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## Resolution 7: Executive Governance Reform, Part 2

**Abstract:** This resolution amends the Charter, Bylaws, and Standing Rules to further clarify several areas of executive governance.

**Sponsored by:** President Zora deRham '27, Executive VP Vinson '25, Deputy Pres. Maggard '26, VP Suarez '27, VP Hite '26, VP Chan '25, VP Flournoy '27, Parliamentarian Coleman '26

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**Whereas,** in the event of a vacancy in the Office of the President, the Assembly must elect a new President, with multiple offices having conflicting claims to temporary presidential authority.

**Whereas,** there does not exist a Vice President overseeing student life policy, the issues most affecting the undergraduate student body.

**Whereas,** the style of Vice President should be reserved for officers overseeing a distinct division of interaction with the student body (Policy, Finance, Communications, DEI).

**Whereas,** the current committee system has an unclear management structure, leading to delays in committees being able to operate effectively with high turn-over in Assembly leadership year-over-year.

**Whereas,** the Office of the Executive Archivist has no clear bylaw-given responsibility, while the modern-day role of the Office has been focused on research.

**Whereas,** the Office of the Chief of Staff, the successor to the role of Deputy President, will streamline Assembly administrative processes, and ensure activities are more transparent by publishing the actions of the Executive Board and Cabinet.

**Be it therefore resolved,** proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Student Assembly shall be based on the official version of the Bylaws as of November 1, 2024.

**Be it further resolved,** all such instances of "SA" occurring in the Charter of the Student Assembly be changed to "Assembly," "Student Assembly," or the possessive versions. The final determination shall be drafted by the Office of the Assemblies, with the joint approval of the President and Deputy President.

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30 **Be it further resolved**, in Article IV, Section 8, Subsection B of the Charter of the Student  
31 Assembly, “exists” be struck and replaced with “arises”.

32 **Be it further resolved**, in Article IV, Section 8, Subsection B of the Charter of the Student  
33 Assembly, “, including that of the President,” be inserted after “voting member of the  
34 Assembly.”

35 **Be it further resolved**, in Article IV, Section 8, Subsection C of the Charter of the Student  
36 Assembly, “exists” be struck and replaced with “arises”.

37 **Be it further resolved**, in Article IV, Section 8, Subsection C of the Charter of the Student  
38 Assembly, the first instance of “following” be struck and replaced with “after”.

39 **Be it further resolved**, in Article IV, Section 8, Subsection C of the Charter of the Student  
40 Assembly, “, except that of the President,” be inserted after “voting member of the Assembly.”

41 **Be it further resolved**, Article IV, Section 8, Subsection D of the Charter of the Student  
42 Assembly be struck and replaced with:

43 *A vacancy that arises in the office of the President after the first 30 days of the Assembly*  
44 *shall be filled by the Executive Vice President. In the event that the office of the Executive*  
45 *Vice President is concurrently vacant or that individual declines to serve, the next*  
46 *ranking officer holding a voting seat shall serve as Acting President until such time as*  
47 *the Assembly elects a new President. The vacancy shall be filled by a roll-call vote; a*  
48 *two-thirds affirmative vote of the seated membership of the Assembly is required to fill*  
49 *the vacancy.*

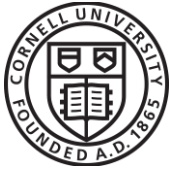
50 **Be it further resolved**, all such instances of “Vice President for/of External Affairs/Public  
51 Relations” in the Charter of the Student Assembly be changed to “Vice President for  
52 Communications.”

53 **Be it further resolved**, all such instances of “Vice President of Finance” in the Charter of the  
54 Student Assembly be changed to “Vice President for Finance.”

55 **Be it further resolved**, all such instances of “Appropriations Committee” in the Charter of the  
56 Student Assembly be changed to “Finance Committee.”

57 **Be it further resolved**, all such instances of “Executive Committee” in the Charter of the  
58 Student Assembly, referring to the Student Assembly’s Executive Committee, be changed to  
59 “Executive Board.”

