

Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, May 7th, 2020 Meeting
4:45pm via Zoom

<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/115376253>

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a. [11/21/19 Meeting Minutes](#)
- b. [3/12/20 Meeting Minutes](#)
- c. [4/16/20 Meeting Minutes](#)
- d. [4/23/20 Meeting Minutes](#)
- e. [4/30/20 Meeting Minutes](#)

III. Open Microphone

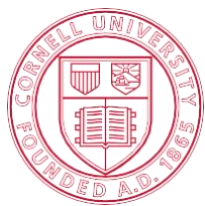
IV. Business of the Day

- a. [S.A. Resolution #66: Instituting Mandatory IDP Training for SA Members](#)

V. New Business

- a. [S.A. Resolution #67: Religious Holiday Conflicts](#)
- b. [S.A. Resolution #68: Online Platform to answer Student Questions](#)
- c. [S.A. Resolution #69: Approving Appendix B for 2020-2022 By-Line Cycle](#)
 - i. [Updated Charter and Appendix B](#)

VI. Adjournment



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Thursday, November 21st, 2019
Meeting, 4:45-6:52 pm in Memorial Room, Willard
Straight Hall

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: M. Adege, J. Anderson, M. Baker, C. Benedict, A. Cass, U. Chukwukere, J. Clancy, O. Egharevba, M. Haddad, C. Huang, J. Kroll, Y. Li, G. Martin, N. Matolka, L. Ordonez, T. Reuning, L. Smith, P. Solovyeva, S. Sun, N. Watson, B. Weintraub, K. Wondimu, S. Xu, V. Xu, J. Youngblood, Y. Yuan
 - ii. Absent: I. Pavlov (excused)
 - iii. Arrived After Roll Call: J. Feit (excused)

II. Presentations

- a. University Budgeting
 - i. Charles Van Loan and Jaewon Sim presented on university budgeting.
 - ii. B. Weintraub said that he thinks that this is fantastic, and that very few people know about the Cornell budget. He added that one thing he would love to learn more about is the fact that multiple departments pay service charges back to Cornell that come out to a significant portion of their budget, and asked where those budgets come out of and if it is done in a similar fashion to how the SA functions.
 - iii. Y. Yuan asked how financial aid works in general, where the money for financial aid comes from, and how the pool and applicants are selected.
 - iv. C. Van Loan said that, as an example, a third of tuition dollars are pulled out for financial aid purposes and distributed among the colleges, and some money comes into that total from the endowment and from gifts. He added that they would like to clarify that, if not quantify it, to a degree that they understand how it happens, as well as the ramifications of any changes. He also said that individuals are now figuring out how much the tuition increase will be next year, what extra things could be done with more money or what would have to not be done with less money. He added that everything is about tradeoffs, and that CIS as an example has to pay \$150,000 each year to heat Gates Hall, and that they would need to figure out how much they would save by turning the thermostat down one degree, as an example. He also said that they need to understand that everything is about tradeoffs when they walk into a discussion where money is an issue.

- v. M. Haddad said that the presenters mentioned TAs and their pay, and asked if they could also look into RAs and evaluations regarding their pay. She added that she is an international student who is also an RA, and that she gets paid \$500 per semester, but can only work 20 hours each week because of restrictions from her visa.
- vi. C. Van Loan said that these questions are more of Ryan Lombardi's area of the university, particularly with regard to international students.
- vii. T. Reuning said that his concerns are surrounding the fact that students on financial aid can get their financial aid decreased by things like outside scholarships and the free housing that RAs get. He added that, in comparison to other Ivies, it is his understanding that Cornell's operating budget depends more on things like revenue as opposed to the endowment.
- viii. C. Van Loan said that T. Reuning brought up several good points there, including ballpark comparisons with peer institutions.
- ix. S. Sun said that she wanted to follow up on Y. Yuan's question, and asked if Cornell admissions are need-blind. She also asked what the rationale is for some dining locations only accepting BRBs, and why laundry is not free.
- x. J. Sim said that Cornell does have a need-blind admissions policy for domestic but not international students, and that this is a strategic decision by the university. He added that for BRBs, Cornell's dining model operates to recover costs, and so those facilities are operated how Cornell sees fit for breaking even every year, but that why some locations accept only BRBs is a very different conversation. He also said that laundry is also a cost-recovery method, and that this is also in R. Lombardi's umbrella, so they can look into that and get her a better answer.
- xi. B. Weintraub asked how Cornell deals with depreciation of physical assets, and as an example if what they pay for housing partially covers depreciation of buildings. He said that he has been looking at budget things, and that it mentioned that a very significant portion of their incoming revenues are coming from Weill, and asked where the money is coming in from, and if this is an opportunity for them to grow revenues and make the budget larger. He also asked if the SA can pull budgets for anything under Student and Campus Life.
- xii. J. Anderson said that the concept of that can be discussed, but that he will not consider the matter in a punitive way, even though charter is written in a punitive mindset.
- xiii. B. Weintraub said that it would be more out of interest than punishment.
- xiv. J. Anderson said that that is a different conversation.
- xv. C. Van Loan said that B. Weintraub brought up an interesting point, in that they want to make sure that undergraduates aren't subsidizing research and vice versa, and it's complicated but necessary to understand how they can isolate the Cornell Tech budget, for example, from other parts of the budget.
- xvi. J. Sim said that money from the Physicians Association doesn't necessarily come into the Ithaca budget, and that because they are expanding their presence in New York City, they can get donors there. He added that for Cornell's current finances, they are in healthy condition, and that when they use money to invest in new facilities and programs, there can be sudden drops in financial flows.

- xvii. B. Weintraub asked his question again regarding depreciation.
- xviii. C. Van Loan said that they have made note of that and will follow up on it.
- xix. T. Reuning asked whether or not needing to keep the ratio of in-state and out-of-state students due to being state funded inherently not need-blind. He added that there is not a lot of transparency in this process.
- xx. C. Van Loan said that that is a good point.
- xxi. J. Anderson said that if anyone would like the committee to explore something, he can send it to C. Van Loan, and that all assembly members probably have J. Sim's email. He added that G. Martin is filling in as parliamentarian today in the absence of Deborah Nyakaru and moved to amend the agenda such that Resolution 14 would be discussed before Appointments, and such that Senior Days and Class Councils would be added to the byline report – **amended**.

b. Health and Wellness Committee re: Final Exam Policy Revision

- i. N. Matolka, Y. Yuan, Ru Ekanayake, and Alexa Slyman presented.
- ii. J. Anderson asked what the people who mentioned there being more important issues to deal with said those issues might be.
- iii. R. Ekanayake said that they did not give examples, and that they thought that the policy would only affect one person.
- iv. M. Adeghe asked a question regarding this policy's interaction with the Academic Policy Committee (hereinafter APC).
- v. V. Xu said that this issue was brought up during the last cabinet meeting, and that they will be collaborating with APC.
- vi. M. Adeghe said that this was brought up in collaboration with not ending classes so late, and that one of the ideas was to add a final exam timeslot and asked what this would mean for staying later in both the fall and the spring semesters. She added that C. Van Loan had mentioned that Columbia University has four final exam timeslots, which she can see the benefits of, and asked how they balance that with not wanting to stay longer than they need to.
- vii. Y. Yuan said that he wants to point out that by changing the policy, they will definitely not avoid two finals in a thirty hour period, and that such a thing is bound to happen. He added that the registrar said that they run an algorithm based on pre-enroll data that minimizes conflicts, but that the schedule is released well before add/drop whereupon things can change drastically. He also said that what they are doing is minimizing general conflict for everyone, and that people don't want to stay here for too long, but that that is a new conversation to be had if they add an extra timeslot. He added that three timeslots is already somewhat overwhelming, and that such a change would probably not be good for mental health in general unless they can make some changes on exam times.
- viii. M. Adeghe said that she didn't hear her question get answered and asked how they plan on balancing it. She added that it sounds like this will increase the week, and so she is asking how they plan to balance that with the fact that no one wants to stay late.
- ix. J. Anderson said that the university calendar approval process happens on a five-or-so-year basis, and that they are approved five years out for the next

cycle. He added that if this gets approved, there will be no change until the next cycle, and that people should not quote him on the precise five-year figure he stated earlier.

- x. M. Adeghe began to ask a question.
- xi. J. Anderson said that this would be taken into consideration long-term.
- xii. Discussion continued in this regard.
- xiii. R. Ekanayake said that they are not pushing for a change to lengthen finals time, and that such a thing might be a repercussion to deal with down the road, but that they want professors to work around students' schedules more.
- xiv. J. Youngblood said that he understands that this pertains to finals in particular and asked if this can be extended to prelims.
- xv. Y. Yuan said that that is a conversation that should be had but has not yet been had, and that what's tricky about prelims is that some are in the evening and others are in class, and that professors are less reluctant to move in-class ones. He added that they should have that conversation, but that he believes that it is harder to achieve.
- xvi. V. Xu said that it is listed on the website and that she therefore wants to confirm that final exams are also including final deliverables.
- xvii. Y. Yuan said that they are not talking about that for now.
- xviii. V. Xu said that the website does list the deadline for projects and asked if that is not being taken into consideration.
- xix. Y. Yuan said that it will not be for now.

III. Announcements

- a. C. Huang said that there will be a sprint meeting on Sunday at noon.
 - i. J. Anderson said that sprint is a great time to talk about the free laundry initiative.
- b. M. Adeghe said that they approved a special projects request for the Dyson Students of Color Coalition, who requested \$1,000 for a winter clothing popup. She added that anyone who hasn't liked her Slack message regarding the gift exchange should do so if they want to participate.

IV. New Business I

- a. Resolution 14: Creation of the Office of Student Government Relations
 - i. J. Anderson presented the resolution.
 - ii. There was a motion to approve the resolution – **approved** 24-0-2.

V. Appointments

- a. Director of Student Government Relations
 - i. Aadi Kulkarni introduced himself and said that he has had some experience working in the federal level of government, and that he met J. Anderson last year who brought this opportunity to him. He added that he thinks that this is great in regard to what Cornell should be working on, and that it seems that J. Anderson and he both came to the same conclusion about how this would be great both for Cornell and for the Student Assembly.
 - ii. N. Watson asked what some of the things he would want to lobby for would be.
 - iii. A. Kulkarni said that this role is representative of what the Cornell students

- want, and that there is a difference between school priorities and student priorities, and that something that there seems to be agreement on is financial aid. He added that another example is in regard to Cornell's status as a land-grant institution, and that there is a lot of change going on in that realm. He also said that he sees this position as representative of what students want and would therefore be ad hoc in regard to choosing topics.
- iv. There was a motion to confirm A. Kulkarni as Director of Student Government Relations – **confirmed** 24-0-2.

VI. Approval of the Minutes

- a. November 14th, 2019
 - i. Motion to approve the November 14th minutes – **approved** 24-0-2.

VII. Byline Reports

- a. Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board (SUB)
 - i. M. Adeghe said that she would start with the three byline reports that were originally intended for this week, and that SUB was at \$0.50 and requested \$0.75, and that the committee voted to continue funding them at \$0.50 due to their large surplus, which was four times their disbursement. She added that they do not feel that they need an increase because of that, and that SUB does do great things.
 - ii. B. Weintraub asked if they can just get a little more information about why there was a fairly even split about why some wanted to fund them at \$0.75 and some did not.
 - iii. M. Adeghe said that she can provide context, and that SUB does do great things and does provide students with great programming in Willard Straight Hall, and the 4-6 split was probably based on that, and that it wasn't malicious in nature to not give them \$0.75. She added that it was a matter of there being a \$35,000 surplus when the organization receives \$7,000 each year, and that it can be spent down in two years.
 - iv. There was a motion to approve SUB's byline funding of \$.50 – **approved** 24-0-2.
- b. Welcome Weekend
 - i. M. Adeghe said that Welcome Weekend was in a very similar situation wherein they had between \$30,000 and \$40,000 of rollover due to the nature of the events they put on, and that it seems like this is the case from their budget. She added that they put on similar programming and have a similar function as SUB, and that both organizations have the same advisor, which she thinks is why they saw similar amounts of surplus.
 - ii. M. Haddad asked why AppsCom decided to increase funding for Welcome Weekend if they saw largely the same things as they did in SUB.
 - iii. Discussion continued in this regard, resulting in a realization that many assembly members were looking at the wrong byline report.
 - iv. There was a motion to approve Welcome Weekend's byline funding of \$2.40 – **approved** 24-0-2.
- c. Cornell University Programming Board (CUPB)
 - i. M. Adeghe said that CUPB was at \$8.55 and wanted to increase to \$13.55, and that they bring speakers to campus and were wanting to bring bigger

speakers, such as on the level of John Mulaney or Kevin Hart, and that they couldn't do that with the money they were receiving.

- ii. T. Reuning asked if they mentioned anything about bringing more diverse speakers.
- iii. M. Adeghe said that they didn't really mention anything like that, but that she does know that one thing they mentioned was that a lot of minority artists or speakers, specifically women, often charge a lot more, and so people might want to see, as an example, Beyoncé, but their current budget would not allow for that.
- iv. There was a motion to approve CUPB's byline funding of \$13.55 – approved 24-0-2.

d. Cornell University Class Councils (CUCC)

- i. M. Adeghe said that CUCC did not give them any detailed financial statements for last week's meeting, and they therefore tabled them to this week, and that she received their budgets later on, and there was nothing in them that made her feel like they should change the funding decision. She added that she would like to approve this now and keep them at the \$2.35, and that the only consideration was about the fact that they said that the bus program was not run by them and so it is therefore not in the budget, but that other people have informed her that that is not true. She also said that nothing in the budget was concerning enough to want to change the allocation.
- ii. There was a motion to approve CUCC's byline funding of \$2.35 – approved 23-0-3.

e. Senior Days

- i. M. Adeghe said that they similarly received Senior Days' budget, and that nothing was super concerning, and that the one piece of information that they did gain was ticketed events and the cost of those events per student. She added that she doesn't think that this should be overturned, but that they did get some clarifying information, and that this can be addressed if it is cause for concern.
- ii. B. Weintraub said that he wasn't at that meeting, but that he did look at the Senior Days application, and that his impression was that if they received less funding than they hoped for, that would mean less of an availability of free events. He added that his inclination is to provide as much funding as they are requesting, given that the impact of this additional funding is to make more events available to students who can't afford ticketed events, and that his inclination is to overturn this.
- iii. M. Adeghe said that she hears what B. Weintraub is saying, and that she doesn't think she has a comment.
- iv. M. Haddad said that she is unsure how much of the application B. Weintraub saw, and that some things on the budget did not add up, and that this is why AppsCom didn't feel comfortable giving them the full amount, because they don't know how it is going to be used.
- v. M. Adeghe said that in their Appendix B, they are only required to use 90% of their fee allocation on free events.
- vi. B. Weintraub said that M. Haddad has a completely valid point and that he respects that, but that he doesn't see any reason not to trust Senior Days, and

that he thinks that if they're trying to give more tickets to free events, he would hope that they have thought on that. He added that his inclination is for the extra \$0.80 per student that would provide for a lot more funding would make it as good as possible. He moved to overturn AppsCom's decision.

