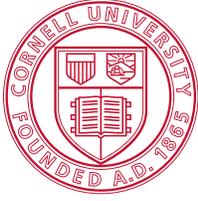


# Cornell University Student Assembly

## Cornell University Student Assembly

Agenda of the Thursday, April 26, 2018 Meeting  
4:45pm-6:30pm in Memorial Room, WSH

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Open Microphone**
- III. Approval of the Minutes**
  - a. April 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes & April 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes
- IV. Announcements & Reports**
  - a. VP Kaufman: Special Projects, UA Updates
- V. Presentations**
  - a. Orientation Steering Committee (4:50)
  - b. Convocation Committee (5:00)
  - c. Rep. Egharevba: APC Survey on Student Center and Pre-Enroll
- VI. Business of the Day**
  - a. Resolution 45: In Support of GPSA Resolution 13
- VII. New Business**
  - a. Resolution 49: Approving Appendix B for 2018-2020 Byline Cycle.docx
    - i. Appendix Changes
- VIII. Additional Announcements and Reports**
  - a. GPSA, FS, EA, UA Liaison Reports
- IX. Adjournment**



# Cornell University Student Assembly

## Cornell University Student Assembly

Minutes of the Friday, April 13, 2018 Meeting  
5:07pm-7:00pm in 251 Malott Hall

### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting into Committee of the Whole at 5:07 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
  - i. *Present*: D. Barbaria [0], A. Chowdhury [2], V. Devatha [1], D. Engelson [0.25], O. Egharevba [1], H. Hassan [3], N. Hernandez [0], M. Indimine [1.5], S. Iruvanti [0], G. Kaufman [0], J. Kim [1], S. Lim [0], D. Nyakaru [1], M. Peralta-Ochoa [2], C. Schott [1.25], E. Shapiro [1], J. Sim [1], A. Viswanathan [0]
  - ii. *Arrived After Roll Call*: O. Corn (*Excused*) [1], O. Din (*Excused*) [2], S. Park (*Excused*) [2.75], G. Park (*Excused*) [0], M. Valadez (*Excused*) [1]
  - iii. *Absent*: T. Ball (*Excused*) [0.75], R. Cornell (*Excused*) [2.5], R. Herz (*Excused*) [5], L. Lipschutz (*Excused*) [4.75], I. Wallace (*Excused*) [1]

### II. Business of the Day

- a. Elections Discussion/Resolution 44
  - i. Discussion began under Committee of the Whole at 5:07 due to a lack of quorum.
  - ii. G. Kaufman said that he has received more information since the previous meeting, and said that a previous Director of Elections agreed with his interpretation of the election rules. He added that the Office of the Assemblies offered their interpretation of the rule and said that the Judicial Codes Counselor (henceforth JCC) has the authority to overturn the Elections Committee.
  - iii. N. Hernandez asked that SA members act with respect.
  - iv. G. Kaufman read the amended form of Resolution 44.
  - v. N. Hernandez asked why G. Kaufman did not reach out to the Director of Elections who held the position between the time of the current Director and the Director he did reach out to.
  - vi. D. Barbaria said that G. Kaufman was involved in the events that caused her to stop being the Director of Elections.
  - vii. J. Kim said that she was removed as Director of Elections.
  - viii. G. Kaufman said that she resigned as Director of Elections.
  - ix. J. Anderson asked how Resolution 44 would impact the results of the Undesignated Representative at-Large race if it passed today.
  - x. G. Kaufman said that any incorrect information would be corrected. He also said that there was an interpretation of the rules such that whoever is running

for president is automatically entered into the Undesignated race, and that the loser of the SA presidential race automatically becomes an Undesignated Representative at-Large. He added that this is the interpretation of both the Elections Committee and the Office of the Assemblies.

- xi. J. Anderson asked if that would mean that Catherine Li would not be seated on the committee.
- xii. The discussion was paused to conduct roll call, since quorum had been reached.
- xiii. G. Kaufman moved to amend Resolution 44 to reflect the changes made.
- xiv. A community member said that the SA meeting of the previous day had some of the most appalling behavior, and that the Assembly lost a complete sense of civility and decency. He also said that for three hours, Travis Cabbell was repeatedly attacked beyond the scope of reason to a basically personal level. He added that what makes this more maddening is that this is the second strike against the Student Assembly this year, the first being the Cornell Cinema, and that incidents such as this show why confidentiality is necessary. He also said that he fears for the physical and mental safety of all the members of the Elections Committee, and that the treatment of the members of the Committee by SA members has been shameful, as they faced and continue to face an unprecedented situation that there has never been a clear procedure for.
  - 1. T. Cabbell is the current Chair of the Elections Committee.
- xv. D. Engelson thanked the community member for his bravery, and said that he attached his name to this resolution because he feels that this resolution will be the best version to rectify all past wrongdoings. He added that the Assembly must move forward.
- xvi. T. Cabbell said that this current resolution is 100% better than the one presented yesterday, and that the previous form of the resolution was only brought to his attention one hour prior to the previous day's meeting. He added that despite the fact that his presence was not expected at the previous day's meeting, it was needed. He also said that this resolution says that power just goes to the Student Assembly whenever there is an ambiguous rule, and that it is a constitutional crisis to call the Elections Committee's decision invalid because of a different interpretation of a rule.
- xvii. G. Kaufman asked T. Cabbell whether or not the Elections Committee has the unlimited authority to interpret its rules and break them at will.
- xviii. T. Cabbell said that the Committee did not break its own rules.
- xix. Discussion continued between G. Kaufman and T. Cabbell.
- xx. J. Kim said that previous emails defining the intent of the clause were found, and that the intent of the rule was clearly that the JCC's recommendation is a binding decision.
- xxi. C. Schott said that he appreciated the statement from the previous community member, but that to say that Assembly members treated people as subhuman is not true. He added that he thinks this resolution is very kind to the Elections Committee, and that the bigger issue was that elections results were released after having thought to have full information, especially in regard to the chance that C. Li may be unable to have a seat on the Assembly.

- xxii. D. Barbaria moved to amend and keep the speakers list.
- xxiii. G. Kaufman's motion to amend Resolution 44 (see subpoint xiii) – amended.
- xxiv. A community member spoke regarding the Assembly's decision regarding the JCC.
- xxv. D. Nyakaru thanked the community member who spoke before regarding the Assembly's conduct, and said that the functionality of Resolution 44 must be debated, since it would effectively be removing the autonomous function of the Elections Committee and giving it back to the SA. She also asked Zachary Schmetterer a clarifying question regarding the election rules.
- xxvi. Z. Schmetterer said that his interpretation is that the JCC serves as a hard check on the Elections Committee.
- xxvii. D. Nyakaru said that this information was given after the Elections Committee's decision was made, and asked how someone can work under an interpretation that they are unaware of.
- xxviii. T. Cabbell echoed D. Nyakaru's sentiments, and said that none of this information was ever shared with him. He added that when the new rule was added, there was the opportunity to make the language more clear, but they did not.
- xxix. J. Kim said that it is not the Elections Committee's fault that no one knew the original intent because it was never shared with anyone.
- xxx. G. Kaufman said that the Elections Committee did their best to do things by the rules as much as possible, and that due to a lack of provided context, they broke the rules. He also said that the SA cannot have committees that do not follow rules, and that they must make sure that the rules are followed.
- xxxi. N. Hernandez referenced C. Schott's earlier comments.
- xxxii. C. Schott said that the fact that C. Li might not be able to get a seat on the committee despite having previously been reported as winning a seat is an unfortunate outcome based on what happened, and asked whether or not the SA should create a seat for her.
- xxxiii. N. Hernandez asked what needs to be done to get Resolution 44 passed.
- xxxiv. Shreya Mantrala of the Elections Committee asked whether or not historical intent will now become a consideration for every election rule.
- xxxv. J. Anderson said that everyone on the SA should have respect for everyone on the Elections Committee.
- xxxvi. T. Cabbell echoed S. Mantrala's sentiments, and said that Resolution 44 is unfair and a bare-bones job unless historical intent will be considered for every rule going forward.
- xxxvii. G. Kaufman said that the SA cannot audit every single email sent by every single Director of Elections to the Office of the Assemblies, and said that there is nothing that can be done now concerning the fact that the intent of the clause was not provided to the Elections Committee. He added that the logical conclusion of T. Cabbell's argument is that the Committee has unlimited authority.
- xxxviii. D. Engelson moved to amend Resolution 44.
- xxxix. T. Cabbell said that election rules will be redone soon regardless.
  - xl. D. Engelson withdrew his amendment.
  - xli. E. Shapiro said that everything that he wanted to say has been said, and that he thinks the resolution should be voted on now.

