

Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, November 9, 2017 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. Open Microphone

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. August 31st
- b. September 7th
- c. September 14th
- d. October 12th
- e. October 19th
- f. October 26th

IV. Byline Reports

- a. Haven
- b. EARS
- c. Cornell Cinema
- d. Convocation
- e. WSH Student Union Board
- f. CUPB

V. Business of the Day

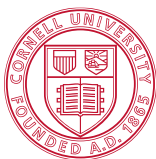
- a. Resolution 14: Increasing the Transparency of WCM-Q
- b. Resolution 16: Median Grade Reporting

VI. New Business

- a. Resolution 17: Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus
- b. Resolution 19: Preventing the Use of University Resources for Political Purposes
- c. Resolution 20: Equality in Undergraduate Access to the Breazzano Family Center for Business

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Executive Session



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Minutes of the Thursday August 31, 2017 Meeting

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

I. Call to Order

- J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.
- *Present at the Roll Call:* J. Anderson [0]; T. Ball [0]; D. Barbaria [0]; O. Corn [0]; O. Din [0]; V. Devatha [0]; H. Hassan [0]; R. Herz [0]; M. Indimine [0]; G. Kaufman [0]; J. Kim [0]; T. Magloire [0]; A. Martinez [0]; R. Cornell [0]; S. Park [0]; J. Pollard [0]; S. Zavala [0]; C. Schott [0]; J. Sanon [0]; E. Shapiro [0]; D. Tokunboh [0]; M. Valadez [0];
- *Not Present at the Roll Call:* L. Lipschutz (Unexcused) [0.25];

II. Open Microphone

- Laura Spitz, Vice Provost for International Affairs, answered student's concerns regarding the defunding of the Foreign Student Employment Program.
- Laura Spitz agreed to work with the Student Assembly and with the international student community to resolve the issue.
- During that discussion, Dean Pendakur received a phone call from President Pollack announcing that the program would be reinstated.
- Representatives from the Student Assembly and audience members voiced their concerns toward future policies that could affect the international student community.

III. New Business

- There was a motion to amend the agenda skip to resolutions.
 - Motion was **adopted** by unanimous consent.
- Resolution 3: Approving Student Assembly 2017-2018 Budget
 - Sponsored by Gabriel Darren Kaufman
 - Resolution was **approved** 19-0-1
- Resolution 4: Approval of the 2017-2018 Elections Committee Slate
 - Sponsored by Dale Kenneth Barbaria and Travis Frederick Cabbell
 - V. Devartha stated that no amendments would be entertained, as this resolution needed to be passed as soon as possible to allow the fall elections to proceed.
 - Motion to move the resolution to business of the day – second
 - This motion **passed**: 18-1-1
- Resolution 5: 2017 Fall Election Rules
 - Sponsored by Travis Frederick Cabbell



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- Friendly amendment – 2017 to 2018
 - Amendment **passed**: Vote was 20-0-1
- Edits to the election rules (besides grammatical changes):
 - line 80 – added “for a reason other than health leave or absence... during Student Assembly term”
 - line 115 – People other than the candidate can petition for the candidate
 - line 150 – was moved to the finance section
 - line 167 – changed the word “vet” to “considered” because vet sounds pre-conditioned
 - line 233 – if candidates choose not to use day hall printing then the reimbursement was increased to \$50, if the candidate chooses day hall printing then they only get \$25
 - lines 251-252 were stricken because organizations don’t give endorsements
 - Line 324 – added that an amended version of these Election Rules must be passed before the second to last Student Assembly meeting of each semester.
 - line 417 – grammar mistake was fixed
- Point of information – What was the reasoning for the amount change?
 - Former candidates were asked and they thought raising it to \$50 would make people more willing to run
 - Motion to vote – 13-5-2 – **vote fails** by one vote
- Motion to strike lines 265-290 of the elections rules – **passed**
- Motion for a 2-minute reading break – **passed**
- Motion to vote on the amendment – **vote fails**
- Motion was **withdrawn** and members went back to discussion
- Motion to vote on the amendment – **passed** by 15-3-1
- Motion to adopt the amendment – **vote fails** by 0-21-1
- Point of information – Can the EEP endorse a CALS candidate in the current rules? – No
- Motion to vote on the resolution **passed** by unanimous consent
- **Resolution passes** by a vote of 20-1-1

IV. Announcements and Reports

- V. Devatha spoke about the benefits of having access to the Wall Street Journal as opposed to The New York Times. He stated that access for the academic year would cost approximately \$2.80, as opposed to the New York Times which costs approximately \$1.50. He said it is still in discussion with the GPSA.



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- M. Valadez stated that many students do not know this resource exists, and suggested to publicize it more.
- H. Hassan asked if a survey had been conducted to determine how many students use the Wall Street Journal as a news reference.
- V. Devatha responded that although an official survey had not been conducted, most students in the S.C. Johnson School and students majoring in Economics use it frequently. He was supportive of conducting the survey.
- O. Corn agreed that SC Johnson College of Business students and Econ majors use the Wall Street Journal frequently.
- V. Devatha suggested the implementation of task forces in the SA to become more proactive rather than reactionary.
- G. Giambattista announced that there is a link to the New York Times student access portal, and the Big Red Bikes on the new Student Assembly webpage.
- S. Zavala suggested a transition to WSJ because it has more world news than NYT.

VI. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn and move into executive session – **passed**

J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natalia Hernandez
Clerk of the Assembly



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Cornell Student University Assembly Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Meeting 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM Robert Purcell Multipurpose Room 218

I. Call to Order

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.
- b. *Present at the Roll Call:* J. Anderson [0]; T. Ball [0]; D. Barbaria [0]; O. Corn [0]; O. Din [0]; V. Devatha [0]; H. Hassan [0]; R. Herz [0]; M. Indimine [0]; G. Kaufman [0]; J. Kim [0]; T. Magloire [0]; A. Martinez [0]; R. Cornell [0]; S. Park [0]; J. Pollard [0]; S. Zavala [0]; C. Schott [0]; J. Sanon [0]; E. Shapiro [0]; D. Tokunboh [0]; M. Valadez [0]

II. Open Microphone

- a. Irving Torres Lopez, a Senior resident at the Latino Living Center, addressed the September 6 incident where a member of Zeta Psi fraternity chanted “build a wall” near the Latino Living Center, urged the Student Assembly to address the issue, stating he does not recall the SA sending an email out or making a statement.
 - i. M. Valadez thanked I. Lopez for speaking and said hate speech should be followed with repercussions, but the university does not have a clause in the code of conduct that addresses this.
 - ii. V. Devatha urged the Greek community to stop this hate speech.
 - iii. J. Kim talked about engaging the fraternity community and urged the administration to consider implementing diversity initiatives.
 - iv. T. Ball reiterated that hate speech will not be tolerated on this campus.
 - v. J. Anderson urged SA representatives to take a stand up against fraternity misconduct, reaching out to constituents to uncover problems before they come to them.
 - vi. T. Maglorie said that statements only go so far so we need to make actual change happen.
 - vii. J. Sanon said that that Cornell has a history of not addressing similar incidents, leading to a validation of racist remarks with the freedom of speech. J. Sanon urges the university to address these issues and implement real consequences.
- b. President Martha Pollack acknowledged the difficult time the country is facing, but urged people to reflect on the good things. Cornell Tech is opening and Cornell has a strong first-year class that is the most diverse. President M. Pollack also said that people do have a responsibility for the things they say.
 - i. Mic opened to questions.



