

# Resolution 21: Student Assembly Office of Ethics Bylaw Amendment

**Abstract:** This resolution amends the Student Assembly Bylaws. These amendments to the Bylaws fix issues of the scope of investigation of the Office of Ethics as pointed out by Cornell University President Martha Pollock.

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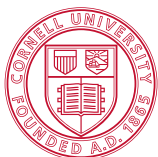
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**Whereas,** the Student Assembly Office of Ethics was established through Student Assembly Resolution 22 as an external executive office to hold the Student Assembly accountable, maintain a high moral standard, and provide necessary ethical guidance and procedure to the Student Assembly;

**Whereas,** the members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics have unanimously agreed that the undergraduate Cornell community, as well as the Student Assembly, is in need of a structured system imbued with the authority to ensure accountability, ethical conduct, justice, and growth;

**Whereas,** President Pollack stated in an email “I ask that the Student Assembly amend this resolution to clarify that the Office of Ethics only has jurisdiction over complaints related to the person’s actions or status as a member of the SA or UA and resubmit the bylaws for acknowledgement;”

**Be it therefore resolved,** that “Section 5: External Committees” of “Article VI: Committees” of the Student Assembly Bylaws be amended as follows:



23 **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

24 **Section 5: EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

25 **C. Student Assembly Office of Ethics**

26 a. Name:

27 i. The name of the office shall be the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.

28 b. Mission:

29 i. The mission of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be to pursue any  
30 necessary ethics concerns of SA members and directly elected undergraduate  
31 representatives to the UA.

32 ii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will investigate perceived ethical  
33 violations and draft reports to the SA for guidance and potential repercussions.

34 iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be available for consulting and  
35 support on SA ethical issues for both SA members and the student body.

36 c. Affiliation:

37 i. ~~The Office will review all concerns submitted by the student body that involve~~  
38 ~~any SA members, SA committees, SA elections, or directly elected undergraduate~~  
39 ~~70 representatives of the UA.~~

40 ii. The Office of Ethics shall recognize and receive reports for all alleged violations  
41 of Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 2(A), the "Ethics Clause", as  
42 violations of Student Assembly Ethics.

43 iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be affiliated as an external executive  
44 office of the Cornell Student Assembly.

45 iv. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall work jointly with the Elections  
46 Committee to review any potential election violations or concerns.

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48 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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50 Naveen Sharma '24