- xlii. There was a motion to vote.
  - 1. There was a dissent.
  - 2. E. Shapiro **withdrew** his motion.
- xliv. A. Viswanathan said that this resolution sets a precedent that the SA has power over the Elections Committee, and moved to amend Resolution 44.
- xlv. J. Kim said that he will continue to move through the speakers list while A. Viswanathan gets the language for his resolution.
- xlv. Z. Schmetterer said that in terms of precedence, using the most recent precedent is the usual legal way of proceeding, and that it is disheartening as Parliamentarian to see the lack of information given. He added that the SA should bring back the position of Executive Archivist as appointed by the SA President, and that issues of precedent came up with the Cornell Cinema last semester. He also said that having a more complete database would be better moving forward.
- xlvi. O. Corn said that she would like to make clear that she will not vote “Yes” on Resolution 44, and that the way the rules are written at the time are how they must be followed. She added that if the Elections Committee’s decision is overturned, then the SA is saying that anyone can break the rules and can have their disqualification overturned, and that the two issues at hand must be separated, since everyone here had to follow the rules.
- xlvii. Discussion continued between O. Corn and G. Kaufman.
- xlvi. D. Barbaria asked who the most recent group to pass the election rules was.
- xlix. Manisha Munasinghe said that she would be fully supportive of efforts to create an Executive Archivist position.
  - 1. N. Hernandez said that the position is in the SA’s charter, and that the SA is supposed to have one.
  - ii. There was a motion to vote.
    - 1. There was a dissent.
    - 2. J. Kim said that the language for A. Viswanathan’s proposed amendment is not yet finished.
  - iii. T. Cabbell said that these rules were voted on by the body that wrote them, and that the Elections Committee has interpretation powers since they effectively wrote the rules. He also said that the SA empowered the Committee to have the intent that they have with the document, and that he does not know why past opinions are being weighted as greater than their own.
  - liii. G. Kaufman said that the last body to pass these rules was the Student Assembly, not the Elections Committee.
  - liv. Discussion continued between G. Kaufman and T. Cabbell.
  - lv. G. Kaufman said that the problem is that the Elections Committee was told that they broke the rules and that the Committee said that they did not. He added that Resolution 44 is only saying that the JCC has the power to overturn the Elections Committee, and say that it happened because it did happen.
  - lvi. A. Viswanathan proposed his amendment to Resolution 44.
  - lvii. M. Valadez said that the student body will not take the Student Assembly seriously if they do not pass this resolution.

- lviii. N. Hernandez suggested that a footnote be added to the resolution that says that it is not their body, rather than A. Viswanathan's proposed resolution which just adds more confusing language.
- lix. T. Cabbell said that M. Valadez is correct in that the SA does not look the best in the eyes of the community right now, but that passing this resolution is not the only way to get the election results out, and that a new resolution can be written and voted on the way it is.
- lx. A. Viswanathan said that he prefers the amendment rather than the footnote since the problem being faced right now should be in the documentation.
- lxi. N. Hernandez said that she disagrees since the body was confused while reading the resolution.
- lxii. G. Kaufman moved to amend the amendment, such that "implicated bias" now reads "overturned the Elections Committee" – amended by unanimous consent.
- lxiii. Motion to vote on A. Viswanathan's amendment to Resolution 44 – amended.
- lxiv. N. Hernandez asked whether it is within the Assembly's power to provide a seat for C. Li should the resolution pass.
- lxv. J. Kim said that it is not within their power.
- lxvi. D. Engelson asked a question regarding the Elections Committee's interpretation of rules.
- lxvii. A member of the Elections Committee said that it would boil down to who can interpret the rules, and that the Committee ultimately has the power.
- lxviii. D. Engelson asked what impact the Committee thought the meme had on the election.
- lxix. J. Kim said that this is irrelevant to the resolution.
- lxx. G. Kaufman said that the SA should never be trying to interpret whether the Elections Committee applied a rule correctly, and that this is the purview of the JCC. He added that the Assembly will never presume to be able to overturn the JCC's ruling, and that the Elections Committee cannot overturn the body that overturns them.
- lxxi. T. Cabbell asked where in the resolution it says that this cannot be used to change interpretations of other rules or bodies.
- lxxii. G. Kaufman said that he believed it to be pretty obvious, but that he would not be opposed to writing it in.
- lxxiii. Discussion continued between G. Kaufman and T. Cabbell.
- lxxiv. D. Nyakaru said that the bigger issue at hand is that this resolution says that the Elections Committee will no longer be autonomous from the SA, and asked how the Assembly can still allow the Committee to be autonomous.
- lxxv. J. Kim said that he is not sure that the resolution does that, and said that it gives a final say to the JCC, not to the Student Assembly.
- lxxvi. D. Nyakaru said that the resolution says that it can change.
- lxxvii. J. Kim said that it is specific to this election, hence the use of V. Devatha's name.
- lxxviii. D. Nyakaru said that she is not saying that she agrees with the JCC's report, and that the SA is talking about the ruling.

- lxxix. A. Viswanathan said that the resolution does not say that the SA is overturning, but that it is recognizing in bylaws that the JCC has the final say and ensuring that happens.
- lxxx. T. Cabbell asked whether or not the bylaws actually state anything in regard to the JCC.
- lxxxi. J. Kim replied in the negative.
- lxxxii. An Elections Committee member said that this still sounds like the Assembly is picking and choosing which election rules to interpret, and that they would be more in favor of pursuing a different option, such as adjudication by a neutral third party.
- lxxxiii. J. Kim said that the JCC is a neutral third party.
- lxxxiv. Discussion continued.
- lxxxv. A community member said that one thing students would appreciate regardless of the outcome would be to see the vote tallies, and that maybe this should be voted on separately.
- lxxxvi. J. Kim said that disqualified candidates cannot have their vote tallies released, and that for that to happen this resolution would have to be adopted.
- lxxxvii. A community member said that something should be done in regard to C. Li.
- lxxxviii. M. Indimine said that he disagrees with the way that election rules go in regard to the Undesignated seat and the Presidential race.
- lxxxix. J. Anderson said that, fundamentally, he agrees that the vote tally needs to be released. He also said that the resolution has the right intent, and that it is the best way to go forward regardless of the minutiae that may be parsed out of it. He added that, post-resolution, the election rules must be looked at intensely, and that the resolution should not affect how they're looked at. He also said that, going forward, the minutes of the Elections Committee will determine intent, not language.
- xc. T. Cabbell said that J. Anderson's response does not address the idea that the Assembly is now ruling on a decision that would remove the autonomy of this current Elections Committee.
- xci. J. Kim said that this resolution does not overturn the Elections Committee, and that the Assembly is clarifying that the JCC, which is by definition third-party and nonbiased, has the final say.
- xcii. T. Cabbell said that the resolution does make the statement that the original intent was wrong.
- xciii. Discussion continued between T. Cabbell and J. Kim.
- xciv. Terrill Malone of the Elections Committee said that the Committee does not support the resolution or what it intends to do.
- xcv. D. Nyakaru said that a lot of members of the SA endorsed either D. Barbaria or V. Devatha in the election, and asked what should be done in this regard as it pertains to conflicts of interest and biases.
- xcvi. G. Kaufman moved to amend Resolution 44.
- xcvii. M. Indimine said that there are many issues on campus right now that the Assembly is disregarding to talk about this, and that this must be voted on soon.
- xcviii. Motion to amend Resolution 44 – amended 19-0-3.
- xcix. There was a motion to vote on Resolution 44.