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- ii. Freshman student said she has always noticed racial micro-aggressions since coming on campus and does not feel safe here.
 - iii. Transfer student asked the university how and how soon the administration will respond to the list of demands from students regarding racial incidents.
 - c. President M. Pollack said she does not have a response today as the administration is still gathering facts and information but that they will respond.
 - i. Mic opened to questions and comments.
 - ii. Member of Cornell DREAM Team said she sees no action to create an honor code to prevent something like this from happening again.
 - iii. Senior student at Cornell calls for action instead of sympathy and statements to build a better future for the next class.
 - iv. Student states he cannot concentrate on studying when these incidents are going on in campus.
 - v. Freshman student said she experienced racism on the first day of class and urged the school to follow their statement of "diversity and inclusion."
 - vi. A. Martinez highlighted the fact that the Cornell Sun reported the incident as a fraternity member "allegedly" chanting, even after the fraternity member sent an email to the LLC confirming he did do it.
 - d. President M. Pollack said she feels a need to apologize for the incident on behalf of her as well as Vice President Ryan Lombardi and that the apology is not an excuse for the incident. The university is focusing on immediate issues, such as looking into the fraternity responsible, but also long-term areas regarding diversity, such as increasing the diversity of the university's faculty.
- III. J. Kim opened the mic to assembly members.
 - a. Assembly member encouraged community members to continue voicing their concerns and reaching out to LLC. He does not believe that President M. Pollack's statement was enough, as respectful as it was.
 - b. O. Din said that he believes it is on the assembly to hold the IFC accountable.
 - c. N. Hernandez said that we need a resolution or a change in the code of conduct to hold people accountable so that incidents like this do not keep occurring.
 - d. Student said that labor needs to be equally balanced and called on assembly to assist with creating a code or guidelines.
 - e. University Assembly Representative said that he will be pushing for the University Assembly to work harder so that the code of conduct can be changed. He called on IFC members to speak up.
 - f. Student said there will be a rally tomorrow (Sept. 8) at noon.
 - g. Associate Dean of Students and Cornell '74 Alumna Dr. Renee Alexander said that structurally and systemically, things haven't changed very much. Dr. R. Alexander



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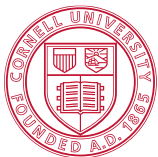
said it's not Cornell's fault, but rather society's fault as people grow up in a racist society. She urges for Cornell to design something for people to go through right when they arrive on campus to raise people's consciousness.

- h. J. Kim said that the way meetings are structured are very reactionary. Instead, they should hold proactive meetings, working together to discuss how they should solve problems. He said he will send emails out to request people to meet at other times, such as Sundays.
 - i. S. Park said they were thinking about extending the length of time you can suspend an organization, and as of now, the limit is a single year.
 - i. G. Kuafman added onto that and said the CJC met to discuss proposing a code amendment to allow the judicial administration the authority to suspend organizations to over a year or indefinitely. Greek life is university-recognized and in the office of fraternity and sorority life and president does have authority to revoke recognition at will
 - j. D. Barbaria said that the campus code of conduct has to go through the University Assembly committee. This year they are reviewing the document as a whole, so to discuss specific changes, this would be the year to discuss that.
 - k. R. Herz said increasing time of suspension does nothing to prosecute the people who said these racist comments.
 - l. M. Valadez addressed the issue of how the Cornell community, specifically students of color, see the Student Assembly in a negative light. We spend so much time making organization better when efforts are futile because others aren't backing them up. Hold yourself and others accountable so the people of color on this body do not have to do all the work.
 - m. Assembly member said that if we have guidelines and codes in place, people will think twice about saying hateful comments.
 - n. T. Cabbell said people were amazing about speaking up and to ask M. Pollack what she would do on the spot. We have faith in her because she has been somewhat proactive, but people should email her to tell her that this will not be tolerated. First time her presidency may be legacy. This person deserves punishment and sets the tone for the future. We need to reach out to other groups that have been hurt on this campus. Solve the problem from multiple groups.
 - o. J. Pollard said we need to push for and address equity and justice.
 - p. O. Corn said she does not think Greek life pushed the bad judgement and lack of morality by the fraternity brother.
- IV. J. Kim motioned to suspend the rules and skip to resolutions on the agenda – passed
- a. Resolution 7: Clarifying the Student Assembly's Policy on Social Media Statement sponsored by S. Park and Z. Lawrence



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- b. G. Kaufman said the Appropriations Committee unanimously supported this document.
- c. Motion to strike second haven on line 19; **passed** by unanimous consent
- d. Motion to move it to business of the day – 17-0-1
- e. G. Kaufman said the assembly could vote on this now and approve the charter changes, or wait a week and vote on their actual updated charter. He recommended waiting as nothing in the resolution will impact anything within the week.
- f. Motion to vote 8-8-3; motion **failed**
- g. Motion to table
 - i. Dissent from R. Hertz
 - ii. Motion to table was revoked
- h. J. Kim said you can't make a motion to vote while someone is in the middle of speaking. J. Kim directed a question to G. Kaufman and asked if the document is a separate document or an amendment to the charter. J. Kim said it is fine if the assembly sends two messages to President M. Pollack if they do pass the resolution today.
 - i. G. Kaufman said it is a separate document.
 - ii. G. Kaufman said Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union wanted to make amendments to their charter and also wanted to create an events committee with its own governing document. The Appropriations Committee liked the amendments to the charter, but thought the events committee needs some work, and so the Committee sent it back to them with recommendations. 3 days later, G. Kaufman received the updated version from the President of Haven. One of the requests the Appropriations Committee made was for Haven to take the events committee constitution and tack it on to their actual charter. The SA does not have the power to amend the charter of an organization while they're discussing them, but the charter that will be coming from Haven would only include the constitution of their events committee. G. Kaufman says once Appropriations Committee passes the resolution, the SA could reject this one and approve the other.
 - iii. R. Hertz said this resolution only has benign changes, so we should just pass it. She said it has nothing to do with SA and that Haven is not going to make the right changes in one week.
 - iv. G. Kaufman said we should table the resolution. After it is tabled, he will ask the Appropriations Committee to pass Haven's governing documents and then the SA should pass it too.
- i. Motion to table: 19-0-1; **tabled**



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Motion to extend meeting by 10 minutes

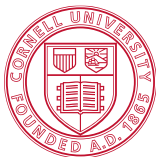
Motion to adjourn – unanimous

Adjourned 6:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Tran

Clerk of the Assembly



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Minutes of the September 14, 2017 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Memorial Room, WSH

- I. Call to Order
 - a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.
 - b. *Present at the Roll Call:* J. Anderson [0]; T. Ball [0]; D. Barbaria [0]; O. Corn [0]; O. Din [0]; V. Devatha [0]; H. Hassan [0]; R. Herz [0]; M. Indimine [0]; G. Kaufman [0]; J. Kim [0]; T. Magloire [0]; A. Martinez [0]; R. Cornell [0]; S. Park [0]; J. Pollard [0]; S. Zavala [0]; C. Schott [0]; J. Sanon [0]; E. Shapiro [0]; D. Tokunboh [0]; M. Valadez [0]
- II. Open Microphone
- III. Announcements
 - V. Devatha - WSJ will be accessible for students soon
 - V. Devatha Sprint planning and task forces- goal is to accomplish that within the next two weeks. Anyone who has an idea send it to Joe
 - M. Valadez – If you are a DACA recipient you can reapply before Oct 5th for a two-year extension. University has agreed to fund the application
- IV. Presentations
 - a. Dean Van Loan – Romantic relationships, there is a policy and the language is weak and ambiguous. Idea is to revisit the policy and make it better. In May GPSA passed a resolution which was much more detailed. Urges SA to produce a list of people who are interested in working on this. He hopes to accomplish this by the end of next week.
 - i. V. Devatha – asked the dean to define “harassment” basically
 - ii. Dean Van Loan – 90% of the process is education; he wants to set out a specific policy for consensual relationships and define what harassment is.
 - iii. J. Anderson – worried about bypassing the UA and the system of shared governance
- V. Confidentiality Forms
 - a. Will be required from all byline funded orgs.
 - b. The SA will be setting the student activity fee for the 2018-2020 academic years, and the process involves access to confidential information of the orgs funded by the SA, such as how much money they have or have given to certain performers, groups, people.
 - c. Offense may be referred to the Judicial Administrator
- VI. Business of the Day



