter create their own personalized diversity and inclusion plans.
 - i. C. Gleason said she met with chapter presidents in Panhellenic and they are working on signing their own statements to reaffirm the BSU and LAL statements.
 - ii. D. Lord said he also met with chapter presidents and they are committed to this work, as well as disgusted by everything that has happened. These chapter leaders are the best people in their chapters as they were elected for a reason. However, one of the things they discussed was reaching the problematic people within their chapters, educating them and getting them involved in the plan.
- i. Community member asked how they can get involved.



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- i. D. Lord suggested coming to these meetings, talking to Greek members, reviewing their plan, and giving them feedback. He urged community members to not be scared to reach out.
 - ii. B. Barrett suggested reading the literature they put out and giving honest critical opinions. They are talking about disbanding centuries of institutional racism, segregation, elitism.
- j. Community member inquired about Section 4 of the plan regarding bringing in more workshops to be led by the Greek community and raised a concern about the same oppression persisting if Greek leaders are training Greek members.
 - i. B. Barrett said she and C. Gleason are sitting on the committee that is working on the new member orientation program. They want a diversity program at the beginning of each semester and Greek leaders and chapter presidents will be trained to facilitate this. It is still in developments so she does not have concrete answers at this point.
- k. Community member says as a queer student, he wants to know why there is no mention of gay, queer, LGBT+ or other genders in the plan.
 - i. D. Lord says those are the criticisms they want to hear and this will be included into the plan.
 - ii. C. Gleason said part of the model they are using is something that was adopted from Panhellenic in the spring called the Sisterhood Project, which can be found on their website. Every chapter was responsible for designating a committee and every committee was overseen by her and her executive vice president. Every chapter was responsible for picking an area of focus, which included this topic. However, it is a problem that this is not explicitly stated.
- l. R. Hertz said there is an obvious lack of diversity in Greek life. Freshman and transfer students who want to rush next spring will be even more afraid to rush, because it does not feel like a safe space now.
 - i. P. Russell said he took on this position because he felt Greek life wasn't as diverse as he hoped, but it is still a huge issue. He does not have an answer now.
- m. M. Valadez, referring to page 5, asked what the definition of "citizenship" was and does not understand why the council is waiting until the second quarter to take action.
 - i. D. Lord clarified that people may think second quarter refers to second semester but second quarter is actually after fall break.
 - ii. B. Barrett said what they meant by "citizenship" ties into respect as a Greek citizen and a member of the community.



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- n. S. Park brought up classism, which was something she noticed during Panhellenic rush.
 - i. C. Gleason said this is not specifically in this plan. She agrees there is a lot of classism in the Panhellenic rush process but they have made changes, including taking away “open closets” during house tours, eliminating hometowns on nametags, and making the focus of recruitment less about what someone is wearing and more on what they are saying.
 - o. C. Schott brought up hazing and the fact that students still die from hazing.
 - i. D. Lord said changing the culture and the community of the Greek system and getting results takes way more time than they are on campus for. It is hard to evaluate the effectiveness of something if they can not see it happening, but they have to trust that they are putting their best foot forward by putting these initiatives out.
 - p. D. Lord said they are planning on having an online diversity training to be completed by all members before spring recruitment. Diversity trainings are not always the most effective, but it is a step in the right direction.
 - q. D. Lord said they cannot control the actions of every single member, but there should be clear expectations, enforcement, and consequences in place.
 - r. J. Kim thanked the council for creating the plan and says it is a right step.
- V. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 31 meeting – passed
- VI. Motion to move byline report to next on the agenda – passed
- VII. New Business
- a. G. Kaufman – ALANA Byline Report
 - i. G. Kaufman said ALANA Intercultural Board, which is an intercultural umbrella student organization, came before the Appropriations Committee and requested \$8.10 per student from the Student Activity Fee for the 2018-2020 byline cycle – a five cent increase from the current allocation of \$8.05 per student for the 2016-2018 byline cycle. After the presentation and during discussion, the committee looked at the \$59,233.31 surplus listed under fiscal year '18 in the category “End of Year Surplus” and interpreted that to mean that there will be that much surplus at the end of this upcoming May. Thus, the Appropriations Committee recommended a decrease in funding of \$7.50. However, this is not the case. ALANA will not have a surplus in May 2018 and expenditures show that they will run down their surplus.
 - ii. G. Kaufman made a motion to overturn the Appropriations Committee’s decision. He also recommend funding them the maximum amount of \$8.10/student as the committee did not intend to cut their funding.



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- iii. ALANA representative said they worked over 50 hours to type up a byline packet over 90 pages, and it is disheartening to see that the Appropriations Committee did not fully look over the packet.
- iv. Motion to overturn the Appropriations Committee's decision – passed
- v. Motion to fund ALANA at \$8.10/student – passed 19-0-1
- vi. J. Kim made a motion to extend the meeting to 6:45 – passed 13-3-1
- vii. Motion to move onto the resolutions – passed

VIII. Business of the Day

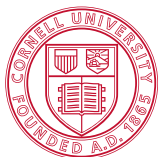
- a. D. Barbaria – Resolution 6: Setting Public Statement Policy
 - i. Motion to table Resolution 6 indefinitely – tabled
 - ii. V. Devatha explained it will be replaced by another resolution for a statement policy that will go into the Standing Rules.
- b. S. Park – Resolution 7: Bylaws Amendment on Statement Policy
 - i. D. Barbaria explained that a bylaw amendment must appear on the agenda a week before it is voted on, so he wants to introduce this resolution today and have a discussion. The reason they tabled Resolution 6 and wanted a better one is so that the incidents of the Executive Committee not knowing how to handle statements do not occur again. Because of the lack of time, he does not think it is a good idea to have an in-depth discussion today. He suggests making amendments next week, passing the resolution next week and have it put in the bylaws.
 - ii. Motion to table resolution.
 - 1. V. Devatha raised a dissent, citing the need for a discussion now so they can have amendments by next meeting.
 - iii. T. Cabbell does not think a statement should be posted just because the Executive votes on it unanimously, but rather have it be sent to the assembly.
 - iv. D. Barbaria said the Executive should have the power to post things on the Facebook page, such as announcing the time and place of meetings.
 - 1. V. Devatha added that he does not want the assembly to have to go through the bureaucratic process for certain things, citing a marketing push for example. However, they can discuss next week ways to allow statements to go to the whole assembly in the resolution.
 - v. G. Kaufman said he wanted to speak to J. Pollard's point that there should be a deadline. If we impose a deadline, it may push someone to vote "no" automatically. He suggests that if a single person on Exec votes "no," then the statement should go to the assembly and a deadline is not necessary.



