

Student Assembly

Resolution 41: Restructuring the Executive Board

Abstract: Restructuring the Student Assembly Executive Board to include the Chairs of the Policy, Finance, Communications, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees, to enhance Executive Board functionality by ensuring committee leadership has direct input on assembly decisions.

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Whereas, according to the Student Assembly Bylaws, the Executive Vice President is tasked with “holding monthly executive sessions with all committee chairs” to “promote collaboration between offices and committees of the assembly”

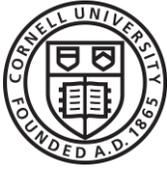
Whereas, infrequent Executive Cabinet meetings have limited committee chairs’ opportunities to provide direct feedback to the Executive Board members on matters affecting their constituencies,

Whereas, according to the Student Assembly Standing Rules, “the chair of each committee shall transmit the minutes of meetings of their committee’s meeting to the Executive Board within seven (7) days of a meeting”, yet Executive Board members do not follow up with chairs or attend meetings at least monthly,

Whereas, elected committee chairs maintain engagement with their constituencies and their constituents' concerns and are familiar with standard assembly procedures,

Whereas, the elected committee chairs have demonstrated commitment and dedication to the assembly by holding weekly/bi-weekly meetings, collaborating professionally, and engaging with the Cornell community, as well as members of the assembly,

Whereas, Line 32 of the Bylaws should be amended to the officers of the Assembly shall be a President, an Executive Vice President, a Chief of Staff, a Vice President, for Policy, a Vice



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30 President for Finance, a Vice President for Communications, a Vice President for Diversity,
31 Equity, and Inclusion, a Parliamentarian, an Archivist, and all Committee Chairs (including the
32 committees of: Policy, Dining Services, Student Health Advisory, Environmental Policy,
33 Academic Policy, Technology, Student Employment Policy, Infrastructure Fund Commission,
34 International Students Affairs, and Campus Pulse)”

35 **Whereas**, Section 4 of the Bylaws should be struck as all members of the Executive Cabinet
36 comprise the Executive Board,

37 **Be it therefore resolved**, this adaptation allows the Vice Presidents for Policy, Finance,
38 Communications, Diversity Equity and Inclusion to uphold their duty of overseeing their
39 respective committees in a more proactive manner,

40 **Be it further resolved**, that remedying unproductive Executive Cabinet meetings allows for a
41 more versatile and uniform Executive Board,

42 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Executive Board be restructured to consist of: the Members of the
43 Executive Board, as well as the Chairs of Policy, Finance, Communications, and Diversity
44 Committees.

45 Respectfully Submitted,

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