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- a. Haven Constitution Amendment Approval
 - i. Updated language
 - ii. 21-0-1 **passed**
 - b. Motion to amend the agenda to include ALANA's new constitution
 - c. Motion to approve ALANA constitution – 21-01 it **passes**
 - d. SA Budget Surplus Discussion
 - i. Kaufman – almost \$40k over, he's planning on reducing the surplus to 0 in the next 2-4 years
 - ii. Alex Martinez – give the money to the students on campus who need it
 - iii. Julia Montego – explained the context of the current SA surplus
- VII. Constituent Workshop
- a. Diversity workshop international students
 - b. Associate dean of students – CPT
- VIII. Elections Update - Travis – announcement
- a. 20 first year students running for freshman reps
 - b. uncontested race for LGBTQ+ and Transfer
- IX. SA FARC Presentation
- a. Students helping students
 - b. Summer experience grant
- Meeting – adjourned at 6:34 pm



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Minutes of the October 12, 2017 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30PM in Willard Straight Hall, Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order
 - a. EVP V. Devatha called the meeting to order at 4:46pm.
 - b. *Members Present at Roll Call:* D. Barbaria [0]; A. Chowdhury [0]; O. Corn [0]; R. Cornell [1]; V. Devatha [0]; O. Egharevba [0]; G. Kaufman [0]; S. Lim [0]; L. Lipschutz [2.25]; A. Martinez [1]; S. Zavala [0]; J. Sanon [0.5]; C. Schott [0.25]; E. Shapiro [0]; J. Sim [0]; D. Tokunboh [1.5]; M. Valadez [1]; I. Wallace [0]
 - c. *Members Absent at Roll Call:* T. Ball (*excused*) [0]; O. Din (*excused*) [0] ; H. Hassan (*unexcused*) [0.5]; R. Herz (*unexcused*) [3] ; M. Indimine (*unexcused*) [1.5]; J. Won Kim (*excused*) [0]; T. Magloire (*unexcused*) [3]; S. Park (*unexcused*) [1.25]; M. Peralta-Ochoa (*excused*) [0]; J. Pollard (*excused*) [0]
- II. Open Microphone
 - a. I. Wallace thanked the assembly for coming to the _____ event
- III. Announcements & Reports
 - a. VP Barbaria – Committees Update
 - i. All SA committees are functional, except for Technology Committee because the chair no longer wishes to fulfill the duties
 - ii. If anyone on the assembly is interested in serving on a committee, more information will be available during the Executive Session after the meeting.
- IV. Byline Reports
 - a. VPF Kaufman – Cornell Minds Matter
 - i. They presented to the appropriations committee and requested \$2.00 per student
 - ii. Appropriations Committee realizes how important they are to Cornell's campus and student body
 - iii. Motion to approve the requested amount
 - iv. Funding **approved** by a vote of 17-0-1
 - b. VPF Kaufman – ECO (Environmental Collaborative)
 - i. New to the byline (last cycle was their first) and they didn't ask for an increase
 - ii. The Appropriations Committee recommended they stay at \$0.76 per student
 - iii. Motion to approve the funding
 - iv. Funding **approved** by a vote of 17-0-1
 - c. VPF Kaufman – Big Red Bikes



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- i. VPF Kaufman explained that because of some confidential financial information, if the specifics of the requested amount need to be discussed, the assembly needs to move into Executive Session
- ii. L. Lipschutz: Has Big Red Bikes reached out to us?
 1. G. Kaufman met with them personally to discuss their situation
- iii. Motion to vote
- iv. Funding **approved** by a vote of 17-0-1
- v. G. Kaufman: if anyone has questions, I can answer them now
- vi. K. Early: Why did they decide to not appeal?
 1. G. Kaufman: they recognize the issues stated in the meeting packet, and they want the SA's help to address those issues

V. New Business

- a. Resolution 11: Affirming Cornell's Stance on Supporting the Rights of Transgender Individuals in Employment
 - i. Response to the memo that Attorney General Jeff Sessions put out regarding transgender individuals in employment
 - ii. J. Anderson: Recommend that this resolution is recommitted to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the Employee Assembly. Once the Employee Assembly puts out the resolution, the SA will write a resolution supporting their resolution.
 - iii. Vote to recommit to Diversity and Inclusion Committee and coordinate with the Employee Assembly **passes** unanimously.

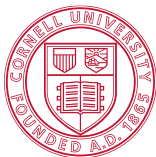
VI. Miscellaneous Announcements

- a. G. Kaufman: two events the SA should think about attending tonight
 - i. SAFC Appeals Board will convene at 7pm in Goldwin Smith G19
 - ii. Feminism Food for Thought at 6pm in Rose House Common Room

VII. Motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarvinoz Fahriddinova
Clerk of the Assembly



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Minutes of the Thursday October 19, 2017 Meeting

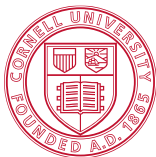
4:45 PM – 6:30 PM in WSH, Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order
 - J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:45
 - *Present at the Roll Call:* T. Ball, D. Barbaria, A. Chowdhury, O. Corn, R. Cornell, O. Din, O. Egharevba, R. Hertz, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, S. Lim, A. Martinez, S. Park, M. Peralta-Ochoa, J. Pollard, S. Romero Zavala, J. Sanon, C. Schott, E. Shapiro, J. Sim, D. Tokunboh, M. Valadez, I. Wallace
 - *Unexcused at the Roll Call:* V. Devatha, H. Hassan, L. Lipschutz, T. Magloire
- II. Open Microphone
 - a. Nothing to say.
- III. Announcements & Reports
 - a. VP Park – Communications Committee Update
 - i. Rep. Park said committee had its first meeting and announced plans for a more functional site that will include any projects or side resolutions members are working on. She requested members to send her a message or let her know if any resolutions are in the works. The committee also wants to establish better communication with community, so instead of sending a monthly newsletter, they want to send something out before every meeting
 - ii. Rep. Park said the Committee wants to create separate committee, so please contact them if you're interested.
 - b. Rep. Egharevba – Academic Policy & Steve Forbes
 - i. Rep. Egharevba said he wants to change Cornell's GPA scale to a 4.0 scale.
 - ii. Rep. Egharevba announced that Steve Forbes will be coming to Cornell. You can pick up tickets at WSH.
 - c. Rep. Schott – International Financial Aid Update
 - i. Rep. Schott explained that the current situation is that international applicants who are not awarded financial aid in initial application are not allowed to reapply regardless of circumstance. He is working on a resolution to create an emergency fund separate from Cornell for international students and wants to encourage international alumni to donate to such fund.
 - d. Rep. Pollard gave an update that the Infrastructure Fund Committee application is live and applications are due the 27th of October.
- IV. Annual Sustainability & Climate Action Update