60 **Be it further resolved**, Article II, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck  
61 and replaced with:



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62           *The officers of the Assembly shall be a President, an Executive Vice President, a Chief of*  
63           *Staff, a Vice President for Policy, a Vice President for Finance, a Vice President for*  
64           *Communications, a Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, a*  
65           *Parliamentarian, and an Archivist. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by*  
66           *this Charter and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Assembly.*

67   **Be it further resolved,** Article II, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck  
68   and replaced with:

69           *The Assembly will, as soon as possible after the spring election, hold an organizational*  
70           *and planning meeting in executive session. At this meeting, the voting members will elect*  
71           *the offices of Vice President for Policy, Vice President for Finance, Vice President for*  
72           *Communications, and Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Self-*  
73           *nomination will be in order in each of the elected offices. Elected officers should be*  
74           *approved by a majority vote of Assembly members present at the organizational meeting.*  
75           *Additionally, at this meeting or a meeting soon after, the members will affirm the*  
76           *appointments of Chief of Staff, Parliamentarian, and Archivist. The offices of Chief of*  
77           *Staff, Parliamentarian, and Archivist will be appointed by the Student Assembly*  
78           *President. Each nominee for the respective offices shall be subject to majority approval*  
79           *of the Assembly's voting members, except that of the Chief of Staff, which shall be subject*  
80           *to two-thirds approval. The newly elected officers will undertake the responsibilities of*  
81           *their position at the start of their term on the Assembly. Elections for officers shall be by*  
82           *secret ballots. Student Assembly voting members may have one vote for each position to*  
83           *be filled but may not vote for any one individual twice on any ballot.*

84   **Be it further resolved,** in Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly, “. F” be  
85   struck and replaced with “, f”.

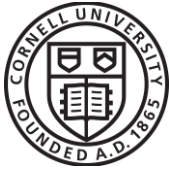
86   **Be it further resolved,** at Article III, Section 1, Line Item 2 of the Bylaws of the Student  
87   Assembly, “Chair the Executive Board.” be inserted, with the remaining line items to be re-  
88   enumerated accordingly.

89   **Be it further resolved,** Article III, Section 1, Line Item 8 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly  
90   be struck and replaced with:

91           *Appoint Assembly Chief of Staff, Parliamentarian, and Archivist.*

92   **Be it further resolved,** in Article III, Section 2, Line Item 1 of the Bylaws of the Student  
93   Assembly, “, and preside in the absence of the President.” be appended at the end of the line.

94   **Be it further resolved,** in Article III, Section 2, Line Item 2 of the Bylaws of the Student  
95   Assembly, “Board” be struck and replaced with “Cabinet”.



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96 **Be it further resolved**, in Article III, Section 2, Line Items 7 and 8 of the Bylaws of the Student  
97 Assembly, “Vice President of Internal Operations” be struck and replaced with “Chief of Staff  
98 and Parliamentarian”.

99 **Be it further resolved**, in Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly, the  
100 following text be inserted as Line Items 9 and 10:

- 101 *9. Supervise Assembly Liaisons*  
102 *10. Maintain relations with intercollegiate student organizations of which the*  
103 *Assembly is a member — e.g. Ivy Council, SUNY Student Assembly.*

104 **Be it further resolved**, Article III, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck  
105 and replaced with:

106 ***Section 3: Chief of Staff***

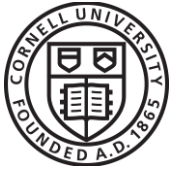
107 *The responsibilities of the Chief of Staff are as follows:*

- 108 *1. Attend all Assembly meetings.*  
109 *2. Assist the President in the execution of their duties.*  
110 *3. Oversee the operational activities and administration of the Assembly.*  
111 *4. Maintain and monitor attendance records and send warning notices to members who*  
112 *are in jeopardy of violating the attendance policy.*  
113 *5. Certify and make public actions of the Executive Board.*  
114 *6. Ensure the website, listservs, and all other resources are current.*  
115 *7. Coordinate and supervise new member orientation with the Executive Vice President*  
116 *and Parliamentarian.*  
117 *8. Plan fall retreat for committee chairs with the Executive Vice President.*

118 ***Section 4: Vice President for Policy***

119 *The responsibilities of the Vice President for Policy are as follows:*

- 120 *1. Attend all Assembly meetings.*  
121 *2. Chair the Policy Committee and oversee the Dining Services Committee, Student*  
122 *Health Advisory Committee, Environmental Policy and Planning Committee, and*  
123 *Academic Policy Committee.*  
124 *3. Oversee the policy development process of the Assembly.*  
125 *4. Collaborate with the Vice President for Communications on gauging areas of*  
126 *concern and interest to the undergraduate student body.*



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127           5. *Meet with relevant administration leaders as necessary, with the President, on the*  
128           *feasibility of policy implementation.*

129 **Be it further resolved**, the remaining sections in Article III of the Bylaws of the Student  
130 Assembly be re-enumerated accordingly with the previous inserting clause.

131 **Be it further resolved**, Article III, Section 5, Line Items 2 and 6 of the Bylaws of the Student  
132 Assembly be struck.

