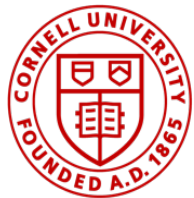


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 - a. Improving Accessibility
 - i. Basic Needs, CTA
2. Continued Advocacy and Goals
 - a. Mental Health
 - b. Healthcare
 - c. Title IX
 - d. Bias Reporting

If you have any questions or feedback on any of these issues, please reach out to myself or the reps listed

Ex Officio Updates

Director of Elections (DOE)

- Introducing Director Mehler (pjm344@cornell.edu)
- Special elections coming up soon
 - Filling AAP, Rep Womxn's Rep, Undesignated Rep.



Ex Officio Updates

Office of the Student Advocate (OSA)

- Student Advocate Ononye (aoo44@cornell.edu)
- Fall 2020 - I tasked the OSA to work on a Basic Needs project, following the success of the Basic Needs Coalition @ Stanford
 - <https://basic-needs-stanford.org/>
- Housing and food insecurity, utilities, health, financial support resources
- OSA is in their final stages of preparing a Cornell Basic Needs resource guide



Ex Officio Updates

Office of Student Government Relations (OSGR)

- New staffing
 - Introducing incoming Director Rubin (err82@cornell.edu)
- College Transparency Act - improve accessibility and transparency of data
 - UA Rep. Sherr and SA Rep. Santacruz
 - https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1NcIt25j8fi5ODz
- Join the OSGR (Twitter: [@cornellosgr](https://twitter.com/cornellosgr))
 - <https://www.cornellosgr.com/apply-now>
 - Applications due February 17th!

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Mental Health

- In collaboration with Graduate Student-Elected Trustee Davis-Frost (ed466@cornell.edu)
 - Created and released our Academic Experience Survey
December 15th, 2020
 - Received 370+ responses by the end of the semester
- We presented survey data to Assembly Leadership and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Lisa Nishii

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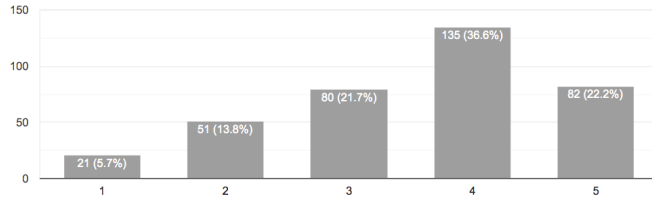


Mental Health

- 1 = strongly agree,
- 5 = strongly disagree

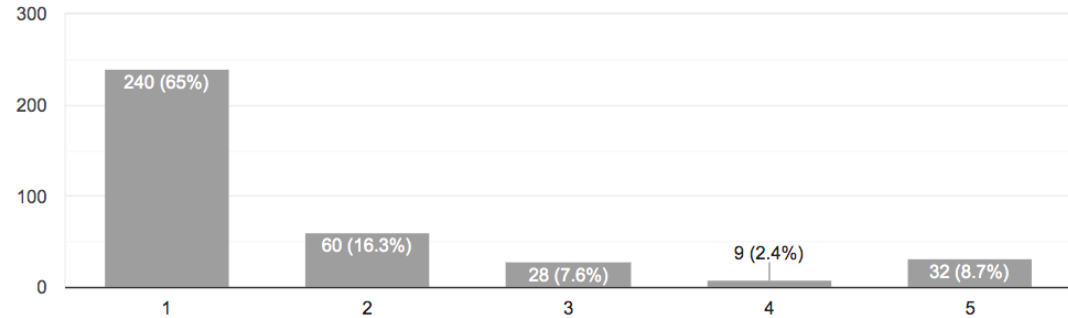
I feel comfortable asking my professors for an extension or incomplete.