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- vi. D. Barbaria said this resolution for Facebook statements is intended for emergencies. If there is something not time-sensitive, the SA should put out something they can all put their time and energy into.
 - vii. Motion to table – **tabled**
 - viii. Motion to move to Resolution 9 – **passed**
 - c. V. Devatha – Resolution 9: Converting 2 Forest Park into a Resource Center
 - i. D. Barbaria motioned to table the resolution indefinitely – **tabled**
 - d. G. Kaufman – WRC Byline Report
 - i. D. Barbaria motioned to table the Women’s Resource Center Byline Report until next week – **tabled**
- IX. Announcements and Reports
 - a. V. Devatha – Collegiate Readership Program (CRP)
 - i. V. Devatha said he will submit a resolution to get the Wall Street Journal subscription next week.
 - b. V. Devatha – Sprint Planning, Tasks, & Channels
 - i. V. Devatha said there is a required meeting this Sunday 3-5pm in Goldwin Smith, and he will send the exact location out. Send excusable absences to D. Barbaria. V. Devatha asked assembly members to be prepared for the tasks they signed up for.
 - c. T. Ball – Campus Planning Committee Update
 - i. T. Ball said the committee had its first meeting. They are planning to revive 2000 new beds for housing on north campus. He told members to be on the lookout for community input requests from undergraduate students. Concerns about efficiency were raised at the committee meeting.
- X. Adjournment
 - a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.
- XI. Executive Session
 - a. Health & Wellness Committee Chair Appointment
 - b. Romantic Relationships Committee Alternates
 - c. Parliamentary Quiz

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Tran
Clerk of the Assembly

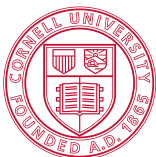


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Minutes of the Thursday September 28, 2017 Meeting
4:45 PM – 6:30 PM in Willard Straight Hall, Memorial Room

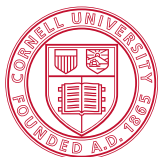
- I. Call to Order
 - J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
 - *Present at the Roll Call:* T. Ball, D. Barbaria, A. Chowdhury, O. Corn, V. Devatha, O. Din, H. Hassan, R. Herz, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, S. Lim, L. Lipschutz, T. Magloire, A. Martinez, S. Park, M. Peralta-Ochoa, J. Pollard, S. Romero Zavala, C. Schott, E. Shapiro, J. Sim, D. Tokunboh, M. Valadez, I. Wallace
 - *Not present at the Roll Call:* O. Egharevba, J. Sanon
- II. SA Rep took the Student Assembly's Oath of Office.
- III. Open Microphone
 - a. Two community members introduced an organization that provides free consulting advice and assistance for anyone with a federal Title IX complaint. They are not under a mandate, which faculty members are, to report certain information. The organization is struggling with outreach and their office is under construction so they prefer communication through email.
- IV. Announcements & Reports
 - a. V. Devatha – Collegiate Readership Program
 - i. Will send in resolution next week.
 - b. V. Devatha – International Student Financial Aid
 - i. V. Devatha introduced the problem of financial aid for international students. International students deemed financially stable when they arrive at Cornell will not be given financial aid at any time, even if they undergo financial situations, while domestic students are able to renegotiate if they undergo financial circumstances. Financial aid for international students is not run through the Office of Financial Aid, but rather the admissions office. V. Devatha and C. Schott are drafting a resolution that they hope to introduce next week.
 - c. M. Valadez – First Gen Announcements
 - i. M. Valadez said Vice President Ryan Lombardi's email that went out last Monday listed a first-generation initiative. An alumni donor gave the university a sum of money for first generation and low-income students. The university will be utilizing this money to hire a full-time position and fund initiatives. She has regular meetings with VP Lombardi regarding these initiatives and wants input from SA members and the community. Please email her at mv357@cornell.edu.



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V. Business of the Day

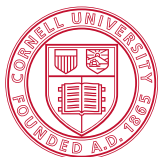
- a. G. Kaufman – CU EMS (Cornell University Emergency Medical Service)
 - i. CU EMS requested \$3.60/student. It is currently funded at \$3.24/student. The Appropriations Committee recommended funding them at the total request of \$3.60/student.
 - ii. Motion to vote to approve the funding recommendation – **passed** 24-0-1
- b. G. Kaufman – CPFEB (Community Partnership Funding Board)
 - i. CPFEB funds about \$30,000 to community projects every year. They requested \$2.00 per student, and the Appropriations Committee recommended funding them at the total request of \$2.00/student.
 - ii. Motion to vote to approve the funding recommendation – **passed** 24-0-1
- c. G. Kaufman gave a brief overview of the byline funding cycle process. The Appropriations Committee, which he is the chair of, makes recommendations to the SA each week and he comes to defend the recommendation. The committee is composed of past student assembly appointed SA members and past community members appointed by the staff of the committee. The next organization the SA will be reviewing is one that requested an appeal.
- d. G. Kaufman – WRC Byline Report (Women's Resource Center)
 - i. G. Kaufman said the Appropriations Committee reviewed the WRC, which requested \$4.00/student. After questions and discussion, the committee recommended to fund them at \$2.67/student a total of about \$15,000. This reduction in funding is due to the "Feminism: Food for Thought" program, which the committee felt was very intensive program and recommended the WRC to hold the events less frequently or reduce the costs of the events.
 1. S. Romero Zavala briefly went over the WRC byline packet.
 - ii. Hannah Light-Olson, executive board member from the WRC, said the group is troubled by the 75% cut to the Feminism: Food for Thought program, a weekly Thursday night dinner open to all students for discussions relating to feminism. Students without unlimited meal swipes are provided tickets to get food from the dining hall. This program provides a chance to educate and connect campus organizations to students who would otherwise not hear this message. She calls the Appropriations Committee's decision not only unreasonable, but antithetical to their mission of expanding inclusivity and insulting. She feels this decision was made without their input or knowledge with limited discussion. This recommendation forced the WRC to, in a few days, reconstruct the program.
 1. Another executive member of the WRC said Flora Rose House is an essential location for their program. The dining hall can adjust the



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number of meals, as the WRC cannot anticipate how many people will come each week, and can cater to people with allergies and dietary restrictions. It is also a more environmentally friendly option to ordering food. Catering options will roughly cost the same amount as the meal swipes. It is also a more accessible location as well as a safe place, as they often discuss sensitive subjects.

- iii. G. Kaufman introduced a couple options the WRC could take, such as having the event every month or every other week. He also recommended spending \$3.50 to \$4 per student every week and having less expensive dinners, or having dessert instead. G. Kaufman said no other byline funded organization has this much funding. Even with lower funding, the program can have the same impact and be as great.
 - 1. SA member questioned whether paying \$16/student dinner was necessary to have meaningful discourse.
 - 2. WRC representative said having meetings once a month does not allow them to discuss their range of topics adequately.
- iv. S. Park said if we fund them at \$4/head, the WRC has to cut this program. This sounds like a lot of money, but there is so much benefit that they give out of this and reach out to so many organizations.
- v. G. Kaufman said this funding is on top of the budget WRC is already given as they do have a separate food budget.
- vi. G. Kaufman said it takes a 2/3 vote of the assembly to overturn the decision of the committee and the SA can recommend new funding amounts. To put into perspective, every cent is about \$150.
- vii. S. Park made a motion to overturn Appropriations Committee decision
 - 1. Vote to vote to overturn Appropriations Committee decision – **passed** 16-4-4
 - 2. Vote to overturn Appropriations Committee decision – **does not pass** 15-4-5
 - 3. J. Kim opened the discussion back up
- viii. SA Rep suggests giving the WRC time to make changes to the program.
- ix. SA Rep pointed out that WRC serves all women on campus, which is a huge number. No other byline funded organizations serves such a huge group.
- x. G. Kaufman said any change would not take effect until next fall, so the SA can work with the WRC all year to make changes.
- xi. G. Kaufman said the vote in the Appropriations Committee of funding them at \$3.67 was 7-4-1. It was almost unanimous.