133 **Be it further resolved**, at Article III, Section 5, Line Item 1 of the Bylaws of the Student  
134 Assembly, the following text be inserted, with the remaining line items to be re-enumerated  
135 accordingly:

- 136           1. *Attend all Assembly meetings.*
- 137           2. *Chair the Finance Committee and oversee the Financial Aid Review Committee and*  
138           *the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission.*

139 **Be it further resolved**, all such instances of “Vice President of External Affairs” in the Bylaws  
140 of the Student Assembly be struck and replaced with “Vice President for Communications.”

141 **Be it further resolved**, in Article III, Sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Bylaws of the Student  
142 Assembly, the line-ending delimiter be changed from “;” to “.”

143 **Be it further resolved**, Article III, Section 6, Line Items 4 and 5 of the Bylaws of the Student  
144 Assembly be struck.

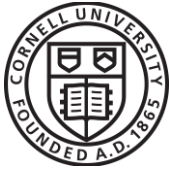
145 **Be it further resolved**, at Article III, Section 6, Line Item 1 of the Bylaws of the Student  
146 Assembly, the following text be inserted, with the remaining line items to be re-enumerated  
147 accordingly:

- 148           1. *Attend all Assembly meetings.*
- 149           2. *Chair the Communications Committee and oversee the International Students*  
150           *Committee.*

151 **Be it further resolved**, all such instances of “Diversity and Inclusion” in the Bylaws of the  
152 Student Assembly pertaining to either the Vice President or the Committee, be struck and  
153 replaced with “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.”

154 **Be it further resolved**, at Article III, Section 7, Line Item 1 of the Bylaws of the Student  
155 Assembly, “Attend all Assembly meetings.” be inserted, with the remaining line items to be re-  
156 enumerated accordingly.

157 **Be it further resolved**, in Article III, Section 7, Line Item 2 of the Bylaws of the Student  
158 Assembly, “and oversee the Campus Pulse Committee.” be appended at the end of the line.



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159 **Be it further resolved**, in Article III, Section 8 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly, the  
160 following be inserted as Line Item 7:

161 *Coordinate and supervise new member orientation with the Executive Vice President and*  
162 *Chief of Staff.*

163 **Be it further resolved**, Article III, Section 9 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck  
164 and replaced with:

165 ***Section 9: Archivist***

166 *The Archivist need not be an Assembly member. The office of the Archivist holds no*  
167 *special voting privileges. The Archivist also may not hold the President or Executive Vice*  
168 *President positions. The responsibility of the Archivist shall be to, at the request of an*  
169 *Officer, assist in the research process to determine the precedence or novelty of a*  
170 *resolution. The Archivist shall also draft the Annual Report of the Student Assembly.*

171 **Be it further resolved**, Article III, Section 10 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck  
172 and replaced with:

173 ***Section 10: Officer Staff***

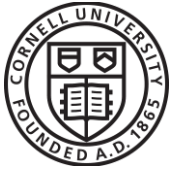
- 174 A. *Each Officer is permitted to appoint individuals to assist in the execution of their*  
175 *responsibilities.*  
176 B. *Members of the office may be nominated by the Officer and approved by the*  
177 *President.*  
178 C. *Members of the office shall be empowered to act as directed by the Officer or by*  
179 *the Rules of the Student Assembly.*

180 **Be it further resolved**, Article III, Section 11 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck  
181 and replaced with:

182 ***Section 11: Officer Deputies***

- 183 A. *Each Officer of the Student Assembly may nominate a deputy, who shall be*  
184 *confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly. Deputies may be other*  
185 *officers themselves, however, deputies must be chosen from among the existing*  
186 *membership of the Assembly.*  
187 B. *The deputy to the President shall be the Chief of Staff.*  
188 C. *Deputies shall be designated as "Vice Chair" of all such bodies in which the*  
189 *Officer is Chair.*  
190 D. *Deputies may act on behalf of the Officer in the following cases:*





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- 191 (1) when asked to do so by the Officer;  
192 (2) when the Officer is under investigation by the Office of Ethics, and the  
193 majority of the Executive Board or the Assembly deems necessary by a  
194 majority vote;  
195 (3) when the Officer is not present for a meeting where their absence presents  
196 operational challenges;  
197 (4) and when the Office is vacant until a permanent successor is elected. *This*  
198 *provision shall not be applicable to deputies to the President and the*  
199 *Executive Vice President.*  
200 E. In the event of a need for a deputy to serve, and the deputy is unavailable, or such  
201 designation has not been made, the President shall be authorized to make such  
202 designation with immediate effect.  
203 F. The Assembly should be informed at the earliest possibility should this section be  
204 invoked.