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- a. VP of Infrastructure and Planning Frederick Burgess gave a background of himself and his group. He just retired from doing public works for the Navy, came to Cornell at the end of August.
 - i. There is a major concern regarding carbon neutrality and the effect of fossil fuels today.
- b. Sustainability Communications & Integration Manager Sarah Brylinsky from the Campus Sustainability Office gave an overview of the Sustainability Highlights.
 - i. S. Brylinsky said Cornell is the top Ivy League Institution for sustainability this year in rankings across the board.
 - ii. S. Brylinsky introduced New Student Resources.
 - 1. New Sustainability Campus and Community Map
 - 2. Cornell Guide to Sustainable Living: update to the Student Green Guide
- c. F. Burgess gave a brief overview of the seven priorities the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group (SLCAG) is actively advancing.
 - i. Rep. Kaufman asked about the approach the department is planning on taking if geothermal energy doesn't pan out, as it is really risky and not sustainable.
 - 1. F. Burgess answered that his team has structured it in a multi-stage approach with research, testing, and evaluation. It would be premature to say we already failed and has the potential to succeed. It's our best option at this point to get there.
- d. Cornell Institute for Climate Smart Solutions Michael Hoffmann said our role is to change the behavior of every single individual at Cornell.
 - i. Group consists of several faculty, staff, and students and they have 3 teams: Climate Change Literacy, Behavior Change, and Developing Leaders.
- e. Associate Vice President Robert Bland gave a Climate Action Plan Update, stating Cornell is on track to carbon neutrality by 2035. We have seen a 33% reduction to date since we moved beyond coal. He invited anyone who wants to see the facilities to reach out to him.
- f. S. Brylinsky gave an overview of the Energy Smackdown Competition where buildings and individuals can compete against each other. They can sign up on the Facebook page or online.
 - i. S. Brylinsky asked for the SA's help in getting the community engaged in the 5 Year Sustainability Plan with the 5 areas of Climate Leadership, Campus, Community, Living Laboratory, and Government & Finance.



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1. The plan does not have smart goals concerning certain things around campus, naming water to be one and explaining this is an open process. She requested SA's help in getting people involved.
 2. Next workshop will be on Thursday Nov. 9 from 9am-noon.
- g. Opened up for Questions
- i. R. Bland explained the process of drilling down far enough, maybe almost 5 km down, where the actual ground temp is hot enough to heat the building. This process is done in some tectonically active areas of the world but if we can figure out how to make it work in areas that are not tectonically active, it can open up a lot of possibilities
 - ii. F. Burgess said our plan is to think about our community engagement, and there was an initiative to show people they were not going to cause catastrophic impacts on the lake. They will engage in a similar type of engagement with the community and once we have this strategy worked out, the team would like to come back and get reinforcements, assistance, and feedback. However, they are not ready for this yet.
 - iii. S. Brylinsky said one of the things that was in the options report was vehicle electrification. They do want to do more research on how they can move forward.
 - iv. Cornell Senior Charlie asked what the department is planning on doing about community outreach.
 1. S. Brylinsky explained Energy Smackdown competition and that a lot of communication is being geared toward a social media this year
 - v. M. Hoffmann said a campus split of energy use is about half heating, half electric. There is a vision for a carbon neutral campus, procuring all energy off-site – wind, water, and solar. Getting the logistics for travel, community and air fare has been a little more difficult problem.
 - vi. F. Burgess said we are getting some of our electricity from some of our solar panels that we have, but the ultimate goal would be to use solar for electricity and earth for heat. However, there are challenges that go with that, for ex. Solar takes a lot of land.
 - vii. Rep. Pollard announced that there is a ChemE class MWF 9am if you're interested, stop by and listen; asked about sulfur
 1. M. Hoffmann said this will be subject to a study, we did get a grant, but not to drill a well.
 - viii. Rep. Schott said engagement should also include administrative officials, especially people involved with the endowment.



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1. S. Brylinsky said the Campus Sustainability plan has a Government & Finance section so this is the perfect place to start work through funding and investment issues.
 - ix. Rep. Jaewon: Regarding paper purchasing at Cornell, our score is low compared to other institutions, but we aren't using recycled paper, do you have any plans to start using recycled paper?
 1. S. Brylinsky said the New Campus Sustainability goals have to be set. They do not necessarily have target goals in this yet, and this is a perfect goal to put in.
 - x. Rep. Egharevba said you could do all these initiatives but if community is not engaged, it's pointless. He asked if the group has considered creating an app or Facebook page to model all the data and if they had run any software or simulations to model the return on investment.
 1. F. Burgess said the next step to make progress on after we work through the administrative/strategy is to drill a couple wells and get good samples of what geological formations are all the way down to the depth we are talking about. They still have some testing and work to do before going into the modeling.
 - xi. Cornell Student Julio said energy storage, potential of using gravity in the dams we've already built and water supplies there.
 1. M. Hoffmann said energy storage is key, we do have a hydro plant, but we do not have storage right now as part of our plan; that is something we are working on, we hope to place batteries in our facilities.
- V. Byline Reports (G. Kaufman)
- a. G. Kaufman said the Appropriates Committee met on Monday to review four organizations; made a recommendation on 3 of the organizations and tabled one of them.
 - b. G. Kaufman said regarding the first organization, Class Councils; \$2.35 increase funding; want to fund all the programs they wanted to increase and asked them to specifically work on programming; will ask SA to approve it next week.
 - i. Rep. Hertz said they talked in depth for all of these groups, but please ask if you have any questions
 - ii. Rep. Kaufman said if you want to make a grammatical amendment, we will handle it offline.
 - iii. Rep. Kaufman said they are going to expect the BUS program to very greatly reduced, or be funded entirely out of its own fund.



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- iv. Rep. Kaufman said the class-of awards is an event that class council has annually and cost per head was extremely high compared to their other programs. Some of the things class council included in their budget was increasing diversity and inclusion and that's where we want the money to go towards and we felt the class-of award program is not a bad thing, but not a priority.
- v. Rep. Kaufman: they do have specific programs laid out for diversity and inclusion and there were a couple programs.
- vi. Rep. Barbaria said another reason why they were not passing it today is not just to give more time if there is an appeal, but also for members to look at it over and give them a chance to attend the Appropriations Committee meeting on Monday and bring up concerns when we vote on it.
- vii. Assembly Manager P. Hampton said all by-line applications were in Box.
 - 1. Rep. Kaufman said he would be happy to start providing those or forwarding them out digitally if requested.
- viii. Rep. Romero Zavala from Appropriations Committee requested members to come to the meeting if they have any questions and to see how hard the committee works. She is frustrated because she feels there are assembly members who don't trust the process.
- ix. J. Kim: Motion to **Table** – passed 17-0-2
- c. Welcome Weekend Committee
 - i. G. Kaufman said it was the Welcome Weekend Committee's second time presenting to the Appropriations Committee. The first time, the Appropriations Committee noticed a lot of financial irregularities in their byline packet. The Committee has two primary functions: plan Club Fest and TGIF (a few days per semester, a bunch of different events).
 - ii. G. Kaufman said this organization has a very large surplus and the committee made this funding level to help them spend down their surplus so next time, they will pretty much have just met their surplus.
 - iii. G. Kaufman said the Welcome Weekend Committee's request went down from \$2.77 to \$2.40, and the Appropriations Committee gave them the full \$2.40.
 - iv. **Tabled** by unanimous consent.
- d. Orientation Steering Committee
 - i. G. Kaufman said the Orientation Steering Committee is one of the larger organizations. It plans orientations and funds programs to welcome freshman and transfer students.



