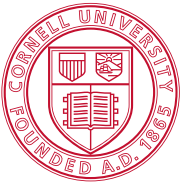


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Agenda of the Thursday, August 31, 2017 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in WSH

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Open Microphone**
- III. Announcements and Reports**
 - a. Rep Schott – Defunding of the Foreign Student Employment Program
 - b. Rep Lipschutz – Hotel School Body/Body Switching Platform
 - c. EVP Devatha – Wall Street Journal Access
- IV. Presentations**
 - a. Rep Valadez – Presentation on FARC
- V. New Business**
 - a. Resolution 3: Approving Student Assembly Budget
 - b. Resolution 4: Elections Committee Slate
 - c. Resolution 5: Election Rules Fall 2017
- VI. Executive Session**
 - a. EVP Devatha - Leankit, Slack, Task Forces
 - b. Parliamentarian Schmetterer - Parliamentary Workshop



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Originally Presented on:	08/24/2017
Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #3
2 Approving the Student Assembly Budget
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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution approves the Student Assembly budget for the 2017-2018 Academic
5 Year.

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7 **Sponsored by: Gabe Kaufman '18**
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9 **Whereas**, According to the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 8, Sub-Section A, Rule 2, The
10 Student Assembly budget must be reviewed and approved by the SA by the conclusion of
11 the second meeting of the academic year.”
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13 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly approves the budget as outlined in Appendix A.
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15 **Respectfully Submitted,**

16 Gabe Kaufman

17 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*

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20 *Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-1, 08/23/2017*

Income Categories

FY18 Student Activity Fee Disbursement \$28,630.00 *approx.

Transfer In from Current Operating (FY16) \$50,590.63

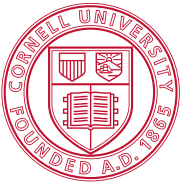
SAF "true up" and 5% Reserve allocation

Transfers in (monthly)

TOTAL Income \$79,220.63

FY18	Expense Categories	2016-17 Budget	2016-17 Expense
10000	Administrative	\$2,000.00	\$1,298.45
10001	Executive	\$1,800.00	\$618.36
10002	Communications	\$2,500.00	\$415.79
10003	Initiatives	\$4,000.00	\$117.61
10004	Appropriations	\$2,750.00	\$1,642.63
10005	Technology	\$3,000.00	\$99.00
10006	Elections	\$3,000.00	\$1,290.57
20005	Diversity	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
XXXXX	Organizational Support	\$0.00	\$0.00
30001	Special Projects	\$5,000.00	\$16,316.06
TOTAL Total		\$26,050.00	\$21,798.47

2017-18 Proposed Budget	% Over Expense
\$2,000.00	35%
\$1,200.00	48%
\$1,000.00	58%
\$2,000.00	94%
\$3,000.00	45%
\$1,500.00	0%
\$2,000.00	35%
\$2,500.00	100%
\$5,000.00	100%
\$8,000.00	-104%
\$28,200.00	23%



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Originally Presented on:	08/31/2017
Type of Action:	Internal Policy
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #4
2 Approval of the 2017-2018 Elections Committee Slate

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4 ABSTRACT: As per the Student Assembly Bylaws, the Student Assembly general body confirms the
5 Staffing Committee's slate of proposed members to the Elections Committee.

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7 **Sponsored by: Travis Cabbell '18 and Dale Barbaria '19**

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9 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly Bylaws state, "At one of the first two SA meetings of each
10 academic year, the Staffing Committee will present a slate of proposed members to the SA
11 for confirmation, which the SA must approve or disapprove in its entirety;"

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13 **Whereas**, the Elections Committee must consist of 10 voting members, of whom less than have
14 may also be members fo the Student Assembly;

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16 **Whereas**, no person may serve on the Elections Committee and, in the same academic year, be a
17 candidate in an election supervised by the Elections Committee;

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19 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly needs a fully staffed Elections Committee to oversee the Fall 2017
20 elections for the 4 Freshman Representative seats, 1 Transfer Representative seat, and 1
21 LGBTQ+ Liaison At-Large Representative seat;