205 **Be it further resolved**, in Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly, the last  
206 two lines be struck and replaced with:

207 The Parliamentarian, *Archivist, and Director of the Office of the Assemblies* shall serve  
208 as non-voting members of the Executive Board.

209 **Be it further resolved**, in Article V, Section 2, the period before “Section” be removed.

210 **Be it further resolved**, in Article V, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly,  
211 “Executive Vice President” be struck and replaced with “President.”

212 **Be it further resolved**, in Article V, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly, the final  
213 two sentences be struck and replaced with:

214 *The Cabinet shall consist of the Members of the Executive Board, the Chairs of the*  
215 *Policy, Finance, Communications, and Diversity Committees, the Directors of the*  
216 *Presidential Offices, and the Directors of the Independent Offices. The Cabinet shall be*  
217 *chaired by the Executive Vice President.*

218 **Be it further resolved**, in Article VI, Section 1, Subsection A of the Bylaws of the Student  
219 Assembly, the last sentence be struck.

220 **Be it further resolved**, in Article VI, Section 1, Subsection C of the Bylaws of the Student  
221 Assembly, the following text be inserted:

222 *Committees will be convened in the fall semester by their corresponding Vice President.*



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223 **Be it further resolved**, Article VI, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck  
224 and replaced with:

225 **Section 2: Policy Committees**

226 A. *Policy Committees shall review all policies and programs of sectors of the University*  
227 *that create policy directly affecting student life.*

228 B. *Policy Committees shall be overseen by the Vice President for Policy and the Executive*  
229 *Vice President.*

230 C. *The Vice President for Student and Campus Life shall appoint a staff member to work*  
231 *with the chairperson of certain policy committees to assure proper functioning of the*  
232 *committee.*

233 D. *Policy committees will be convened at the beginning of the fall semester by the Vice*  
234 *President for Policy.*

235 E. *Furthermore, the Student Assembly policy committees reserve, can, and should exercise*  
236 *at their discretion legislative authority over residential life policies of the University (i.e.*  
237 *the Department of Campus Life and the Office of the Dean of Students). When exercising*  
238 *this authority, policy committees are recommended to consult the Residential Student*  
239 *Congress of Cornell.*

240 **F. Policy Committee**

241 a. **Charge:** *The Policy Committee shall be responsible for the policy creation*  
242 *process within the Student Assembly. The Policy Committee will collaborate with*  
243 *the Department of Student and Campus Life on concerns of interest to the student*  
244 *body.*

245 b. **Membership:** *The Committee shall consist of at least 10 members of the Student*  
246 *Assembly, including the Chair of each Sub-Committee.*

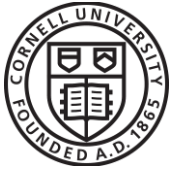
247 c. **Chair:** *The Vice President for Policy shall be the Chair.*

248 **G. Dining Services Committee**

249 a. **Charge:** *The Dining Services Committee will work to represent student interests*  
250 *in the Cornell food system. The Chair will work with the Director to select*  
251 *relevant administrators and staff to be present at meetings. Members will*  
252 *collectively review the policies and initiatives of Dining Services, and make*  
253 *recommendations to Student Assembly and Dining Services leadership for*  
254 *improving existing policies or integrating new ideas.*

255 b. **Membership:** *The committee will consist of at least one faculty member, two*  
256 *Dining student workers and/or Dining Student Sustainability Coordinators, one*  
257 *graduate/professional student, and additional undergraduate members.*





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258 *Additionally, the Director of Dining (or a designee) and the Budget Director of*  
259 *Dining shall serve ex-officio.*

260 c. **Chair:** *The Chair shall be elected by the Assembly.*

## 261 H. **Student Health Advisory Committee**

262 a. **Charge:** *The committee will work in conjunction with Cornell Health to examine*  
263 *healthcare policies improve student health, wellness, and safety, and act as a*  
264 *form of open communication between student voices and Cornell Health*  
265 *administration.*

266 b. **Membership:** *The committee will consist of a Steering Committee, which is made*  
267 *up of an Assembly & GPSA co-chair, committee chairs(s) from each respective*  
268 *sub-committee, a SHBAC liaison, an SDS liaison, and designated Cornell Health*  
269 *administration. The recognized subcommittees of the student Health Advisory*  
270 *Committee are: Patient Care, Sexual Health and Gender Services, Health and*  
271 *Wellness, Student Health Benefits, and the Mental Health Standing Committee.*

272 c. **Chair:** *The Assembly co-chair will be held by a member of the Assembly and the*  
273 *committee will be under the supervision of the Assembly & GPSA co-chairs.*