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- ii. G. Kaufman said the committee requested a \$1.55 increase per student and the Appropriations Committee decided on \$.50 cent increase per student. The Orientation Steering Committee was actually projecting the number of students lower than it should be, and we could actually give them less money because they would actually get the amount they need.
- iii. G. Kaufman said the Appropriations Committee made a couple recommendations, including making sure the committee is submitting really detailed attendance instead of ball parking, and asked them to lower the cost of apparel.
- iv. **Tabled** by unanimous consent.
- e. Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)
 - i. G. Kaufman reported no byline report but that the Appropriations Committee did discuss it for a long time.
 - ii. G. Kaufman said the SAFC is the largest byline funded organization. They presented on Monday but the Appropriations Committee was not comfortable making a decision at that time.
 - iii. G. Kaufman is working with them to come back to the Appropriations Committee and discuss some ways they can decrease the huge growth rate they've projected.
 - iv. Open to Question
 - 1. Rep. Park said they SAFC gets over a million dollars and as long as an organization fills an application correctly, it can get the money. The assembly created the guidelines but there is a really clear incentive for these costs to increase which is why they have such a great unsustainable growth rate. One solution may be to double the number of tiers, making it harder for organizations to move up.
 - 2. Rep. Schott said they do fund so many great organizations and the total budget for some organizations are increasing. SAFC evaluates in a very bureaucratic way, and a more nuanced approach would be useful, but logistically much more difficult because we have so many organizations. Doubling tiers would be ineffective because there will be new organizations that do need a lot of funding.
 - 3. Rep. Kaufman said he does not have the solution to how the SAFC can grow at a sustainable rate and he is working with them to hear their concerns, but regarding growth rate, the average number that gets requested goes up about \$18,000 per semester. There's a lot of risk because SAFC promises more money than they have and they



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have to make predictions. Fluctuations are their primary concern to push them to want to grow their activity fee.

4. Rep. Hertz said she sees divide between Applications Committee and SAFC. The assembly does consider community impact and financials, but the real concern is about how they spend their money, not if the money is going to a good cause.
5. Rep. Zack asked if the increase was attributed primarily to these tier caps and if the SAFC would benefit from cost per student regulation.
 - a. Rep. Kaufman highlighted three main reasons for why growth rate is what it is at: inflation, more organizations since the last byline cycle, and organizations moving up in tier cap/qualifying to spend more money. All organizations have to do is qualify for it is by spending a large percentage of their current budget and in the long run, it would increase the amount of money we have to give SAFC.
- v. Discussion concluded.
- vi. G. Kaufman reported three orgs the Appropriations Committee is reviewing on Monday: International Students Union, Slope Media, and Multicultural Greek Letter.

VI. New Business

- a. Resolution 12: Calling for Development of a Strategic Plan – Rep. Anderson
 - i. Rep. Anderson said this started in the UA calling for a strategic plan for the university to project proactive actions, not just reactive actions. Now that Cornell has a stable president (M. Pollack) the SA should look to create a strategic plan to provide stability to get more administrative sign-on. He is open to amendments but since it hasn't passed the UA yet, he recommended suggesting amendments in two weeks so that members have time to think and ask their constituencies.
 - ii. Rep. Hertz said the "be it therefore resolved" clause is vague and it seems she does not know what the strategic plan would be doing for it to be resolved. She does not understand what this is going to accomplish.
 - iii. Rep. Park said if it's something the assembly wants to bring to all the assemblies, it will be better if we specify what the strategic planning process is going to look like.
 - iv. Rep. Martinez recommend power mapping this institution, as knowing exactly who and where to focus the Assembly's time and attention is important.



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- v. Motion to **table** resolution until 2 weeks – **passed** with clear majority
- b. Resolution 13: Amending FARC Guidelines – Rep. Valadez
 - i. Rep. Valadez said went over the FARC guidelines to make sure language was inclusive and we were agreement with career services. She met with Assistant Director Diane Miller, who serves as the SA's Arts & Sciences contact.
 - 1. Article 1 changes are pretty minimal, just in language. Article 3, Section 1 change in pronoun.
 - 2. Important change to committee guidelines.
 - 3. When counselors are thinking of referring a student to a source of funding that students helping students is there.
 - ii. Rep. Valadez motion to **amend**: Article 4: strike the first "or"
 - 1. Motion for amendment – **passed** 22-0-1
 - iii. Rep. Valadez said in Section 2 she replaced "uniforms" with "clothing" because some students have internships where they have to buy clothes. When it came to personal expenses, there was a lack of clarity of what people can spend their money on.
 - iv. Rep. Valadez added that students who are awarded the grant in past years are not eligible to apply again. Referring to E, the reasoning behind this is to give priority to upperclassmen who have not had any internship experience.
 - v. Motion to **approve** the resolution – **passed** with a clear majority.

VII. Adjournment - J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:32.

VIII. The membership went into Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Tran
Clerk from the Office of the Assemblies

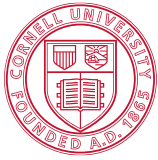


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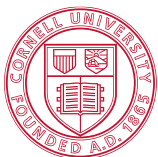
Agenda of the Thursday, October 26, 2017 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call
 - a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:49pm.
 - b. *Present at the Roll Call:* T. Ball, D. Barbaria, A. Chowdhury, O. Corn, R. Cornell, V. Devatha, O. Din, O. Egharevba, H. Hassan, R. Hertz, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, S. Lim, L. Lipschutz, A. Martinez, S. Park, M. Peralta-Ochoa, J. Pollard, S. Romero Zavala, J. Sanon, C. Schott, E. Shapiro, J. Sim, M. Valadez, I. Wallace
 - c. *Absent at Roll Call:* T. Magloire (unexcused), D. Tokunboh (excused)
- II. Open Microphone
 - a. Matthew Battaglia: Chair of the Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. Forum at 3:15pm in Klarman Auditorium regarding hate speech on campus and the Campus Code of Conduct. Please invite anyone who you think would be interested, including your constituents.
 - ii. Questions:
 - iii. M. Valadez: what communities has the CJC reached out to
 1. M. Battaglia: Some grad school groups, affinity groups in the Law School. Looking forward to inviting other groups.
 - iv. V. Devatha: Will other members of the Cornell community be present, since the event is during the academic period for most students? Will there be any other forums this year?
 1. M. Battaglia: There might be another forum next week. This is an issue that affects the whole community, so it will be open to the whole community
 - b. A. Martinez: concern regarding the Parliamentarian
 - i. Quiz was scheduled, but cancelled by the parliamentarian because of he had a job interview
 - ii. When the new members did not do well on a quiz, the parliamentarian called them "stupid"
 - iii. Condone these actions
- III. Announcements & Reports
 - a. Rep Ball – Tri-Council Diversity & Inclusion Plan Update



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- i. Reached out to Tri-Council and followed up on the previous plan (the plan does not include everything that has happened on campus recently)
 - ii. All three councils have established a VP of Diversity and Inclusion position
 - iii. Plan has established a Greek wide online diversity training for all who want to participate in the rush process. There will also be a day long IDP Diversity Workshop for all incoming presidents of Greek Life.
 - b. J. Anderson – Consensual Relationship Committee
 - i. All representatives are willing to reach out and speak with whoever has questions
 - c. Motion by the Assembly to move Resolution 15 before Resolution 14 **Passes**
 - d. Motion to view Byline reports on laptops **Passes**
- IV. Byline Reports – Gabe Kaufman
 - a. Class Councils
 - i. They're currently at \$2.20 per member, requested \$2.70. App Comm recommended they get \$2.35 per member.
 - ii. Motion to approve **passes** 23-0-2
 - b. Welcome Weekend Committee
 - i. Requested \$2.32, but since their financials were in disarray, the App Comm decided to find at \$2.40
 - ii. Motion to approve **passes** 23-0-2
 - c. Orientation Steering Committee
 - i. Little more unique than the other two
 - ii. Currently at \$9.98, requested \$11.53. App Comm recommended \$10.42.
 - iii. Email on Tuesday night from the advisor from the OSC
 - 1. While she appreciates the recommendation, she would like them to reconsider, since there will be two more days of orientation
 - iv. D. Barbaria: they do not need to go up to \$11.53, since they lowballed the number of members
 - v. Motion to approve **passes** 22-1-2
 - d. International Students Union
 - i. Currently at \$3.10, requested \$4.81. App Comm recommends \$3.90, which is an \$0.80 increase
 - ii. Proud of the committee for giving international students support at this time
 - iii. Motion to table until next week **passes**
 - e. Multicultural Greek Letter Council
 - i. Currently at \$0.50, App Comm recommends \$0.67
 - ii. They seem to be excited by the increase
 - iii. Motion to table until next week **passes**
 - f. Slope Media
 - i. Currently at \$0.85, requested to stay at this amount
 - ii. App Comm recommended they decrease to \$0.50