1. U. Chukwukere dissented and said that he thinks that it is very important to understand and respect the decisions of the people on AppsCom, and that they are the ones who look very closely at the budgets and sit through the hearings. He added that they know what they're talking about, and that it's a little weird that some people are questioning their ability to come through with their decisions.
 2. Vote to vote on overturning AppsCom's decision – **failed** 10-12-4.
- vii. There was a motion to approve Senior Days' byline funding of \$5.10 – **approved** 19-2-3.
- viii. N. Watson asked if M. Adege has a running total of all the byline allocations so far.
- ix. M. Adege said that she can run that up but has not done so yet.
- x. J. Anderson said that they only have three more organizations to see reports from.
- xi. J. Anderson moved to amend the agenda such that Resolution 18 be discussed next, followed by the Public Statement, as the community partner was present – **amended**.

VIII. New Business I & Business of the Day II

- a. Resolution 18: Approving Special Projects Request for IvyG
 - i. J. Anderson and Natalia Hernandez presented the resolution.
 - ii. K. Wondimu said that he went to IvyG two years ago when it was at Yale, and that it was an amazing experience and is great for first-generation students. He added that it's really refreshing and enriching to meet other first-generation students at Ivies sharing experiences and talking about what they're going through.
 - iii. C. Benedict said that he wanted to commend N. Hernandez on her efforts in planning this massive project and wished her luck.
 - iv. J. Anderson said that the other co-chair is Elia Morelos and that he has the pleasure of knowing both of them personally.
 - v. N. Hernandez said that she also wanted to shout out her committee and that the work in this is beyond what any two people can do.
 - vi. A. Cass asked if they can move this into business of the day at some point.
 - vii. C. Huang replied in the affirmative.
 - viii. A. Cass motioned to move the resolution to Business of the Day – **moved** 20-0-2.
 - ix. There was a motion to vote on the resolution – **approved** 20-0-2.
- b. Public Statement: Supporting Students at Syracuse University
 - i. J. Anderson informed the assembly that the updated statement is separate from the meeting packet and asked the members to review and ask if they have questions.
 - ii. C. Huang and C. Benedict presented the statement.
 - iii. J. Anderson stated that it is not a resolution so it does not need to be moved

- into business of the day.
 - iv. There was a motion to vote on the statement – **approved** 20-0-2.
 - v. G. Martin moved to amend the agenda such that Resolution 22 would be discussed next as he has a guest in attendance – **amended**.
 - c. Resolution 22: Establishing an Equitable Event Registry System for Cooperative Houses
 - i. G. Martin, M. Adeghe, and Kyra Patton presented the resolution.
 - ii. N. Matolka asked why the administration hasn't considered this in the past.
 - iii. K. Patton said that they have gone to the administration and asked about holding various events at their house, and that they cite that the cap of 49 people at any co-op event is due to the paths of egress rather than the space itself. She added that this doesn't make sense to her, since all the houses have different sizes and different paths, and they put one number on all the co-ops, and that her co-op is the largest at 34 people, which means that even if every resident was in their room, they could only hold an event of 15 people, and that this means that they effectively cannot hold events. She also said that in terms of alcohol, she is unsure why they are not allowed to host events that have alcohol for people who are over 21 like fraternities and sororities are able to, and she was just told that they can't control who is over and under 21, which she feels like they can do in a manner similar to frats.
 - iv. J. Feit said that N. Matolka just asked his question, and that he thinks that this is some great work, and that he thinks that it is preposterous that this policy is in place, and that it didn't even occur to him. He added that he knows that the co-ops add value to their campus and community and thanked the presenters for ensuring that these policies are overturned.
 - v. M. Haddad inquired about how this would be put in place.
 - vi. G. Martin responded that it would be a registry system similar to that of Greek Life. The Office of Off-Campus Living would assist in facilitating this event registry system.
 - vii. A. Cass motioned to move the resolution to Business of the Day – **moved** 25-0-1.
 - viii. There was a motion to vote on the resolution – **approved** 25-0-1.
 - d. Resolution 19: Creating Internal Elections Rules
 - i. N. Matolka presented the resolution and asked the assembly members take five minutes to read and review it.
 - ii. M. Adeghe voiced concern about anonymous comments or why someone wouldn't be identified if they were making a negative statement.
 - iii. N. Matolka responded that this is to be made to allow people to have space to make impactful statements. Leadership should be people who are comfortable with some conflict.
 - iv. M. Adeghe countered that it would be beneficial for the person who submitted the comment to have a place to speak.
 - v. N. Matolka responded that it would be possible to add that individuals could have access to their approved statements.
 - vi. M. Adeghe confirmed that individuals would be called upon for them to read their statements so that candidates would know who their comments are coming from.
 - vii. J. Anderson clarified that the comments would be approved and that the

candidate would then be allowed to read them.

- viii. M Haddad inquired about how this would apply to spring elections and if candidates are asked questions if that would allow for comments to be reopened.
- ix. N. Matolka replied that this would be implemented for the spring elections and that there would be space for a continuance of deliberation.
- x. B. Weintraub voiced concern that there is possibility for the individuals who are responsible for approving the comments to disagree with the statements that have been made and give way for the individual who made the statement to not be heard.
- xi. N. Matolka responded that he agrees this could potentially open up this idea. If statements are to be rejected, at the end of the day, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say it at all. If someone does have something negative to say, it could be a conversation between the submitter and the Parliamentarian.
- xii. B. Weintraub then stated that someone may not be comfortable submitted an honest comment or statement if the composition of the assembly isn't favorable. He then voiced concern about comments being moderated by limited people.
- xiii. J. Anderson noted that there were ten minutes left in the scheduled meeting time and in the interest of time and other business to attend to, he asked the assembly to move to extend the meeting to 7:00 pm – moved.
- xiv. O. Egharevba stated that he appreciated this resolution and all of his questions had already been answered.
- xv. I. Wallace voiced concern that in the spring before the assembly is fully formed and internal elections are taking place, a lot of positions may not be filled if following this more formal process.
- xvi. J. Clancy responded to some earlier comments that it is important that anonymous comments be kept in place as they are insightful and gives the submitter protection to speak their mind.
- xvii. K. Wondimu concurred with J. Clancy's statement regarding anonymity and inquired about whether only positive comments would be allowed.
- xviii. N. Matolka responded that there are critiques and negative comments and there is a big difference.
- xix. J. Clancy asked for clarification if whether critiques would be acceptable.
- xx. N. Matolka replied in the affirmative; however, he added that examples would be requested to support the critique.
- xxi. T. Reuning voiced concern about comments needing to be approved. While this is acceptable with the current composition of the assembly, that may not be the case in five years. There is some issue with power dynamic if only three members of the assembly are reviewing and approving comments.
- xxii. N. Watson inquired the requirements of Rule 9 of the resolution.
- xxiii. N. Matolka responded that it shows a sign of demonstration of the candidate's interest in the position. He also responded to T. Reuning with potential options for review of the comments.
- xxiv. T. Reuning suggested an appeals process for the candidate to provide historical or background information.
- xxv. J. Anderson provided historical information that opening the review process

up to the entire Executive Committee does not alleviate the concerns that have been stated.

- xxvi. A. Cass inquired as to whether this is something that could be voted on now.
- xxvii. N. Matolka replied that it would most likely have to be tabled in order to clarify information.
- xxviii. V. Xu stated that logistically, if the time limits were kept in place in Rule 7.3 that it would result in a full day of elections. She suggested that it be changed to up to three minutes.
- xxix. N. Matolka replied that he would make note of that suggestion.
- xxx. G. Martin stated that anonymity is helpful as well as credibility.
- xxxi. N. Matolka responded that there are still issues to work out with the resolution. Major points of anonymity and who reviews and approves the comments.
- xxxii. There was a motion to table the resolution – **tabled**.
- e. Resolution 20: Setting the Special Projects Funding Guidelines
 - i. C. Benedict presented the resolution.
 - ii. M. Haddad inquired as to whether a conference would be considered a recurring event if it only happens every year.
 - iii. C. Benedict replied in the affirmative.
 - iv. M. Adeghe stated that it has been an issue this year that organizations have applied funding after their event has already taken place and it puts the SA in an awkward position.
 - v. C. Huang clarified that the Appropriations Committee has been informally following the processes within this resolution and the resolution is a means to make it a formal process.
 - vi. A member of the assembly motioned to move the resolution to Business of the Day – **moved**.
 - vii. There was a motion to vote on the resolution – **approved** 20-0-2.
- f. Resolution 21: Creation of the Diversity Innovation Fund
 - i. C. Benedict and C. Huang presented the resolution.
 - ii. B. Weintraub motioned to move the resolution to Business of the Day – **moved**.
 - iii. G. Martin motioned to amend the formatting of the resolution so that it reads “Sponsored by:” – **amended**.
 - iv. J. Youngblood inquired about the sustainability of this funding and if it was meant to be a one-time injection or would it be available in the future.
 - v. C. Huang replied that currently it is a one-time injection of funding; however, in the future, there is a strong possibility to be able to work this funding into the assembly budget.
 - vi. There was a motion to vote on the resolution – **approved** 19-0-2.

IX. Business of the Day II

- a. Resolution 17: Establishing a Framework for Electronic Voting
 - i. O. Egharevba presented the resolution.
 - ii. C. Benedict motioned to table the resolution due to a significant number of assembly members not present and felt it would be more effective to discuss when everyone is present.
 - 1. O. Egharevba dissented and said he wanted to respond.

2. The motion was maintained.
 3. Those on the speakers list were allowed to provide their comments and suggestions so that they could be worked into the resolution for further discussion.
 4. A. Cass stated that he feels Section 9, Rule 3 is beneficial for transparency in the voting.
 5. M. Haddad inquired as to how the votes would be recorded.
 6. O. Egharevba responded that votes are transmitted to members so they would see them.
 7. N. Watson stated that he wasn't sure just how much more accountable electronic voting would be versus the current placard voting process.
 8. O. Egharevba replied that there was room to make these meetings more efficient via the electronic voting versus placard.
 9. O. Egharevba withdrew his dissent.
- iii. Motion to table Resolution 17 to 12/5/19 meeting – tabled 19-0-2.

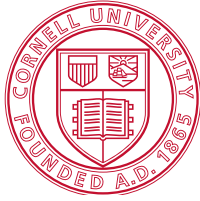
X. Adjournment

- a. **J. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Treat

Senior Coordinator, Office of the Assemblies



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Minutes of the Thursday, March 12th, 2020 Meeting
4:45-6:30pm in the Memorial Room of Willard Straight Hall

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Absent:

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a. 3/5/20 Meeting
 - i. Motion to approve the March 5th minutes – **approved**.

III. Announcements & Presentations

- a. 2020 U.S. Census
 - i. L. Smith and Kate Supran presented on the 2020 United States Census.
- b. Cornell Coronavirus Response
 - i. J. Anderson said that he first had two quick things to say, and that the first was that in working with SAFC, they have gotten SAFC to donate \$150,000 to the Access Fund, which is currently at \$178,000, and that he would like to get it to \$200,000 by the end of the week. He added that if students need to pay for a plane ticket home or for a laptop for online classes or something of that nature, they should use this resource. He also said that in working with the administration regarding the Cornell Bus Program, they will be increasing the amount of buses to Syracuse so that students can get to that airport, as well as decreasing the ticket price from \$30 to \$10, which the Access Fund can cover if there is a need. He added that there will also be buses to Buffalo and Philadelphia, and that he would highly encourage people to keep an update on the bus schedule website. He also said that he is also very deeply appreciative for every member of the SA and the OSA for doing this work in such a short amount of time, and for the amount of emotional labor being put into action. He added that those who have other goals on campus should not lose sight of those goals, and that they will be doing their hardest to make sure that needs that must be met will be met.
- c. VPF Adeghe – Special Projects Funding/Resolutions 53 & 54
 - i. M. Adeghe said that they will be having an informal Q&A information session immediately following this meeting around 6:00 or 6:30 to address students' concerns about the recent announcement and this crazy time.
 - ii. Discussion continued in this regard.

- iii. M. Adeghe said that she is going to withdraw Resolution 53, and that she is still in communications with the women's volleyball team in regard to Resolution 54, who are currently in the process of removing themselves from the tournament, and that they might still need some money for things that they might not get refunds for.
- iv. J. Anderson moved to withdraw Resolution 53 – **withdrawn** 24-0-2.
- v. There was no dissent to approving Resolution 54.
- vi. J. Anderson moved to withdraw Resolution 55 – **withdrawn** 22-0-5.
- vii. Discussion continued regarding the buses for Syracuse, Buffalo, and Philadelphia.

IV. Open Microphone

- a. No speakers at the open microphone.

V. New Business/Business of the Day

- a. S.A Resolution #56: Support of the Divestment from Fossil Fuels
 - i. J. Kroll and I. Pavlov presented the resolution.
 - ii. B. Weintraub moved for a strawpoll on members' standing regarding the resolution.
 - iii. J. Anderson explained to the community what a strawpoll is.
 - iv. The strawpoll was conducted and resulted in an overwhelming response to the positive with one member unsure.
 - v. M. Adeghe said that this is a great cause but that she worries that it is performative in nature. She added that she does not know if the presenters spoke to minority communities in this, and that she is unaware of their involvement with them in this.
 - vi. J. Kroll said that this is an entirely valid concern, and that both he and I. Pavlov are high-SES white people and so they tried extensively to reach out to those communities. He added that they shared C. Benedict on their Google Doc on the second week of their work, and that they had conversations with U. Chukwukere a month or two into the preparation for him to serve as a point person for other ALANA organizations. He also said that they had the intention and significant effort to reach out to those communities since those are the groups most directly impacted by the actions of the fossil fuel industry.
 - vii. Y. Yuan said that fossil fuel divestment on campus will eventually have some financial impact, and asked if the presenters have had conversations with organizations representing international students on campus regarding the financial impact on international students, since they are quite vulnerable to severe financial impact. He added that in the resolution, they mention that the reason that there will be minimal financial aid impact is that the general financial performance is not doing well while they are seeing an increase of profit in green energy, and asked that if this is the case, then what is the point of students who do not have much experience in investment telling the administration what to do, since Cornell knows how to do investment and so they would already be investing in that to get a better return.
 - viii. I. Pavlov said that it is not Cornell personally managing all their accounts, but rather a bunch of financial agents who don't have to disclose to them what

they are investing in, so they rely on outside sources, and there is evidence there that they do invest in fossil fuels despite the higher S&P performance by green energy.