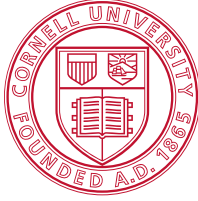
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- xii. V. Devatha proposes allowing the WRC to continue funding themselves at \$16/student, and then lowering it to \$8/student so they have time to restructure. They can work with the SA and the dining halls to get this budget down.
 - 1. Motion to vote to vote on overturning the Appropriations Committee decision – 21-2-1 **passes**
 - 2. Vote to overturn Appropriations Committee recommendation – **passed** 21-2-1
 - 3. J. Kim opened up the discussion
- xiii. SA Rep made a motion to vote on \$4/student.
- e. Motion to extend meeting by 15 minutes – **passed**
 - i. SA Rep recommended funding the WRC at the full amount of \$4/student and have SA members work with the WRC for the year.
 - ii. O. Corn recommended compromising at \$3.82/student.
 - iii. J. Kim said the list we have right now is: \$4, \$3.89, \$3.82, \$3.75, and \$3.67 per student.
 - 1. Motion to vote – **passed** with majority
 - 2. Vote on \$4 – **passed** 14-9-2
- f. S. Park – Resolution 7: Clarifying the Student Assembly's Policy on Social Media Statement
 - i. Z. Schmetterer said this is a resolution that will amend the bylaws in setting procedures on posting official statements. There is no time to pass it or discuss it today, so he asks the SA to take a look at the resolution and to come prepared next meeting with amendments.
 - ii. Motion to **table** amendment.
- VI. Adjournment - J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:45.
- VII. The membership went into Executive Session.
 - a. Gorge Safety Committee Internal Election
 - b. Additional Appointment(s) to Relationships Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Tran

Clerk from the Office of the Assemblies



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Minutes of the October 5, 2017 Meeting

4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call
 - a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:48pm.
 - b. Members Present at Roll Call: Dale, Corn, Din, Egharevba, Haris, Indamine, Kaufman, Lim, Lipschutz, Magloire, Martinez, Park, Peralta-Ochoa, pollard, Romero Zavala, Sanon, Schott, Shapiro, Sim, Tokunboh, Valadez, Wallace, Kim
 - c. Members Absent at Roll Call: Cornell
- II. Moment of Silence
 - a. J. Kim asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the Las Vegas shooting.
- III. Open Microphone
 - a. Community member said he appreciates the SA.
- IV. New Member Oath of Office & Confidentiality Forms
 - a. O. Egharevba took the Student Assembly's Oath of Office.
 - b. Confidentiality Forms
 - i. J. Kim read off the names of assembly members who have not signed confidentiality forms yet. He asked these members to take home the forms and sign them. They must be signed by all SA members because members have access to confidential information.
 - c. Other Announcements
 - i. M. Valadez said some dining halls will be open during fall break and will be accepting meal swipes. The full list of which dining halls will be open and at what times are listed at dining.cornell.edu.
- V. Byline Reports
 - a. G. Kaufman – Cornell Minds Matter
 - i. G. Kaufman said the Appropriations Committee convened on Monday, and the first applicant the committee reviewed was Cornell Minds Matter. The organization requested \$2/member. He said it was one of the best presentations they saw this year.
 - ii. Motion to table discussion until next meeting – **passes**
 - b. G. Kaufman – ECO (Environmental Collaborative)
 - i. G. Kaufman said ECO did not apply for an increase in funding and asked for a continuation of funding level.
 - ii. Motion to table discussion until next meeting – **passes**
 - c. G. Kaufman – Big Red Bikes

- i. G. Kaufman said there were two separate decisions from the appropriations committee: a public decision and a private decision. Big Red Bikes designed all their financial information to be confidential, and out of respect for that, they will have to convene a closed session to discuss the information. This is because the service provider for Big Red Bikes has a special contract, so they do not want to release the terms of the contract to the public.
- ii. G. Kaufman said the closed session will be to go over the financial information, but they will vote in an open session.
- iii. G. Kaufman made a motion to move this discussion to the end of the agenda and into the Executive Session – passes

VI. Business of the Day

- a. S. Park – Resolution 7: Clarifying the Student Assembly’s Policy on Social Media Statement
 - i. SA Rep clarified the confusion regarding when the SA should and may post public statements. He stated that that the Executive Board may approve a message by majority votes, and the votes may be conducted by email records that must be saved.
 - ii. A. Martinez asked about what happens if the executive board doesn’t come to a decision regarding the statement that is to be posted.
 - 1. SA Rep said if the majority votes yes, then it will be communicated as “the majority votes.”
 - iii. R. Hertz asked if there was a way for an SA member to say they individually do not support something the SA releases.
 - 1. SA Rep said they will do their best to capture the spirit of the assembly.
 - 2. SA Rep added that, referring to past resolutions or actions, it is something that the assembly as a whole, passes, as opposed to individuals. A resolution can pass without everyone voting “yes.”
 - 3. SA Rep said a 2/3 majority of all seated majority members is what they will go by.
 - iv. SA Rep said there is no formal procedure for who writes the social media statements. Any member has the right to write a message.
 - v. M. Valadez said she thinks it is necessary to address that someone needs to be held accountable. The Executive in the past has been tasked by the assembly with a lot more responsibility regarding responding to things, but after the incidents with LLC and the death of a student in Collegetown, we did not make a statement.
 - vi. SA Rep said 36 hours is too long and after this amount of time, the message is lost. She pushed for 24 hours.
 - 1. SA Rep said we are a representative body and 36 hours is the optimal amount of time to allow the SA to put into words exactly what it wants to say and give every member a chance to respond and vote.
 - vii. SA Rep wanted to remind the assembly that the person or people writing these statements take a lot of time and put in a lot of thought into it. It is not an easy process.
 - viii. Motion to table resolution indefinitely – passed

