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Student Assembly Meeting Agenda

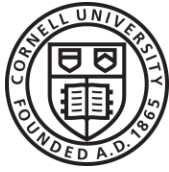
January 29, 2026

4:45-6:30 P.M.

Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room/[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 962 4676 6712 | Passcode: 673539

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
3. Approval of the [January 22nd, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
4. Consent Calendar
5. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Liaisons
6. Announcements
7. Presentations
8. Public Comment Microphone
9. Second Readings
 - a. [Resolution 23](#): Transferring Funds to the ALANA Intercultural Board
 - b. [Resolution 24](#): Transferring Funds to the Special Projects Fund
10. Third Readings
11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
12. Adjournment



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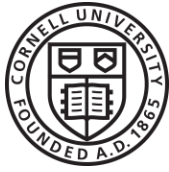
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Minutes of the January 22, 2026 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Memorial Room (WSH 407), Willard Straight Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Z. deRham called the meeting to order at 4:46 PM.
 - b. *Members Present:* D. Addoquaye, A. Aftab, S. Agarwal, J. Anand, L. Blum, D. Carson, A. Cekic, C. Cook, Z. deRham, G. Dorward, M. Ehrlich, A. Fard, C. Flournoy, E. Galperin, I. Gayle, L. Han, C. Kim, K. Krishtopa, Y. Masoud, J. Mui, E. Porter, J. Purcell, H. Spector, J. Swavy, C. Tarala, A. Vallecillo, T. Waguespack, A. Walters, H. Watkins, J. Wu, Z. Yabut, E. Yao, K. Young
 - c. *Members Absent:* M. Causey, V. Kakra
 - d. *Also Present:* E. Chaudhuri
- II. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
 - a. Z. deRham stated the land acknowledgement.
- III. Approval of the December 4th, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - a. The motion to approve the minutes passes through unanimous consent with the note of a clerical error.
 - b. Flournoy motions to move public hearing above presentations and reports. No dissent.
- IV. Public Comment Microphone
 - a. Fall 2025 Referendum Tech Issues
 - i. One speaker noted the lack of speakers was due to the lack of visibility, as the email was sent to students' spam.
- V. Presentations
 - a. Code and Procedures Review Committee Listening Session
 - i. Cornell Student Code of Conduct (Reference)
 - 1. Presentation by Code and Procedures Review Committee members Nicholas Brennan and Jen Michael to gather feedback and make



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recommendations regarding the content, structure, and procedures of the Student Code of Conduct.

VI. Consent Calendar

- a. Resolution 22: Transferring Funds to the Collegiate Readership Program
 - i. Approved by unanimous consent.

VII. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Liaisons

- a. E. Galperin reports that the dining committee is continuing conversation regarding Trillium.
- b. E. Chadhuri reports that many in the University Assembly are interested in writing their own code and are writing drafts to the committee. He adds that this is something all assemblies can do, and if anyone were interested, they can reach out.
- c. M. Erlich reports that the academic policy committee does not have a meeting yet.
- d. A. Cekic reports that he is working on editing the code and was wondering if anyone was interested in joining. He is also planning on creating a resolution to make club registration year-wide and another to turn the music room into a room for music by putting in more instruments.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Z. deRham announces that a Qualtrics has been created for the Director of Ethics and will be found in the next newsletter along with students helping students regarding the GanędagŌ flooding. She adds there is a vacancy for the undergraduate student representative to the Faculty Library Board. She further asks for a Chief of Staff substitute. She further announces that SUNY advocacy day is in 2 weeks and student assembly representatives are welcome.

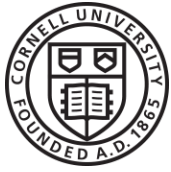
IX. Second Readings

- a. None.

X. Third Readings

- a. None.

XI. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar

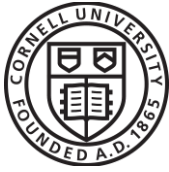


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- a. K. Young appoints J. Swavy as Vice President Deputy of DEI. The appointment is confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sophia Lin
Clerk of the Assembly



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Resolution 23: Transferring Funds to the ALANA Intercultural Board

Abstract: This resolution transfers funds from the Student Assembly reserve account to the ALANA Intercultural Board.

Authored by: Hayden Watkins '28, Zora de Rham '27, Christian Tarala '27

Sponsored by:

Reviewed by:

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 01/29/2026

Current Status: Second Reading Calendar

Whereas, administrative errors have placed the ALANA Intercultural Board under acute fiscal pressure, at no fault of ALANA's student leaders,

Whereas, the ALANA Intercultural Board is a by-line organization of the Student Assembly,

Whereas, the Student Assembly currently has \$552,944.31 in its reserve account,

Whereas, the fiscal stability of ALANA's sub-organizations is essential to the proper function of Cornell University's undergraduate student community,

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly transfers \$50,000 from the Student Assembly reserve account to the ALANA Intercultural Board reserve account,

Be it further resolved, the Student Assembly and ALANA Intercultural Board shall work together to enforce responsible and transparent fiscal management on the part of ALANA Intercultural Board advisors for the sustained financial health of the ALANA Intercultural Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayden Watkins

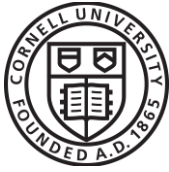
Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*

Zora de Rham

President of the Student Assembly

Christian Tarala

Deputy to the Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*



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Resolution 24: Transferring Funds to the Special Projects Fund

Abstract: This resolution transfers funds from the Student Assembly reserve account to the Special Projects subaccount.

Authored by: Hayden Watkins '28

Sponsored by:

Reviewed by:

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 01/29/2026

Current Status: Third Reading Calendar

Whereas, the Special Projects Fund has provided organizations with financial assistance for indispensable enhancements to the Cornell student experience,

Whereas, the Special Projects Fund allocated \$15,486.53 across six student organizations in the Fall 2025 semester,

Whereas, the Special Projects Fund currently stands at \$10,767.42,

Whereas, the Student Assembly currently has \$552,944.31 in its reserve account,

Whereas, numerous organizations have already applied to the Special Projects Fund as the Spring semester begins.

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly transfers \$15,000 from the Student Assembly reserves to the Special Projects Fund subaccount.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayden Watkins

Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*