369 responses



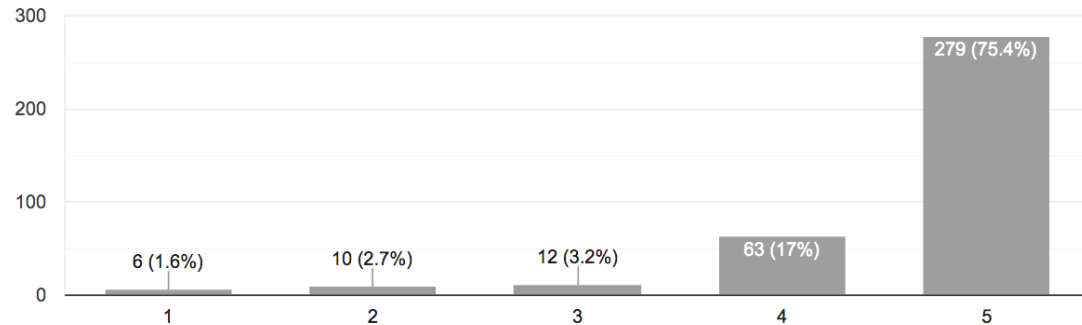
I would have appreciated if there were more student input in the academic calendar.

369 responses



I was given adequate time to rest this semester (Breaks, study days/period, etc.)

370 responses



Mental Health - Counseling

- Meeting with **EARS** to learn more about how we can support them with Rep. Baker
- **Telehealth**
 - Throughout last semester, consistently communicated with Dean of Students and OSGR on the importance of Mental Health Telecare
 - Still a commitment to providing telehealth and ensuring flexibility in New York State's licensure restrictions
 - Still restrictions on offering telehealth internationally
 - Tasked reps to work on this



Healthcare

- Consulted with Dean of Students on healthcare options for Cornell students and increasing affordability of healthcare plans
- Tasked Rep. Zverev as Chair of the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) to look into support for low income students + students without health insurance
 - Access fund can help cover medical bills



Title IX

- Worked with Womxn's Rep and DOS to identify sites of improvement for Title IX Reporting
- Recommendations/Looking into:
 - Offer peer training for Title IX Disclosures
 - Confidential vs non-confidential victims advocates
 - Necessity of student survivor support networks
 - Accountability and transparency through the Title IX process



Bias Reporting

- BART Team
 - Currently can only act on cases if they are
 - 1. Frequent/Persistent and 2. Pervasive
- Offensive language does not trigger code because it's free speech
- Work with BART Team to look into:
 - Recommendations and reform
 - Reevaluating the threshold of Frequent/Persistent & Pervasive



Shoutouts

- Additional shoutouts to these reps for taking initiative on advocacy items without me having to ask:
 - Rep. Shardow and Rep. Baker - facilities and spiritual support for students
 - Rep. Miramontes Serrano - dining
 - Rep. Smith - local affairs
 - Rep. Abdelmagid and Castillo - meeting with CALS dean over break
 - Rep. Reuning, Rep. Woldai and the D&I committee - bringing multiple resolutions and initiatives to the SA
 - Rep. Yuan and Rep. Xu - after working on many projects throughout the last semester, I was able to get them started to pick up some of the slack in telehealth and mental health care counseling advocacy



Positional Updates

- Everyone will be expected to give a positional report this semester
- Either 1. submit a written report to exec by the **end of February** or 2. **email EVP Watson** to deliver an oral report and presentation at one of our meetings
 - Presentations can be formatted similar to this one
 - This is an opportunity to highlight any work you've been doing that you haven't made public
 - If you haven't been doing any work, just say so and get moving
 - Don't try to fake progress in your report because I will check



Positional Updates

- If your name was not listed throughout this presentation - you'll be expected to deliver on the first round of reports
- Specifically want these reps to provide reports in the first round - means I have not recently been made aware of any advocacy work you're doing
 - **ILR Rep, Freshmen Reps, Arts Reps, Engineering Reps, Hotel Rep**
- If you think this is an unfair assessment/are struggling with how to get started with initiatives
 - 1. Ask yourself: have you actually made any progress on any of your platform points that you campaigned on?
 - 2. Feel free to come to me for guidance - repeatedly offered to meet with all of you and am happy to offer that again this semester



Closing

- For the community: if you are interested in any initiatives mentioned in this presentation, please reach out to myself or the associated representative listed
- If you would like to encourage your elected representative to actually look into something for your
- Everyone's email is either on the website or in this presentation
- Cheers