VII. New Business

- a. M. Valadez – Resolution 10: Integrating Sustainable Investments into Endowment Reports
 - i. SA Rep said this amendment was to push for transparency and urge Cornell’s Board of Trustees to regularly disclose all endowment investments in alternative energy-related businesses.
 - ii. M. Valadez said she would like to put out some amendments.
 1. Line 35, after whereas, add, “as of April 2017,”
 2. Line 36, after 68.49, add “down from our previous score of 70.05”
 3. Line 44, after renewable investment figures, add “and the University’s purposeful increase of the STARS Investment metric”
 4. Line 48, strike “include” and replace with “disclose all”
 5. Line 51, add “be it further resolved, that the Board of Trustees make a concerted effort to improve Cornell University’s STARS ‘Investment and Finance’ Rating.”
 6. Directly after the above amendment, add “Be it further resolved, that as part of this effort, Cornell pursues the ‘Investment Disclosure’ and ‘Committee on Investor Responsibility’ credits as described by the STARS program by creating a committee, or adding the charge to an existing committee.”
 7. Line 52, after “be it further resolved,” add “that the Executive Committee of the President’s Sustainable Campus Committee and the Senior Leaders Climate Action group coordinate with”
 8. Line 57, after Board of Trustees, add “, the President’s Sustainable Campus Committee”
 9. Motion to vote on the amendment – **passed** with majority
 - iii. G. Kaufman said he wants to abstain from voting because he is chair of the University Assembly.
 - iv. D. Barbaria said the SA has every right to request information.
 - v. Motion to vote on resolution – **passed** 22-0-2

VIII. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

IX. Executive Session

- a. Appointment of Appropriations Committee Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Tran
Clerk of the Assembly



Organization	Outdoor Odyssey
2016-2018 Allocation	\$1.25
2018-2020 Request	\$2.25
Appropriations Recommendation	\$1.75

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Outdoor Odyssey at \$1.75 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee felt that Outdoor Odyssey provides genuine opportunities for first-year students to make connections with each other before the semester, and leadership and growth opportunities for the students who continue to lead trips each year. The Committee was impressed by the breadth of “odysseys” available and believes that providing approximately 200 students per year the ability to spend a week in the wilderness promotes intellectual and personal growth.

The Committee recommends that Outdoor Odyssey consider how it can offer programs accessible to the differently abled, for whom a traditional trip might not be possible but who could still benefit from the experience. We also recommend using the approximately \$25,000 from by-line funding to focus on financial aid for students for whom even the current, subsidized fee, is too expensive. Finally, we hope to see more programming on campus during the academic year, even specifically targeted at educating students who do not attend trips on the benefits of spending time with nature.

Overall, we were very pleased with the direction of Outdoor Odyssey and we look forward to working with them in the near future.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$2.25	0-10-2
\$1.75	7-3-2

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman
Vice President for Finance



Organization	Alternative Breaks
2016-2018 Allocation	\$1.50
2018-2020 Request	\$2.50
Appropriations Recommendation	\$2.00

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Alternative Breaks (AB) at \$2.00 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee felt that Alternative Breaks provides excellent opportunities for students to learn about issues of social justice, privilege, and historical oppression in an intensely personal way. The Committee strongly supports the mission of the AB and is truly proud to not only continue funding it, but to provide a 33% increase in its by-line allocation. AB's presentation to the Committee was well thought-out and provided the Committee with a breadth of personal accounts of what their ABs trip meant to the individuals who attended.

We do want to qualify our increase with a couple of recommendations. Firstly, a majority of the committee strongly felt that leaders who attend trips should also support (at least some of) their own costs, either by paying the full trip fee or through paying part of it. Implementing this change would either allow the average trip price to drop, or would increase revenue allowing for potentially more trips. Secondly the committee was concerned that the total trip costs per head is high, and that while AB has a manifest impact on the individuals who are able to go, the purpose of by-line funding is to provide a benefit to the whole (or at least a large part of) the campus community. We would encourage AB to look for ways to involve a larger percentage of campus in its trips or in supporting its social justice mission, and to clearly demonstrate that more than 100-150 students per year can benefit from AB. The Committee also encourages AB to look for opportunities closer to Ithaca to reduce the per head cost, and, coupled with continued donut sales, could increase revenue and reduce trip costs even more, allowing trips to become even more accessible.

Our qualifications notwithstanding, the Committee greatly appreciated the clear time, dedication, and effort that AB placed into its application for funding and recognizes the benefits that AB provides not only for Cornell students, but also for the communities Cornell ostensibly exists to serve. We affirm that AB teaches many students to "learn to serve" and to "serve to learn" and that "service learning is to do *with*, not *for*." We hope the Assembly joins us in accepting our recommendation for AB.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$2.50	4-6-2
\$2.25	5-6-1
\$2.00	7-5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



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Organization	Club Insurance
2016-2018 Allocation	\$5.10
2018-2020 Request	\$5.10
Appropriations Recommendation	\$5.10

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Club Insurance at \$5.10 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee felt that Club Insurance continues to provide security and reduced risk to the organizations that we fund, and we recognize the continued value in ensuring our student clubs.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$5.10	11-0-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



Organization	Slope Day Programming Board
2016-2018 Allocation	\$18.00
2018-2020 Request	\$20.00
Appropriations Recommendation	\$19.00

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Slope Day Programming Board (SDPB) at \$19.00 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee strongly feels that Slope Day is one of the most important student activities funded through the Student Activity Fee and that its consistent, high, unique undergraduate attendance (over 10,000) warrants increased funding. Slope Day is one of the most looked-forward to events of the year for undergraduate students and the ability of the SDPB to maintain the high-quality concerts is in no small part dependent on the amount of funding it receives. The Committee also recognizes the intensely difficult work that goes into planning such a large-scale event and we are impressed at the level of student leadership demonstrated by its officers. SDPB furnished all relevant statistics, financial information, and other relevant metrics and has one of the most rigorous, data-driven studies of its year-after-year student satisfaction rates. Some organizations that collect this information do not distribute those studies to us, and we felt that we were able to make a more informed decision in light of these metrics. The Committee would also like to note that we are exceptionally proud to be the first iteration of the Appropriations Committee to recommend increasing SDPB's funding in approximately a decade.

The Committee granted the \$1.00 increase to ease the burden that SDPB faces in procuring and preparing breakfast and water bottles. Any amount of money spent on non-concert related budget items is money that could have been spent improving the quality of the concert by obtaining higher profile, more accomplished artists to perform for students. The additional ~\$14,000 can be used to subsidize the breakfasts which in the past were covered by the University and this past year, were covered through the Student Assembly's internal special projects fund.

Noting that SDPB does already spend its funding efficiently, the Committee has a few recommendations for SDPB on how it can improve. First, the Committee overwhelmingly decided to recommend that the ticket prices for non-activity fee paying individuals be increased. We believe that the demand for a Slope Day ticket is relatively inelastic because Slope Day is not easily substitutable, thus we think that SDPB could raise prices for non-activity fee paying individuals and see increased revenues to be diverted to increase direct concert spending. Because not all undergraduates who pay the activity fee attend Slope Day, the subsidy per undergraduate attendee will be higher than the actual activity fee allocation (per our recommendation, \$19.00 per student). One possible way to approach pricing is to use the subsidy per estimated undergraduate attendee, which approximates the cost to the undergraduate student community per attendee, to serve as a baseline when SDPB determines how much to charge non-activity fee paying individuals. Essentially,

students who pay the activity fee should get significantly better deals than those who purchase their tickets a days or weeks in advance.

