

# Resolution 17: Reclassification of the Orientation Steering Committee Byline into the Tatkon Center for New Students

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**Abstract:** This resolution explains the current situation of the Orientation Steering Committee byline organization and highlights the importance of orientation at Cornell. Additionally, this resolution reclassifies the Orientation Steering Committee from an Undergraduate Student Organization into a Department Byline Organization under the Tatkon Center for New Students.

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**Whereas,** the Orientation Steering Committee is currently an Undergraduate Student Organization tasked with organizing orientation for all new Cornell University students in the fall and spring semesters.

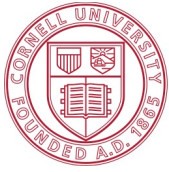
**Whereas,** in previous years, the Orientation Steering Committee has guided the implementation of programming during orientation and helped to recruit and train individual orientation leaders.

**Whereas,** on 10/28/2022, because of the amount of work needed to be completed by the Orientation Steering Committee, a shrinking body of students interested in being members of the group, and a lack of incentive to complete work, members of the Orientation Steering Committee voted to dissolve the organization in favor of a new student leadership structure.

**Whereas,** now, without a student organization leading the coordination of orientation, the Tatkon Center for New Students is tasked with taking over coordinating orientation.

**Whereas,** with this change, the Orientation Steering Committee will be replaced by the Student Orientation Lead Team.

**Whereas,** because a department is now in charge of operating recruitment, 12 paid student workers have been hired\* to help operate the logistics of orientation. This helps to incentivize



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29 efforts within orientation planning and continue to include the student perspective needed for  
30 byline funding.

31 *\*Student workers are not paid using funds from the Student Activity Fee, instead being paid by*  
32 *funds from the Tatkon Center for New Students.*

33 **Be it therefore resolved,** orientation is an essential element of the Cornell University  
34 experience, and the Student Assembly supports the reclassification of the Orientation Steering  
35 Committee as an Undergraduate Student Organization into a Department byline under the Tatkon  
36 Center for New Students.

37 **Be it further resolved,** the Student Assembly supports the continued creation of student worker  
38 positions on campus, including those created by the Tatkon Center for New Students.

39 **Be it finally resolved,** the current Student Activity Fee allocation for the 2022-2023 and 2023-  
40 2024 Academic Year be immediately classified as a Department byline, managed by the Tatkon  
41 Center for New Students and will continue to be classified as Department byline for funding in  
42 all future Student Activity Fee Funding Cycles.

43 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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45 *VP Finance, Student Assembly*