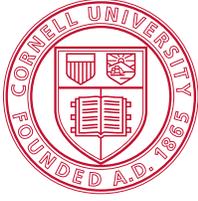
1. D. Nyakaru dissented, saying that the aforementioned concerns regarding conflicts of interest must be decided on.
- c. J. Kim asked T. Cabbell if he would be okay with the JCC interpreting the rules for conflicts of interest.
  - ci. Discussion continued in this regard.
  - cii. There was a motion to overturn the chair's call for a vote – failed.
  - ciii. A. Viswanathan moved for a roll-call vote including who each voter endorsed.
  - civ. D. Barbaria said that members cannot be forced to disclose their endorsements.
  - cv. D. Barbaria and V. Devatha left the room for the vote.
  - cvi. J. Kim said that he received proxy votes prior to the meeting, and read them.
    1. These will be included in the full report of votes later on in the minutes.
  - cvii. T. Cabbell said that the Elections Committee believes that certain members of the Student Assembly are outwardly against the Committee at this time and cannot separate their opinion from this. He also named G. Kaufman, L. Lipschutz, M. Indimine, and M. Valadez as members who could be considered as biased and should therefore abstain.
  - cviii. G. Kaufman said that he will not abstain from the vote, and that he does not care who wins the election.
  - cix. N. Hernandez left the meeting, and announced her vote at this time as a proxy.
    1. This will be included in the full report of votes later on in the minutes.
  - cx. Motion to vote on Resolution 44 – approved 17-2-6.
    1. T. Ball – yes (proxy)
    2. A. Chowdhury – yes
    3. O. Corn – no
    4. O. Din – yes (proxy)
    5. O. Egharevba – yes
    6. D. Engelson – abstain
    7. H. Hassan – yes
    8. N. Hernandez – abstain (proxy)
    9. R. Herz – yes (proxy)
    10. M. Indimine – yes
    11. S. Iruvanti – yes
    12. G. Kaufman – yes
    13. S. Lim – yes
    14. L. Lipschutz – yes (proxy)
    15. D. Nyakaru – abstain
    16. S. Park – yes
    17. G. Park – abstain
    18. M. Peralta-Ochoa – no
    19. C. Schott – yes
    20. E. Shapiro – yes
    21. J. Sim – abstain
    22. M. Valadez – yes

- 23. A. Viswanathan – yes
- 24. I. Wallace – abstain (proxy)
- 25. J. Kim – yes
- cxii. T. Cabbell said that the Elections Committee has no stake in this election, and that the Committee believes that democracy deserves to take place on campus.
- cxiii. T. Malone said that the Elections Committee does not agree with the outcome of this resolution.

**III. Adjournment**

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Hannan*  
Clerk of the Assembly



# Cornell University Student Assembly

## Cornell University Student Assembly

Minutes of the Thursday, April 19, 2018 Meeting  
4:49pm-6:41pm in Memorial Room, WSH

### I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:49 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
  - i. *Present*: T. Ball [0.75], D. Barbaria [0], A. Chowdhury [2], O. Corn [1], R. Cornell [2.5], V. Devatha [1], O. Din [2], J. Dominguez [0], D. Engelson [0.25], O. Egharevba [1], H. Hassan [3], N. Hernandez [0], R. Herz [5], M. Indimine [1.5], S. Iruvanti [0], G. Kaufman [0], J. Kim [1], S. Lim [0], L. Lipschutz [4.75], D. Nyakaru [1], G. Park [0], M. Peralta-Ochoa [2], E. Shapiro [1], M. Valadez [1], I. Wallace [1]
  - ii. *Arrived After Roll Call*: C. Schott (*Excused*) [1.25], J. Sim (*Excused*) [1]
  - iii. *Absent*: S. Park (*Unexcused*) [3.75]

### II. Open Microphone

- a. No speakers at the open microphone.

### III. Oath of Office

- a. School of Industrial & Labor Relations Representative J. Dominguez was sworn in using the Oath of Office
- b. G. Kaufman moved to amend the agenda such that Resolution 47 would be discussed before Presentations – **amended**.

### IV. Approval of the Minutes

- a. April 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes
  - i. Motion to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes – **approved**.
- b. There was a motion to amend the agenda such that Resolution 45 would be discussed after Announcements & Reports (and therefore before Resolution 47) – **amended**.

### V. Announcements & Reports

- a. Shivani Parikh said that she has been tolerating a great deal of implicit anti-South Asian bias throughout the elections process, and that it is disgusting that she must explain that saying that a person of color is not “POC enough” is uncalled for. She also said that people of South Asian descent all make different decisions in regard to how to navigate white spaces in a post-9/11 world, and that she will hold accountable anyone who tries to criticize their skin color rather than their platforms.

- b. V. Devatha said that Holi will be occurring on May 5<sup>th</sup> on the Arts Quad, and that anyone who wishes to purchase tickets should speak with him to be connected to the relevant parties.

## **VI. New Business I**

- a. Resolution 45: In Support of GPSA Resolution 13
  - i. Ekarina Winarto said that the public-private partnership that has given control of the Maplewood Apartments to an organization other than Cornell is stripping international students of the ability to be leaders in that community, and that the GPSA has been trying to find creative solutions to this issue. She added that C. Schott wrote this resolution in his capacity as International Student Liaison, but could not be here today to speak on the resolution's behalf.
    - 1. E. Winarto is the President of the GPSA.
  - ii. G. Kaufman said that he thinks that the resolution is great, but that it is the height of bureaucracy to pass a resolution that only supports another body's resolution, and that it would be a bad habit for the shared governance bodies to sponsor each others' resolutions.
  - iii. Zachary Schmetterer asked if any undergraduate students are living in the Maplewood Apartments. He also asked a clarifying question regarding the nature of the public-private partnership model.
  - iv. E. Winarto said that after fifty years, Cornell will gain the property back from EdR. She also said that Maplewood is currently primarily reserved for graduate and professional students, but that there are potential plans to open the space to a wider demographic. She also said that she believes that solidarity is a good thing, especially since the International Student Union represents all international students and not just undergraduates.
  - v. E. Shapiro moved to amend line 5 of the resolution such that the word "housing" is spelled correctly – **amended** by unanimous consent.
  - vi. There was a motion to move Resolution 45 to Business of the Day – **approved**.
  - vii. G. Kaufman asked whether or not GPSA Resolution 13 had passed yet.
  - viii. E. Winarto said that it will pass on Monday.
  - ix. G. Kaufman said that, as a general rule, resolutions shouldn't pass through multiple bodies, and that resolutions that affect multiple constituencies should go through the University Assembly.
  - x. E. Winarto said that she still believes that the resolution is important to pass in the SA.
  - xi. D. Barbaria said that it is important to hear C. Schott's input, and that it might be beneficial to see undergraduates pass the resolution. He also recommended tabling the resolution until C. Schott can speak on its behalf.
  - xii. There was a motion to table Resolution 47 – **tabled**.
- b. M. Peralta-Ochoa read a statement from a community member.
- c. Resolution 47: Approving New SAFC Guidelines
  - i. A representative of SAFC said that the guidelines for the organization have been outdated for a few years.
  - ii. G. Kaufman said that this is a routine procedure to ensure that guidelines are up to date.