Finally, the Committee hopes that SDPB will continue to consult with the Committee and the Assembly when deciding which artists to book for the concert, and we look forward to working closely with the SDPB in the near future. We also hope the Assembly joins us in approving this increase in SDPB's allocation so that it can continue to provide excellent concerts for the undergraduate student body each year.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$20.00	3-4-2
\$19.00	6-2-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



Organization	Senior Days
2016-2018 Allocation	\$4.85
2018-2020 Request	\$4.85
Appropriations Recommendation	\$4.85

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Senior Days at \$4.85 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee would like to commend Senior Days on having one of the most informative, well-prepared presentations that we have yet seen and we were truly impressed by the incredible level of thought and analysis that Senior Days' officers demonstrated to the Committee. Their knowledge of their organization's strengths and weaknesses, ability to identify room for improvement, and their articulation of the value to the campus community both quantitatively and qualitatively were exhibited during their funding hearing and in the presentation of their application.

The Committee has only a few recommendations for ways that Senior Days can improve their efficiency, such as by tracking income from the activity fee versus earned income so that we can more clearly see which transactions are entered into the activity fee account versus income earned from ticket sales. This simple accounting/reporting change would allow the Committee and Senior Days to better assess how much subsidy goes to each event. Secondly, the Committee recommends prioritizing activity fee income specifically to reduce the price of less costly events so that they can become accessible for lower-SES students.¹

Importantly, the Committee was extremely disappointed that Senior Days apparently ran a nearly \$33,000 deficit. However, when we pressed this issue during the hearing, we found that the deficit was actually billed to their account by other entities within the University without the consent of their organization. Neither the current officers nor current advisor for Senior Days were sure of how Senior Days ran the deficit, but we confirmed that at least some of the deficit is essentially an invoice for costs incurred by Convocation Committee. This is unacceptable to the Committee because it is unfair to the student leaders who work hard to keep costs down and also to the students participating in Senior Days activities that are now being asked to undergo "austerity measures" to make up costs that neither the Committee nor Senior Days authorized. We *fully* expect to follow up with Cornell's Business Service Center and other relevant stakeholders to inquire further about how this deficit materialized and how it will be paid back. We thank Senior Days, its

¹ Subsidizing an event that would have cost \$85 at \$5 per ticket so that it only costs \$80 is, the way the Committee sees it, less utilitarian than subsidizing an event that costs \$5 per head and making it free, so that students for whom even \$5 is a burden can enjoy Senior Week activities. Rather than subsidizing expensive events so that they become slightly less expensive, we would rather see moderately priced events receive larger percentage subsidies.

officers, and its new advisor for being rigorously forthcoming about this manifestly concerning issue that we fully recognize is no fault of their own.

Overall, the Committee strongly commends the excellent work Senior Days has put into improving their organization's operating efficiency and budgetary priorities, and we hope that their officers interpret our maintenance of their full funding allocation as a thorough endorsement of the direction in which they have taken the organization. We look forward to working with Senior Days in the near future to help actualize some of our recommendations and we hope the Assembly joins us in this pursuit.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$4.85	8-0-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



Organization	CU Tonight Commission
2016-2018 Allocation	\$8.55
2018-2020 Request	\$8.50
Appropriations Recommendation	\$7.82

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding CU Tonight Commission at \$7.82 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee felt that CU Tonight provides excellent opportunities for undergraduate students by allowing organizations on campus that might otherwise not have been able to host large scale events the opportunity to do so. It is clear from their by-line packet that CU Tonight emphasizes diversity and inclusion and promotes a vast array of different events on campus. The organization of their officers as well as of the organization as a whole were clear from their presentation and we are proud to continue to fund an organization that offers a sober alternative for students looking to participate in safe, fun activities on campus.

The Committee recommended a new allocation approximately 8% less than the current allocation from the Student Activity Fee to encourage CU Tonight to run down its surplus. At this new funding level, CU Tonight will be able to continue to fund its operations at essentially the same level as it currently does, but will use its large rollover fund to make up the balance for the next two years.

The Committee also has a few recommendations for CU Tonight so that it can continue to provide the well-executed co-sponsorship that it already offers. Firstly, the Committee hopes that CU Tonight can diversify the organizations that use its funding so that the same organizations are not using its funding to supplement their annual budget year after year, especially organizations that already have large discretionary budgets. Ideally, all smaller organizations would be able to access CU Tonight funding and we hope that organizations that have never used funding from CU Tonight could be given priority when funding decisions are being made. Secondly, we hope that the rubric that CU Tonight uses when making funding decisions gives considerably more weight to the cost per head of the proposed event. As it stands, the rubric considers cost per head, but only as one issue among others, such as whether the applicant organization was late to their hearing.

Finally, we want to commend CU Tonight for taking into account our previous recommendations and for being transparent with the Committee. Their officers clearly take their charge very seriously and we are proud to continue to support CU Tonight's mission to "improve the quality of social life on campus by breaking down social barriers that often exist between groups by building a greater sense of community, reducing stress and the problems associated with high-risk behaviors through the funding of late night social events." The Committee thanks CU Tonight for their time and we hope the Assembly joins us in providing this appropriate level of support to such an important campus resource.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$8.50	2-7-1
\$7.82	8-1-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



Organization	Student Activities Funding Commission
2016-2018 Allocation	\$94.13
2018-2020 Request	\$100.00
Appropriations Recommendation	\$97.50*

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding the Student Activities Funding Commission \$97.50 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee greatly appreciates the time and dedication that SAFC's officers put into making sure that smaller campus organizations receive fair levels of funding and we cannot overstate the level of reverence we have for the incredibly challenging but immensely important work that they do.

The Committee wants to note that the level of increase that we granted was granted to approximately keep pace with inflation such that organizations that purchase the same bundle of goods can do so at similar costs. From November 2015 to November 2017, inflation in the United States was 3.69%. We also recommend that the funding guidelines be amended to cover the other two drivers of annual cost increases: (1) new organizations applying for funding, and (2) organizations moving up in the tier system. It is incumbent upon the Appropriations Committee and the Student Assembly themselves to work with SAFC to draft the specific changes, but we fully expect to be able to continue to objectively fund organizations while also making sure that the percent annual increases that SAFC requires are reduced.

This increase to SAFC represents the largest real dollar increase to any by-line organization, and the Committee does not make decisions like this lightly: we know this increase will be used efficiently specifically because SAFC is one of the most efficiently managed organization on campus. We are incredibly proud to provide this level of funding to SAFC for the sake of allowing them the leverage needed to identify and sunset excessive sources of cost and year-after-year growth. SAFC is the organization most well-equipped to confront these aforementioned challenges and we strongly look forward to working together with their leadership in the near future.

* Because the total Undergraduate Student Activity Fee must be a round number, the actual disbursement amount to SAFC will be rounded **up** in an amount equal to the amount required to round the total Student Activity Fee to the nearest whole number. At the time of this document being drafted (before potential appeals) SAFC would receive an increase of \$0.69 to make their **actual** allocation \$98.19. Hypothetically, if the SA approves an appeal to alter the allocation amount of a *different* organization by a non-integer number, then this figure would change. For example, funding any other organization at \$0.50 more would cause the rounding to instead only go up by \$0.19, which would yield a figure of \$97.69.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$100.00	1-11-1
\$98.00	4-8-1
\$97.50	8-4-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



Organization	Athletics and Physical Education
2016-2018 Allocation	\$10.30
2018-2020 Request	\$10.57
Appropriations Recommendation	\$9.08

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Athletics and Physical Education (Cornell Athletics) at \$9.08 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee strongly supports Athletics and Physical Education at Cornell and is proud that we are able to continue to help subsidize ticket prices to make attendance at these important community building events more affordable. Additionally, the Committee appreciated the clarity of Cornell Athletics' application and the deliberateness with which they spend the activity fee disbursement.