## 274 I. **Environmental Policy Committee**

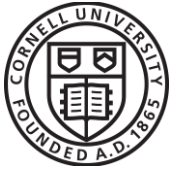
275 a. **Charge:** *The committee will research issues affecting the campus and its*  
276 *surrounding area, as well as provide recommendations for reducing Cornell's*  
277 *environmental impact. The committee will be charged with creating new*  
278 *legislation and enforcing past environmental legislation. This committee is also*  
279 *charged with providing environmental education and outreach in order to better*  
280 *inform students and the campus community about the campus's environmental*  
281 *impact and sustainability issues. The committee will work closely with students,*  
282 *administrators, student environmental organizations, the Cornell Sustainability*  
283 *Office, the Campus Planning Committee, the Campus Infrastructure Committee,*  
284 *and the City and Town of Ithaca Sustainability to better recognize and address*  
285 *the environmental concerns of the campus and its community as well as to*  
286 *encourage collaboration in working toward the creation of a more sustainable*  
287 *environment. The committee should coordinate and report their operations with*  
288 *the Campus Sustainability Office.*

289 b. **Membership:** *Membership to be selected by the Assembly.*

290 c. **Chair:** *Chair to be elected by the Assembly.*

## 291 J. **Academic Policy Committee**

292 a. **Charge:** *The committee will advise the Student Assembly on all academic matters*  
293 *at Cornell. Committee members will research, review, recommend, and develop*  
294 *projects to improve academic life for the student body. This committee will work*



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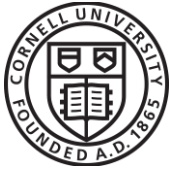
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- 295 *closely with the Dean of Students and the Faculty Senate to ensure that students'*  
296 *concerns related to academic policy are voiced effectively to university officials.*  
297 *b. **Membership:** Membership to be selected by the Assembly.*  
298 *c. **Chair:** Chair to be elected by the Assembly.*

299 **Be it further resolved,** Article VI, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck  
300 and replaced with:

## 301 ***Section 3: Finance Committees***

- 302 *A. The Finance Committees shall be the financial branch of the Assembly.*  
303 *B. Finance Committees shall be overseen by the Vice President for Finance and the*  
304 *Executive Vice President.*  
305 ***A. Finance Committee***  
306 *a. **Charge:** The Committee reviews all requests for Assembly funding as well as*  
307 *the policies and guidelines regarding the Student Activity Fee and those*  
308 *organizations, which receive funding from it.*  
309 *b. **Membership:** The Committee shall consist of the chair, 8 voting members of*  
310 *the Assembly, 7 undergraduates at-large, 1 freshman undergraduate, and 1*  
311 *freshman or transfer voting member of the Assembly. The Chairs of the Sub-*  
312 *Committees, if not already members, shall hold non-voting seats. The Director*  
313 *of the Office of the Assemblies or their designee shall serve as an ex-officio*  
314 *non-voting member. No SAFC Commissioners shall serve as voting members*  
315 *of the Committee.*  
316 *c. **Chair:** The Vice President for Finance shall be Chair.*  
317 ***B. Financial Aid Review Committee***  
318 *a. **Charge:** The committee will examine the financial aid policies of Cornell*  
319 *University. It shall also be responsible for the administration of the Student*  
320 *Helping Students grant.*  
321 *b. **Membership:** The committee shall consist of a chair and up to 12*  
322 *undergraduate students, at least four-fifths of whom receive some form of*  
323 *institutionalized financial aid. The Vice Provost for Enrollment, the Executive*  
324 *Director of the Office of Financial Aid, the Senior Assistant Director of the*  
325 *Office of Financial Aid, a counselor from the Office of Financial Aid, and two*  
326 *faculty members, shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.*  
327 *c. **Chair:** Chair to be elected by the Assembly.*  
328 ***C. Infrastructure Fund Commission***



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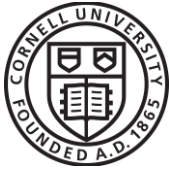
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- 329 a. **Charge:** *The SAIF Commission (SAIFC) of the Assembly is responsible for*  
330 *evaluating applications for funding through the SAIF. The rules governing the*  
331 *operation of the SAIFC are contained in Appendix C of the Charter. The*  
332 *Commission should consult and collaborate with the Campus Sustainability*  
333 *Office on projects related to sustainability. Additionally, The Commission*  
334 *should consult and collaborate with Campus and Community Engagement*  
335 *and/or the Dean of Students Office on long-term projects.*
- 336 b. **Membership:** *The Commission shall consist of no more than 17*  
337 *commissioners. The commissioners must include five voting members of the*  
338 *Assembly, consisting of a Chair, three Assembly members, and one New*  
339 *Student voting member of the Assembly, internally elected following the Fall*  
340 *election. The remaining commissioners will consist of at least seven and no*  
341 *more than twelve undergraduate students. No SAFC Commissioners shall*  
342 *serve as voting members of the SAIFC (with the exception of the VP Finance).*  
343 *The Director of the Office of the Assemblies or their designee shall serve as*  
344 *an ex-officio non-voting member.*
- 345 c. **Chair:** *Chair to be elected by the Assembly.*