- ix. J. Kroll said that they said last month that they had about 1% invested in the Oil and Gas 100, and that the impact of that being reinvested into renewable shares will be negligible because the reallocation is in and of itself negligible, and that it may actually have a positive impact. He added that, in regard to employees and many other groups on campus who rely on university funding, their funding does not come from the endowment, and that despite employees having concerns about their pay being cut, the way that staff are paid is removed from the direct cash stream of the endowment.
- x. I. Pavlov said that implicit in Y. Yuan's question was concern of the current state of the stock market, and that they ask for divestment to happen as rapidly as possible, so they don't anticipate that having an impact, and so they can decide as soon as possible.
- xi. J. Feit said that he is wary of the effectiveness of this resolution for a few reasons, one of which being the pandemic, and that this will pose serious threats and that he wants to make sure that they all remain committed to making sure that this resolution is passed and enforced. He added that this resolution is a very good research paper, but that it has no enforcement mechanisms, and that he will support it 100% because he is committed to sustainability efforts, and that he understands enforcement mechanisms are very tough. He asked what enforcement they have in an institutionalized manner across the university.
- xii. J. Kroll said that they coordinated with the people who passed resolutions in the other assemblies, and that they were intentionally vague because the Board of Trustees and the people holding the power do have all the power and know how to do it better than they do. He added that their language in this regard is restricted to "as rapidly as possible" and "in an orderly fashion," and that if they publicly agree, he thinks that they can be held to that and that it would be in their interest to follow through.
- xiii. J. Feit said that he thinks that being intentionally vague is fundamentally flawed, and that he thinks that a concrete timeline is better, and asked if there is a reason why they won't include that.
- xiv. I. Pavlov said that she thought the same at first, and that a lot of that comes from a student perspective, but that Bob Howarth and others enlightened them as to why this is the smartest approach.
- xv. J. Anderson said that he is going to cut this conversation off, and that this is a protocol question. He added that if this resolution passes, it will go directly to the Board, and that they will consider this question and are willing to do so. He also said that he thinks that it is a procedure question that J. Feit is asking in that whether or not they will in full faith take this up, and that they will do so because it is outlined in their procedures.
- xvi. A. Cass asked whether or not it is the case that all the other assemblies have passed their versions of this resolution, and that once the SA passes this one, it will go to the Board.
- xvii. J. Kroll replied in the affirmative.

- xviii. A. Cass asked how the presenters feel about that going, and asked what they think is going to happen next. They said that they share the concern that the Board of Trustees who mostly don't live here and have no immediate stake make all of the relevant decisions.
- xix. J. Kroll said that they are feeling hopeful and confident that they've made the best case that they can, and that all they can do is hope that they understand the precarious point that they are at as to their continued survival as a species.
- xx. I. Pavlov said that she is sure that A. Cass has noticed the activism of Climate Justice Cornell, and that the Board has noticed as well. She added that Brown, Georgetown, and the UC system have divested, and that it will only be a very short time before the rest of the Ivies consider divesting. She also said that even if they don't have a direct stake in what goes on on campus, they do have a stake in their reputation and how much money they make.
- xxi. V. Xu said that she wanted to echo Y. Yuan's point about the financial burden, and that she would recommend including an appendix when it comes to the board. She added that I. Pavlov said that most of the investment information is not public, and asked if they know what percentage is currently invested into fossil fuels.
- xxii. I. Pavlov said that she isn't sure if it can be seen in the agenda, but that all the resolutions have an accompanying white paper, and that this was passed through the Faculty Senate yesterday. She added that this has really distinct outlining of the positive effects and outcomes of divesting, and that she believes that the percentage invested is around 3% or 4%, which is standard for universities, and so that would be \$400 million for Cornell.
- xxiii. J. Kroll said that that percentage is the national average, but that it was said last month that it's around 1%, and that there could be more that aren't in the Oil & Gas 100, but that by no means would it be a huge chunk of the endowment.
- xxiv. V. Xu asked if the presenters have spoken to the student trustees about the sentiment among the Board, since the end goal is for this to get passed through there.
- xxv. I. Pavlov said that she thinks that the trustee sentiment is that they are open to hearing about it.
- xxvi. S. Sun asked what organizations and services are funded by the cash flow from the endowment.
- xxvii. J. Kroll said that he is not entirely sure of that, but that this money only represents 1% to 2% of the endowment, and the performance of renewables shares is as good if not better.
- xxviii. S. Sun said that she thinks that there are people that could be considered stakeholders that this would be crucial information for, and that if that 1% has a negative impact due to divestment, she would like to see that fleshed out.
- xxix. J. Kroll said that that is a great point and they should have done that, but that they will not lose the 1%, but rather likely just a fraction of a percent of the percent, and that he does not think that the university will let that downturn affect how they finance students.

- xxx. T. Reuning said that he wants to caution all members of the assembly not to speak for communities that they are not part of, and that as a low-income student, low-income students would like for their money not to come from fossil fuel companies and for their parents not to get cancer. He added that he will be voting in favor of this, but that he doesn't think that sharing a Google Doc with an indigenous member or talking to U. Chukwukere is significant enough minority outreach, and that being an ally is uplifting others so they can speak for themselves, and that the fact that the one indigenous person walked out of the room in frustration speaks for itself.
- xxxi. J. Kroll said that to be fair, they didn't just share a blank Google Doc, and that they told him that they wanted him to have a voice because they realized that they wanted him to have a voice. He added that they are sorry if it felt like tokenizing when they spoke about U. Chukwukere, and that they just don't have a lot of point people in ALANA, and that he reached out to them to help. He also said that he understands that it is probably still not enough and that they should have done more, and that he apologizes.
- xxxii. There was a motion to move Resolution 56 to Business of the Day – moved.
- xxxiii. There was a motion to vote on the resolution – approved 23-0-2.
- b. S.A. Resolution #57: Election Cancellation and Fall Election Restructuring
 - i. J. Anderson and G. Martin presented the resolution.
 - ii. A. Cass said that they know that there is a lot to deal with on a very short notice, but that they are wondering about how this will affect uncontested seats.
 - iii. G. Martin said that since the elections will be closed, anyone who is uncontested who does not violate the rules will be seated come fall elections.
 - iv. Discussion continued in this regard
 - v. K. Wondimu said that he fully supports this, but would like to hear explained the part about there being no legislative access in that time period.
 - vi. G. Martin said that that will be the transitional SA, and that anyone who is not going abroad or a senior will have no legislative power but will keep their title following June 1st to ensure transition.
 - vii. K. Wondimu asked if this means that those staying would also not be able to do anything.
 - viii. J. Anderson said that everyone in their current positions will have no legislative power.
 - ix. M. Adeghe said that she is a little bit confused about the lack of legislative power, and asked what the SA would do come fall.
 - x. J. Anderson said that their only job would be to ensure that a fall election is done.
 - xi. M. Adeghe asked whether or not that would that there wouldn't be any committees or anything like that, and that the SA wouldn't really exist until the election happens. She also asked if the current VP of Finance will make a budget over the summer, as well as what the first few weeks in the fall will look like for the SA since there is no legislative power.
 - xii. J. Anderson said that the SA in all its capacity will be used to run the election, and that since there is no legislative authority, that would just entail getting the word out to new students. He added that the transitional SA would just recruit and support people, and that since there won't be a VP of Finance,

this assembly will craft a generic budget for the beginning and then move on, so that the new VP of Finance can see what's going on. He also said that it establishes a generic point of contact as well.

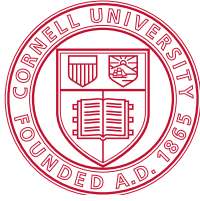
- xiii. M. Adeghe said that she was thinking about campaign finances as well, and asked where that money would come from.
- xiv. J. Anderson said that the new Elections Committee would be the source of that since that is an elections process.
- xv. M. Adeghe said that her thought is that they wouldn't even have a budget.
- xvi. J. Anderson said that that is why they would conditionally approve one at the end of the semester for the transitional body.
- xvii. M. Haddad thanked G. Martin for taking the lead on this, and that she was having a panic attack, and that she genuinely appreciates him.
- xviii. B. Weintraub asked if the presenters could confirm if his understanding is correct, and that his understanding is that they are going to appoint a new Director of Elections, that person will create their own Elections Committee, they will serve for 2020-2021, and they will be the only individuals on the SA with any ability to do effectively anything more than talk.
- xix. J. Anderson said that when B. Weintraub says "talk," it means "do the election".
- xx. G. Martin says that it will be the body that has power, but in a way that they can put together fall elections.
- xxi. B. Weintraub said that, given this absence of power on the SA, and that he hates to use the word power, and absence of ability to pass any resolutions following June 1st, since resolutions take time and considering the current state of affairs, he does worry about there being a lack of ability of any Student Assembly to organize before this election happens.
- xxii. G. Martin said that in looking back into the records, in the first two meetings, two resolutions were passed, and that they don't anticipate an influx because there never is one, and that they anticipate the elections happening in the first three weeks, but that this would be up to the Director of Elections.
- xxiii. B. Weintraub said that they usually don't pass that many, but that they are not in a usual operating procedure, and that they can hope that everything will be fine in August, but it may not be. He added that it would be good to somehow ensure that if something needs to happen in August, it can.
- xxiv. G. Martin said that the resolution says that if something is so dire, the Elections Committee can vote to give the SA legislative power, and that there are mechanisms that allow for issues into the future.
- xxv. V. Xu said that they normally do internal elections toward the end of the semester, and asked what that would look like.
- xxvi. J. Anderson said that the new SA elected in the fall would do that as soon as possible with regard to their schedule, and that it is up to them and their leadership team.
- xxvii. V. Xu asked if people on Exec would therefore continue their responsibilities until then.
- xxviii. J. Anderson said that it would be in a transitional matter, and then once the new SA is elected in the fall, they would organize themselves with the leadership team on their schedule.

- xxix. V. Xu asked what the procedure would be regarding committee chairs.
- xxx. G. Martin said that internal elections would be done after fall elections, and so freshman and transfer representatives can possibly vote on those positions, but that it would ultimately be up to the Director of Elections, who they have to look for now.
- xxxi. There was a motion to move the resolution to Business of the Day.
 - 1. K. Wondimu dissented, and said that they still have a speakers' list.
 - 2. Deborah Nyakaru said that they can still have a speakers' list following this move.
 - 3. K. Wondimu **withdrew** his dissent.
 - 4. Motion to move the resolution to Business of the Day – **moved** 26-0-0.
- xxxii. There was a motion to vote on the resolution.
 - 1. There was a dissent.
- xxxiii. J. Clancy said that he's looking for clarification regarding Article 8.
- xxxiv. G. Martin said that anyone who has questions offline, they can talk to him, J. Anderson, Lydia Zheng, and D. Nyakaru, but Elections Committee is very small, and that as the Elections Committee has already been voting, the only people who abstain are the director themselves and anyone who is not in attendance.
- xxxv. J. Clancy said that he is worried about the procedure requiring unanimous consent, and what would happen if unanimous consent isn't reached and they cannot return for Fall 2020.
- xxxvi. G. Martin said that it can be amended to make it two-thirds.
- xxxvii. There was a motion to amend line 134 such that "unanimous" would instead read "two-thirds" – **amended** 26-0-0.
- xxxviii. There was a motion to vote on the resolution.
 - 1. K. Wondimu dissented, and said that he had a quick question.
 - 2. The motion was not withdrawn.
 - 3. Vote to vote on the resolution – **passed** 20-4-0.
 - 4. Motion to vote on Resolution 57 – **approved** 26-0-0.
- c. S.A. Resolution #58: Amending the Standing Rules to Allow Votes Out of New Business
 - i. There was a motion to vote.
 - 1. The motion was **withdrawn**.
 - ii. B. Weintraub presented the resolution and moved to move the resolution to Business of the Day – **moved** 23-0-1.
 - iii. Motion to vote on Resolution 58 – **approved** 23-0-1.

VI. Adjournment

- a. J. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Hannan
Clerk of the Assembly



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Thursday, April 16th, 2020 Meeting
4:45pm via Zoom

<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/115376253>

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:46 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: M. Adeghe, S. Ali, J. Anderson, M. Baker, C. Benedict, U. Chukwukere, O. Egharevba, C. Huang, G. Martin, N. Matolka, T. Reuning, L. Smith, P. Solovyeva, N. Watson, B. Weintraub, K. Wondimu, S. Xu, V. Xu, Y. Yuan
 - ii. Absent [all excused unless otherwise stated]: A. Cass, J. Clancy, J. Feit, M. Haddad, J. Kroll, Y. Li, I. Pavlov, S. Sun, J. Youngblood

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a. 4/9/20 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve the April 9th minutes – **approved**.

III. Open Microphone

- a. No speakers at the open microphone.

IV. New Business

- a. S.A Resolution #61: Demanding Cornell Fight for Fair Terms for the Remote Services its Community is Required to Use
 - i. L. Smith presented the resolution.
 - ii. K. Wondimu said that the resolution sounds very good, and asked what L. Smith exactly meant by the use of the phrase “fair terms”.
 - iii. L. Smith said that it is vague but that he thinks that this is intentional, and that it is more so because Cornell was urged in the past by the GPSA to have these conversations, and that the administration said that they might not be willing to. He added that they would like to at least get a conversation going on, and that if something big were to come up and all of the student body were affected, that would obviously put them in a tough spot without class-action lawsuits. He also said that academic terms of use would be good to see from a company such as Zoom, and asked if this answers K. Wondimu’s question.
 - iv. K. Wondimu replied in the affirmative.
 - v. M. Baker moved to vote on the resolution – **approved** 18-0-1.

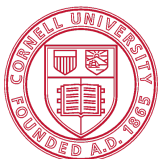
V. Adjournment

- a. J. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hannan

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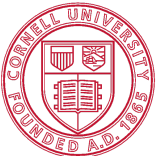
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Minutes of the April 23rd, 2020 Meeting

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

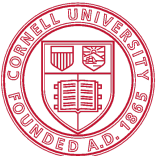
Held via Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. J. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.
 - b. *Members Present:* M. Adeghe, S. Ali, J. Anderson, C. Benedict, U. Chukwukere, J. Clancy, J. Feit, C. Huang, G. Martin (late), N. Matolka, T. Reuning, L. Smith, S. Sun, V. Xu (late), N. Watson, Y. Yuan.
 - c. *Members Absent:* M. Baker, A. Cass, O. Egharevba, M. Haddad, J. Kroll, Y. Li, I. Pavlov, P. Solovyeva, B. Weintraub, K. Wondimu, S. Xu, J. Youngblood.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. The Minutes from 2/6/20 were **approved 13-0-1**
 - b. The Minutes from 2/20/20 were **approved 14-0-1**
- III. Open Microphone
 - a. No comments from the floor.
- IV. Business of the Day (Note: Resolutions are not listed in order discussed)
 - a. A Motion was made to amend the Agenda.
 - i. J. Anderson would like the SA to reconsider SA R60 due to changes in COVID-19 circumstances.
 - ii. The amended resolution would be voted on via email.
 - iii. J. Feit – would it be taken into consideration who has or hasn't submitted test scores?
 1. J. Anderson -- Yes, the resolution will spell out what we want publicly provided.
 - iv. The Motion to reconsider was **approved 16-0-1**
 - b. A Motion was made to amend the Agenda to consider R65 before R62 due to the sponsors being present and those for R62 not present.
 - i. The Motion was **approved** via unanimous consent.
 - c. SA R63: Increasing the Grace Period on Cornell University Loans
 - i. Reviewed by Executive Committee (5-0-0, 4/21/20)
 - ii. ABSTRACT: This resolution recommends that Cornell University extend the grace period for Cornell University loans due to the COVID-19 crisis.
 - iii. D. Nyakaru – Inquired if these are the Shoemaker loans and J. Anderson confirmed.