The Committee would like to make a few recommendations for Cornell Athletics. First, the Committee was disappointed that Cornell Athletics demonstrated their value to students on page 12 of the application in terms of only men's sports. In the future, the Committee would like to see the value to students measured in terms of both men's and women's sports. To that point, we specifically are requesting that Athletics and Physical Education come back to the Committee with a developed marketing strategy to better support women's sports on campus and encourage higher attendance at those events. While we recognize that attendance at women's sports events has historically been lower than at men's sports events, we accept this a challenge to be overcome rather than as an exogenously determined parameter that we must accept when making budgeting decisions. To summarize this, the Committee expects the Cornell Athletics to develop a specific marketing strategy for outreach to advertise and promote women's sports.

The Committee ultimately recommended to decrease funding from \$10.30 to \$9.08 after a thorough review and consideration of Cornell Athletics' application. On page 11 of the application, Cornell Athletics wrote that one of the possible consequences of lowering the activity fee disbursement would be that "student marketing and promotion activities would be significantly reduced, if not eliminated." We accept this category of reduction specifically until such a time that Cornell Athletics can demonstrate clearly how their marketing and outreach strategy will improve in terms of efficiency (lowering costs) and in terms of gender equity. The new \$9.08 figure represents a decrease of \$1.22 per student; the Committee wants that reduction to come specifically from the \$3.00 per student spending on marketing and promotion outlined on page 9. We were concerned by the cost of the giveaways, and we want to make sure that the remaining \$1.78 per student spending on marketing and promotions is spent with an eye towards reducing the cost of/spending on items including but limited to: foam fingers, drawstring bags, rally towels, sunglasses, and phone wallets.

In conclusion, the Committee strongly supports the continued use of SAF funding for the Big Red Sports pass. Making sporting events accessible to undergraduate students is of paramount

importance to us and we are proud to continue to support these valuable campus events for undergraduate students.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$10.57	1-11-1
\$10.48	1-11-1
\$10.30	1-11-1
\$9.83	3-8-2
\$9.08	8-4-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



Organization	Cornell Concert Commission
2016-2018 Allocation	\$12.00
2018-2020 Request	\$14.00
Appropriations Recommendation	\$13.00

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Cornell Concert Commission (CCC) \$13.00 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee was extremely impressed by the depth and thoughtfulness of CCC's programming and we are very proud to help fund such an important campus resource. During the funding hearing, their officers clearly demonstrated the impact of their programming on the Cornell community. By subsidizing CCC, we are able to make expensive tickets more affordable and we are able to guarantee in advance high-quality artists. The Committee was specifically excited by the diversity of programming that CCC offers, and noted the importance of making sure that CCC continues to organize concerts aimed at student who have different tastes in music and takes the input of the broader community into account. Finally, the Committee would like to note that we are proud to be the first Appropriations Committee to grant Cornell Concert Commission an increase in over a decade.

The Committee would also like to make a few recommendations for how CCC can improve its excellent programming. First, the Committee requests that CCC spend its more than \$50,000 surplus soon, whether by lowering ticket prices for the next few concerts or by hosting an extra concert. On that note, we also recommend lowering rollover projections, so that we do not see a large surplus during the next funding hearing for the 2020-2022 By-Line Cycle. Additionally, the Committee recommends that students who pay the most from their activity fee receive the largest discount on movie tickets: if undergraduate students pay the most money, undergraduate students should receive the lowest ticket prices to reflect their larger contribution. Finally, we recommend keeping track of undergraduate versus graduate attendance so that we can better track our subsidy going forward.¹

In conclusion, the Committee was extremely impressed by both the breadth of concerts that CCC offered and also by the sophistication of their selections process. We believe this increase will

¹ During the hearing, CCC noted that 'students' (meaning undergraduate and graduate students) usually receive about \$10 off on ticket pricing per concert, paying approximately \$10 less than non-activity fee paying individuals. In 2015-2016, total student attendance was 8,541. If that number were only undergraduates (it is not, it includes graduate students too) then the activity fee disbursement per attendee would be \$20.05 subsidy per attendee (USAF \$171,264/8,541 student attendees). This means that on a yearly basis, an undergraduate who attends CCC concerts should receive approximately \$20 in subsidy per year. Because that figure includes graduate students, we cannot calculate the subsidy per undergraduate attendee because we do not have undergraduate attendance figures, but it would be higher than \$20.

allow it to continue to improve concert offerings and we greatly look forward to working closely with CCC in the near future.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$14.00	5-6-0
\$13.00	7-3-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



Organization	Collegiate Readership Program
2016-2018 Allocation	\$5.00
2018-2020 Request	\$4.75
Appropriations Recommendation	\$1.00*

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Collegiate Readership Program \$1.00 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee supports purchasing WSJ and NYT subscriptions for undergraduate students, but the Committee expects the CRP to pay for these subscriptions over the next two years with the accumulated surplus. After that surplus has been used, the CRP should reapply for more by-line funding.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$4.75	1-10-1
\$1.00	11-1-0

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance

* Georgina Hudja, the longest serving non-SA member of the Appropriations Committee, served as Acting Chair during the public hearing and during private deliberations to prevent a conflict of interest.



Cornell University Student Assembly

Organization	Student Assembly
2016-2018 Allocation	\$2.00
2018-2020 Request	\$1.90
Appropriations Recommendation	\$0.00*

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Student Assembly at \$0.00 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee felt that the Student Assembly spends too much of its money on food, keeps track of its accounts poorly, spends money on politically expedient but embarrassingly inefficient projects, and on top of all of this, the SA still was sitting on a rollover of over \$50,000 (as of the beginning of fall 2017), and a Special Projects account of 54,000. Given that the SA has only spent approximately 65% to 75% of its activity fee allocation each year and could easily survive off its surplus for the next two years, the Committee recommends that the Student Assembly receive an allocation of \$0.00 for the next cycle, and consider reapplying to fund itself when it becomes clear that activity fee funding is necessary to maintain a smaller, more efficient budget.

Vote Totals

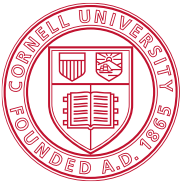
The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$1.90	0-12-0
\$0.50	3-9-0
\$0.00	(Default)

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman
Vice President for Finance

* Georgina Hudja, the longest serving non-SA member of the Appropriations Committee, served as Acting Chair during the public hearing and during private deliberations to prevent a conflict of interest.



Cornell University Student Assembly

Originally Presented on:	10/24/2017
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #14 Increasing the Transparency of WCM-Q

ABSTRACT: This resolution respectfully requests the release of the charter between Cornell University and the Qatar Foundation.