346 **Be it further resolved,** at Article VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly the  
347 following text be inserted, with the remaining sections re-enumerated:

## 348 **Section 4: Communication Committees**

- 349 A. *The Communications Committees shall be responsible for communications between*  
350 *the Student Assembly and affiliated organizations.*
- 351 B. *Communications Committees shall be overseen by the Vice President for*  
352 *Communications and the Executive Vice President.*
- 353 C. **Communications Committee**
- 354 a. **Charge:** *The Communications Committee helps to bridge the disconnect*  
355 *between campus and the Student Assembly. The Assembly strives to foster*  
356 *collaborative student activities, as well as inform the student body about the*  
357 *Student Assembly initiatives, meetings, and resolutions. The committee will*  
358 *ensure a direct and ever present link between students active in campus*  
359 *government, the administration, and students at-large and will relay student*  
360 *interest to the Assembly. The committee will assist in furthering the outreach*  
361 *efforts of the assembly by aiding in the coordination of Assembly-sponsored*  
362 *events including, but not limited to conducting polls, referenda, community*  
363 *outreach forums, designated constituency events, and hearings. The*



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364 *committee will also assist in coordinating efforts and devising strategies to*  
365 *involve more non-voting members in the decisions and events of the Assembly.*  
366 *The Assembly plans recreational events for students.*

367 *b. **Membership:** The Committee shall consist of at least 10 members, including*  
368 *the Chairs of the Sub-Committees.*

369 *c. **Chair:** The Vice President for **Communications** will serve as Chair of the*  
370 *Committee.*

## 371 **D. International Students Affairs Committee**

372 *a. **Charge:** The committee will research and investigate issues affecting*  
373 *international students and provide recommendations to the Student Assembly.*  
374 *The committee will be responsible for engaging, liaising, and communicating*  
375 *with the various cultural organizations that represent and advocate for the*  
376 *rights and needs of international students. The International Students Affairs*  
377 *Committee will be charged with creating a platform that allows*  
378 *undergraduate students, both domestic and international, to collaborate to*  
379 *craft legislation that provides additional support to international students and*  
380 *international student organizations.*

381 *b. **Membership:** The committee shall consist of: the chairs and at least three*  
382 *Assembly members. The International Students-Liaison At-Large Liaison will*  
383 *be required to serve on this committee.*

384 *c. **Chairs:** Chair to be elected by the Assembly.*

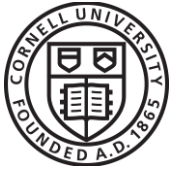
385 **Be it further resolved, Article VI, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck**  
386 **and replaced with:**

## 387 **Section 5: Diversity Committees**

388 *A. **Diversity Committees shall be overseen by the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and***  
389 ***Inclusion and the Executive Vice President.***

### 390 **B. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

391 *a. **Charge:** The committee shall serve as the body through which the Assembly, the*  
392 *diversity councils of the undergraduate schools and colleges, the Office of*  
393 *Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI), and the Center for Intercultural Dialogue*  
394 *coordinate their efforts to promote awareness and understanding of the*  
395 *increasing importance of diversity and create an environment that brings together*  
396 *diverse perspectives and fosters diversity of thought. **The committee shall be a***  
397 *meeting grounds for interested students to meet members of the administration to*  
398 *brainstorm, formulate and lead implementable policies in the field of diversity*



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399 *and inclusion; review the efforts of the Diversity Committee and diversity councils*  
400 *of the colleges; provide a brief report of its progress to be presented by the Vice*  
401 *President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to the Assembly by the final meeting*  
402 *in the fall semester, as well as a full report to include (but not limited to) the goals*  
403 *of the academic year, the strategies devised for achievement of these goals, the*  
404 *progress of UDC initiatives, college- specific initiatives, obstacles, and potential*  
405 *goals for the next academic year to be presented in the same manner at the final*  
406 *meeting of the spring semester.*