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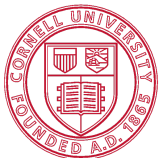
- iv. The Resolution was **approved 17-0-1.**
- d. SA R64: Amendments to the Class Councils and Senior Days Governing Documents
 - i. Reviewed by Appropriations Committee, 4/20/20.
 - ii. ABSTRACT: This resolution affirms changes that were made to the Class Councils and Senior Days Bylaws to merge the two into one organization.
 - iii. Would be called Class Councils but Senior Days would still be a part of this organization.
 - iv. M. Adeghe was concerned that allowing them to merge their funding immediately would set a precedent.
 - 1. S. Sun – In what ways could this precedent be abused?
 - 2. In the future, if there are organizations that are currently byline funded but will apply, there may be the potential for two separate organizations to receive byline funding then merge and combine their funding/budget.
 - 3. This comes up when organizations are similar in nature and end up with combined meetings and events – two organizations with separate budgets.
 - v. The Resolution was **approved 16-0-1.**
- e. SA R65: Office of the Student Advocate Observations and Recommendations on Community Life
 - i. Reviewed by Executive Committee (5-0-0, 4/21/20).
 - ii. ABSTRACT: This resolution is intended to put forth policy recommendations stemming from casework collected by the Office of the Student Advocate and in acknowledgement of existing policies at companion Universities to Cornell.
 - iii. Since the development and creation of the OSA, work and effort has grown. Three main points: adding a student voice; restorative justice; including diversity and inclusion training for disciplinary issues.
 - iv. There are examples of policies that have been successful at peer institutions.
 - v. J. Feit – inquired to clarify key changes.
 - vi. J. Clancy – asked how this would affect individuals in dorms.
 - 1. Restorative justice as part of disciplinary hearings.
 - vii. G. Martin – shout out to Liel and OSA for the work they have done this year.



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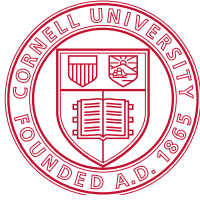
- viii. J. Feit – what is the threshold level in terms of what goes to the hearing review board? Seems like a significant gray area.
 - 1. University can't force anyone to come forth as a complainant.
- ix. The Resolution was **approved 17-0-1**
- f. SA R62: Establishment of the Students with Disabilities Representative At-Large
 - i. ABSTRACT: This resolution is intended to increase representation and accessibility to Cornell undergraduates with disabilities on the Cornell Student Assembly.
 - ii. Point of clarification – this is a charter change so cannot be voted on this meeting but wanted to get substantive discussion before next week
 - iii. Approximately 8% of the student body has a disability – having an elected position will allow for the students with disabilities to have a broad based and democratic voice within the student community as a whole.
 - iv. This would make the SA more equitable and allow for marginalized communities to have representation.
 - v. V. Xu – During a normal election cycle, would there be anything in place to assist candidates within the constituency?
 - 1. C. Gillis stated that there isn't anything they can add that a candidate running for this position hasn't already figured out or solved in 18 years of life before Cornell.
 - 2. An amicable discussion followed.
 - vi. Y. Yuan – since it is an At-Large position, will the resolution to have reduced a number of signatures apply to this position? Will this position be campaigned for in the fall or in the spring?
 - 1. Identity based at-large positions have a reduced number of signatures and this seat falls into that category; this seat would be in with the special elections in the fall along with freshmen and transfer seats.
 - vii. L. Sterling – thanked the sponsors for drafting and presenting this resolution and would like to state that the elections should be equitable for all.
 - viii. M. Adeghe – thanks as well for bringing this to the assembly.
 - ix. A Motion was made to table the Resolution – **approved 17-0-1**
- g. J. Anderson motioned to add a meeting on Thursday, 5/7 due to the extension of classes – the motion was **approved 16-1-1.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM.



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Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Treat & Matthew Ferraro
Office of the Assemblies



Cornell University Student Assembly

Cornell University Student Assembly

Minutes of the Thursday, April 30th, 2020 Meeting
4:45pm via Zoom

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I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. C. Huang called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: M. Adeghe, S. Ali, M. Baker, C. Benedict, U. Chukwukere, J. Clancy, O. Egharevba, C. Huang, N. Matolka, L. Smith, S. Sun, N. Watson, B. Weintraub, S. Xu, V. Xu, J. Youngblood, Y. Yuan
 - ii. Absent [all excused unless otherwise stated]: J. Anderson, A. Cass, J. Feit, M. Haddad, J. Kroll, Y. Li, G. Martin, I. Pavlov, T. Reuning, P. Solovyeva, K. Wondimu

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Motion to approve the December 5th and February 27th minutes – **approved**.

III. Open Microphone

- a. No speakers at the open microphone.

IV. Confirmations

- a. Office of the Student Advocate Staff
 - i. Liel Sterling said that she worked with J. Anderson and the previous staff of the OSA to elect a new staff, and that the old staff will be staying on for part of the fall to advise the new staff. She then announced the new staff members.
 1. Student Advocate – Anuli Ononye
 2. Chief-of-Staff – Joanne Lee
 3. Director of Student and Campus Life – Ramneek Sanghera
 4. Director of Academic Affairs – Jenniviv Bansah
 5. Director of Finance – Sidney Waite
 6. Director of International Students – Aliou Jabari Gambrel
 - ii. A. Ononye said that she served as Director of Academic Affairs last year, and that she is excited to work in the position. She added that L. Sterling did a great job starting this up and that she is looking forward to learning from her in the fall and taking up the position.
 - iii. Motion to confirm the OSA staff – **confirmed** 15-0-1.

V. New Business

- a. S.A. Resolution #66: Instituting Mandatory IDP Training for SA Members
 - i. C. Benedict presented the resolution.
 - ii. B. Weintraub moved to vote on the resolution.
 - iii. C. Benedict asked whether or not the resolution needed to be tabled, since it is a bylaws amendment.
 - iv. M. Adeghe said that it does, but if they are not meeting next week then that would change.
 - v. C. Huang said that they are meeting next week.
 - vi. B. Weintraub withdrew his motion to vote and moved to table the resolution – tabled 15-0-1.

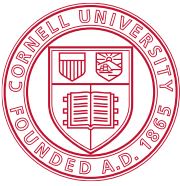
VI. Business of the Day

- a. S.A. Resolution #62: Establishment of the Students with Disabilities Representative At-Large
 - i. U. Chukwukere and Conan Gillis presented the resolution.
 - ii. B. Weintraub asked how many signatures are required for the position, and that he knows that some positions had signatures lowered in situations where members might not want people to know that they are part of the community that they represent, and that he would want to make sure that such a modification applies to this position as well.
 - iii. U. Chukwukere replied in the affirmative.
 - iv. N. Matolka asked whether this position would complement the current disabilities liaison position, or if that position would be removed.
 - v. C. Gillis said that from the perspective of the individual that filled that role, he believes that this would be an excellent substitute and advancement of the liaison role, and that substituting that role for this role would be the next logical step. He added that he apologizes if this isn't in the actual resolution, and that he does not know if it is handled specifically.
 - vi. U. Chukwukere said that this would replace the current ex-officio position with a voting position, as C. Gillis said.
 - vii. Motion to vote on the resolution – approved 15-0-1.

VII. Adjournment

- a. C. Huang adjourned the meeting at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Hannan
Clerk of the Assembly



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Originally Presented on:	(4/3/2020)
Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #66 Instituting Mandatory IDP Training for SA Members

ABSTRACT: This resolution calls for the SA to institute a mandatory Intergroup Dialogue Project training into the SA new member orientation. This training will be repeated with every SA new member orientation.

Sponsored by: Colin Benedict '21, Valentina Xu '22, Moriah Adeghe '21, Cat Huang '21

Whereas, the undergraduate Student Assembly has a responsibility to keep its membership informed on how to actively and productively engage in dialogue around issues that affect all students at Cornell,

Whereas, to this point, there has been no structured diversity training integrated into any part of the SA new member orientation,

Whereas, the Intergroup Dialogue Project (IDP) is an academic initiative at Cornell University that creates community across difference through dialogue,

Whereas, the IDP offers a customizable 3-hour workshop program that fosters social identity development, develops dialogue as a tool for communication, and enhances group dynamics while inspiring participants to explore avenues for social justice advocacy,

Be it further resolved, that the SA will amend Line 99 of the Bylaws to the following:

Coordinate and supervise new member orientation with the Vice President of Internal Operations and the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion

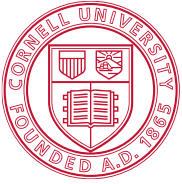
Be it further resolved, that the SA will amend Line 113 of the Bylaws to the following:

Coordinate and supervise new member orientation with the Executive Vice President and the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion,

Be it further resolved, that the SA will amend Bylaw Article 3: Officer Duties, Section 6: Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, to include the following:

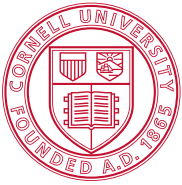
Line 174: Coordinate with the Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Internal Operations, and the Intergroup Dialogue Project to incorporate a IDP Training Session into the SA new member orientation.

Be it finally resolved, the previous amendments be made to the Student Assembly Bylaws, and the IDP training session be permanently integrated into the SA new member orientation,



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47 Colin Benedict, '21
48 *VP of Diversity and Inclusion, Student Assembly*
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50 Cat Huang '21
51 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*
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53 Valentina Xu '22
54 *VP of Internal Operations, Student Assembly*
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56 Moriah Adeghe '21
57 *VP of Finance, Student Assembly*
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59 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-0, 4/28/2020)*



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Originally Presented on:	05/07/2020
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #67 Religious Holiday Conflicts

ABSTRACT: This resolution recommends that no exams are scheduled on major religious holidays where these holidays are defined as the bolded dates on the [Cornell academic schedule](#) Furthermore this resolution recommends a campus-wide form for students to report conflict exams on religious holidays not outlined by the Cornell academic schedule and class days missed for religious holidays. Make-up exams will be required for every class a student reports a conflict exam and class recordings or slides/notes must be provided for missed classes.

Sponsored by: Rachel Marciano '20, Erik Kruse '21, Amanda Rabin '21, Rachel Rosenthal '22, Youhan Yuan '21, Julia Zimmerman '22

Whereas, current policy dictates “Instructional staff are required by New York State law to accommodate students when religious observance conflicts with exam-taking, class attendance, and other course-related requirements”;

Whereas, there is no uniform policy for how professors should address exams or class on religious holidays resulting in non-uniform accommodations among professors;

Whereas, for the major religious holidays that students may not partake in exams due to observance, it is up to administrative staff and instructors provide makeup exams for students where it is possible and practicable to do so;

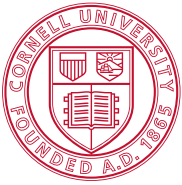
Whereas, for the major religious holidays (Eid al-Adha, Ramadan, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, on the first and second days of Sukkot, on Shemini Atzeret, on Simchat Torah, on Shavu'ot, and the first, second, seventh and eighth days of Passover, Jewish Sabbath, Christmas Day, Easter, Good Friday) in which students may not attend class for religious observance reasons, it is up to the professor in which to decide what the makeup policy for the missed class is;

Whereas, students are not guaranteed full reimbursement of the information learned in class in an absence due to religious observance;

Whereas, our peer institutions

- University of Pennsylvania and Northwestern University prohibit giving examinations on major religious holidays
- While Duke University, University of Pennsylvania, and Emory University have standardized forms allowing students to notify professors of religious conflicts with classes and/or examinations

Be it further resolved, that all examinations are prohibited on what the University currently considers to be “major religious holidays.”



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Be it further resolved, that students are given equal opportunities to learn the information taught during the class they missed, by means of the class slides or notes, and/or video-recorded lectures.

Be it further resolved, that the University establishes a standardized system to allow students to notify professors of conflicts with religious holidays and holiday-related travel, that are not accommodated by University wide policies, granting them excused absences from class

Be it further resolved, that the University establishes that no student is to be given a more difficult make-up exam or project, or to be penalized in any other way, due to missing a scheduled exam or class due to a religious conflict

Be it further resolved, that solutions determined feasible by this committee be considered for implementation across all undergraduate university departments;

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the Dean of Faculty, the Dean of Students, and the Educational Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate;

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Marciano '20
Chair, Academic Policy Committee

Erik Kruse '21
Member, Academic Policy Committee

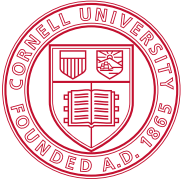
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Youhan Yuan '21
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Member, Academic Policy Committee

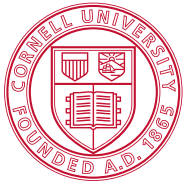
Julia Zimmerman '22
Member, Academic Policy Committee

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S.A. Resolution #68 Online Platform to answer Student Questions

ABSTRACT: This resolution recommends that instructors utilize an online platform to answer any questions students may have. Asking and answering questions is an important part of the learning process. Furthermore, this resolution increases interactions between students and course staff outside traditional office hours. All students could benefit from this platform, as it fosters an open dialogue.

Sponsored by: Rachel Marciano '20, Tasnia Haque '22, Timothy Hunt '20, Grace Wang '22

Whereas, students' personal schedules often conflict with the course's office hours;

Whereas, students may have to spend additional time in office hours to get a brief question answered, which may also be difficult for some students due to lack of transportation;

Whereas, students often have urgent questions;

Whereas, office hours can overcrowd and may not fulfill students' needs;

Whereas, professors get many emails asking the same or similar questions;

Whereas, students are able to learn from seeing previously answered questions and answering other students' questions based on their understanding of the material;

Be it therefore resolved, that professors are strongly encouraged to implement an online question or discussion forum for their classes, such as Piazza

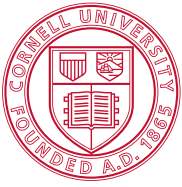
Be it therefore resolved, with an online platform they will not have to wait until the next office hour time-slot to get their urgent questions answered

Be it therefore resolved, to promote reliability professors can endorse accurate answers provided by other students and course staff

Be it further resolved, that professors and teaching assistants dedicate time to answer questions on these forums as part of their teaching responsibilities

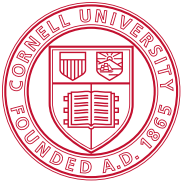
Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Marciano '20
Chair, Academic Policy Committee



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Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #69

Approving Appendix B for 2020-2022 By-Line Cycle

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

Sponsored by: Moriah Adeghe '21

Whereas, According to Appendix B, Section 5, Sub-Section A of the Student Assembly Charter, “these Funding Guidelines shall take effect on July 1, 2018 and shall expire on June 30, 2020, unless amended or renewed by the SA.”