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23 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly confirms the following individuals as members
24 of the Student Assembly Elections Committee for the 2017-2018 Academic Year:

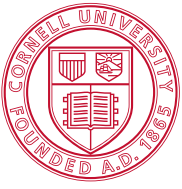
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Austin McLaughlin (awm83)
Clady Corona (cac488)
Ethan Anderson (eka38)
Lucy Lin June (yl633)
Terrill Malone (tdm82)

Noah Chovanec (nmc78)
Chasen Richards (car242)
Alexis Pollitto (ajp344)
Jenna Oliver (jo349)
Michael Pocress (mnp25)

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30 Travis Cabbell '18
31 *Director of Elections, Student Assembly*

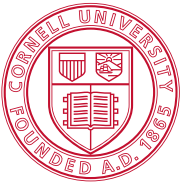
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33 Dale Barbaria '19
34 *Vice President of Internal Operations, Student Assembly*



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36 *(Reviewed by: Staffing Committee, 8-0-1, 8/27/2017)*



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S.A. Resolution #5
Approval of the Fall 2017 Elections Rules

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

Sponsored by: Travis Cabbell '17

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

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

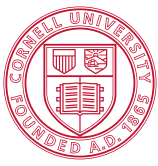
Whereas, the Student Assembly Elections Committee approved the attached rules for the upcoming Fall 2017 elections;

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Travis Cabbell '17
Director of Elections, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Elections Committee, 9-0-1, 8/29/2017)



Student Assembly Election Rules

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

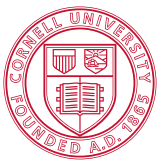
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Article I: Election Guidelines

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

A. Voter Eligibility

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

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

B. Candidate Information

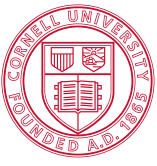
1. Eligibility and Requirements

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

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

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

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



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- 86 1. Attend at least one full SA meeting in that semester and register his or her attendance at that
87 meeting with the Director of Elections, unless waived by the Director of Elections for extenuating
88 circumstances².
89 2. Apply online to serve on at least one committee of the SA.
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91 The Office of the Assemblies, assisted by the Elections Committee, will review submitted materials for
92 compliance with petitioning requirements as follows:

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

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

- 111 1. Announce their candidacy on social media platforms in order to collect signatures
112 2. Announce their candidacy in front of a classroom during class hours in order to collect signatures
113 3. Circulate unattended petitions
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115 [Supporters of potential candidates may collect petition signatures in accordance with the above rules. The](#)
116 [names and netID of both the potential candidate and the individual who collected the signatures must be](#)
117 [noted on the petition form.](#)
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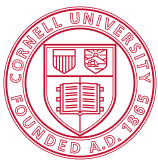
119 3. Written Statements

- 120 1. Each candidate is asked to submit a short statement, which may be no more than 1,250 characters,
121 including spaces (NOT word count) via the online Candidate Profile portal. Submissions must be
122 plain text.
123 2. Statements will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections Committee.
124 3. Statements may not include names of any political coalitions.
125 4. If a candidate's statement does not conform to these guidelines, the statement will not be posted.
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127 4. Pictures

128 Candidates may have their photos taken in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, before the petition
129 deadline. Photos will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections Committee.

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



130 Candidates may submit a photograph of themselves that conforms to the specifications noted in the online
131 candidate registration form.

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133 5. Promotional Materials

134 Each candidate may receive a combination of up to 300 one-sided 8 1/2" X 11" or 150 two-sided 8 1/2" X
135 11" printed materials at no charge. These may be posters or quarter-cards, or a combination of both.

- 136 1. The design must be attached, exactly as it is to be copied, as a PDF to the Candidate Profile Form
137 online and submitted by the application deadline.
- 138 2. All materials must include the dates and times of the elections and be in compliance with election
139 guidelines.
- 140 3. Candidates may select up to two different paper colors from the swatches provided by the Office of
141 the Assemblies.
- 142 4. Materials will be printed in black & white only.
- 143 5. No Cornell insignia or logo is allowed.
- 144 6. Candidates who do not submit materials, (which meet these criteria) by the petitioning deadline,
145 forfeit the opportunity to receive such materials from the Office of the Assemblies.
- 146 7. The Office of the Assemblies will be responsible for making the copies.
- 147 8. The Office of the Assemblies will not assist in designing, modifying, or otherwise formatting a
148 printed submission.