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- iii. Do not believe they will appeal to have this change since they have a large surplus in their budget
- iv. They will continue to do the same levels of programming, but will have less income from the student activities fee
- v. M. Peralto-Ochoa: it was wise to cut their budget
- vi. G. Kaufman: a couple of years ago, we asked to stop giving out shot glasses and they did not, which also played into our decision
- vii. Motion to table until next week **passes**
- g. SAFC
 - i. Largest organization on the byline
 - ii. Currently funded at \$94.14, wanted an increase to \$100
 - iii. The reason their recommendation got tabled again was because App Comm does not want to decide until they know what the new guidelines will be
 - iv. The number of organizations on campus is not sustainable, since the new organizations are growing at an unsustainable rate
 - v. O. Corn: We need to recognize that the SAFC is a large organization and plays an important role on campus, but we need to limit the growth
 - vi. D. Barbaria: it is not a good idea to wait until the new guidelines come out
 - vii. J. Sanon: We are working on the working of the SAFC guidelines, and this is currently our most important task
 - viii. S. Park: We want to have an informed decision and this is why we do not recommend voting on this
- V. New Business
 - a. Resolution 15: Allowing International Students Financial Aid for Extenuating Circumstances
 - i. C. Schott: Thanks to the International student community for coming out to the meeting
 - ii. International students are the only students on campus who receive need aware admission and financial aid, which disincentives them from applying for financial aid. Furthermore, the total financial aid budget for students is capped.
 - iii. If international students don't apply for financial aid the first year, they are ineligible to apply again for the rest of their time at Cornell, no matter the situation
 - iv. Proposal of an emergency fund for international students; the funding could come from leftover funds from domestic financial aid
 - v. Want to work with the Office of the Alumni, Office of Admissions, Office of Financial Aid, and others to ensure that all students have equal opportunity
 - vi. Trustees want Cornell to be the best institution, and this can be achieved if Cornell is accepting and supportive of all of its students, no matter where they come from



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- vii. To illustrate the gravity of the situation, a letter from an international student
 - 1. The student was accepted to Cornell, but his father, who was the financial provider for the family passed away. Cornell did not provide aid to the student, even in this extenuating circumstance
- viii. H. Hassan: Thank you for writing this resolution.
 - 1. Has been personally affected by the current guidelines
 - 2. International students are being discriminated against in an unfair way
- ix. O. Din: Echo what Harris said, thank you bringing this resolution to the SA
 - 1. Domestic students should not have an advantage over international students
 - 2. Question: has there been a working committee assigned to make sure this resolution remains relevant
 - a. There has been a committee created that has leaders from various affinity groups
 - b. ISU has been making internal efforts to stay on top of this
- x. T. Ball: Thank you for sponsoring this resolution and thank you for the community members who came out to support this
 - 1. Question: how much work is ahead in terms of interacting with the administration
 - 2. V. Devatha: we have been in communication with the admissions office
 - a. The office has stated that the issue of parents passing away or the family facing financial trouble has been very limited to a small group of people
 - b. V. Devatha: even if it does happen infrequently, it still has a severity that is detrimental to students
 - 3. M. Valadez: Martha Pollock has financial aid on her agenda as one of her main focuses
 - 4. V. Devatha: because this situation happens infrequently, one solution is to put the international students in the same emergency fund pool as domestic students
 - a. Spoke with the Office of Alumni Relations, and in order to create an endowment for this proposal, we need \$100,000
- xi. J. Sim: International students have to worry about academics, as well as financial stability, in an era of the Trump administration. It is hard to keep existing in this country, because of so many things to do.
- xii. Motion to move into the business of the day **passes**
- xiii. Motion to approve this resolution **passes** 24-0-1
- b. Resolution 14: Increasing the Transparency of WCM-Q
 - i. Pushing for transparency from the Cornell administration regarding the Qatar campus and for releasing the charter



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- ii. Questions:
 - 1. O. Din: Do you want to forward it to the trustees?
 - a. The trustees should have this document
 - 2. O. Corn: is this document that we are requesting confidential?
 - a. Unsure
 - 3. T. Ball: make a friendly resolution to make this charter public, and distribute it to the board of trustees and the Cornell University Council
- iii. Motion to amend many lines
- iv. Motion to table discussion, since there is too much conversation regarding amendments passes
- c. Resolution 16: Median Grade Reporting
 - i. Nathan Weirch: in the academic policy committee
 - ii. Request for more dependable and more accurate information
 - iii. Median grades are currently being reported as an aggregate, not taking into account different sections of classes
 - 1. There is a discrepancy here because some teaching assistants grade differently than others, which means there will be uneven grading across one class
 - iv. This resolution is no way an attack on Cornell faculty
 - 1. The resolution wants to simply increase equity
 - v. This resolution would be great for underclassmen especially because they have a lot of classes with many sections
 - vi. Motion to amend line 24: Instructors who lack a fluency in English
 - 1. Does this impact the quality of teaching
 - vii. I. Wallace: concern is that the sections for humanities classes should be treated differently than STEM courses, and this difference should be noted for
 - viii. J. Anderson: some classes don't have TAs who grade, as the grading is done by undergraduate graders, which complicates the situation
 - ix. Motion to amend several lines and to add nuances
 - x. Motion to table passes
- VI. Motion to adjourn at 6:09pm passes.
- VII. Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarvinoz Fahriddinova
Clerk of the Student Assembly



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Organization	Haven
2016-2018 Allocation	\$3.50
2018-2020 Request	\$3.80
Appropriations Recommendation	\$3.80

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Haven: The LGBTQ+ Student Union at \$3.80 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee felt that Haven provides an invaluable service to the student body at Cornell through programming based on promoting awareness for LGBTQ+ students and issues. The Committee does want to note that it hopes that Haven will be able to address some of the discrepancies in its financial statements from previous years, but nonetheless, we strongly support funding Haven at their full request and look forward to working with them in the years to come.

Vote Totals

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

Amount	Vote
\$3.80	13-0-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



Organization	EARS
2016-2018 Allocation	\$1.50
2018-2020 Request	\$1.50
Appropriations Recommendation	\$1.50

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding EARS at \$1.50 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. EARS has shown consistently that they provide an enormous benefit to the Cornell community by supporting students in their time of need through anonymous counseling services. The students who volunteer as EARS Counselors appeared knowledgeable, driven, and ready to serve the student body. By listening to over 800 cases per year, we know that EARS is one of the most important and impactful organizations receiving by-line funding. We are proud to fund EARS at their full request for the next by-line cycle.

Vote Totals

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

Amount	Vote
\$1.50	14-0-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman
Vice President for Finance



Organization	Cornell Cinema
2016-2018 Allocation	\$10.90
2018-2020 Request	\$8.50
Appropriations Recommendation	\$0.00

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Cornell Cinema at \$0.00 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. In so doing, the Appropriations Committee proposes fully divesting Cornell Cinema of undergraduate student activity fee (USAF) funding. We offer our full support for Cornell Cinema in finding other means of financing their enterprise to provide a unique cinematic experience to the Cornell community. We appreciate the value that some students and others derive from an on-campus cinema and we encourage the Provost and other university administrative units to internalize the costs and to provide the necessary funding to the Cinema to cover their large expenses.