- iii. Z. Schmetterer said that one complaint that he has heard from community members is that when they are trying to get reimbursed in regard to travel fees, reimbursements will be denied if not using Mapquest as opposed to other programs such as Google Maps.
- iv. A representative of SAFC said that she was unfamiliar with the incident, but that SAFC does accept Google Maps.
- v. D. Barbaria said that the Assembly did not get to have a full discussion on SAFC last semester, and that this resolution is a good first step to make sure that organizational costs don't keep growing in the future.
- vi. D. Barbaria moved to move Resolution 47 to Business of the Day – approved.
- vii. O. Din moved to vote on Resolution 47 – approved 21-0-1.

## VII. Business of the Day I

- a. Resolution 38: Reinstating Statement Policy
  - i. N. Hernandez said that Resolution 38 has been on the agenda for at least a month, and said that the Assembly should just vote on it.
  - ii. There was a motion to vote on Resolution 38 – approved 21-0-1.

## VIII. New Business II

- a. Resolution 48: Approving Special Projects Request for Collective X
  - i. G. Kaufman said that this resolution is required by standing rules since it allocates a sum of money greater than \$500.
  - ii. O. Corn said that Collective X is one of the organizations affected by CUTonight's funding decisions, and that it is unfair that Collective X has had its funding up in the air for so long and that the SA should pass the resolution.
  - iii. O. Din moved to move Resolution 48 to Business of the Day – approved.
  - iv. There was a motion to vote.
    - 1. D. Barbaria dissented.
  - v. D. Barbaria asked G. Kaufman why over a third of Appropriations Committee representatives voted no on the resolution.
  - vi. G. Kaufman said that there was concern among some committee members since Collective X had already released a magazine earlier in the year, and that there were too many release parties. He added that the majority of the committee was not swayed in this regard.
  - vii. Motion to vote on Resolution 48 – approved 23-0-1.
    - 1. J. Kim asked why the number of members voting each time keeps changing.
- b. Consensual Relationships Policy Vote
  - i. O. Din asked how the chair will be voting on the ballot.
  - ii. J. Kim said that he will not disclose this information.
  - iii. V. Devatha said that this vote is technically considered a roll-call vote.
  - iv. J. Kim said that members will not be standing up and announcing their vote, but that each member will write their name on the ballot.
  - v. O. Corn asked what the difference is between plan CRP-A and CRP-B.
  - vi. Joseph Anderson said that it is not a significant difference for undergraduate students. He also asked whether or not there was a CRP-C option.

- vii. J. Kim said that he did not receive a C option.
- viii. G. Kaufman asked who would see how individual members vote.
- ix. J. Anderson said that the Consensual Relationships Policy Committee (henceforth CRPC) would be the only body to see, and that the committee would then send the results to President Pollack.
- x. G. Kaufman asked why Assembly members have to write their names on the ballot if the CRPC would be the only body to see the results.
- xi. J. Kim said that Dean Van Loan requested a roll-call vote.
- xii. G. Kaufman moved to call for a roll-call vote.
  - 1. O. Din dissented, saying that such an endeavor would be unimportant.
  - 2. G. Kaufman maintained his motion.
  - 3. V. Devatha asked whether or not the Assembly members felt uncomfortable having their names on the ballot.
  - 4. There was a general consensus among the body in the negative.
  - 5. G. Kaufman **withdrew** his motion.
- xiii. J. Kim said that members should give their ballots to John Hannan once they have finished them.
  - 1. J. Hannan is the Clerk of the Student Assembly.
- xiv. V. Devatha asked a clarifying question.
- xv. J. Anderson said that proposal CRP-A says that graduate students cannot have intimate relationships with faculty members in their own department, and that CRP-B does not include that clause.
- xvi. G. Kaufman said that CRP-B does require professors and graduate students in the same degree field to report their relationship to the administration, and that making people report to the University in this regard is not a good thing for the University to do.
- xvii. D. Barbaria said that voting for either CRP-A or CRP-B means that you are endorsing that particular policy, and that you can elect to vote for neither of them.
- xviii. V. Devatha asked E. Winarto what the general sentiment regarding these policies is on the GPSA.
- xix. E. Winarto said that sentiments are split roughly 50/50, with no clear prevailing opinion on either side.
- xx. R. Herz said that both proposals ban undergraduate relationships with graduate students.
- xxi. M. Valadez said that she would like to hear the sentiments of members of the CRPC present at the Assembly meeting.
- xxii. J. Anderson said that the policy regarding undergraduates and faculty is standard across most of Cornell's peer institutions, and that this policy is important.
- xxiii. R. Herz asked what the actual consequences of breaking the ban are.
- xxiv. G. Park said that it would end in suspension for the student and unpaid leave for the faculty member.
- xxv. Z. Schmetterer asked a clarifying question regarding relationships between undergraduate TAs and other undergraduate students.
- xxvi. J. Anderson said that not every relationship would have to be disclosed, only those where there would be academic authority.

## IX. Presentations

- a. Co-Chairs from the Committee on Organizational Structures in the Social Sciences
  - i. Ted O'Donoghue said that this is part of the review on social sciences, and that community feedback has told him and his peers that the social sciences at Cornell need further investment.
  - ii. A community member said that one large advantage of a potential merger between the College of Human Ecology (henceforth CHE) and the School of Industrial & Labor Relations (henceforth ILR) that was listed earlier would be bringing together a lot of the social sciences at the university, and asked why the proposed Center for the Social Sciences is not the focus if this is the case.
  - iii. Judy Appleton said that the Center for the Social Sciences is intended to be for research, and that the merger of CHE and ILR would be bringing together academic programs.
  - iv. T. O'Donoghue said that the ideas proposed are not mutually exclusive, and that there is no focus on one idea over any others.
  - v. A community member said that the proposal has no mention of the disastrous effects a merger would have on particular areas of organizational structures.
  - vi. J. Appleton said that when creating ideas, one parameter was that potential obstacles were to be ignored since they would inhibit creative thought, and that the community member's concerns are legitimate.
  - vii. J. Dominguez asked if this was the only proposal. He also asked if the College of Business yet had a dean.
  - viii. J. Appleton said that it currently has an interim dean.
  - ix. J. Dominguez said that there was not much support of the College of Business merger from faculty of the School of Hotel Administration.
  - x. J. Kim said that this is not a trial and that J. Dominguez can ask one question.
  - xi. J. Dominguez said he spoke to his constituents, and that ILR does not want this merger. He added that only 8 out of more than 50 ILR faculty were opposed to the merger, and that faculty support is critical for a merger to work.
  - xii. A community member asked the Committee members what their understanding of social sciences was.
  - xiii. T. O'Donoghue said that they cover a broad spectrum of disciplines and problems, and that it is hard to give an exact definition.
  - xiv. The community member asked T. O'Donoghue for his definition.
  - xv. J. Appleton said that the report on structures is a very concise report, and that the internal report addresses the community member's concerns.
  - xvi. The community member said that the internal report was not made public.
  - xvii. J. Appleton said that she is not sure that there is a reason she could not see it, and that the faculty of the departments listed in the internal report as social sciences were okay with being on that list.
  - xviii. The community member asked why it took a year before people came to get student input. She also asked why only two ILR faculty members were on the

committee, and why student and staff input seems to have been an afterthought.