Sponsored by: Jesse Pollard '18

Whereas, laborers and foreign national employees continue to face harsh, exploitative working conditions and inadequate protections under Qatari law, as described in International Trade Union Confederation March 2014 report "The Case Against Qatar,"

Whereas, these abuses continue systemically despite Qatar's policy change late December 2016 to ban sponsorship practices, as described by BBC News and Amnesty International;

Whereas, these labor abuses, and recent allegations of research misconduct, have been connected to Education City, which Cornell is directly affiliated with, disappointing the Cornell student body;

Whereas, there is an astounding lack of transparency regarding the internal affairs and functions of the Education City university extensions, as all but one of the Universities have not made public their charters with the Qatar Foundation;

Be it therefore resolved, that the original charter between Cornell University and the Qatar Foundation be made public for increased transparency.

Respectfully Submitted,

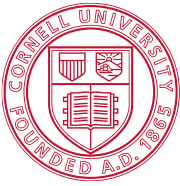
Jesse Pollard '18

CALS Representative, Student Assembly

Zachary Aleksandur de Stefan '18

Co-Facilitator, Amnesty International at Cornell

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-0, 10/22/2017



Cornell University Student Assembly

Originally Presented on:	(11/02/2017)
Type of Action:	Sense-of-the-Body
Status/Result:	Business of the Day

S.A. Resolution #17 Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus

ABSTRACT: This resolution details and declares support for the development of wind turbines on or near Cornell's campus.

Sponsored by: Jesse Pollard '17 and Dale Barbaria '19

Whereas, the NYSEDA REV (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority – Reforming the Energy Vision) Campus Challenge administers the Energy to Lead 2017 competition, which awards \$250,000-\$1,000,000 to colleges and universities with leading solutions for increasing clean energy generation;

Whereas, Professor Rebecca Barthelmie of the Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering has signaled intent to submit a proposal for the development of small scale wind turbines on—or within close proximity of—campus;

Whereas, Weaver Wind Energy, a local wind developer with years of collaborative research experience with Cornell University, is an ideal candidate for partnership on this project;

Whereas, this project would not only generate clean energy but also provide invaluable, accessible research opportunities for undergraduate students in the development of high fidelity noise models, vibration models, icing and wake loss analyses, grid integration techniques, blade design optimization, socioeconomic policy research, and more;

Whereas, Climate Justice Cornell and Engineers for a Sustainable World have committed to actively participating in the development of a wind turbine(s) on campus;

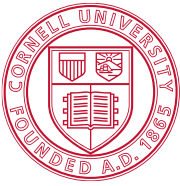
Whereas, undergraduate student projects and collaboration with Weaver Wind Energy and Professor Barthelmie would assist in the pre-construction assessment of the project;

Whereas, the project stands as an innovative partnership between faculty, students, and Weaver Wind Energy;

Whereas, this project affirms Cornell's commitment to carbon neutrality and sustainability integrated curricula;

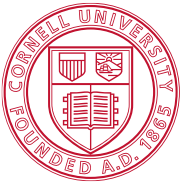
Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly affirms its support for Professor Barthelmie's wind turbine project and increased interdisciplinary renewable energy research, collaboration, and engagement between students, faculty, and Weaver Wind Energy;

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly asks that this resolution be forwarded to the Dean of Faculty and the Faculty Senate.



Cornell University Student Assembly

45 **Respectfully Submitted,**
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47 Jesse Pollard '17
48 *College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative, Student Assembly*
49 *Chair, Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission*
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51 Sarah Barr Engel '18
52 *President, Engineers for a Sustainable World*
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54 Julie Kapuvári '19
55 *Officer, Climate Justice Cornell*
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57 Dale Barbaria
58 *College of Engineering Representative, Student Assembly*
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61 *Reviewed by: Infrastructure Fund Commission, 10-0-0, 10/29/2017*



Cornell University Student Assembly

Originally Presented on:	(11/02/2017)
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	Business of the Day

S.A. Resolution #19

Preventing the Use of University Resources for Political Purposes

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to recommend that the administration discourage instructors from using university resources to encourage the attendance of political events.

Sponsored by: Osai Egharevba '21

Whereas, the Cornell University Student Assembly recognizes the pedagogical value of speakers and events, in those cases where they are directly germane to course material; and

Whereas, the Cornell University Student Assembly recognizes and supports the right of instructors to freely express their political views, the use of class time or course resources to encourage the attendance of political events is inappropriate and unethical; and

Whereas, University policy already states that “[political] activities must be done in a personal capacity, and not imply in any way that the university supports, opposes, or otherwise endorses any candidate for public office.” (University Policy 4.18 on political campaign activity); and

Whereas, for the resolution, a political event is defined as an event in which the purpose of the event is to endorse a political candidate, belief, or political ideology, or if a significant amount of time is spent on endorsing a political candidate, belief, or political ideology.

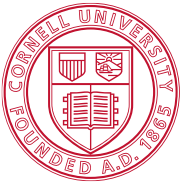
Whereas, for this resolution, “university resources” are defined as resources that are present to facilitate the course including, but not limited to: class time, email list-servs, discussion sections, and online platforms such as Blackboard; and

Whereas, the use of university resources by instructors to encourage students to attend political events intimidates students who do not share the same political views; and

Whereas, instructors have a unique role in developing a student’s way of thinking and in grading; and

Whereas, the use of university resources to encourage students to attend events that endorse a political position or belief inherently elevates certain political positions over others, which is in violation of university policy.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Cornell University Student Assembly, recommend that the Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate, University Relations and President Martha Pollack prevent instructors from using university resources to encourage the attendance of political events.



Cornell University Student Assembly

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45 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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48 *Freshman Representative, Student Assembly*

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51 *(Reviewed by: Academic Policy Committee, 10-1-1, 10/29/2017)*



S.A. Resolution #22
Approval of the Spring 2018 Elections Rules

Originally Presented on:	11/16/2017
Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

ABSTRACT: This resolution updates the Student Assembly Election Rules for the Fall 2017 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;

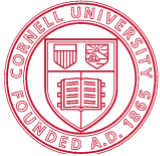
Whereas, the Student Assembly Elections Committee approved the attached rules for the upcoming Spring 2018 elections;

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly approves the Fall 2017 Elections Rules in the attached document;

Respectfully Submitted,

Travis Cabbell '18
Director of Elections, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Elections Committee, 5-0-1, 11/12/2017)



Student Assembly Election Rules

Adopted on Thursday, December 3, 2009. Amended on Friday, December 3, 2010, Friday, December 2, 2011, Thursday, November 29, 2012, Friday, December 6, 2013, Thursday, May 1, 2014, Thursday, November 20, 2014, Thursday, March 26, 2015, Thursday, December 3, 2015, Thursday, May 5, 2016, Thursday, December 1, 2016, Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

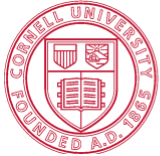
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Article I: Election Guidelines

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

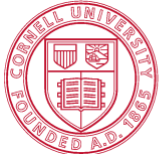
B. Candidate Information

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

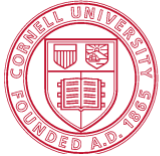
In order to demonstrate that they will be a respectable representative of the student body at large, candidates are required to collect a certain number of petition signatures. The required number of petition signers is designated above. Candidates are expected to maintain the highest standards of integrity 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

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



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.
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

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.

