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Agenda of the Thursday, February 25, 2020 Meeting
4:45 – 6:30 on ZOOM

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq (Cayuga Nation)**
- III. **Announcements and Presentations**
- IV. **Open Microphone**
- V. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. [February 25, 2021 Minutes](#)
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. Resolution #31 - [Donating SA Communications Committee Funds to the Student Access Fund](#)
- VII. **Adjournment**



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Minutes of the Thursday, February 18, 2021 Meeting
4:45pm via Zoom

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. C. Huang called the meeting to order at 4:48pm (EST).
- b. Roll Call
 - i. *Members Present:* L. Abd Elmagid, M. Baker, C. Castillo, U. Chuckwukere, A. Gleiberman, S. Kapoor, A. Lampert, A. Miramontes Serrano, K. Santacruz, E. Perez, T. Reuning, M. Shardow, L. Smith, C. Tempelman, V. Valencia, S. Woldai, V. Xu, Y. Yuan, R. Zohar, L. Zumpano, S. Zverev, C. Huang
 - ii. *Members Absent:* J. Bansah, K. Butler, L. Contreras, C. Tempelman, N. Watson

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga Nation)

- a. Cornell University is located on the traditional homelands of the Gayogohó:nq' (the Cayuga Nation). The Gayogohó:nq' are members of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, an alliance of six sovereign Nations with a historic and contemporary presence on this land. The Confederacy precedes the establishment of Cornell University, New York State, and the United States of America. We acknowledge the painful history of Gayogohó:nq' dispossession and honor the ongoing connection of the Gayogohó:nq' people, past and present, to these lands and waters.

III. Announcements and Presentations

- a. S. Woldai stated that the D&I Committee Scholarship is open and accepting applications. S. Woldai encouraged members to share information about the scholarship to any minority organizations.
- b. C. Huang stated that they have received several reports on positional updates from SA members and encouraged those who still need to submit their reports to do so as soon as possible.
- c. M. Shardow shared an updated on the gender-neutral bathroom initiative in Warren Hall. Warren Hall does have a gender-neutral bathroom, but the current signage does not explicitly state that it does. The University Architect stated that the current signage is in compliance with the university standard for all gender-neutral bathrooms on campus. The university standard was created with significant student input and was implemented a few years ago. M. Shardow asked if they should



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continue pushing this initiative, with actions such as surveying Dyson students for their input and feedback.

- i. A. Miramontes Serrano asked if there was a reason to surveying Dyson students specifically.
 1. M. Shardow explained that Warren Hall is where most of the Dyson students' classes are. M Shardow is also the SA Dyson School of Business Representative.
 - ii. M. Baker stated that a survey would be a great idea and the Communications Committee would be willing to help.
 - iii. M. Shardow explained that they are pushing so hard for better signage for this bathroom as not many people knew it existed. In order to find gender-neutral bathrooms, M. Shardow was redirected many times and specifically look on the Cornell Website and find a gender-neutral bathroom map.
 - iv. T. Reuning stated that the map was created by trans folx a couple years ago and there were plans to update it. T. Reuning encouraged M. Shardow to reach out to some of the trans groups on campus to see if the maps were updated.
- d. Annabel's Grocery Presentation by Chelsea Lee, a programming chair at Annabel's Grocery, and Kelsey Chan, the PR and marketing coordinator at Annabel's Grocery.
- i. Annabel's Grocery is a non-profit student-run grocery store that is dedicated to providing fresh, nutritious and affordable food for all Cornell students. Annabel's Grocery provides information about the connection between quality food, health, justice, and sustainability. Annabel's Grocery is located in Annabel Taylor Hall, which is part of the law school. Based on data from the 2019-2020 academic year, Annabel's Grocery has served over 1400 unique students and have gained over 600 members. Annabel's Grocery is funded in part by the Center for Transformative Action, which is an independent organization that's affiliated with Cornell that allows Annabel's to focus on their social mission and provides back office infrastructure needed. As a non-profit, Annabel's Grocery basically just has to cover its operating cost. Cornell Religious Work covers the rent and utilities. Additionally, Annabel's Grocery is funded by the Student Assembly's Students Helping Students Fund, which was used for renovations and startup costs. The GPSA agreed to contribute \$80,000 over a four-year period and Cornell Dining contributed funds to renovation. The subsidy fund at Annabel's Grocery focuses on selling food at the same, if not lower price than Wegman's and other grocery stores in the area. This allows Annabel's Grocery is keep prices low for all Cornell Students and process fresh, nutritious and accessible groceries at an affordable cost. Annabel's Grocery will be opening for the Spring 2021 semester on March 1, after being closed since March 2020. The physical store will remain close to the general public and will be operating on an online-ordering model with contactless curbside pickup. The organizational structure of Annabel's Grocery has changed as it was run fully by volunteers, but the Advisory Board has the approved the