- xix. J. Appleton said that the committee is a small faculty committee, and that the proposed ideas are ideas. She also said that the committee is now soliciting input broadly, and that the President and Provost are interested in what people have to say.
- xx. The community member asked whether or not J. Appleton and T. O'Donoghue speak as representatives of the committee.
- xxi. J. Appleton said that they can only ask questions posed to them.
- xxii. The community member asked whether the co-chairs would be opposed to a public declaration by the President and the Provost that the merger be abandoned.
- xxiii. J. Appleton said that the community has been dissolved, and that she and T. O'Donoghue are on a listening tour to collect feedback. She added that the President and the Provost can express their opinions as they wish.
- xxiv. J. Kim said that this discussion will be capped at 6:15 pm.
- xxv. Dustin Liu said that, as an ILR, he obviously does not agree with the merger. He also asked what the process would look like going forward.
- xxvi. T. O'Donoghue said that the process will evolve depending on how things go, and that many meetings are currently scheduled while feedback is being collected.
- xxvii. O. Din said that through conversations with CHE and ILR members, students have heard from their faculty members that the merger is rather far along and is pretty much set at this point. He asked if the merger would still happen even though students and faculty are so unified as being against it.
- xxviii. J. Appleton said that no decision has been made, and that it is not a done deal. She also said that this is a time to discuss ideas, and that she cannot be in the mind of the President or the Provost.
- xxix. A PhD student of ILR said that his research would have been impossible without the identity of ILR opening up opportunities for him. He also asked what internal review had been done with previous mergers.
- xxx. A PhD student of ILR said that if the merger continues to move ahead, the students, faculty, and alumni of ILR would continue to fight and mobilize publicly to ensure that the merger does not happen. He also referenced an earlier statement and asked what programs are on the metaphorical chopping block.
  - 1. The statement referenced was as follows: "...consider that areas of excellence today might not be focus areas of the future".
- xxxi. T. O'Donoghue said that no programs are at risk of being cut, and that it was not even a discussion. He added that the administration wants to have the flexibility to move with the frontier.

## **X. New Business III**

- a. Resolution 46: Opposing the Merger of the College of Human Ecology and ILR School
  - i. N. Hernandez moved to move Resolution 46 to Business of the Day.
  - ii. J. Kim requested that discussion happen before such a motion is made.

- iii. J. Anderson said that it is his belief that everyone agrees that the possibility of a merger is totally off the table, and expressed his disappointment that the Assembly could not receive an answer from the President or the Provost in regard to this initiative.
- iv. O. Din said that CHE overwhelmingly does not support the merger, and asked the Assembly to support this resolution.
- v. S. Parikh said that there are historical reasons why the majors of Development Sociology and Communications are in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and that she is against the merger.
- vi. O. Corn said that it is ridiculous that the merger is even being considered, and that the merger would destroy the individual brands of each college like the College of Business merger destroyed the brand of the School of Hotel Administration.
- vii. Z. Schmetterer said that he would like to offer a different take on the merger since opinions have so far been overwhelmingly negative, and that the public and applicants to the college do not necessarily understand the individual brands of each college. He added that, as a Policy Analysis and Management major, he almost did not apply to Cornell because he did not understand the concept of “human ecology”.
- viii. J. Anderson said that Z. Schmetterer’s point makes sense in some instances, but in regard to ILR, the brand would disappear if it were integrated into a college of social sciences.
- ix. Alexis Pollitto said that she also came to ILR because of its brand, and that she heard that the merger is in part due to widely reported college rankings. She added that Cornell will never be Harvard, and that student that are interested in taking ILR courses are able to since students can take courses across the undergraduate colleges.
- x. T. Ball said that he supports this resolution, but that there is no way there will be a merger because the student body and faculty will not let there be a merger. He also said that the Assembly should trust those assigned by the University to speak in the future.
- xi. O. Din said that the point of Resolution 46 is to continue that discussion.
- xii. A community member said that the moment where one assumes the administration has the best interest at heart is the moment where activism dies, and that she does not have an obligation to assume that two people who she has never met know her best interest.
- xiii. Nathanael Cheng said that this resolution is how the community shows that they are against the merger.
- xiv. A community member requested that anyone in attendance at the meeting who is in CHE or ILR raise their hand, and then requested that anyone who agreed with the merger put their hand down.
  - 1. Of those who raised their hands, no one put their hands down.
- xv. J. Anderson moved to amend the resolution such that “reconsider” in line 47 now reads as “oppose the idea of”.
  - 1. G. Kaufman dissented.
  - 2. G. Kaufman **withdrew** his dissent.
  - 3. J. Dominguez dissented, saying that the Assembly must be strong on the resolution.

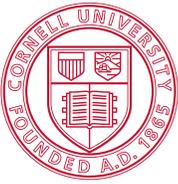
- xvi. R. Herz said that the resolution should be concise, and that she opposes the merger.
- xvii. There was a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes – approved.
- xviii. V. Devatha moved to amend the amendment such that “reconsider” in line 47 will now read “adopt the opinion of the Student Assembly on” – amended.
- xix. S. Iruvanti asked if there is support of the merger by graduate students.
- xx. A graduate student said that there was a meeting in which this was discussed, and everyone in attendance was against the merger on all levels.
- xxi. G. Kaufman said that the resolution has a lot of resolved clauses that won’t achieve the Assembly’s goal, and that the administration might be more open to the resolution if the resolution also stated the Assembly’s preference for a Center for the Social Sciences.
- xxii. J. Anderson said that everyone would prefer something other than the merger, and that the goal is to take this idea off the table, not to stop the dialogue.
- xxiii. D. Nyakaru moved to move this resolution to Business of the Day.
  - 1. N. Hernandez dissented.
  - 2. N. Hernandez withdrew her dissent.
- xxiv. N. Hernandez recommended that the resolution be amended such that it expresses opposition to this specific merger and any other potential merger.
- xxv. O. Din said that this was already established in the amendment.
- xxvi. L. Lipschutz said that this resolution is incredibly important since the administration has opened discussion in regard to the merger unlike the College of Business merger, and moved to vote.
  - 1. G. Kaufman dissented.
  - 2. L. Lipschutz withdrew his motion.
- xxvii. O. Din moved to extend the meeting by five minutes – approved.
- xxviii. G. Kaufman moved to amend Resolution 46 – failed.
  - 1. O. Din dissented.
- xxix. Motion to vote on Resolution 46 – approved 21-1-2.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:41 pm.

**XII. Executive Session**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Hannan*  
Clerk of the Assembly



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1           **SA Resolution 45: In Support of GPSA Resolution 13 - Calling For the**  
2           **Accommodation of International Student Leaders at Maplewood Apartments**

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution calls for Cornell to grant international graduate students equal  
5 opportunities to those of domestic students in public-private housing situation off-campus,  
6 particularly regarding their access to mentorship and leadership opportunities.  
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8 **Sponsored by: Christopher Schott '18**

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10 **Whereas**, on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA)  
11 introduced Resolution 13: Calling For the Accommodation of International Students as Leaders  
12 at Maplewood Apartments (GPSA Res 13); and  
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14 **Whereas**, GPSA Res 13 is the result of a change in on-campus graduate and professional student  
15 housing to off-campus graduate and professional student housing that resulted in the inability of  
16 international students to serve as paid student leaders in those communities; and  
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18 **Whereas**, about 72% of graduate and professional students (GPS) living in University Housing  
19 are international students, a testament to their reliance on on-campus housing as a safe space<sup>1</sup>;  
20 and  
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22 **Whereas**, Graduate Community Advisors (GCAs) are GPS who live and work among their peers  
23 in the GPS on-campus communities<sup>2</sup>; and  
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25 **Whereas**, while a GCA's "primary role is to help create a sense of community within their  
26 respective areas", they also serve as a general resource to all residents and a main point of  
27 contact during emergencies; and  
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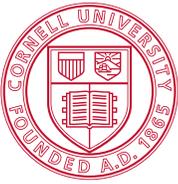
29 **Whereas**, Maplewood Park was an on-campus housing complex built in 1989 had a capacity of  
30 360 beds for graduate and professionals students that closed at the end of the 2015 - 2016  
31 academic year; and  
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33 **Whereas**, Maplewood Park was an attractive housing option for graduate and professional  
34 students as it was family-friendly both in price and programming, walking distance from  
35 campus, promoted community building/support, had global leadership, and had payment/deposit  
36 options that are adjusted to Cornell's payroll calendar; and  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://living.sas.cornell.edu/live/wheretolive/gradhousing/upload/Graduate-and-Professional-Housing-Guide-2016-17-web-version.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://living.sas.cornell.edu/participate/employment/GCA.cfm>