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Moriah Adeghe '21

Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 8-0-1, 05/04/2020)



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Charter

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As Amended on May 2, 2019

PREAMBLE

After consultation with members of the student body, and to effect more extensive involvement in campus governance through a University Assembly and constituent assemblies' representatives of faculty, students, and employees, the President, through the authority granted him by the Board of Trustees, hereby establishes this Charter for the Student Assembly of Cornell University.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Student Assembly of Cornell University (herein after referred to as the SA).

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

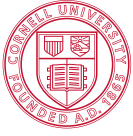
The object of this assembly shall be to effect more extensive involvement in campus governance in the undergraduate student body. This is accomplished by charging the assembly with the authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community and to make proposals concerning those issues to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University.

ARTICLE III: AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Section 1: Legislative Authority Over Policies

The SA will have legislative authority over the policies of the Department of Campus Life and the Office of the Dean of Students, and will have the authority to review the budgets and actions of said departments. Additionally, the SA will have authority over its own policies and operations. Finally, no proposal of the SA shall be altered in any way without the prior consent of the SA Executive Board or the SA. If approved by the SA Executive Board, the alteration must be made public at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- A. The SA shall by majority vote have the authority to require at any time information directly from a department or a specific individual within that department concerning the budget, policies, or actions of said department. The request for this information shall be made in the form of legislation at a SA meeting.
- B. Should a request be refused, the SA by simple majority vote may request the information be given to the Vice President for Student and Campus Life who shall forward it to the SA. The Vice President for Student and



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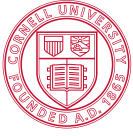
Campus Life shall act unless otherwise directed by the President of the University, pursuant to Article 3, Section 6.

Section 2: Actions of the Assembly

- A. Pursuant to the legislative authority and responsibilities of the SA the six principal actions of the Assembly are:
- i. Legislation,
 - ii. Internal Policy Resolution,
 - iii. Investigation,
 - iv. Recommendation,
 - v. Sense-of-the-Body Resolution,
 - vi. Referenda
- B. Legislation is action of the SA to carry out its legislative and policy-making functions.
- C. Internal Policy Resolutions are actions to enact internal rule changes, and to make amendments to the SA Charter.
- D. Investigation is action of the SA to gain information on issues pertinent to its purview.
- E. Recommendation is an action of the SA expressing the recommendation of the SA in policy areas over which the SA through its Charter may or may not have policy-making power.
- F. A Sense-of-the-Body Resolution, which may or may not be directed at a particular individual, organization or event, is an expression of the opinion of the SA regarding a matter of student concern.
- G. Call for a Referendum is an action of the student body to determine community opinion regarding matters of student concern.

Section 3: Reporting of Student Assembly Actions

- A. Reporting to the President – All actions, excluding internal policy changes that do not affect the Student Assembly Charter, of the SA will be reported by the SA President to the University President. The SA will respond to any requests for information from the University President on its actions. The University President may also request reconsideration of legislation proposed by the SA. Such a request must be filed within thirty days of notification of the legislation. The SA will take action on such a request, and, if the legislation is upheld, the SA will inform the University President. If the legislation is upheld and if the University President still deems the action to be defective, the University President may veto the action of the SA. The University President will review all actions of the SA that have been reported to him or her and provide a written response to those actions within 30 days. The University President, when appropriate, may also designate another member of the university administration to provide an additional written response to an action of the SA.



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- B. Reporting to Other Bodies – The SA will report in writing its actions to the GPSA, Employee Assembly, and the Faculty Senate, in conjunction with reporting of the actions to the President of the University. The actions will be reported following each meeting by a SA member designated by the SA.
- C. Annual Report - The SA will present an annual report at or after the last SA meeting of the spring term to the President of the University and the student population. The report will include a summary of the SA's work during the preceding year and, in addition, describe any unresolved issues that are expected to arise in the future. All members of the Cornell community will have access to this report. The report must be approved by either a majority vote of the members present at the final meeting of the spring term or by a majority vote of the voting membership of the Student Assembly electronically prior to being presented to the University President.

Section 4: Objection to Actions

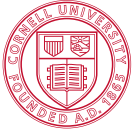
- A. Objection of SA Actions by Another Assembly – Should another Assembly object to an action of the SA, at its next business meeting, the SA will review the objection and either modify the original position to account for the objections of the other constituency(ies) or will reaffirm the original action. The SA shall report to the objecting body(ies) within five working days of reviewing the objection.
- B. Objection by SA of another Assemblies Actions – If the SA determines by a two-thirds vote that the action of another constituency body impacts its constituency, comparable procedures for the reconciliation of the differences will be pursued.

Section 5: University Calendar

- A. The Provost will consult with the SA in the formulation of the University Calendar. The SA may review and ask for reconsideration of the calendar before it becomes final. In addition, the SA may propose changes in the calendar to the Provost.
- B. The Provost shall make the calendar available for comment at least thirty days before public announcement of the final calendar.

Section 6: Presidential Information

The SA may request and obtain specific information from the President of the University regarding any subject which it deems of general student concern. If such a request is made, and said information is not furnished, the University President will report to the SA the reasons why said information cannot be furnished within two regularly scheduled SA meetings following the denial of the request. The SA will not request information falling into the following categories: salary or wage records of specific individuals, academic or financial records of specific individuals, medical or categorical (race, sex, age, etc.) records of specific individuals and information otherwise defined as confidential or restricted by law.



93 Section 7: President's Report

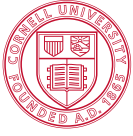
94 The President of the University or his/her appointee will make a report in writing to the SA at the end of each
95 semester. This report will be due at the beginning of the last SA meeting of each semester. This report will include: 1)
96 the status of all policies and departments affected by campus governance legislation during the semester, 2) the status
97 of all SA legislative actions awaiting Presidential consideration, and 3) progress reports requested by the SA leadership
98 on any past legislative action(s).

99 Section 8: Public Hearings, Forums, and Referenda

- 100 A. The SA will have the authority and responsibility to conduct public hearings, forums, and referenda
101 concerning topics of current student interest, and to determine in other appropriate ways student needs and
102 opinions.
- 103 B. At two times during the course of the fall and spring semesters, a student or student group (referred to as the
104 "submitter") may submit a referendum of any topic of current student interest to the Student Assembly
105 general body upon successful collection of support from at least 3-percent of the registered undergraduate
106 student body (submitters should plan to collect at least 450 undergraduate signatures) according to the
107 following procedure:
- 108 i. The referendum must contain a single or a series of referendum questions that are neutrally worded
109 and call for a yes/no response. Once the submitter has started gathering signatures, the question may
110 not be changed or modified in any way. Submitters must collect signatures (defined as a willfully
111 submitted record of first name, last name, and NetID) exclusively from registered undergraduate
112 students at Cornell University. Digital and print solicitation methods are permitted, provided that the
113 referendum question and sponsoring student or student organization are clearly visible. An electronic
114 form (ex, Google form) may be used to gather the names and NetIDs of students, but the final
115 submission must be on the appropriate form provided by the Office of the Assemblies.
 - 116 ii. The deadlines for submission of referendums will be a date to coincide with the deadlines of the
117 election materials for the Fall and for the Spring. All deadlines will be advertised through the SA
118 monthly newsletter as well as the other usual publicity instruments. Once a referendum question with
119 the appropriate number of signatures has been submitted, the SA general body will roll call vote by
120 simple majority whether to hold the referendum. The vote will also make the provision for two
121 collective community votes. If the SA votes by a margin of 80% or more of voting members to NOT
122 hold the referendum, the referendum is suspended. If the SA votes by simple majority but less than
123 80% of the vote to NOT hold the referendum, the submitter may overturn the decision of the SA by
124 collecting the signatures of at least 10-percent of the registered undergraduate student body using the
125 same method described in section A. 2. Once a referendum is approved or has gathered the support
126 of at least 10-percent of the registered undergraduate student body, the following timeline will be
127 observed:

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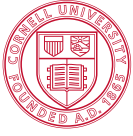


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- a. STATEMENT PERIOD. The Student Assembly Executive Vice President will put out a call for pro or con statements regarding the referendum question. Any member of the Cornell community may submit a statement. Each statement will be no longer than 300 words. The statements must pertain to the topic of the referendum question. The deadline for pro or con statements will be seven (7) days from when the call was first made public.
- b. PROMOTIONAL PERIOD. Once the seven-day statement period has ended, the Student Assembly Vice President for Public Relations has a period of three (3) days to promote the referendum question and any submitted statements. The Office of the Assemblies will distribute via email to all registered undergraduate students the following: information on when and how to vote in the referendum, the referendum question, and any pro or con statements submitted.
- c. VOTING PERIOD. The Office of the Assemblies will conduct the referendum on the next business day following the conclusion of the promotional period. The voting period will be exactly 36 hours. The Office of the Assemblies will display any pro or con statements submitted during the statement period on the poll.
- iii. The Office of the Assemblies will publicly release the results of the referendum within one business day following the conclusion of the Voting Period, including the percentage of the undergraduate population that voted.
- iv. If a referendum has a majority of votes in favor of the submitter, then the President of the Student Assembly will communicate the referendum question, a summary of each side of the argument, and the results of the referendum to the Office of the President in the form of a referendum action.
- v. The Office of the Assemblies will record and make publicly available all communication between the President of the Student Assembly and the Office of the President.

Section 9: Authority to Appoint Delegates, Committee Members and Liaisons

- A. Two members will be selected from and by the membership of the SA to serve as voting members of the UA and to act as a liaison between the UA and the SA. Elections for the two SA voting members to the UA shall be by separate secret ballots. Elections will be conducted using a single transferable vote system. The President may not be one of the SA representatives to the UA. The remaining two undergraduate student members of the UA shall be elected by the undergraduate student body at the time of SA's spring elections in the same manner as SA voting members. Elected representatives to the UA shall serve for one calendar year, taking office June 1st. Elected representatives to the UA shall serve for one calendar year, taking office June 1st. Should a seat on the UA be empty, the seat shall be declared vacant. Undergraduates may not hold a directly elected seat in both the UA and the SA during the same term.
- B. If at any time during the course of an academic year, a UA member elected directly from the undergraduate student body should leave his office, then the seat shall be filled by the next highest-ranking non-winning candidate. If there should not be a next highest-ranking non-winning candidate after the special election, the



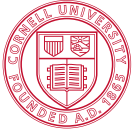
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- 164 seat will be filled by the undesignated at-large candidate receiving the most number of votes in the preceding
165 spring election.
- 166 C. The SA will have the authority to appoint student members of the UA committees.
- 167 D. The SA will have the authority to appoint student members to be liaisons to departments and administrators
168 in the University.
- 169 i. During the process of committee appointments, the following two appointments must be made:
170 liaison to the Athletic Department and liaison to the Dean of Faculty. The liaison positions shall have
171 the responsibility of increasing the communication between the SA and the respective University
172 departments.
- 173 ii. At the time that committee appointments are made, the SA will appoint one member to serve as
174 Liaison to the Provost. The student will interact and work directly with the Provost on issues that
175 affect and concern students on a regular basis during the member's term of office.
- 176 iii. At the time that committee appointments are made, the SA will appoint at least one undergraduate
177 student to serve as liaison to the Student Health Fee Advisory Committee. The liaison will be a
178 voting member of the Committee.
- 179 iv. At the time that committee appointments are made, the SA will appoint one undergraduate student
180 to serve as Liaison to the Student Health Plan Advisory Committee. The liaison will be a voting
181 member of the Committee.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Composition

- 184 A. General Composition – The SA will consist of 28 voting members who are registered undergraduate students
185 at Cornell University. Up to two additional votes shall be allocated to the entire community of undergraduates
186 as a whole present at a Student Assembly meeting on motions that express the opinion of the assembly. Such
187 community votes shall be allowed only as provided by the Assembly in its bylaws. Eleven voting members of
188 the SA will be elected by and from the student populations of the colleges and schools, one from each: the
189 College of Architecture, Art and Planning; the School of Hotel Administration; the College of Human
190 Ecology; and the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Two each shall be elected from the College of
191 Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Engineering; and three shall be elected from the College of
192 Arts and Sciences. In addition, twelve voting members will be elected at-large by and from the University
193 undergraduate student population as a whole; two at-large seats are to be reserved for candidates seeking the
194 offices of President and Executive Vice President of the Student Assembly and must be explicitly designated
195 as such; two at-large seats are to be reserved for non-constituent, undesignated at-large group candidates who
196 do not run for President or Executive Vice President; two at-large seats are to be reserved for candidates
197 seeking to represent minority students; one at-large seat is to be reserved for candidates seeking to represent
198 international students; one at-large seat is to be reserved for candidates seeking to represent women's issues in
199 relation to the broader Cornell community; one at-large seat is to be reserved for candidates seeking to



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represent First Generation College students; and one at-large seat is to be reserved for candidates seeking to represent the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer community. The two remaining non-constituent, undesignated at-large seats are to be contested by candidates running for President and Executive Vice President and by non-constituent, undesignated at-large group candidates not running for President or Executive Vice President. Five seats shall be elected by and from new students entering in the fall. Should there be no candidate running for a given seat, the seat shall be considered vacant.

B. Ex-officio Membership – All undergraduate members of the Cornell student body are considered non-voting members of the SA, and are encouraged to attend and participate in meetings. The SA may designate ex-officio membership to any member of the Cornell Community as deemed necessary for the operation of the Student Assembly

C. Specification of New Student Seats – Four new student seats shall be elected and held by new students entering in the fall semester. One additional seat shall be designated the Transfer Seat and shall be elected by incoming transfer students and held by a transfer student who has entered the university that fall.

D. Qualifications for Voting Membership - SA members elected from the various colleges and schools must be registered students in their respective colleges and schools by the beginning of the fall term of the academic year for which they were elected. SA members must resign their position if they cease to be a registered, full-time undergraduate student in their respective college. SA members elected at-large must be registered students at Cornell by the beginning of the fall term of the academic year for which they were elected. SA members must resign their position if they plan to be away from the Ithaca campus for an extended period of time (i.e. a semester). Any SA member who vacates their current seat after being elected or re-elected to a position will forfeit their new seat. The forfeited position will devolve to the next runner up, and should there be no runner-up the seat will be re-run in the fall elections.

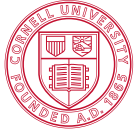
Section 2: Election of Voting Members

The President, Executive Vice President, and other Undesignated at Large representatives will be elected by a single transferable voting system. Voters may rank all candidates on the ballot for each of these races. All other representatives shall be elected by a plurality voting system. Voters will cast one vote per available seat, (e.g. if three Arts and Sciences representatives are to be elected, the voter will vote for three candidates).

Section 3: Terms

All elected members are elected to a term, ending on June 1st, with no limit as to the number of terms they may serve. Prior to being seated at the beginning of their term, each member shall take the oath of office. and shall be bound to that oath for the duration of their term.

Section 4: Advisor



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232 The University President will appoint one member of the administration to serve as consultant to the SA at its
233 meetings.