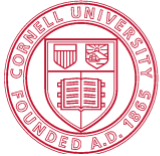
1. The design must be attached, exactly as it is to be copied, as a PDF to the Candidate Profile Form online and submitted by the application deadline.
2. All materials must include the dates and times of the elections and be in compliance with election guidelines.
3. Candidates may select up to two different paper colors from the swatches provided by the Office of the Assemblies.
4. Materials will be printed in black & white only.
5. No Cornell insignia or logo is allowed.
6. 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.
7. The Office of the Assemblies will be responsible for making the copies.
8. The Office of the Assemblies will not assist in designing, modifying, or otherwise formatting a printed submission.

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.

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.

C. Election Guidelines



1. Early Campaigning

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

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

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

2. Restrictions for Current SA Members

Current SA members seeking reelection:

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

3. Compliance with University Policies and Campus Code of Conduct

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

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

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

4. Campus Mail

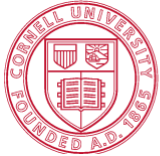
Candidates and their supporters may not use Campus Mail for campaigning purposes.

5. Electronic Communications and Social Media

Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:

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

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 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 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

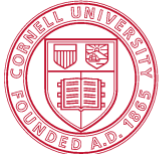
All registered student organizations receiving funds from the Student Assembly are encouraged to endorse candidates. If an organization chooses to endorse a candidate, it is expected to abide by the guidelines below.

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.

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

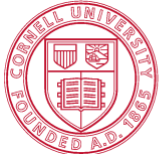
Candidates may not disseminate written statements, promotional materials, or electronic communications that are plagiarized or substantially copied from any such items created or distributed by any current or former candidate.

Article II: 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.

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 330 Administrator.



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

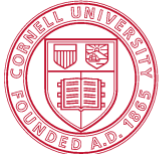
1. The Director of Elections shall serve as chair and a designated representative of the Office of the Assemblies shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of this committee.
2. Members of the Elections Committee may not seek SA or UA office for the academic year following their term of service on 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. 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. 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. The Director of Elections shall give a final report on the results of the election when there are no remaining unresolved matters.
7. 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. The Elections Committee must pass an amended version of these Election Rules before the second to last Student Assembly meeting of each semester.

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:

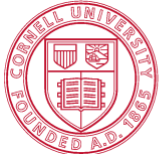
1. Challenger's name
2. Candidate's name
3. Date of challenge
4. Reason for challenge and supporting evidence

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:

1. Whether a preponderance of evidence substantiates each alleged violation; and,
2. 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.

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

1. 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.
2. The report is kept confidential and only released to the challenged candidate and the challenger(s).
3. A copy is kept in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall.
4. 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.

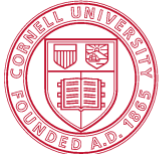
8. Reconsideration

1. 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.
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 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.

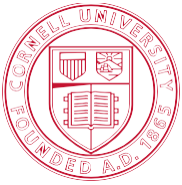
9. Finality

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. 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.



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #40 Usage of the Student Assembly Surplus

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to spend the Student Assembly's surplus on the creation of Diversity Fellows, replenishing the Students Helping Students Fund, additional resources for Social Consultants, and increasing the Diversity Innovation Fund.

Sponsored by: Matthew Stefanko '16

Whereas, all byline funded organizations are expected to have a thorough plan for spending their surplus and the Student Assembly currently operates a surplus of \$39,000;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly allocates \$15,000 to establish a pilot program for a Student and Campus Life Fellowship Program for the next two years. During the next four semesters, one fellow per semester will:

- Support the currently underserved resource centers through additional support and the allocation of one graduate student per semester to a variety of issues areas that are currently not addressed including, but not limited to, students with disabilities, veterans, first generation students, etc.
- Be provided a \$3,000 stipend per semester with an additional \$750 dedicated to various programming initiatives that they deem relevant to the project or projects that they are assigned
- Work on projects determined and developed through a comprehensive planning and search process using input from students, student organizations, and the resource centers themselves, such as the planning of major conferences, the development of new initiatives or programs offered by the resource center, the support of students through office hours or attendance of events, and many more. The Student Assembly would maintain multiple positions on the selection and allocation committees to ensure fluidity;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly allocates \$2,500 per year over the next three years toward a fund for initiatives planned by the Cornell Social Consultants (CSC), who will work to promote constructive practices in their communities to help to create a more positive sexual climate on campus;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly allocates \$9,000 towards the Students Helping Students Fund which provides students with grants in the case of family emergency or unexpected crises;

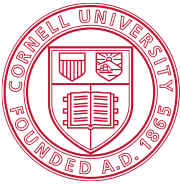
Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly allocates \$7,500 to the Diversity Innovation Fund which promotes sustainable approaches and services that aim to make Cornell University a more accessible and/or inclusive campus;

Respectfully Submitted,

Emma Johnston
Executive Vice President, Student Assembly

Matthew Stefanko
Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 3/21/2016, 10-0-0)



Cornell University Student Assembly

Originally Presented on:	11/16/2017
Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #24 Allocating Part of the Student Assembly Surplus

ABSTRACT: This resolution intends to follow through on allocating funding to support underserved communities that was originally proposed in AY 2015-2016 S.A. Resolution 40.

Sponsored by: Jaëlle Sanon '19, Dale Barbaria '19

Whereas, the Student Assembly passed Resolution 40 on March 23, 2016;

Whereas, Interim President Hunter Rawlings asked that the Student Assembly “be sure to work directly with the appropriate offices for implementing the various programs and initiatives referenced in the resolution.”

Whereas, the Student Assembly did not work to allocate the funding specified in that resolution and that \$15,000 has not been spent;

Whereas, the exact program intended by the resolution, involving the hiring of fellows through the Department of Campus Life to support underserved communities, no longer needs financial support from the Student Assembly;

Whereas, there are still many underfunded groups on campus that deal with the “variety of issues areas that are currently not addressed including, but not limited to, students with disabilities, veterans, first generation students, etc.” as referenced by Resolution 40;

Whereas, for many of these groups, the creation of fully independent resource centers does not seem likely in the immediate future;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly allocate \$15,000 of its surplus to support underserved student groups that address issue areas on campus including, but not limited to, support for students with disabilities, veterans, first generation students, etc.

Be it further resolved, that the Vice President for Student and Campus Life should oversee the application process for this program, modeling the application and selection in a fashion similar to the Bartels Co-Sponsorship program;

Be it further resolved, that the Vice President for Student and Campus Life should select four separate student organizations to receive support from this program, with each student organization receiving \$3,750;

Be it finally resolved, that all four student organizations should be selected and provided their allocation by the end of the Spring 2018 semester.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cornell University Student Assembly

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