Firstly, the Committee recognizes the positive steps Cornell Cinema has taken over the past cycle to accommodate some of our recommended changes and commends them for it. Cornell Cinema's attendance tracking has been improved and we appreciate their efforts to involve undergraduate students more in the leadership of the organization.

However, most of the recommendations that previous Committees have conveyed to the Cinema have apparently not materialized or are not practicable for the Cinema at this time. Two years ago, the Committee recommended "more selectively showing screenings, reducing the number of days that Cornell Cinema is open... and find[ing] alternative mechanisms to reduce their costs."¹ The Committee warned the Cinema that their model is unsustainable two years ago when Vice President Stefanko conveyed to them that "[t]he Committee...question[s] whether or not the

¹ The Committee noted that students would not be receiving an appropriate benefit even at their allocation request of \$8.50. For at least most of the events, students have to pay a ticket fee of \$5.50 on top of the current fee. Their total annual undergraduate attendance was 10,212, and their requested subsidy was \$117,708. While recognizing that 10,212 implies that many students are impacted by the Cinema, the requested subsidy still requires an extremely large per head cost. The cost of the subsidy per attendee is \$11.50/attendee (\$117,708/10,212 attendees). Added to that, the \$5.50 ticket price leads to an estimated true cost of \$17.00 per attendee, which far exceeds the cost of a comparable movie ticket. Another way of conceptualizing the cost of Cornell Cinema is in terms of total cost per attendee. Next year, the projected total expenditures are \$512,263 and total attendance this year (including graduate students and non-students) was 18,743. If attendance remains constant, then average total cost per attendee is \$27.33. This figure is about twice as high as the comparative movie ticket the Cinema itself presented. Of the total budget, 70.498% goes towards wages, which implies a labor cost per attendee of \$19.23.

current model is sustainable given historical trends to request increases from the activity fee and raise ticket prices.”

This year, the Committee was particularly concerned that the Cornell Cinema has been withdrawing as much as \$52,360 directly from the activity fee account to pay staff wages. Last spring, we requested that Cornell Cinema cease that practice immediately. However, for this year (AY 2017-2018), the Cinema is still paying \$37,495 in staff wages. In their projections, they report that they plan to not charge the activity fee account for staff wages, but we have no way of verifying this information. Just because the activity fee is reduced does not mean that no portion of the activity fee would be subsidizing their staff wages. Consider: if it is true that Cornell Cinema would reduce labor costs at all if they received zero USAF funding, then it is necessarily the case that the funding is still going to labor costs.

The Committee also noted that the Vice President for Finance repeatedly requested access to view the specific activity fee sub-account into which the student body currently pays \$150,943. Multiple times, this request was denied because the Cinema was withdrawing staff wages from the account and considered it sensitive business data, despite assurance that the Committee is bound by confidentiality agreements. Nonetheless, the Cinema and the relevant overseeing administrators did not furnish the transactional level details required to verify that the disbursement was spent as reported. The Committee advises that organizations receiving by-line funding be prepared to furnish their activity fee account transactions if provided due notice. That the Cornell Cinema was inappropriately spending over \$30,000 of their activity fee allocation on staff wages is not a sufficient reason to deny a request to review their account, especially when that misappropriation was part of the reason for the request in the first place. In sum, the Committee is incapable of functioning as a good steward of the activity fee if it is unable to verify what the fee is spent on.

It is worth noting that while the Committee supported divesting Cornell Cinema from by-line funding for the next cycle, a sizeable minority expressed the belief that the Cinema should be given a couple of years to ease out of the USAF subsidy. The highest request that any member of the Committee supported was \$5.50 per student, which was defined as covering their fixed costs. The Committee unanimously rejected funding Cornell Cinema at any more than \$5.50.

However, even at an allocation of \$5.50 per student, the Cinema would be projected to run a yearly deficit of -\$77,625. Rather than continue to put USAF funds in an insolvent enterprise, the Committee determined that the Cornell Cinema is not presently the appropriate place for activity fee funds. While we fully acknowledge that the Cinema intended to ease out of the activity fee, we believe that a still large fee per student for only a small discount in ticket prices would not merit continued activity fee funding. The projected time-line for the ease-out which the Cinema presented was tentative and would have required at least 3-5 more years (1-2 more cycles) of USAF funding.

Rather than asking future Committees, Assemblies, and generations of Cornellians to subsidize an insolvent, high-cost, labor intensive enterprise, we propose divesting Cornell Cinema from the activity fee for the 2018-2020 By-Line Cycle – the only cycle for which we are responsible for allocating funding. We urge administrative units that fund Cornell Cinema to assist it as it makes the transition off of the USAF next fall; we pledge our full support in working with Cornell Cinema through that process.

Vote Totals

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

Amount	Vote
\$8.50	0-13-1
\$5.50	6-7-1
\$4.40	6-6-2
\$4.25	6-6-2
\$2.00	6-7-1
\$0.00	7-6-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



Organization	Convocation Committee
2016-2018 Allocation	\$14.50
2018-2020 Request	\$16.50
Appropriations Recommendation	\$16.50

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee (the Committee) recommends funding Convocation Committee at \$16.50 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee felt that Convocation Committee provides an immense benefit to the whole campus community. The Convocation Committee's requested increase of \$2.00 per student was granted because the Committee is impressed by the consistently high-quality speakers that the Convocation Committee have managed to secure for in the past. Insofar as supporting this expense provides the Committee the flexibility to continue to secure excellent speakers, we are delighted to support this use of activity fee funding.

In light of this, we hope that Convocation Committee joins with the Assembly and considers updating or improving its general membership selection process to provide more consistent, stable, and streamlined support to suit the needs of such a large and important event. We look forward to working with Convocation Committee going forwards on these important issues, and we thank them for their time.

Vote Totals

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

Amount	Vote
\$16.50	7-4-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman
Vice President for Finance



Organization	Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board
2016-2018 Allocation	\$2.14
2018-2020 Request	\$0.50
Appropriations Recommendation	\$0.50

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board (SUB) \$0.50 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee commends the recent restructuring efforts that the new executive board has undertaken and we recommend that they consider this report from the Committee as a full endorsement of their hard work. SUB and the Committee believe that this amount of funding will be enough to provide support for Willard Straight Hall themed activities for the undergraduate student community, as they plan to spend approximately \$25,000 per year for the next two years, and currently have approximately \$37,000 in reserves, unreported on their balance sheet.

The Committee has a few recommendations for ways to improve their organizational efficiency for the 2018-2020 By-Line Cycle, after which SUB expects to ask for an increase. Firstly, we recommend working with members of the Appropriations Committee to develop a spreadsheet that can accurately reflect the total amount of funds allocated to each budget category, as opposed to rough estimate based on historical funding projections that may or may not have materialized. Secondly, we expect that when an organization proposes spending on a certain budget item, that it actually will spend that proposed amount on said budget item. We also highly recommend reporting income. However, we commend SUB for providing us their operating account which was useful in verifying some of their past projections.

On this point, some members of the Committee expressed serious reservations about continuing to fund an organization that does not spend approximately what it proposed to spend on each budget category and on each event. We intend on working with SUB intensely in the spring to develop a sustainable, long-term budget model that will assist its executive board in providing programming in WSH Hall. Some members also expressed reservations about the following budget items and we *strongly* advise SUB against spending \$400 on silver plates, \$150 on senior graduation gifts for 3-6 people, and \$750 on chocolate dipping items, for example. Additionally, we strongly encourage investing in better attendance tracking mechanisms and reporting accurate figures on the by-line applications. In informal meetings with members of the Committee, we found that the attendance figures reported for some events were double what the actual attendance was. Finally, we want to remind SUB that these recommendations apply to the reserve account funds as well as the actual activity fee disbursements.