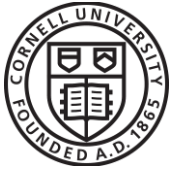
407 **b. Membership:** *Student members of the committee may be recruited from*  
408 *institutions and organizations such as the diversity councils of the colleges,*  
409 *Women’s Resource Center, Center for Intercultural Dialogue, ALANA, Haven*  
410 *Executive board, Cornell Outdoor Education, International Student Union and*  
411 *any member of the Cornell student body who is interested in diversity initiatives.*  
412 *The LGBTIA+ Liaison at-large, Women’s representative, International*  
413 *representative, both Minority Liaisons, First Generation Students Representative,*  
414 *Students with Disabilities Representative, and the Vice President for*  
415 *Communications are required to be members of the committee. The Chair of any*  
416 *Sub-Committee not already a member shall hold a non-voting seat.*

417 **e. Chair:** *The Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the Student*  
418 *Assembly will chair the Diversity and Inclusion committee.*

419 **C. Campus Pulse Committee** - *This committee shall serve as a programmatic body to*  
420 *increase the availability of resources to address pressing needs of the Student Body. It*  
421 *will also work to combat all forms of bias including but not limited to, sexism, racism,*  
422 *xenophobia, anti-semitism, homophobia, and transphobia through programmatic*  
423 *implementation and workshops for the Cornell Community.*

- 424 **a. Composition:** *The composition of the committee shall be as follows:*
- 425 *i. Four elected representatives of the Student Assembly other than the*  
426 *following.*
  - 427 *ii. The Womxn's Issues Liaison of the Student Assembly*
  - 428 *iii. The LGBTQIA+ representative of the Student Assembly*
  - 429 *iv. The President of HAVEN or their designee*
  - 430 *v. The President of the Interfaith Council or their designee*
  - 431 *vi. The President of ALANA or their designee*
  - 432 *vii. The President of GJAC or their designee*
  - 433 *viii. Two community members as chosen by the Student Assembly by*  
434 *application to the committee*
  - 435 *ix. One representative of the Dean of Students as a voting member*





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- 436                   x. *One representative from Cornell Health as a voting member*  
437                   xi. *The director of the Gender Justice and Inclusivity Center as a voting*  
438                         *member*  
439           b. *Charge: The charge of the committee shall be as follows:*  
440                   i. *Implementing anti-bias programming, and community conversations*  
441                         *which will work towards increasing empathy and cross-cultural dialogue*  
442                         *between individuals and groups on the Cornell Campus*  
443                   ii. *Implementing programming and infrastructure to address pressing needs*  
444                         *of the campus community.*  
445                   iii. *Planning, scheduling and running required student assembly anti-bias and*  
446                         *transparency trainings for members of the Student Assembly*  
447                   iv. *Work with the Intergroup Dialogue Project and other similar*  
448                         *organizations to provide spaces for dialogue among diverse groups and*  
449                         *people on the Ithaca campus.*  
450           c. *Operation: The operations of the committee shall be as follows:*  
451                   i. *It shall be the responsibility of the Womxn’s Issues Liaison, in*  
452                         *consultation with the Vice President for DEI, and the Director of the*  
453                         *Gender Justice Advocacy Center to oversee the start of the committee*  
454                         *each academic year. In the event that a Womxn’s Issues Liaison is not*  
455                         *elected in the Spring, it shall be the charge of the President of the Student*  
456                         *Assembly, in consultation with the Vice President for DEI and the*  
457                         *Director of the Gender Justice Advocacy Center, to start this committee.*  
458                   ii. *A chair of this committee shall be elected internally.*  
459                   iii. *The committee shall meet at least once every two weeks*  
460                   iv. *The committee shall put a monthly memo about their work which will be*  
461                         *distributed to the greater campus community via the Student Assembly*  
462                         *newsletter.*

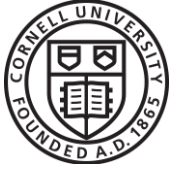
463 **Be it further resolved**, Article VI, Section 7, Subsection A of the Bylaws of the Student  
464 Assembly be struck and replaced with:

465                   *The independent offices of the Student Assembly shall exist to provide independent*  
466                         *oversight over functions of the Assembly.*

467 **Be it further resolved**, “, subject to confirmation by a 2/3 vote of the Assembly” be appended to  
468 Article VI, Section 7, Subsections B(c)(i), B(c)(ii), C(c)(i), and C(c)(ii).

469 **Be it further resolved**, Article VII, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Student Assembly be struck  
470 and replaced with:





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471 *If any member or group of the University feels that any action of the Assembly or its*  
472 *committees is infringing upon that person's or that group's rights under this Article, then*  
473 *that person or group may appeal to the **Office of the Student Conduct and Community***  
474 ***Standards** to determine whether probable grounds exist for a complaint. By majority*  
475 *vote, the Assembly may suspend any actions related to an appeal to **OSCCS** until **OSCCS***  
476 *makes a final ruling on the appeal.*

477 **Be it further resolved**, in Article VIII, Section 2, "Vice President of Internal Operations" be  
478 struck and replaced with "President."