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150 ~~Candidates that do not receive or choose not to receive free promotional materials printed by the Office of~~
151 ~~the Assemblies will be eligible for up to \$35 in reimbursements that can be used towards the following~~
152 ~~expenses: website expenses (web hosting, domain names, and online advertising), chalk, printed materials, or~~
153 ~~any other promotional materials approved by the Director of Elections that are not a violation of these~~
154 ~~elections rules. These reimbursements will not be counted in a candidate's out-of-pocket expenses, as~~
155 ~~detailed in the Campaign Finance rules in Article 1, Section C(6) of these elections rules.~~

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157 Candidates' promotional materials must include the dates and times of the elections and be in compliance
158 with election guidelines. No Cornell insignia or logo is allowed.

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160 6. Candidate Forum

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

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169 C. Election Guidelines

170 1. Early Campaigning

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

- 173 1. Distribution of printed campaign materials to the public.
- 174 2. Advertising candidacy by chalk, poster, or other method designed for public viewing.
- 175 3. Making speeches or statements to student organizations or groups of students.



176 4. Promoting their candidacy through email, social networking tools, or other digital media
177 The Elections Committee may challenge or disqualify a candidate if a violation is found to compromise the
178 fairness of the election.

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180 **2. Restrictions for Current SA Members**

181 Current SA members seeking reelection:
182 1. Must refrain from any form of individual or self-promoting publicity during the petitioning period.
183 2. Must not host constituency outreach events that are meant to fulfill an outreach requirement from
184 the deadline for election materials through the last day of voting.

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186 **3. Compliance with University Policies and Campus Code of Conduct**

187 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must be aware of and comply with all applicable policies
188 and provisions of the Campus Code of Conduct, including but not limited to:
189 1. Use of Cornell Name, Logo & Artwork policy
190 2. Event Registration policies
191 3. Facilities reservation policies, including Willard Straight Hall area reservation policies
192 4. University Postering & Chalking policies
193 5. Residential & New Students Programs' policy for postering in residence halls
194 6. Dining hall policies, including a prohibition of distributing printed campaign materials in dining halls
195 without permission from authorized staff, and as designated in the Campus Code of Conduct³

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

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203 **4. Campus Mail**

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

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206 **5. Electronic Communications and Social Media**

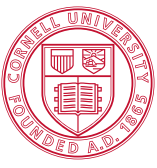
207 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:
208 1. Must obtain permission from the administrator of any university-hosted bulk mailing lists
209 2. Must comply with Cornell University IT policies

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211 **6. Campaign Finance**

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

216 1. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not exceed the \$50 limit for out-of-pocket
217 expenses and fair market value of donations of materials, professional services, and/or money

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



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- 218 a. Fair market value is the value at which something is to be obtained normally if
219 documentation of its dollar value is not provided.
- 220 b. If there is a supporting receipt for a good used in a candidate's campaign, then the value of
221 that good is the dollar value on the supporting receipt as long as the transaction was
222 conducted at arm's length.
- 223 c. For donated materials, professional services, or other goods for which no official receipt is
224 provided, candidates must seek the most plausible assessment of the fair market value of the
225 good. Professional services will be defined as any work for which the given individual/donor
226 is typically compensated. Volunteer time donated by full-time students will not be
227 considered professional services.
- 228 d. Paid advertisements and related costs on social networking sites or other websites must also
229 be accounted for at fair market value.
- 230 ~~2. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf in races where only one candidate has submitted a~~
231 ~~petition are limited to 150 copies and \$10 for out-of-pocket 236 expenses. Donations may be used,~~
232 ~~but proof of their fair market value must be provided and accounted for.~~
- 233 3. Candidates who do not receive or choose not to receive free promotional materials printed by the
234 Office of the Assemblies will be eligible for up to \$50 in reimbursements to cover out-of-pocket
235 expenses from the campaigning period that can be used towards the following expenses: website
236 expenses (web hosting, domain names, and online advertising), chalk, printed materials, or any other
237 promotional materials approved by the Director of Elections that are not a violation of these
238 elections rules.
- 239 4. Candidates who do receive free promotional materials printed by the Office of the Assemblies will
240 be eligible for up to \$25 in reimbursements to cover out-of-pocket expenses from the campaigning
241 period that can be used towards the following expenses: website expenses (web hosting, domain
242 names, and online advertising), chalk, printed materials, or any other promotional materials
243 approved by the Director of Elections that are not a violation of these elections rules.

