



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #18

Reforming the Student Assembly Outreach Policy

ABSTRACT: *This resolution seeks to provide a structure for the Student Assembly representatives outreach requirement.*

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Whereas, outreach events are extremely important for elected Student Assembly representatives to engage with and understand their constituencies;

Whereas, this requirement has not been strictly enforced in the past and elected Student Assembly members have not adhered to this requirement;

Be it therefore resolved, that Section VI: Outreach Guidelines & Member Responsibilities of the Student Assembly Standing rules be amended as follows:

Rule 2: All elected members must fulfill two assigned outreach requirements per two-week time frame. **Attendance at two outreach events per a two-week period and documentation of these two events as requested by the Vice President of Outreach counts as the equivalent of a half a regular SA meeting. Thus, failure to complete this full outreach requirement during a two-week period will result in 1/2 an absence recorded for the representative.** Such events will be designated by the Vice President of Outreach. If the member does not document their outreach as specified by the VP of Outreach, the member will be credited with one whole absence. Any conflicts in schedules or other special circumstances as references in Section 1, Rule 6 of this document must be brought to the attention of the VP of Outreach

Be it finally resolved, that all elected Student Assembly members prioritize outreach to their constituencies in order to best serve the student body.

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Appendix A: Outreach Information

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What is an outreach event?

An outreach event is ways in which the Student Assembly interact with the student body and support student organizations on campus. There are two general types of outreach events:

1. General body meetings for clubs that YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF
2. Events put on by organizations on campus

Where can I find outreach events?

The outreach events will be sent in a weekly email from the Vice President of Outreach, and will be posted in the Agenda email for the Thursday SA meetings.

What is the Outreach Tracker? What do I do with it?

The Outreach Tracker is a resource to track the required outreach events each representative is required to do. Please write a sentence on the experience and take away for each outreach event attended.

How many outreach events do I need to attend each week?

A Student Assembly representative should attend two outreach events biweekly, or 1 outreach event each week.

Why should I attend an outreach event?

By attending outreach events, the Student Assembly representatives will be able to understand their constituents' needs and potentially find inspiration for new resolutions/ changes to work on. In turn, the representatives are able to both explore the Cornell community and potentially stepping outside their comfort zone.

In total, what are all of my outreach requirements for the semester?

1. Attending AT LEAST one **committee meeting** each week, or a meeting for every committee you are a member of
2. Attending one **outreach event** per week (a general body meeting for a club or an event put on by an organization you are not a member of)
3. Hosting one **constituent outreach event** per semester that allows you to gain feedback and hear concerns of the group you directly represent
 - a. *Example:* Arts and Sciences curriculum feedback forum, held by Arts and Sciences Representatives
 - b. *Example:* Event on updating the Bias Response website, held by the minority representative
 - c. *Example:* Event on opportunities for transfer students, held by the transfer representative