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creation of six leadership positions. Online ordering begins Monday March 1 and anyone interested in becoming a member can find a short survey on the Annabel Grocery's website.

- ii. L. Smith asked how much they expected membership at Annabel's Grocery to grow this semester.
 1. K. Chan stated they hoped to see similar numbers from the Fall 2020, just due to articles in the Cornell Suns. Right now, Annabel's Grocery is hoping to remain steady during this time period and focus on growth in future semesters with an in-person store.
 2. H. Reichel stated that ideally, every student on campus would become a member, as the objective is to bring accessible food right to campus. There are not many grocery stores within walking distance to campus and many students are without transportation.
- iii. A. Miramontes Serrano asked if there was a way to have Annabel's Grocery deliver in the future.
 1. C. Lee stated that hasn't necessarily been a conversation that they'd been focused on this semester, but that is definitely something they could be open to in the future.

IV. Open Microphone

- a. A. Ononye shared that the OSA has released the Big Red Resources, which is a compact list of all the services students can get on campus. A. Ononye encouraged members to share the Big Red Resources with their constituents.

V. Approval of the Minutes

- a. February 18, 2021
 - i. S. Kapoor motioned to amend section 4 part A of the February 18 minutes to state "...extending grant based financial aid to Summer and Winter terms in addition to the existing loan and work-based aid offered. If you...".
 1. Motion to amend – **amended** Unanimous Consent
 - ii. Motion to approve the February 18th minutes – **approved** 18-0-3

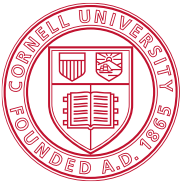
VI. Adjournment

- a. C. Huang adjourned the meeting at 5:17pm (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,

Ciara Shanahan

Clerk of the Student Assembly



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Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #31

Donating SA Communications Committee Funds to the Student Access Fund

ABSTRACT: This resolution approves the transfer of funds from the SA Communications Committee to the Student Access Fund to support students with demonstrated needs given the many aspects of the Cornell college experience that might not be accessible to low-income students.

Sponsored by: Morgan Baker '23, Kate Santacruz '22, Valentina Xu '22, Raquel Zohar '23

Whereas, the SA Communications Committee was granted \$1,000 for the 2020-2021 school year under the SA Appropriations Committee;

Whereas, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SA Communications Committee has deemed this allotment of funds in excess of what is necessary to operate;

Whereas, the Student Access Fund typically reimburses up to \$500 for expenses not covered by financial aid or other university programs for students with demonstrated needs;

Whereas, the Student Access Fund grants funds pertaining to COVID-relief, bus passes, gym memberships, winter coats, medical expenses, professional attire for an interview or internship, or travel home to attend the funeral of an immediate family member;

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Student Access Fund to pivot to emergency operations following the influx of requests;

Whereas, the Student Access Fund has turned out to be really critical in this moment for Cornell to continue to serve its most vulnerable populations equitably;

Be it therefore resolved, the SA Communications Committee shall donate \$850 from its operating budget to the Student Access Fund to support students with demonstrated needs;

Be it further resolved, these funds shall be administered through the Office of the Dean of Students, which manages the Student Access Fund;

Be it finally resolved, that these funds be used to provide access to financial support for undergraduates in need during these unprecedented times.

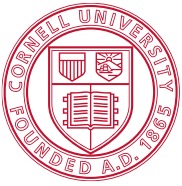
Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Baker '23

Vice President of External Affairs, Student Assembly

Kate Santacruz '22

Transfer Representative, Student Assembly



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