7. Endorsements

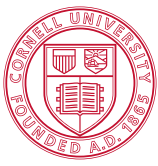
246 All registered student organizations receiving funds from the Student Assembly are encouraged to endorse
247 candidates. If an organization chooses to endorse a candidate, it is expected to abide by the guidelines
248 below.

- 249 1. Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) funded and Student Activity Fee (SAF) byline
250 funded organizations may endorse candidates. All groups must act in a way that is fair and balanced
251 when deciding on the endorsement of candidates. ~~This includes the disclosure of endorsements to~~
252 ~~the Elections Committee prior to the publication of said endorsement.~~
- 253 2. The Elections Committee may recommend that the SA impose fines on or revoke allocated funds
254 from organizations failing to comply.

8. Campaign Ethics

257 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:

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



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265 **D. Restrictions on Ticketing and Slates**

266 **1. General Rules**

267 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not:

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

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

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

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287 **3. Plagiarism**

288 Candidates may not disseminate written statements, promotional materials, or electronic communications
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290 former candidate.

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292 **Article II: Election Procedures**

293 **A. The Election Calendar**

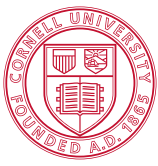
- 294 1. The Director of Elections, in consultation with the Office of the Assemblies, will draft the election
295 calendar prior to the semester of the election, and will be approved by the Elections Committee at a
296 meeting in the prior semester if possible⁴.
- 297 2. Consideration shall be given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

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300 **B. The Elections Committee**

- 301 1. The Director of Elections shall serve as chair and a designated representative of the Office of the
302 Assemblies shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of this committee.
- 303 2. Members of the Elections Committee may not seek SA or UA office for the academic year
304 following their term of service on the committee.

⁴ The Director of Elections should coordinate the schedule of the Student Assembly elections with other campus elections, such as those of the Student-Elected Trustee and Class Councils. It may also result in disciplinary referral to the Judicial 330 Administrator.



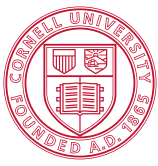
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3. The Director of Elections shall publish at the beginning of each semester a list of Assembly seats to be filled, in accordance with Student Assembly Charter.
 4. Elections Committee members are expected to abide by the highest standards of personal conduct and integrity. Students are mandated to excuse themselves from serving on the Elections Committee if they plan to take part in a campaign. Therefore, members should not be involved in the campaigning process. All conflicts should be considered and resolved before the election cycle begins. If a member of Elections Committee sits on the Executive Board of an organization who chooses to endorse a candidate, the committee members are required to recuse themselves from any challenge hearing involving the endorsed candidate.
 5. The Elections Committee should be prepared to meet immediately following the challenge deadline to rule on all pertinent challenges. The Elections Committee shall use Robert's Rules of Order to consider challenges, in addition to the election rules. In the event of conflict, these election rules supersede Robert's Rules of Order. The Elections Committee has no power to overrule the election rules under any circumstances.
 6. The Director of Elections shall give a final report on the results of the election when there are no remaining unresolved matters.
 7. For the benefit of the students, the Elections Committee shall establish voting booths across campus on the days of the election. Committee members will ensure that no campaigning occurs within 25 feet of a voting booth.
 8. [The Elections Committee must pass an amended version of these Election Rules before the second to last Student Assembly meeting of each semester.](#)