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38 **Whereas**, on January 28th, 2016, the Buildings and Properties Committee of the Cornell  
39 University Board of Trustees approved the selection of EdR for a new housing complex on the  
40 site of Maplewood Park<sup>1</sup>; and

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42 **Whereas**, Cornell entered into a Public Private Partnership (P3) with EdR “outlining a  
43 framework for Cornell to retain ownership of the land, but with EdR financing, constructing and  
44 managing the new housing project”<sup>3</sup>; and

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46 **Whereas**, this shift from on-campus to off-campus housing meant that EdR, as a private entity,  
47 could effectively no longer hire international students as GCAs in Maplewood; and

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49 **Whereas**, the inability to hire international students as GCAs in Maplewood effectively strips  
50 international students, who make up a significant portion of the demographic in GPSA on-  
51 campus housing, the opportunity for equitable representation in leadership positions that provide  
52 programming and mental health support to residents; and

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54 **Whereas**, international students are an especially vulnerable group with students having  
55 concerns ranging from a language barrier, stark cultural differences, new and challenging  
56 academic setting, unfamiliar environmental conditions, and isolation from family and support  
57 networks, leading to significant mental and emotional stresses; and

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59 **Whereas**, these arduous experiences are further exacerbated by cultural norms that  
60 disincentivize reaching out for help and rampant imposter syndrome that impedes their ability to  
61 reach out to students who do not have a shared experience for assistance; and

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63 **Whereas**, while we recognize that, under the new P3 model, it is illegal for EdR to hire  
64 international students as GCAs, graduate and professional students reached out to Cornell  
65 administrators in the hopes of finding a way to ensure the continued existence of international  
66 community leaders at Maplewood, even if it would be in a different form; and

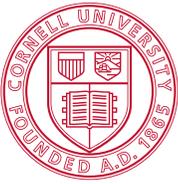
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68 **Whereas**, GPS leaders suggested that Cornell University hire Residence Community Leaders as  
69 Fellows paid and appointed through Cornell’s Off-Campus Housing Office (a branch of Student  
70 and Campus Life administered by Dean Vijay Pendakur), where their appointments would be  
71 made by Cornell University, thus allowing international students to apply and potentially serve  
72 as paid Community Leaders; and

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74 **Whereas**, despite repeated attempts to find a solution, it was made clear that the University will  
75 not be investing resources to create alternative opportunities for international students to serve  
76 as paid community leaders in Maplewood and receive compensation for their services; and

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<sup>3</sup> <http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2016/02/board-gives-green-light-new-grad-student-housing>



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78 **Whereas**, we express our disappointment that the University would not invest resources to  
79 ensure the continued existence of fairly compensated international student leaders that serve a  
80 vital role in building community and providing mental and emotional support for international  
81 students; and

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83 **Whereas**, EDR may encourage international students to volunteer their time and effort to assist  
84 their endeavors, as yet another form of unpaid labor imposed on graduate and professional  
85 students and a burden on a minority group; and

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87 **Whereas**, it was callously suggested that domestic students can be trained to understand and  
88 support the unique challenges of international students, and that international students can be  
89 “on-boarded” through presentations and workshops; and

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91 **Whereas**, we express our shock at the proposed idea that a homogenous group of students can be  
92 “trained” to empathize and support populations of different identities, or that students of different  
93 identities can be “on-boarded” to adapt to a new environment through presentations and  
94 meetings – ideas that undermine the value of diversity in leadership roles and trivialize the  
95 experience of being a minority; and

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97 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the SA expresses its support for GPSA Resolution 13: Calling For  
98 the Accommodation of International Students as Leaders at Maplewood Apartments; and

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100 **Be it further resolved**, that the SA reiterates the request of the GPSA for Cornell to find a  
101 solution that allows international students to serve as paid community leaders at the new  
102 Maplewood Apartments; and

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104 **Be it finally resolved**, if Cornell is unable to find a solution that allows international students to  
105 serve as community leaders in off-campus housing complexes under the P3 model with Cornell  
106 University, we ask that the University

- 107       1) Retain the remaining on-campus housing options for students on-campus and away from the  
108            P3 model so that international students can continue to serve as paid community leaders and  
109            resources to peers  
110       2) Introspect its commitment to creating an inclusive welcoming space for international students  
111            where leadership positions for this community are diminished

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115 Christopher Schott ‘18

116 *International Students Liaison At-Large, Student Assembly*

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119 *(Reviewed by: Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, 04/09/2018)*



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1 S.A. Resolution #49  
2 Approving Appendix B for 2018-2020 By-Line Cycle  
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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution approves the following amendments to Appendix B of the Student  
5 Assembly Charter  
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7 Sponsored by: Gabe Kaufman '18  
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9 **Whereas**, According to Appendix B, Section 5, Sub-Section A of the Student Assembly Charter, “these  
10 Funding Guidelines shall take effect on July 1, 2016 and shall expire on June 30, 2018, unless amended or  
11 renewed by the SA.”  
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13 **Whereas**, for each by-line funding cycle, the Appropriations Committee has regularly updated Appendix B to  
14 reflect the recommendations of the Committee and the Assembly,  
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16 **Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee has approved the attached Appendix B amendments;  
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18 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly amends Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter  
19 based on the attached document.  
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21 **Respectfully Submitted**,  
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23 Gabe Kaufman '18  
24 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*  
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26 *(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 9-0-1, 4/23/2018)*



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2 APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED
3 ORGANIZATIONS

4 Section 1: Preamble

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

8 Section 2: Student Assembly's Role and Obligations

- 9 A. SA Charge: As the student-elected governing body at Cornell University, the SA shall seek out and voice
10 effectively the interests and concerns of the student body.
11 B. Notice of Current Governing Documents: The SA shall provide each by-line funded organization, the
12 Director(s) of Student Activities, Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students with a current copy of
13 these Guidelines, as well as the SA Charter and the SA Appropriations Committee Charge and Guidelines
14 each year.
15 C. Notice of Pending Legislation: Each by-line funded organization, the Director(s) of Student Activities,
16 Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students shall be notified of any SA, SA Appropriations
17 Committee, or other meeting in which legislation concerning or affecting Fee recipients is pending.
18 D. Outreach: The SA Vice-President for Finance shall, wherever possible and as often as possible, attend
19 meetings of each organization throughout the year.
20 E. Enforcement, Violations & Penalties
21 i. The SA Vice-President for Finance shall be charged with investigating all accusations regarding
22 violations of these guidelines and will report such findings to the SA.
23 ii. If the SA determines that an organization has committed a violation, the SA may impose a fine,
24 reduction or revocation of the organization's by-line funding allocation. In order for a fine,
25 reduction, or revocation of funding to occur, a two-thirds majority of the SA must concur. Reasons
26 for a fine, reduction, or revocation of funding include, but are not limited to, violation of these rules,
27 violation of campus policies, or violation of contract. Any money garnered from a fine on an
28 organization shall be placed in the Special Projects Fund of the Student Assembly. If a reduction or
29 revocation of funding affecting the remainder of the funding cycle occurs, the University shall
30 attempt to reduce the SAF to reflect the lower amount. Excepting that, the money shall revert to the
31 Special Projects Fund.