479 **Be it further resolved**, in § 101(B) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly, "Vice  
480 President of Internal Operations" be struck and replaced with "Chief of Staff".

481 **Be it further resolved**, in § 103(L) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly, "Monday"  
482 be struck and replaced with "Tuesday".

483 **Be it further resolved**, § 103(M)(1) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly be struck  
484 and replaced with:

485 *Each resolution having previously been read twice and reported favorably by a*  
486 *committee, provided the resolution is filed with the Office of the Assemblies and the*  
487 *President no later than Tuesday night at 11:59 PM immediately preceding a regular*  
488 *meeting;*

489 **Be it further resolved**, § 103(M)(3) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly be struck.

490 **Be it further resolved**, § 103(M)(3) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly be struck  
491 and replaced with:

492 *Each resolution having previously been read twice, **approved by committee**, and not*  
493 *otherwise corresponding with paragraphs 1 or 2 of this subsection.*

494 **Be it further resolved**, § 104(A)(3) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly be struck  
495 and replaced with:

496 *The second reading of a resolution shall occur once, at a regular meeting of the*  
497 *Assembly during consideration of business on the Second Reading Calendar, the Chair*  
498 *has read the title of the resolution to the Assembly, **referred the resolution to a Committee***  
499 ***for committee reading**, and declared the resolution read for the second time.*

500 **Be it further resolved**, the following text be inserted as § 104(A)(4) of the Standing Rules of the  
501 Student Assembly, with the remaining paragraphs re-enumerated:

502 *The committee reading of a resolution shall occur once, at a regular meeting of the referred*  
503 ***Committee, the Committee approves a motion to report the resolution out of committee;***



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504 *approval of the motion to report the pending resolution out of committee shall place the*  
505 *resolution on the third reading calendar.*

506 *(a) In the event that the referred Committee has not met within fourteen (14) days*  
507 *following referral by the Chair, the resolution may be re-referred by the*  
508 *President.*

509 **Be it further resolved,** § 104(A)(5)(b) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly be struck.

510 **Be it further resolved,** in § 104(B)(1) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly the  
511 following text be appended:

512 *This designation shall waive the requirement of committee approval.*

513 **Be it further resolved,** in § 107(C) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly, “their  
514 designee” be struck and replaced with “Chief of Staff”

515 **Be it further resolved,** at § 110(C) of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly, the  
516 following be inserted, with the remaining sections to be re-enumerated accordingly:

517 **§ 110. Executive Board Procedures.**

518 *A. Official actions taken by the Executive Board regarding appointments or*  
519 *resolutions shall be made public to the Assembly through certification and*  
520 *publication by the Chief of Staff.*

521 *B. The President or Chief of Staff shall have the authority to make appointments on*  
522 *behalf of the Executive Board, provided such appointments are not contested.*

523 *C. The Executive Board shall be authorized to take votes via email, provided votes*  
524 *are published.*

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526 **Be it further resolved,** in § 111 of the Standing Rules of the Student Assembly, “; Chief of  
527 Staff, “ be inserted after “President”.

528 **Be it further resolved,** in the Charter, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of the Student Assembly, any  
529 outstanding instances of “Vice President of” referring to one of the Student Assembly’s four  
530 Vice Presidents, be struck and replaced with “Vice President for.”

531 **Be it further resolved,** the incumbent Vice President of Internal Operations be elected to the  
532 Office of the Vice President for Policy.

533 **Be it further resolved,** the incumbent Deputy Vice President of Internal Operations be  
534 confirmed to the role of the Deputy Vice President for Policy.



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535 **Be it further resolved,** the incumbent Deputy President be confirmed to the Office of the Chief  
536 of Staff.

537 **Be it finally resolved,** the incumbent Policy Advisor to the President be confirmed to the Office  
538 of the Archivist.

539 Respectfully Submitted,

540 Zora deRham '27

541 *President of the Student Assembly*

542 Adam Vinson '25

543 *Executive Vice President of the Student Assembly*

544 Nicholas Maggard '26

545 *Deputy President of the Student Assembly*

546 David Suarez '27

547 *Vice President of Internal Operations of the Student Assembly*

548 Niles Hite '26

549 *Vice President for Finance of the Student Assembly*

550 Simone Chan '25

551 *Vice President of External Affairs of the Student Assembly*

552 Christian Flournoy '27

553 *Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion of the Student Assembly*

554 Agnes Coleman '26

555 *Parliamentarian of the Student Assembly*