327 **C. Independence of the Elections Committee**

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

335 **D. Voting and Tabulation**

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



350 **E. Challenges**

351 **1. Eligibility to Challenge**

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

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357 **2. Challenge Deadlines**

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

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366 **3. Format of Challenges**

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

- 369 1. Challenger's name
370 2. Candidate's name
371 3. Date of challenge
372 4. Reason for challenge and supporting evidence

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374 **4. Notification of Election Challenges**

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

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378 **5. Response to Election Challenges**

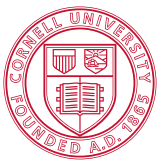
379 A challenged candidate may review challenges to which they are a party in the Office of the Assemblies, 109
380 Day Hall, and address written statements in response to the committee. The challenged candidate may
381 request a hearing in person 378 with the committee.

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383 **6. Challenge Review Meeting**

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

- 388 1. Whether a preponderance of evidence substantiates each alleged violation; and,
389 2. Which, if any, substantiated violations or combination thereof compromised the fairness of the
390 election and constituted a material advantage to the extent the challenged candidate should be
391 disqualified by a two-thirds majority.

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



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397 **7. Written Report**

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

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407 **8. Reconsideration**

- 408 1. If the committee determines a candidate should be disqualified, the candidate may request
409 reconsideration within twenty-four hours of receiving the written report. To be reconsidered, the
410 candidate seeking such reconsideration must submit a request in writing to the Office of the
411 Assemblies via email to assembly@cornell.edu. The statement should address the specific findings in
412 the written report to be reconsidered.
413 2. The committee will convene in response to such a request. The committee, after evaluating each
414 request for reconsideration, will take a vote requiring a simple majority to determine if the previous
415 decision to disqualify should be overturned.
416 3. If a disqualified candidate finds that the Elections Committee was biased in their application of the
417 rules, they may request a review by the Judicial Codes ~~and~~ Counselor (JCC). If the JCC review finds
418 that the application of the rules was biased, the decision of the Elections Committee may be
419 overturned.

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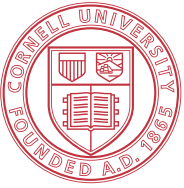
421 **9. Finality**

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

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425 **10. Confidentiality**

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



Student Assembly Elections Calendar
Fall 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Sept. 4</p> <p>Labor Day University Closed</p>	<p>Sept. 5</p> <p>Candidate Information Session 7:00pm-8:00pm Location TBD</p>	<p>Sept. 6</p>	<p>Sept. 7</p> <p>Student Assembly Meeting 4:45pm-6:30pm RPCC 218 Candidate Information Session 6:45pm-7:45pm</p>	<p>Sept. 8</p>
<p>Sept. 11</p>	<p>Sept. 12</p> <p>Deadline for Election Registration 12:00pm Registration Form - online only Petition Forms - turn in at 109 Day Hall</p> <p>Mandatory Campaigning Meeting 5:00pm - 6:30pm Location TBD Campaigning begins after mtg.</p>	<p>Sept. 13</p>	<p>Sept. 14</p> <p>Student Assembly Meeting 4:45pm-6:30pm Memorial Room- Willard Straight Hall</p>	<p>Sept. 15</p>
<p>Sept. 18</p>	<p>Sept. 19</p> <p>Candidate Forum 7:00pm-8:00pm Location TBD (N. Campus)</p>	<p>Sept. 20</p>	<p>Sept. 21</p> <p>Student Assembly Meeting 4:45pm-6:30pm Location TBD</p>	<p>Sept. 22</p>
<p>Sept. 25</p> <p>Voting Begins 8:00pm Online</p>	<p>Sept. 26</p>	<p>Sept. 27</p> <p>Voting Ends 12:00pm Online</p> <p>Challenge Forms & Expense Reports Due 2:00pm 109 Day Hall (Challenge Hearings immediately after deadline.)</p>	<p>Sept. 28</p> <p>Student Assembly Meeting 4:45pm-6:30pm Memorial Room- Willard Straight Hall</p>	<p>Sept. 29</p>