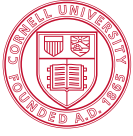
234 **Section 5: Absentees**

235 Any voting members who are absent for three regularly scheduled meetings cumulatively during their term will have
236 their position vacated. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, a member will not be counted as if they were
237 absent for an interview for a job, graduate school, or scholarship; if they were attending a required academic event for
238 which accommodations could not be made; if they were representing the Student Assembly in an official capacity; if
239 they were tending to a family emergency; if they are observing a religious holiday; or if they were under the care of a
240 physician. The Executive Committee will review each circumstance individually and will determine a decision within 7
241 days of the request. Executive Committee may avert such a vacancy by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of seated voting
242 members of the Executive Committee. The vote would be conducted by secret ballot. The Executive Committee
243 should consider the reasoning for past absences, the likelihood of future absences, and the representative's
244 supplemental actions to represent their respective constituency in making their decision. The same action must be
245 taken if the Executive Committee wishes to avert a vacancy whenever the three cumulative absences mark is
246 exceeded. The Director of Elections will serve as Chair for these meetings.

247 **Section 6: Vacancies**

248 All vacancies will be filled by seating the highest ranked non-winning candidate in the last election from the same
249 constituency. If the highest ranked non-winning candidate declines, the seat will be offered to the next highest ranked
250 non-winning candidate. If this procedure has been followed and the seat still remains vacant, the SA will solicit
251 candidates from the unrepresented constituency during the first two weeks of the academic term immediately
252 following the declaration of vacancy. If there is more than one candidate, an election will be held within the
253 appropriate constituency, and the winner will be seated. If there is only one candidate, he or she will be seated
254 immediately. If there are no candidates for a particular vacant seat, such seat will be labeled Undesignated and filled by
255 the runner-up in the Undesignated At-Large election. At the time for the next election, such seat will return to its
256 previous designation. Vacant seats shall not figure into quorums or vote counts; only filled seats may. SA members
257 who are college representatives and who leave their college will vacate their seats. Should a seat remain vacant or be
258 vacated following the special election and there are no non-winning candidates from that constituency to fill the
259 position, it shall be filled by the undesignated at-large candidate receiving the most number of votes in the preceding
260 spring election. Should an undergraduate seat on the UA remain vacant after following these procedures, the SA may
261 appoint an individual to assume the UA seat.

262 **Section 7: Recalling of Voting Members**

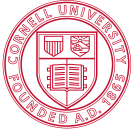


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- A. If a voting SA member is to be recalled, they may be recalled either through their constituency or through the SA. To be recalled through a member's respective constituency each of the following procedures must be followed in the given order:
- A petition for the recall of the specific SA voting member will be registered with the Office of the Assemblies before any signatures are obtained.
 - Petitioning for recall shall last for a period of not more than fourteen (14) days from the registration of the petition. The required number of signatures shall be: for representatives of a college constituency - 50% plus one or 1000 from that constituency, whichever is smaller; for at-large representatives - 15% of the student body. The petition will be presented to the Office of the Assemblies.
 - An informational forum will be scheduled and held within not more than one (1) week of the presentation of the petition, where a discussion of the recall will occur. The SA voting member must have a reasonable opportunity to attend the forum.
 - A special recall election will be scheduled for and held within not more than three (3) days after the informational hearing.
 - Should the constituency vote to remove its representative the seat shall be declared vacant.
- B. To be recalled by the SA, two-thirds of the voting membership must vote in favor of recalling the SA member.

Section 8: Responsibilities of Voting Members

- SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies are required to make a reasonable effort to arrange at least two meetings a semester with their respective academic dean or associate dean(s) to discuss college/school specific issues and concerns. These representatives will then report back to the Student Assembly at the next regularly scheduled SA meeting briefing the Assembly on pertinent issues and occurrences that would take place as a result of these meetings.
- SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies shall be charged with gathering information about their particular college and representing their respective constituencies, and voting according to their needs and desires.
- All voting representatives shall host at least one forum or outreach activity with individuals from their respective constituencies and report all outcomes to the SA at the next regularly-scheduled meeting following such an activity
- All representatives may communicate regularly with their constituents through e-mail mailing lists and listservs, which may be maintained by their respective college dean's office, the Department of Campus Life, the Office of the Dean of Students, or the Office of the Assemblies
- Any Student Assembly member, including the Vice President for Public Relations, must submit a mass message (e-mail, advertisement, press release, etc.) to the Executive Board for approval. The Executive Board may approve a message by a majority vote and the vote may be conducted by e-mail. The e-mail records must be saved.



ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Proposal of Amendments

This charter may be amended at any regular meeting of the assembly by a two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting. Amendments may be presented to the assembly by voting members or by community petition with at least 100 Cornell undergraduate student signatures. Any changes made to the attendance policy after the second meeting of the term will not go into effect until the following term.

Section 2: Presidential Approval

Amendments to this Charter are subject to the approval of the President of the University. Should the University President disapprove the amendments affected by this section, the University President will present a detailed verbal or written report to the SA indicating the reasons for disapproval. The report will be presented within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed amendments by the University President.

Section 3: Official Copy

The Office of Assemblies shall update the official copy of the charter within five business days of receiving notice of any amendment's ratification.

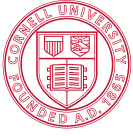
APPENDIX A: GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

Section 1: Preamble

The Student Assembly (the Assembly), through the delegated authority of the President and the Board of Trustees, is charged with the allocation of the Student Activity Fee (SAF). This fee is mandatory for all undergraduate students of the University and shall be used to fund participation in, and viewing of, activities and programs that benefit the Cornell community. The SAF shall be determined during the fall semester of every odd-numbered year, and be subject to the approval of the President of the University.

Section 2: Definitions

- A. The following terms, which appear frequently in this Appendix, shall be defined as follows:
- i. Organization: a registered Independent or University organization that has authorization to receive funding.



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- ii. SAFC: Student Activities Funding Commission, the designated Finance Commission of the Student Assembly.
- iii. New applicant: an organization that did not receive funding in the previous two funding cycles.
- iv. Returning applicant: an organization that did receive funding in the previous two funding cycles.
- v. Funding cycle: a two-year period of time spanning from the start of the third quarter of an even-numbered year to the end of the second quarter of the next even-numbered year (e.g. July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008).
- vi. Petition: document to collect signatures that includes the name of the organization, its mission statement, and monetary request. All petitions must be registered with and prepared by the Office of the Assemblies.
- vii. By-line funding: line item funding that comes directly from the SAF and not from an intermediary source, such as the SAFC.
- viii. Appropriations Committee: a committee of the Student Assembly as outlined in the Student Assembly Bylaws.

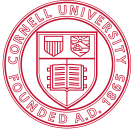
Section 3: Eligibility

- A. To receive byline funding applicants must:
 - i. directly and primarily serve/benefit the entire undergraduate Cornell community
 - ii. allow all students equal access to services and/or participation
 - iii. request as part of their annual operating budget at least \$0.50 per student, per year, from the SAF
 - iv. if a new applicant, present a petition of fifteen hundred (1500) registered undergraduates to the Student Assembly
- B. Except at the discretion of the Assembly and with approval of the President, organizations must also:
 - i. be a registered organization
 - ii. be student-directed and student-led
 - iii. possess a University operating account with internally controlled funds
 - iv. have a Cornell-employed advisor with oversight of its account
 - v. be previously funded by either the SAFC, the Student Assembly, or a University department/unit

Section 4: Procedure

- A. Application
 - i. The Office of Assemblies shall make application materials available for all interested applicants at least 3 weeks before the deadline.
 - ii. By 3:30 pm on April 25 or the first business day thereafter in the semester preceding a fee-setting year, each applicant must submit, using forms that are hosted on the website of the Office of the Assemblies, a preliminary application including:
 - a. name of applicant,
 - b. a preliminary request in dollars per student per year,

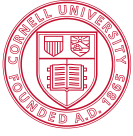
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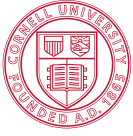
- 363 c. checklist statement regarding eligibility criteria,
- 364 d. current primary and secondary contacts for the organization including email and phone
- 365 contact information, and,
- 366 e. if a new applicant, petitions bearing the signature of fifteen hundred (1500) undergraduate
- 367 students registered in that semester.
- 368 iii. If the number of valid signatures is found to be under 1,500, the organization will be informed and
- 369 will have until the end of finals to procure the missing signatures, at the discretion of the Vice
- 370 President of Finance.
- 371 iv. At least one week before the deadline for final application submission, the Vice President for Finance
- 372 shall convene mandatory meetings for the Presidents, Treasurers, and Advisors of all applicants
- 373 a. the Appropriations Committee shall review each applicant's application and approve the
- 374 detail of each applicant's financial statements.
- 375 b. applicants shall notify the Vice President for Finance if their final request will differ from
- 376 their preliminary request.
- 377 c. The Vice President for Finance can grant an extension for all organizations if there is a delay
- 378 in the availability of application materials.
- 379 v. By noon on Friday of the third week of the fall semester in which classes are held in a fee setting
- 380 year, each applicant must submit in print and digitally in a single file, using forms provided by the
- 381 Office of the Assemblies, a final application including:
- 382 a. mission statement, of the organization or program, not to exceed one page,
- 383 b. written organization profile, not to exceed three pages, including:
- 384 1. officers,
- 385 2. number of members, and
- 386 3. description of activities, programming, and events conducted in the present cycle,
- 387 c. summary of request for funding, not to exceed two pages, including a final funding request,
- 388 and describing how the applicant intends to use funding and summarizing any changes if the
- 389 applicant is a returning applicant,
- 390 d. financial statements for the past two academic years, the current academic year, and financial
- 391 projections for the two following years based on requested funding levels during the funding
- 392 cycle, and
- 393 e. an analysis of the current academic year's financial statements showing hypothetical
- 394 spending on each budget item in an organization's financial statements if the organization
- 395 received 10%, 25%, and 35% less funding than its current allocation².
- 396 vi. Applicants may submit materials in excess of specified numbers of pages only with written
- 397 permission by the Vice President for Finance.
- 398 vii. The Office of the Assemblies will make received application materials available for public viewing
- 399 online. Any pages containing confidential information must be explicitly stamped "confidential" and
- 400 clearly identified to distinguish them from the publicly viewable portion of the application.

B. Preliminary Report by Appropriations Committee



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- i. By the last day of classes in the academic year preceding a fee-setting year, the Vice President for Finance will report each request received and the total amount of requests received in dollars per student per year to the Assembly, the Vice President for Student and Campus Life, and the President of the University.
 - ii. Before the deadline for final applications, the Vice President for Finance will report to the Assembly on the eligibility of each applicant, identifying:
 - a. any new applicants that do not meet one or more eligibility criteria, and
 - b. any returning applicants that do not meet one or more eligibility criteria which the Assembly may not waive.
 - iii. The Assembly may waive those eligibility requirements it is empowered to waive on a per organization basis for any organization for the remainder of the semester. Such organizations may then proceed through the appropriation process, provided they meet all other eligibility criteria not waived by the Assembly.
- C. Appropriation Process
- i. Within one week after the deadline for final applications, the Appropriations Committee (the committee) shall convene to review applications.
 - ii. For each applicant deemed to be eligible or for which eligibility criteria are waived by the Assembly, the committee will:
 - a. arrange a hearing where the applicant may address questions of the committee,
 - b. decide whether to fund the applicant in any amount, and,
 - c. if it decides to fund the applicant, adopt an allocation in dollars per student per year of no less than fifty cents and no more than the request submitted by the applicant (this guideline can be waived for the Student Activities Funding Commission's allocation).
 - iii. At each meeting of the Assembly immediately preceding such a meeting of the committee, the Vice President for Finance will report the date, time, and location of the meetings as well as the names of applicants the committee intends to review.
 - iv. At each meeting of the Assembly immediately following such a meeting of the committee, the Vice President for Finance will introduce a written report, including:
 - a. name of applicant,
 - b. amount requested by applicant,
 - c. amount of allocation recommended by committee,
 - d. rationale explaining committee's recommendation, and
 - e. a brief response from the applicant, including any request to appeal to the Assembly. The Vice President for Finance may set a deadline for the applicant to submit a response, provided the deadline is no less than one business day after the applicant receives notice of the committee's decision.
 - v. The Vice President for Finance must inform each applicant of the time and location of any meeting where the report is to be presented or reviewed and must advise each applicant to send a representative who may answer questions of assembly members.



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- vi. If an applicant chooses to appeal the committee's recommendation, the Assembly will reconsider the recommendation of the committee. The Office of Assemblies will provide several copies of complete application materials at any meeting where the assembly considers appeals.
 - vii. The Vice President for Finance will also file minutes of the committee's meetings with the Office of the Assemblies.
 - viii. The committee will submit its final recommendation, including individual allocations, to the Assembly in the form of a legislative at least two weeks before the end of the fall semester.
- D. Student Assembly Appropriation Process
- i. The Assembly shall not adopt the recommendation of the Appropriations Committee at the same meeting that it is proposed.
 - ii. The Assembly shall provide notice to all applicants at least one full day in advance at any meeting where legislation related to its funding is discussed.
 - iii. The President of the Assembly will transmit its recommendation to the President for consideration by the last day of finals of the fall semester, including:
 - a. the total amount of SAF recommendation,
 - b. the allocations of each by-line funded organization, and
 - c. a short description of each organization.

Section 5: Specifications

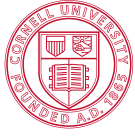
- A. Members of the Assembly or the Appropriations Committee must disclose to the Vice President for Finance any personal affiliations with applicants and must recuse themselves from any business related to such applicants to prevent conflicts of interest.
- B. Members of the Assembly and of the Appropriations Committee must sign a confidentiality statement and submit it to the Office of the Assemblies before they are seated in the fall semester of a fee-setting year.

Section 6: "Check-off" or "Pay-extra" Options

Neither a check-off option nor an option to pay an amount in addition to the established SAF for specific programs or services will be allowed for purposes of exempting a student from paying the full amount of the SAF. Exceptions may be considered if recommended and approved by the Student Assembly and approved by the President of the University.

Section 7: Voting

Proxy votes shall not be permitted for decisions of the Student Assembly regarding the SAF during the SAF allocation process. The Student Assembly must approve the appropriations committee decisions by a majority of Student Assembly members present at the meeting and can overturn an appropriations committee decision by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Student Assembly members present at the meeting. If the Student Assembly overturns a decision of the



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474 appropriations committee, the Student Assembly must decide Activity Fee funding for that organization by a majority
475 of the Student Assembly members present at the meeting. After all appropriations committee decisions have been
476 approved or overturned, the Student Assembly must approve the SAF by a majority of the voting membership of the
477 Student Assembly

478 **Section 8: Freedom of Information**

479 Unless otherwise noted, all documents regarding the SAF shall be considered public and shall be available to members
480 of the Cornell community for review within 24 hours of their request. All deliberations regarding allocations and
481 authorization shall be conducted in open session unless otherwise required by university policy or law. If a closed
482 session is necessary to review or discuss confidential materials, discussion in such session must be limited only to
483 those materials and no vote may be taken regarding the disposition of the request itself. Confidential materials may be
484 disclosed publicly only at the discretion of authorized university personnel.