Overall, the Committee is pleased with the new direction of SUB, as it has made many changes under its new leadership. We are pleased to continue to provide support for SUB and we look forward to working with them further in the spring to discuss Appendix B guidelines.

Vote Totals

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

Amount	Vote
\$0.50	7-3-1

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



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Organization	Cornell University Programming Board
2016-2018 Allocation	\$7.50
2018-2020 Request	\$9.00
Appropriations Recommendation	\$8.55

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Cornell University Programming Board (CUPB) for the 2018-2020 By-Line Cycle at \$8.55. The Committee felt that CUPB has not received an increase in funding for a considerable period of time and has a clear intention of spending the increased funding on high-quality programming. CUPB has studied their costs structure and developed a model to decrease the cost per attendee by holding events with larger capacities. Because the speaking fee is roughly the same regardless of the size of the audience, CUPB calculates that by renting out larger venues, they can allow more students access to their events at a lower cost per attendee.

The Committee fully supports this plan, but we also strongly encourage CUPB to consider the different levels of costs fronted by activity fee paying individuals and non-activity fee paying individuals who purchase tickets. We hope that CUPB recognizes the large support they receive from the Undergraduate Student Activity Fee and we also hope that their price structure for undergraduate students reflects our generous financing of their organization.

We look forward to working with them further in the spring and thank them for the excellent programming that they provide to the student body.

Vote Totals

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

Amount	Vote
\$9.00	1-8-2
\$8.55	7-2-2

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe Kaufman

Vice President for Finance



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

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

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

Sponsored by: Jesse Pollard '18

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

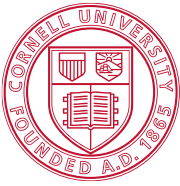
Jesse Pollard '18

CALS Representative, Student Assembly

Zachary Aleksandur de Stefan '18

Co-Facilitator, Amnesty International at Cornell

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



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Originally Presented on:	10/26/2017
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #16 Median Grade Reporting

ABSTRACT: This Resolution recommends that the University Faculty direct the University Registrar to report median grades on transcripts based on instructor, in those courses where multiple sections with different instructors are offered.

Sponsored by: Osai Egharevba '21

Whereas, course grades and student grade point averages (“GPAs”) derived from grades should serve as reliable indicators of student grasp of course material; and

Whereas, employers and graduate school admissions rely heavily on grades to filter and select candidates; and

Whereas, many of the University’s peer institutions have publicly acknowledged that their grades are inflated, and in 1996 the Faculty Senate voted to publish median grades on student transcripts in an acknowledgement of the University’s grading practices; and

Whereas, median grades have been posted on University transcripts since 2008; and

Whereas, many courses offered by the University are taught in multiple “sections,” with different groups of students and different instructors; and

Whereas, the quality and style of instruction, the approach to grading, and the instructor’s fluency in english all necessarily vary between instructors; and

Whereas, those students whose instructors write exams may have an advantage over those whose instructors do not;

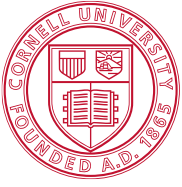
Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly recommends that the Faculty Senate direct the University Registrar to report median grades on transcripts by *section*, so that all sections of a particular course wholly taught by the same instructor during the same academic term are treated as independent “courses” for the purpose of calculating and reporting median grades on University transcripts; and

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly recommends that this change be applied to all multiple-instructor, multiple-section courses from Fall 2018 onwards; and

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be conveyed to the Dean of Faculty and to the Faculty Senate.

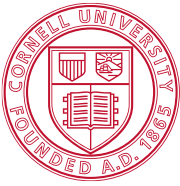
Respectfully Submitted,

Osai Egharevba '21,



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50 Nathan Weierich, '18
51 *Member, Student Assembly Academic Policy Committee*
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53 *Reviewed by: Academic Policy Committee, 13-0-1, 10/22/2017*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

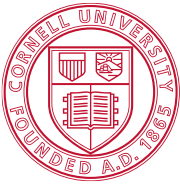
Whereas, undergraduate student projects and collaboration with Weaver Wind Energy and Professor Barthelmie would assist in the pre-construction assessment of the project;

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

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

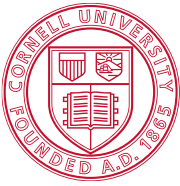
Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly affirms its support for Professor Barthelmie's wind turbine project and increased interdisciplinary renewable energy research, collaboration, and engagement between students, faculty, and Weaver Wind Energy;

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



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



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

S.A. Resolution #19

Preventing the Use of University Resources for Political Purposes

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

Sponsored by: Osai Egharevba '21

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

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

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

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

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

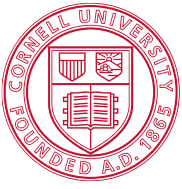
Whereas, instructors have a unique role in developing a student’s way of thinking and in grading; and

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

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

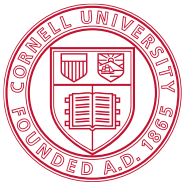
Respectfully Submitted,

Osai Egharevba '21
Freshman Representative, Student Assembly



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Originally Presented on:	11/9/2017
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Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #20

Equality in Undergraduate Access to the Breazzano Family Center for Business

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to request that the Breazzano Family Center for Business be made accessible to undergraduate students past 5:00pm.

Sponsored by: Matthew Indimine '18, TJ Ball '19

Whereas, Cornell University was founded as an institution where any person can find instruction in any study;

Whereas, Cornell launched the S.C. Johnson College of Business during the 2016-2017 Academic Year;

Whereas, the S.C. Johnson College of Business is intended to enhance the student experience cross-functionally through the pooled resources of its three component schools: Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Johnson Graduate School of Management; and the School of Hotel Administration;

Whereas, the Breazzano Family Center for Business opened in Fall of 2017 at 209-215 Dryden Road;

Whereas, the Breazzano Family Center for Business expands the teaching capacity of the S.C. Johnson College of Business;

Whereas, the Breazzano Family Center for Business is inaccessible to undergraduate students after 5:00pm;

Whereas, daytime classes for undergraduate students don't finish until 4:30pm;

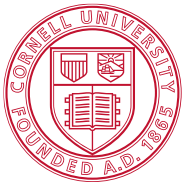
Whereas, since the restructuring of the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Johnson Graduate School of Management, and the School of Hotel Administration into the S.C. Johnson College of Business, few tangible steps have been taken to improve undergraduate access to additional resources and experiences;

Whereas, there are inadequate study spaces in Collegetown for undergraduate students to do work despite the large volume of students that live in Collegetown;

Whereas, other Cornell-funded study spaces, such as Uris Library, already have systems in place for ensuring that only certain students are allowed to work there beyond a certain point in the night;

Whereas, campus safety has become a major concern due to recent rising racial tensions and hate crimes on Cornell's campus as well as a longstanding history of sexual assault;

Whereas, additional study spaces in Collegetown would eradicate the need for students to walk long-distances home from campus alone at night;



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Whereas, limiting undergraduate access creates a divide among graduated undergraduate students, which goes against the spirit of the College of Business

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly recommends that the Breazzano Family Center for Business be accessible to undergraduate students until the building closes at Midnight;

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to President Pollack, Dean of the SC Johnson College of Business, Soumitra Dutta and Dean of of the Johnson Graduate School of Management, Mark Nelson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Indimine

Undesignated At-Large Representative, Student Assembly

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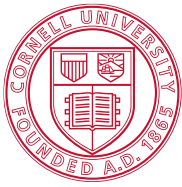
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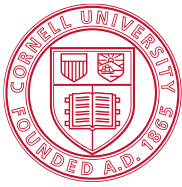
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