

Committee for Campus-Constituency- Elected Trustees

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Fall 2026 Student-Elected Trustee Election Challenge Form

Candidate Name: Skyler Johnson	NetID: sqj2
Challenger Name: Rachel Davis	NetID: rld249

This form is a cover sheet for your challenge, which should be typed and submitted with this form. Please be sure to name the specific document (for example, *Expressive Activity Policy* or *Student Code of Conduct*) and rule that the candidate allegedly violated. Identify any facts related to the rules you identified and explain how you believe the violation has altered the fairness of the election. You may submit digital evidence (such as photographs) to supplement your typewritten challenge. **This form and your typewritten challenge must be submitted via email to the Office of the Assemblies (assembly@cornell.edu) by 11:59pm on Friday, September 25, 2026.**

Certification I, the filer of this challenge, attest by my signature below that the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge under penalty of disciplinary referral to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. I certify that I have read and understand the election rules, available on the elections webpage, and I acknowledge in particular my confidentiality obligations as a party to this challenge, reprinted here:

"Members of the committee and parties to a challenge may not share the contents of challenges, evidence, or decisions submitted to or received from the committee, except when explicitly permitted by these rules or by the committee. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information may result in a disciplinary referral."

Signature of challenger:

Rachel Davis

Date:

9/14/2026

To the Office of Assemblies,

My name is Rachel Davis. The date today is September 14th, 2026. Today I am writing to formally submit a challenge to Skyler Johnson, who is also running for the single constituent-elected Graduate and Professional student-elected Trustee position. The date that I learned of a violated campaign rule was September 14th, 2026, at approximately 3:41pm. That makes me well within the allowed 72 hours of learning of a violation to report.

The potential violations I cite from the [Student- and Employee-Elected Trustee Procedures](#) are the following:

- **Section V, Clause 9:** This section strictly and specifically prohibits the use of "Cornell email listservs or electronic distribution lists" to promote a candidacy.
- **Section V, Clause 10:** If clause 9 was indeed not broken, and the candidate used a third-party or private mass email list, clause 10 still requires that those receiving campaign materials must have "actively opted in to join the list or group and receive general election information".

My colleague, a post-doc fellow and not a graduate student (unable to vote in this election), received an email of Skyler's campaign run on September 11th, 2026, with what appears to be from a Cornell listserv, or an electronic distribution list. My colleague also confirmed to me (verbally) that he did not opt in to receive campaign materials. To maintain my colleague's privacy at their request, I have redacted their name and email from the provided evidence.

Please see the email from Skyler Johnson that I believe violates the above sections and clauses of our fair election process.

Lastly, I attest that the information provided in this challenge is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

Rachel Davis
rld249@cornell.edu

Fwd: Skyler Johnson - Introduction

[REDACTED]
To: Rachel Davis <rid249@cornell.edu>

Mon, Sep 14, 2026 at 3:41 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Skyler Johnson <sqj2@cornell.edu>
Subject: Skyler Johnson - Introduction
Date: September 11, 2026 at 7:11:12 PM EDT
To: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

My name is Skyler Johnson. I'm a second-year law student, and I'm running for Graduate Student Trustee!

The Graduate Student Trustee serves as a full voting member of Cornell's Board of Trustees, and every graduate and professional student is eligible to vote.

I'm running to fight cuts to graduate programs, create an institutional lending program that would allow graduate students to borrow money at lower interest rates, and make the TCAT free for all graduate and professional students. Currently, the TCAT is only free for certain programs.

Before law school, I served as Director of Development and Advocacy for a nonprofit, and I have six years of experience serving on boards. I want to put that experience to work advocating for graduate and professional students across Cornell.

Voting will take place online from September 18–24. You'll receive the voting link by email.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about what you'd like to see from the Board of Trustees, I'd genuinely love to hear from you. You can reply to this email or text me at 631-478-3681.

Thank you!

Skyler Johnson

VOTE

Skyler Johnson

For Graduate Student Trustee

**Former Director of Development and Advocacy
Experienced Board Member**

**Free TCAT For All Grad Students
No Funding Cuts For Grad Programs**

Experienced Leader

Experienced Advocate



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