485 **Section 9: Conference with GPSA**

486 If a disparity arises in funding levels between the GPSA and SA of an organization that is funded by both, the
487 financial officers of each body will meet to discuss the discrepancy and recommend action to their respective bodies.

488 **Section 10: Default**

489 If the Assembly does not adopt a recommendation in the fall semester of a fee setting year, its recommendation shall
490 be presumed to be that all individual by-lines revert to the same level as in the current funding cycle with the
491 following exception:

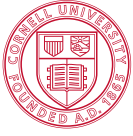
- 492 1. Should an applicant's newly approved allocation be less than that of the current cycle, the applicant shall
493 receive the lower allocation.

494 **Section 11: Amendments**

495 Appendix A may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Assembly. In order to ensure consistency and
496 fairness to the applicants and student body at-large, no amendments to this appendix may be adopted during the fall
497 semester of a fee-setting year.

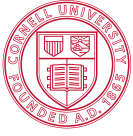
498 **Section 12: Review**

499 The SA and the GPSA and a representative of the President of the University shall review these guidelines and the
500 procedures established in accordance therewith at least every four years in a non-fee-setting year (e.g. 2014-2015,
501 2018-2019). This review shall be conducted with strict adherence to the guidelines set forth by the Board of Trustees
502 in Attachment A: Criteria for Setting and Allocating the Student Activity Fee (03/01/99).



**Section 13: Criteria for Setting and Allocating the Student Activity Fee from the
March 1, 1999 Delegation of Authority**

- A. Pursuant to a letter dated March 1, 1999, the President of the University has delegated responsibility for the setting and allocation of the Student Activity Fee to the Student Assembly (SA) and the Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) within the following guidelines:
- B. The SA and the GPSA shall each amend their respective charters to include the criteria for the setting and allocation of the Student Activity Fee, including the guidelines set forth herein and which criteria shall be reviewed by and meet the approval of the President of the University.
- C. The Student Activity Fee for undergraduate students and for graduate and professional students shall be set every two years for a period of two years by the SA and the GPSA, respectively.
- D. The amount of the Student Activity Fee shall be determined by the last day of classes in the fall semester of the fee-setting year by the SA and the GPSA, after substantive input and active participation in the fee-setting process by their constituencies. In the event the SA or the GPSA is unable to meet this deadline, the applicable Student Activity Fee will default to the amount and allocation currently in effect during the fee-setting year. The final report must be sent to the President of the University by the last day of finals of the fall semester.
- E. In general, in order to be considered for funding from the monies collected through the Student Activity Fee, an organization must meet the following criteria:
 - i. Register as a student or university organization with the Student Activities Office
 - ii. Allow students equal access to the services being provided by the organization or participation in the organization's activities
 - iii. Operate primarily for students by students with funds disbursed through a university operating account
 - iv. Have an advisor to assist with oversight of the university operating account.
- F. Funding from the monies collected through the Student Activities Fee may be provided directly to an organization, which applies for and receives "by-line" funding status, outside of the established Student Activities Funding Commission or Graduate and Professional Student Activities Funding Commission processes. In addition to the general criteria set out above, an organization wishing to receive by-line funding must demonstrate:
 - i. Its activities are of direct and primary benefit to the entire Cornell community represented by the respective assembly; and
 - ii. It has a demonstrated budgetary need equivalent to at least 50 cents per student per year.
- G. The SA and the GPSA may also elect to provide by-line funding for other programs and services, which are not registered organizations (e.g., Students Helping Students, club insurance) but whose organizational structure and programs and services are consistent with the criteria outlined above for by-line funded organizations. Such funding would require the approval of the respective assembly and the President of the University.



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- H. The SA and the GPSA will ensure that an appropriate balance is maintained between funds allocated to by-line funded organizations and the Student Activities Funding Commission or Graduate and Professional Student Activities Funding Commission, respectively. The SA and GPSA shall allocate no less than 35% of their respective Student Activity Fees to the applicable Finance Commission for disbursement among non-by-line funded organizations.
- I. The SA shall ensure that the Student Activity Fee is an even dollar amount without change. The SA shall be permitted to increase the Student Activities Funding Commission's allocation above their request to reach an even dollar amount.
- J. Neither a check-off option nor an option to pay an amount in addition to the established Student Activity Fee for specific programs or services will be allowed for purposes of exempting a student from paying the full amount of the Student Activity Fee, due to the funding instability inherent in administering such a system. Exceptions may be considered if recommended and approved by the respective assembly and approved by the President of the University.
- K. These guidelines and the procedures established in accordance therewith shall be reviewed by the SA and the GPSA and a representative of the President of the University at least every four years in a non-fee-setting year.

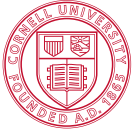
APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1: Preamble

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

Section 2: Student Assembly's Role and Obligations

- A. **SA Charge:** As the student-elected governing body at Cornell University, the SA shall seek out and voice effectively the interests and concerns of the student body.
- B. **Notice of Current Governing Documents:** The SA shall provide each by-line funded organization, the Director(s) of Student Activities, Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students with a current copy of these Guidelines, as well as the SA Charter and the SA Appropriations Committee Charge and Guidelines each year.
- C. **Notice of Pending Legislation:** Each by-line funded organization, the Director(s) of Student Activities, Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students shall be notified of any SA, SA Appropriations Committee, or other meeting in which legislation concerning or affecting Fee recipients is pending.



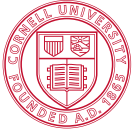
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- D. **Outreach:** The SA Vice-President for Finance shall, wherever possible and as often as possible, attend meetings of each organization throughout the year.
- E. **Enforcement, Violations & Penalties**
- i. The SA Vice-President for Finance shall be charged with investigation of all accusations regarding violations of these guidelines and will report such findings to the SA.
 - ii. If the SA determines that an organization has committed a violation, the SA may impose a fine, reduction or revocation of the organization's by-line funding allocation. In order for a fine, reduction, or revocation of funding to occur, a two-thirds majority of the SA must concur. Reasons for a fine, reduction, or revocation of funding include, but are not limited to, violation of these rules, violation of campus policies, or violation of contract. Any money garnered from a fine on an organization shall be placed in the Special Projects Fund of the Student Assembly. If a reduction or revocation of funding affecting the remainder of the funding cycle occurs, the University shall attempt to reduce the SAF to reflect the lower amount. Excepting that, the money shall revert to the Special Projects Fund.

Section 3: General Guidelines

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

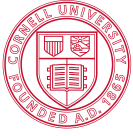
- A. **Eligibility:** SAF allocations are to be used primarily for the benefit of undergraduate students. Organizations that have the capability to be student run and led shall be primarily student run and led.
- B. **Event Ticketing:** For all events (concerts, lectures, films, etc.) funded by the Fee allocations and for which admission is charged:
 - i. Cornell students shall receive a reasonable discount per event to reflect their prior contribution via the SAF.
 - ii. Cornell students shall receive the first opportunity to purchase tickets or (otherwise should have a substantial amount of tickets reserved for student use).
 - iii. The Appropriations Committee or the Executive Committee shall have the ability to request that organizations publish a report to the SA on the amount of money received for an event, where that money has been allocated, total attendance, and how much money was spent on the event.
- C. **Attendance Tracking:** Each By-line Funded Organization shall, whenever possible, provide accurate attendance figures. Such figures may be acquired through a number of measures including swiping Cornell ID's, using a ticketing system, keeping a sign in sheet, or having someone at the door count entrants. For events that are expected to exceed a capacity of 100 attendees, organizations are required to track attendance through a ticketing system or using Cornell ID Scanners. For organizations unable to purchase their own scanners, scanners will be available to rent through the Office of the Assemblies. For events where tracking attendance would provide an unnecessary burden to organizations, a brief written statement explaining why attendance was not taken is required.



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- D. **Public Promotion & Engagement:** Each organization shall regularly advertise its existence and encourage student participation at its meetings, which shall be open to the public. Each organization funded by the SA will be required to include the SA logo or the following statement on all fliers, posters, promotions, programs, and literature "Funded in part by the Student Assembly".
- E. **Funds Partitioning:** SAF money will preferably be held in a separate University account for accounting and reporting purposes. Otherwise all expenditures from SAF money shall be authorized by the Organization in accordance with its governing documents. These requirements apply to all organizations unless explicitly exempted in this Appendix or waived by a two-thirds vote of both the Appropriations Committee and the Student Assembly. The waiver shall apply for one by-line funding cycle.
- F. **Prohibition on Compensation:** No Advisor, President, Treasurer, staff member, other officer, or member of an organization may be compensated from an organization's SAF account or SAF earned income account.
- G. **SA Liaisons:** The SA shall have the option of appointing a Student Assembly member to serve as a non-voting liaison to each organization or, where appropriate, to its Executive Board. If an organization feels their liaison is failing in their duty, a new liaison may be appointed.
- H. **Off-Year Reporting:** During the fall of even-numbered calendar years each organization shall provide the Appropriations Committee with a written account of the use of its fee allocation and operations for the previous academic year, and an oral summary of its activities, including usage statistics and future programming plans. The SA Vice President for Finance will conduct an unofficial vote regarding the committee's recommendation on whether or not the organization should receive an increase in funding, a decrease in funding or maintenance of funding at its current level. The SA Vice President for Finance shall then provide a written summary report of these meetings to the SA.
- I. **New Organization Reporting:** Organizations receiving By-Line funding for the first time in the current funding cycle shall report each semester to the Appropriations Committee on their operations and finances.
- J. **Conferences:** Organizations may send Executive Board member(s) to one annual conference, if desired. The Appropriations Committee must approve organization's conference expenditures and each organization must demonstrate to the committee that conference attendance will benefit the Organization's ability to achieve its mission statement. Organizations shall request approval in their annual fall report to the SA. All conferences, teambuilding, banquet, training, and other social expenditures for organization members, in sum, shall be no greater than \$4,000 or 10% of the organization's by-line allocation, whichever is less. This rule shall not apply to SAFC-funded organizations.
- K. **Governing Document Approval:** All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations' bylaws, constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.
- L. **Non-discrimination:**
- M. **Non-discrimination:** All organizations receiving Student Activity Fee funds directly or that receive such funds indirectly from a by-line funded organization shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived age, race, religion, creed color, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status, domestic violence victim status, or any combination of these factors when determining its membership and when determining the equal rights of all general members and executive board members, respectively, which shall

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include, but are not limited to, voting for, seeking, and holding positions within the organization. Additionally, all organizations receiving funding from the Student Activity Fee and that serve as a funding source for other organizations on campus shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived age, race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military violence victim status, or any combination of these factors when awarding funding.

- i. Notwithstanding these requirements, a club sport may make requirements based on competitive athletic skill which may result in a club sport of one or predominantly one gender. Organizations may also make requirements based on vocal range or quality which may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one gender. Organizations that participate in activities with governmental age restrictions may also make appropriate requirements on the basis of age.
- ii. Organizations may also enforce uniform standards of conduct as a prerequisite for obtaining some or all rights of general members and executive board members, respectively, so long as said standards are protected by the 1st Amendment of the United States Constitution in the context of a public university and do not impede enforcement of Appendix B, Section II, subsection E.
- iii. Each organization receiving Student Activity Fee funds directly from the Student Assembly shall include a "Non-discrimination Clause" section in its bylaws, constitution or other governing documents reflecting this policy.

Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines

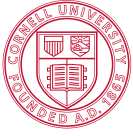
Furthermore, individual organizations shall adhere to the following additional Guidelines:

A. ALANA Intercultural Board

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

B. Athletics & Physical Education

- i. The Athletics Department shall provide, at no cost, a Big Red Sports Pass (BRSP) to each undergraduate student. \$7.30 per student per year of the total annual Athletics allocation may be spent towards providing the BRSP. The BRSP shall provide free admission to all varsity sports excluding Men's Varsity Ice Hockey.



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- ii. In collaboration with the Sports Marketing Group, the Athletics Department will promote Cornell Athletic events to the entire Cornell community. \$1.78 per student per year of the annual Athletics' allocation may be spent towards providing marketing and promotions.

C. Class Councils

- i. Provide a semesterly budget report for all Class Councils events.
- ii. The Class Councils allocation shall be divided between the four class years in proportions determined by the organization.

D. Collegiate Readership Program

- i. The Collegiate Readership Program shall operate for the 2020-2022 by-line cycle using its accumulated surplus and the activity fee disbursement.
- ii. The SA Vice President for Finance or their designee shall oversee the operations and finances of the Collegiate Readership Program.
- iii. The Collegiate Readership Program shall provide free New York Times and Wall Street Journal access for undergraduate students.
- iv. ~~Newspapers shall be distributed from the Monday of the week prior to the first full week of classes to the last day of exam week during each fall semester and from the first day of class to the last day of exam week during each spring semester. These distributions periods do not include Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, or Spring Break.~~
- v. The SA Vice President for Finance or their designee shall prepare and present a report to the Student Assembly at the end of each academic year with information regarding readership and an analysis of the current distribution locations. Any proposed changes in locations or proportions must be approved by a majority vote of the SA.
- vi. The SA Vice President for Finance shall report to the Student Assembly the amount allocated to the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

E. Community Partnership Board

- i. The Board shall use Activity Fee money for the funding of projects. Administrative expenses shall be paid by the Board's parent body, the Public Service Center, or other non-activity fee sources of funding.
- ii. Projects funded are to be decided by the Board. Those projects are to be included in the annual report to the SA.

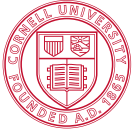
F. Convocation

- i. At the time of the selection of Convocation Committee membership, the Convocation Committee Chair shall invite all voting members of the SA, directly-elected undergraduate members of the UA, and student-elected trustee(s) that belong to that class year to participate as full voting members of the Convocation Committee. The SA Vice President for Finance shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee.
- ii. Convocation shall announce speaker selection first at a Student Assembly meeting.
- iii. Convocation Committee shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance if the Committee is expected to require more than its SAF allocation to support Convocation.