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32 Section 3: General Guidelines

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



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- 36 **A. Eligibility:** SAF allocations are to be used primarily for the benefit of undergraduate students. Organizations  
37 that have the capability to be student run and led shall be primarily student run and led.
- 38 **B. SA Access:** The Vice President for Finance shall have immediate access to the budgets, operating accounts,  
39 associated accounts, and all income sources for any SAF-funded organization at any time. These items may be  
40 shared with the Appropriations Committee at the discretion of the Vice President for Finance.
- 41 **C. Event Ticketing:** For all events (concerts, lectures, films, etc.) funded by the Fee allocations and for which  
42 admission is charged:  
43 i. Cornell students shall receive a reasonable discount per event to reflect their prior contribution via  
44 the SAF.  
45 ii. Cornell students shall receive the first opportunity to purchase tickets or (otherwise should have a  
46 substantial amount of tickets reserved for student use).  
47 iii. The Appropriations Committee or the Executive Committee shall have the ability to request that  
48 organizations publish a report to the SA on the amount of money received for an event, where that  
49 money has been allocated, total attendance, and how much money was spent on the event.
- 50 **D. Attendance Tracking:** Each By-line Funded Organization shall, whenever possible, provide accurate  
51 attendance figures. Such figures may be acquired through a number of measures including swiping Cornell  
52 ID's, using a ticketing system, keeping a sign in sheet, or having someone at the door count entrants. For  
53 events that are expected to exceed a capacity of 100 attendees, organizations are required to track attendance  
54 through a ticketing system or using Cornell ID Scanners. For organizations unable to purchase their own  
55 scanners, scanners will be available to rent through the Office of the Assemblies. For events where tracking  
56 attendance would provide an unnecessary burden to organizations, a brief written statement explaining why  
57 attendance was not taken is required.
- 58 **E. Public Promotion & Engagement:** Each organization shall regularly advertise its existence and encourage  
59 student participation at its meetings, which shall be open to the public. Each organization funded by the SA  
60 will be required to include the SA logo or the following statement on all fliers, posters, promotions, programs,  
61 and literature "Funded in part by the Student Assembly".
- 62 **F. Funds Partitioning:** SAF money and earned income generated from SAF-funded events and programs shall  
63 be held in separate University accounts for accounting and reporting purposes, referred to as the SAF  
64 account and the SAF earned income account, respectively. Otherwise all expenditures from SAF money shall  
65 be authorized by the Organization in accordance with its governing documents. These requirements apply to  
66 all organizations unless explicitly exempted in this Appendix or waived by a 2/3 vote of both the  
67 Appropriations Committee and the Student Assembly. The waiver shall apply for one by-line funding cycle.
- 68 **G. Prohibition on Compensation:** Activity fee funding shall not be used to compensate individuals. Towards  
69 this end, no Advisor, President, Treasurer, staff member, other officer, or member of an organization may be  
70 compensated from an organization's SAF account or SAF earned income account.
- 71 **H. SA Liaisons:** The SA shall have the option of appointing a Student Assembly member to serve as a non-  
72 voting liaison to each organization or, where appropriate, to its Executive Board. If an organization feels their  
73 liaison is failing in their duty, a new liaison may be appointed.
- 74 **I. Off-Year Reporting:** During the fall of even-numbered calendar years each organization shall provide the  
75 Appropriations Committee with a written account of the use of its fee allocation and operations for the  
76 previous academic year, and an oral summary of its activities, including usage statistics and future  
77 programming plans. The SA Vice President for Finance will conduct an unofficial vote regarding the  
78 committee's recommendation on whether or not the organization should receive an increase in funding, a

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95 decrease in funding or maintenance of funding at its current level. The SA Vice President for Finance shall  
96 then provide a written summary report of these meetings to the SA.

- 97 J. **New Organization Reporting:** Organizations receiving By-Line funding for the first time in the current  
98 funding cycle shall report each semester to the Appropriations Committee on their operations and finances.
- 99 K. **Conferences:** Organizations may send Executive Board member(s) to one annual conference, if desired. The  
100 Appropriations Committee must approve organization's conference expenditures and each organization must  
101 demonstrate to the committee that conference attendance will benefit the Organization's ability to achieve its  
102 mission statement. Organizations shall request approval in their annual fall report to the SA. All conferences,  
103 teambuilding, banquet, training, and other social expenditures for organization members, in sum, shall be no  
104 greater than \$4,000 or 10% of the organization's by-line allocation, whichever is less. This rule shall not apply  
105 to SAFC-funded organizations.

106 L. **Governing Document Approval:** All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations' bylaws,  
107 constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.

108 M. **Non-discrimination:** All organizations receiving Student Activity Fee funds directly or that receive such  
109 funds indirectly from a by-line funded organization shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived  
110 age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex,  
111 sexual orientation, veteran status, political affiliation, or any combination of these factors when determining  
112 its membership and when determining the equal rights of all general members and executive board members,  
113 respectively, which shall include, but are not limited to, voting for, seeking, and holding positions within the  
114 organization. Additionally, all organizations receiving funding from the Student Activity Fee and that serve as  
115 a funding source for other organizations on campus shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived  
116 age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex,  
117 sexual orientation, veteran status, political affiliation, or any combination of these factors when awarding  
118 funding.

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

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#### 131 Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines

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

- 133 A. ALANA Intercultural Board
- 134 i. \$2.05 shall be used to fund ALANA's member organizations as outlined in the ALANA constitution



- 137 ii. \$3.00 per student per year of the ALANA allocation shall be used to fund the MCFAB program each
- 138 year.
- 139 iii. MCFAB shall seek to bring diverse programming to campus.
- 140 iv. \$1.90 per student per year of the ALANA allocation shall be contributed toward funding umbrella
- 141 organizations as outlined in the ALANA constitution. Umbrella organizations shall not apply for
- 142 SAFC funding.
- 143 v. \$1.10 per student per year of the ALANA allocation shall be contributed towards ALANA's own
- 144 administrative costs and programming needs such as general body meetings and other intercultural
- 145 programming
- 146 B. Alternative Breaks
- 147 i. Alternative Breaks shall reduce transportation costs.
- 148 C. Athletics & Physical Education
- 149 i. The Athletics Department shall provide, at no cost, a Big Red Sports Pass (BRSP) to each
- 150 undergraduate student. \$7.00 per student per year of the total annual Athletics allocation may be
- 151 spent towards providing the BRSP. The BRSP shall provide free admission to all varsity sports
- 152 excluding Men's Varsity Ice Hockey.
- 153 ii. In collaboration with the Sports Marketing Group, the Athletics Department will promote Cornell
- 154 Athletic events to the entire Cornell community. \$2.08 per student per year of the annual Athletics'
- 155 allocation may be spent towards providing marketing and promotions. The Sports Marketing Group
- 156 shall increase spending on marketing directed at women's sports.
- 157 iii. The \$2.08 per student per year shall be listed as a separate budget item and the Sports Marketing
- 158 Group shall report to the Student Assembly the total spending on advertising for men's and women's
- 159 sports before the final Student Assembly meeting in the spring.
- 160 iv. Athletics shall have autonomous student leadership in the Sports Marketing Group during the 2018-
- 161 2020 funding cycle.
- 162 D. Class Councils
- 163 i. The Class Councils allocation shall be divided between the four class years in proportions determined
- 164 by the organization.
- 165 E. Collegiate Readership Program
- 166 i. The Collegiate Readership Program shall operate for the 2018-2020 by-line cycle using its
- 167 accumulated surplus and the activity fee disbursement.
- 168 ii. The SA Vice President for Finance or their designee shall oversee the operations and finances of the
- 169 Collegiate Readership Program.
- 170 iii. The Collegiate Readership Program shall provide free New York Times and Wall Street Journal
- 171 access for undergraduate students.
- 172 iv. Newspapers shall be distributed from the Monday of the week prior to the first full week of classes
- 173 to the last day of exam week during each fall semester and from the first day of class to the last day
- 174 of exam week during each spring semester. These distributions periods do not include Fall Break,
- 175 Thanksgiving Break, or Spring Break.
- 176 v. The SA Vice President for Finance or their designee shall prepare and present a report to the Student
- 177 Assembly at the end of each academic year with information regarding readership and an analysis of
- 178 the current distribution locations. Any proposed changes in locations or proportions must be
- 179 approved by a majority vote of the SA.

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- 199 vi. [The SA Vice President for Finance shall report to the Student Assembly the amount allocated to the](#)  
200 [New York Times and Wall Street Journal.](#)
- 201 F. [Community Partnership Board](#)
- 202 i. The Board shall use Activity Fee money for the funding of projects. Administrative expenses shall be  
203 paid by the Board's parent body, the Public Service Center, or other non-activity fee sources of  
204 funding.
- 205 ii. Projects funded are to be decided by the Board. Those projects are to be included in the annual  
206 report to the SA.
- 207 G. Convocation
- 208 i. At the time of the selection of Convocation Committee membership, [the Convocation Committee](#)  
209 [Chair shall invite](#) all [voting](#) members of the SA, [directly-elected undergraduate members of the UA,](#)  
210 and student-elected trustee(s) that belong to that class year [to participate as full voting members of](#)  
211 [the Convocation Committee.](#) [The SA Vice President for Finance shall serve as an ex-officio member](#)  
212 [of the Committee.](#)
- 213 ii. [Convocation shall announce speaker selection first at a Student Assembly meeting.](#)
- 214 iii. [Convocation Committee shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance if the Committee is expected](#)  
215 [to require more than its SAF allocation to support Convocation.](#)
- 216 H. [Cornell Concert Commission](#)
- 217 i. The Concert Commission shall seek to produce at least one act each semester in Barton Hall, Lynah  
218 Rink, or similar venue.
- 219 ii. The Concert Commission shall put on one free concert during the academic year.
- 220 iii. [The Cornell Concert Commission shall send a report to the Appropriations Committee any time a](#)  
221 [concert loses more money than expected detailing the loss and the impact it will have on future](#)  
222 [operations.](#)
- 223 I. [Cornell University Emergency Medical Service](#)
- 224 i. [CUEMS may save no more than \\$25,000 per each two-year funding cycle toward the purchase of a](#)  
225 [new vehicle.](#)
- 226 ii. [CUEMS shall record the number of undergraduates who use their CUEMS services.](#)
- 227 J. [Cornell University Programming Board](#)
- 228 i. [The Cornell University Program Board shall use its SAF allocation to bring widely known speakers to](#)  
229 [campus.](#)
- 230 ii. [CUPB shall record the number of undergraduate who attend each program.](#)
- 231 K. [CU Tonight Commission](#)
- 232 i. [CUTonight shall promote non-alcoholic, late night social programming, on campus, open to the](#)  
233 [entire Cornell community.](#)
- 234 ii. [CUTonight shall send at least one representative to every funded event with the intention of](#)  
235 [reviewing the event](#)
- 236 iii. [CUTonight shall provide applicant organizations the opportunity to appeal the decisions of the](#)  
237 [Commission to the Appropriations Committee.](#)
- 238 iv. [CUTonight shall develop and adhere to a rubric off of which the commission will evaluate](#)  
239 [applicants. This rubric shall be submitted to the SA Vice President for Finance for approval by the](#)  
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- v. CUTonight shall forward the results of the rubric to the SA Vice President for Finance after each CUTonight funding cycle.
- L. Orientation Steering Committee
  - i. The Assistant Dean of Students in New Student Programs shall continue to supervise the planning and implementation of all August and January orientation activities.
  - ii. By the last meeting of the Spring Semester, OSC shall present a report to the SA detailing planned activities for the upcoming Orientation week
  - iii. The president of the SA and the Student Elected Trustee must be invited to address the new students at the President's New Students Convocation each year. If the Cornell University President limits the OSC to two speakers, the president of the SA must be invited.
  - iv. Attendance at Welcome Weekend events shall not be mandatory for Orientation volunteers.
  - v. OSC shall increase funding for both transfer and January Orientation programming.
  - vi. OSC shall allocate more than \$1.12 of their allocation towards programs designed to educate new students about consent and sexual assault.
  - vii. OSC shall submit the results of the feedback surveys to the Appropriations Committee.
  - viii. OSC shall reduce the costs of apparel.
- M. Outdoor Odyssey
  - i. Outdoor Odyssey shall maintain their need-based financial aid program for students who apply for pre-orientation trips and shall dedicate no less than \$20,000 per year towards this program.
  - ii. Outdoor Odyssey shall conduct a review during the 2018-2020 Funding Cycle of the demographics of those who attend.
  - iii. Outdoor Odyssey shall investigate creating trips accessible for the differently abled, and shall report their findings to the Student Assembly before the final Student Assembly meeting in the fall of 2018.
- N. Senior Days
  - i. SAF-funded Senior Week events will charge no admittance fee and will be open to all seniors.
  - ii. Before the final Student Assembly meeting in the fall, Senior Days shall report to the Appropriations Committee the attendance, expenditures, and income generated from each event held during the most recent Senior Days.
- O. Slope Day Programming Board (SDPB)
  - i. The allocation for the SDPB shall be used exclusively for programming and publicity for an event at the end of the spring semester.
  - ii. The SDPB shall organize a non-alcoholic Slope Fest event concurrent to Slope Day.
  - iii. SDPB shall offer all undergraduate students free admission to Slope Day, unless expressly permitted by the SA.
  - iv. The Slope Day Programming Board shall collect demographic information from all Slope Day entrants. These statistics shall be reported to the SA and GPSA the Fall Semester following Slope Day.
  - v. The Slope Day Programming Board shall announce artist selection first at a Student Assembly meeting.
  - vi. The Slope Day Programming Board shall set a price floor for non-activity fee paying individuals approximately equal to the total activity fee disbursement divided by projected undergraduate attendance. The price paid by non-activity fee paying individuals shall be no less than the activity fee allocation, except with the explicit consent of the Student Assembly.

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- 318 P. Slope Media Group
- 319 i. Slope Media Group shall establish durable goods inventory management procedures, which must
- 320 include details about anticipated storage locations, authorized persons to possess or handle
- 321 equipment, device security, and theft.
- 322 ii. Slope Media group shall not spend student activity fee funding on any giveaways including but not
- 323 limited to glassware, clothing, and general accessories, without the explicit approval of the
- 324 Appropriations Committee.
- 325 Q. Student Activities Funding Commission
- 326 i. SAFC shall publish and make publicly available a written account of the organizations requesting
- 327 funding, the amount requested, the amount rewarded, and the amount spent.
- 328 ii. Criteria for funding of undergraduate student organizations may not be altered or waived without the
- 329 explicit approval of the SA.
- 330 iii. The SAFC shall reserve at least 1 dollar per student per year for a special projects fund. Monies held
- 331 in this fund will be allocated first for appeals of the SAFC's funding decisions to the SAFC Appeals
- 332 Board.
- 333 iv. SAFC shall annually review and amend its tier system guidelines to ensure that expenditure
- 334 projections do not increase more than 3% per year. SAFC shall report the outcome of this review to
- 335 the Appropriations Committee.
- 336 R. Welcome Weekend
- 337 i. Welcome Weekend shall seek to hold events during the first two weeks of each semester.
- 338 ii. Welcome Weekend shall offer the TGIF Midnight Breakfast, for free only to undergraduates, and
- 339 shall record undergraduate attendance.
- 340 iii. Welcome Weekend shall seek out co-sponsorships where applicable.
- 341 S. Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board
- 342 i. All events funded by WSH SUB must either take place in Willard Straight Hall or the surrounding
- 343 environments and be directly associated with the purpose and mission of WSH.
- 344 ii. WSH SUB shall develop and adhere to a yearly budget. By a majority vote, the Appropriations
- 345 Committee may amend the budget.
- 346 iii. WSH SUB shall not purchase and dispense giveaways including but not limited to gold or silver
- 347 plates and graduation gifts.
- 348 T. Women's Resource Center (WRC)
- 349 i. The Women's Resource Center shall collaborate with the Student Assembly Women's Liaison
- 350 Representative on safety, health, and other topics pertinent to women on campus.
- 351 ii. The WRC shall set a budget at the beginning of the year for Feminism Food for Thought not to
- 352 exceed \$5,000.
- 353 i. When 80% of this budget has been exhausted, the WRC shall notify the SA Vice President
- 354 for Finance.
- 355 ii. The WRC shall strive to maximize and strive to track attendance at this event.
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