G. Cornell Concert Commission

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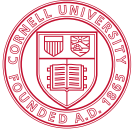
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- i. The Concert Commission shall seek to produce at least one act each semester in Barton Hall, Lynah Rink, or similar venue.
- ii. The Concert Commission shall put on one free concert during the academic year.
- iii. The Cornell Concert Commission shall send a report to the Appropriations Committee any time a concert's subsidy is more than expected and the Cornell Concert Commission should detail the shortfall and the impact it will have on future operations.
- H. Cornell University Emergency Medical Service
 - i. CUEMS may save no more than \$30,000 per each two-year funding cycle toward the purchase of a new vehicle.
 - ii. CUEMS shall record the number of undergraduates who use their CUEMS services.
- I. Cornell University Programming Board
 - i. The Cornell University Program Board shall use its SAF allocation to bring widely known speakers to campus.
 - ii. CUPB shall record the number of undergraduates who attend each program.
- J. CU Tonight Commission
 - i. CUTonight shall promote non-alcoholic, late night social programming, on campus, open to the entire Cornell community.
 - ii. CUTonight shall send at least one representative to every funded event with the intention of reviewing the event
 - iii. CUTonight shall provide applicant organizations the opportunity to appeal the decisions of the Committee to the Appropriations Committee.
 - iv. CUTonight shall develop and adhere to a rubric and written hearing procedures off of which the commission will evaluate applicants. This rubric and these procedures shall be submitted to the SA Vice President for Finance for approval by the Appropriations Committee.
 - v. CUTonight shall forward the results of the rubric to the SA Vice President for Finance after each CUTonight funding cycle.
- K. Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition
 - i. The Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition shall collaborate with the Student Assembly Women's Liaison Representative on safety, health, and other topics pertinent to women on campus.
 - ii. GJAC shall set a two-year budget for Feminism Food for thought not to exceed \$10,000.
 - i. GJAC shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance of the total SAF spending on Feminism Food for Thought before the final Student Assembly meeting each May.
 - ii. The Feminism Food for Thought budget for AY 2020-2021 shall not exceed 10,000 less the total SAF spending on Feminism Food for Thought in AY 2019-2020.
 - iii. When 50% of the two-year budget has been exhausted, the WRC shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance.
 - iv. GJAC shall strive to maximize and strive to track attendance at this event.
- L. Interfaith Council
 - i. Interfaith Council shall provide a description of how fund are allocated to each organization under their umbrella.

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- ii. Each organization under The Council shall receive funding for at least one event open to the public, every academic year.

M. Orientation Steering Committee

- i. The Assistant Dean of Students in New Student Programs shall continue to supervise the planning and implementation of all August and January orientation activities.
- ii. By the last meeting of the Spring Semester, OSC shall present a report to the SA detailing planned activities for the upcoming Orientation week
- iii. The president of the SA and the Student Elected Trustee must be invited to address the new students at the President's New Students Convocation each year. If the Cornell University President limits the OSC to two speakers, the president of the SA must be invited.
- iv. Attendance at Welcome Weekend events shall not be mandatory for Orientation volunteers.
- v. OSC shall increase funding for both transfer and January Orientation programming.
- vi. OSC shall allocate more than \$1.12 of their allocation towards programs designed to educate new students about consent and sexual assault.
- vii. OSC shall submit the results of the feedback surveys to the Appropriations Committee.
- viii. OSC shall reduce the costs of apparel.

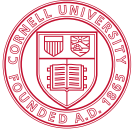
N. Outdoor Odyssey

- i. Outdoor Odyssey shall maintain their need-based financial aid program for students who apply for pre-orientation trips and shall dedicate no less than \$20,000 per year toward this program.
- ii. Outdoor Odyssey shall conduct a review during the 2020-2022 Funding Cycle of the demographics of those who attend.
- iii. Outdoor Odyssey shall investigate creating trips accessible for the differently abled and shall report their findings to the Student Assembly before the final Student Assembly meeting in the fall of 2018.

O. Professional Fraternity Council (PFC)

- i. PFC shall have a survey that potential new members of all PFOs as fill out regarding demographic data including but not limited to socioeconomic status, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability status, etc. The same survey should be filled out by anyone who is given a bid or accepts a bid from any PFO.
- ii. PFC shall provide a detailed report regarding diversity statistics within the individual PFOs. Diversity statistics should be standardized among the PFOs.
- iii. PFC shall provide recruitment statistics from each individual PFO (membership caps from national organizations, self-determined membership caps, number of students rushing, number of bids extended, number of bids accepted, etc.) to the Appropriations Committee during the Byline funding process, as well as publishing the statistics on the PFC website and/or on the individual chapter website.
- iv. PFC shall institute Consent Ed training as a requirement for PFO membership in PFC. Each PFO chapter must schedule a ConsentEd presentation at least once every calendar year for their general body members. At least 80% of their active members must be in attendance at the presentation. PFC shall not disperse funds to any PFO that does not meet the 80% attendance requirement.
- v. PFC shall not distribute funding to any PFO that is not in compliance with the above mandates.
- vi. Chapter dues shall be posted on the PFC website as well as the individual PFO websites.

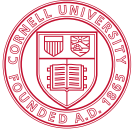
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- 803 P. Senior Days
- 804 i. SAF-funded Senior Week events will be open to all seniors and at least 90% of the SAF allocation
- 805 will go towards free, non-ticketed events.
- 806 ii. Before the final Student Assembly meeting in the fall, Senior Days shall report to the Appropriations
- 807 Committee the attendance, expenditures, and income generated from each event held during the
- 808 most recent Senior Days.
- 809 Q. Slope Day Programming Board (SDPB)
- 810 i. The allocation for the SDPB shall be used exclusively for programming and publicity for an event at
- 811 the end of the spring semester.
- 812 ii. The SDPB shall organize a non-alcoholic Slope Fest event concurrent to Slope Day.
- 813 iii. SDPB shall offer all undergraduate students free admission to Slope Day, unless expressly permitted
- 814 by the SA.
- 815 iv. The Slope Day Programming Board shall collect demographic information from all Slope Day
- 816 entrants. These statistics shall be reported to the SA and GPSA the Fall Semester following Slope
- 817 Day.
- 818 v. The Slope Day Programming Board shall announce artist selection first at a Student Assembly
- 819 meeting.
- 820 vi. The Slope Day Programming Board shall set a price floor for non-activity fee paying individuals
- 821 approximately equal to the total activity fee disbursement divided by projected undergraduate
- 822 attendance. The price paid by non-activity fee paying individuals shall be no less than the activity fee
- 823 allocation, except with the explicit consent of the Student Assembly.
- 824 ~~R. Slope Media Group~~
- 825 i. ~~Slope Media Group shall establish durable goods inventory management procedures, which must~~
- 826 ~~include details about anticipated storage locations, authorized persons to possess or handle~~
- 827 ~~equipment, device security, and theft.~~
- 828 ii. ~~Slope Media group shall not spend student activity fee funding on any giveaways including but not~~
- 829 ~~limited to glassware, clothing, and general accessories, without the explicit approval of the~~
- 830 ~~Appropriations Committee.~~
- 831 S. Student Activities Funding Commission
- 832 i. SAFC shall publish and make publicly available a written account of the organizations requesting
- 833 funding, the amount requested, the amount rewarded, and the amount spent.
- 834 ii. Criteria for funding of undergraduate student organizations may not be altered or waived without the
- 835 explicit approval of the SA.
- 836 iii. SAFC shall annually review and amend its ~~tier~~ spending cap system guidelines to project expenditure
- 837 growth of approximately 3% per year. SAFC is not required to have actually achieved 3% growth per
- 838 year. SAFC shall report the outcome of this review to the Appropriations Committee.
- 839 T. Welcome Weekend
- 840 i. Welcome Weekend shall seek to hold events during the first two weeks of each semester.

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- ii. Welcome Weekend shall offer the TGIF Midnight Breakfast, for free only to undergraduates, and shall record undergraduate attendance.
- iii. Welcome Weekend shall seek out co-sponsorships where applicable.
- U. Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board
 - i. All events funded by WSH SUB must either take place in Willard Straight Hall or the surrounding environments and be directly associated with the purpose and mission of WSH.
 - ii. WSH SUB shall develop and adhere to a yearly budget. By a majority vote, the Appropriations Committee may amend the budget.
 - iii. WSH SUB shall not purchase and dispense giveaways including but not limited to gold or silver plates and graduation gifts.

~~V. Women's Resource Center (WRC)~~

- i. ~~The Women's Resource Center shall collaborate with the Student Assembly Women's Liaison Representative on safety, health, and other topics pertinent to women on campus.~~
- ii. ~~The WRC shall set a two-year budget for Feminism Food for thought not to exceed \$10,000.~~
 - i. ~~The WRC shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance of the total SAF spending on Feminism Food for Thought before the final Student Assembly meeting each May.~~
 - ii. ~~The Feminism Food for Thought budget for AY 2019-2020 shall not exceed 10,000 less the total SAF spending on Feminism Food for Thought in AY 2018-2019.~~
 - iii. ~~When 50% of the two-year budget has been exhausted, the WRC shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance.~~
 - iv. ~~The WRC shall strive to maximize and strive to track attendance at this event.~~

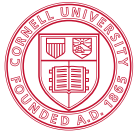
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Section 5: Duration and Supersession

- A. Once approved by the SA, these Funding Guidelines shall take effect on July 1, 2018 and shall expire on June 30, 2020, unless amended or renewed by the SA. These rules require a two-thirds majority of SA members present to be amended.
- B. These Funding Guidelines supersede all previous legislation of the SA and its predecessor bodies, as well as all charters, constitutions, bylaws, and other legislation of all SAF recipients and other student organizations.
- C. Guidelines for organizations that also receive funding from the GPSA may be amended only after consultation with the GPSA.

APPENDIX C: GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Section 1: Preamble



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873 The Student Assembly (the Assembly), is charged with the allocation of the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund
874 (SAIF). Applications for funding provided by the SAIF must be reviewed annually by the SAIF Committee and are
875 subject to overview by the Appropriations Committee.

876 **Section 2: Sources of Funding**

877 By the first of November of every year, the annual pay out of the SAF endowment fund will be transferred into the
878 SAIF under the Student Disbursement Account of the Assembly.

879 **Section 3: Closing of Account at Year End**

880 By the last regularly scheduled Student Assembly meeting of the fall semester, the chair of the SAIFC will deliver a
881 report to the Assembly of all funds, committed, spent and unspent, remaining in the SAIF Disbursement Account.

882 **Section 4: Definitions**

883 The following terms, which appear frequently in this Appendix, shall be defined as follows:

- 884 A. Organization: a registered Independent or University organization that has authorization to receive funding.
- 885 B. Application: the request to receive a funding award from the SAIF for a project or initiative.
- 886 C. Applicant: any individual student, group of students, organization, or group of organizations who submits an
887 application to receive a funding award from the SAIF.
- 888 D. SAFC: Student Activities Funding Commission, a committee of the Student Assembly, as outlined in the
889 Student Assembly Bylaws.
- 890 E. Byline funding: line item funding that comes directly from the SAF as described under Appendix A of the
891 Student Assembly Charter.
- 892 F. Appropriations Committee: a committee of the Student Assembly, as outlined in the Student Assembly
893 Bylaws.

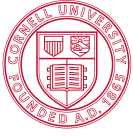
894 **Section 5: Purpose**

895 The purpose of the SAIF is to financially support projects and/or initiatives that improve infrastructure or facilities
896 on campus that contribute to the undergraduate experience of Cornell students.

897 **Section 6: Eligibility**

898 To be eligible to receive a funding award from the SAIF, an application for a project or initiative must:

- 899 A. be developed and organized and submitted by Cornell undergraduates;
- 900 B. allow Cornell undergraduate students equal access to the benefits of the project;



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- 901 C. be an initiative located on the Ithaca campus of Cornell University;
902 D. Be reliant on an SAIF funding award in order to be completed in a timely fashion;
903 E. not have previously requested and received a funding award from the SAIF for the same purpose.

904 Section 7: Permitted Applications

905 The following applications represent some, but not all, of the eligible projects or initiatives that, if they are not among
906 the list of prohibited applications, may receive funding awards from the SAIF:

- 907 A. a renovation of a room or building
908 B. the construction of new infrastructure (ex. Bike racks, electrical outlets, water fountains)
909 C. an opportunity to increase the size of a capital goods expenditure to receive an unforeseen benefit (i.e. a
910 planned renovation by the administration could be substantively expanded via student support); and
911 D. a project or initiative that needs initial start-up funding before it can become eligible for other sources of
912 funding on campus.
913 E. a web-based application that provides benefits to Cornell undergraduate students.

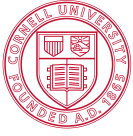
914 Section 8: Prohibited Applications

915 The following applications are prohibited from receiving funding awards from the SAIF:

- 916 A. an application that did not receive funding or failed to get reimbursed from other sources due to an error on
917 behalf of the applicant;
918 B. requests to help an applicant avoid running a deficit resulting from a lack of adequate planning;
919 C. an application to cover the costs of a regularly occurring project or initiative; and
920 D. an application that directly or indirectly subsidizes the cost of tuition of an individual student.

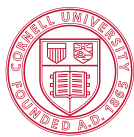
921 Section 9: Procedure for Determining Funding Awards

- 922 A. Release of Application
923 i. The chair of the SAIF Commission (SAIFC) is responsible for submitting the application to receive
924 funding from the SAIF to the Office of the Assemblies by the second regularly scheduled Student
925 Assembly meeting.
926 ii. The Office of the Assemblies shall make the application provided by the chair of the SAIFC available
927 to all eligible applicants by the third regularly scheduled Student Assembly meeting, or one week
928 following the meeting with the SAIF Chair, whichever is sooner.
929 iii. The chair of the SAIFC shall create a publicity plan, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of
930 the Student Assembly, detailing how the SA will make all students aware of the SAIFC. This plan
931 shall be approved by the Executive Committee by the second regularly scheduled Student Assembly
932 meeting of the Fall semester.



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- iv. The chair of the SAIFC is responsible for releasing a timeline by the third regularly scheduled Student Assembly meeting of the Student Assembly each semester consisting of the deadline for applications, when those applications will be reviewed by the SAIFC, and when those funding awards will be announced.
 - v. The chair of the SAIFC may choose to hold additional SAIFC meetings to evaluate all received applications that have not yet been reviewed in addition to the dates released in the timeline on the first day of each semester.
- B. Funding Award Evaluation Process
- i. For each application, the SAIFC will:
 - a. arrange a hearing where the proposers of the application may address questions of the committee,
 - b. determine if the application is eligible to receive a funding award from the SAIF,
 - c. decide the order in which applications are voted upon to receive funding awards by first holding a ranked order vote by committee members. Once SAIFC has established application rankings, the vote on funding awards will proceed from the highest ranked application and so on in descending order.
 - ii. After the SAIFC evaluates an application, the chair of the SAIFC must issue a written report which includes the:
 - a. name of the applicant,
 - b. project or initiative requested in the application,
 - c. date that the SAIFC reviewed the application,
 - d. funding award amount requested by the applicant,
 - e. funding award granted by the SAIFC and what that funding award is as a percentage of the available funding in the SAIF at the beginning of that academic year, and
 - f. rationale explaining the SAIFC's decision
 - iii. All funding awards granted by the SAIFC must be approved by the Dean of Students before becoming finalized.
 - iv. If the applicant has a University operating account with internally controlled funds and oversight by a Cornell-employed advisor, the Vice President for Finance will approve the transfer of funds from the SAIFC into their account. If the applicant does not have an account that meets these eligibility requirements, the amount of the funding award will be separated from the remaining balance of the SAIF and expenses will be processed through regular university accounting procedures through the Office of Assemblies, like all others under the Student Assembly budget.
 - v. At each meeting of the Assembly immediately following the final approval of a funding award by the Dean of Students, the report associated with the application must be included in the meeting's agenda.
 - vi. The chair of the SAIFC will file any reports or minutes of committee meetings pertaining to the SAIF with the Office of the Assemblies.



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- vii. The chair of the SAIFC shall regularly report to the Assembly on the progress of projects and shall inform the Assembly of any setbacks the Commission faces in implementing its projects