

# Resolution 24: Amending the Student Assembly Bylaws to Include Vice-President of Infrastructure as a Member of the Executive Board

**Abstract:** This resolution will update the Student Assembly Bylaws to accurately reflect the duty and responsibilities of the Vice-President of Infrastructure

**Sponsored by:** Pedro Da Silveira '25

**Reviewed by:** Executive Committee (4-0-2)

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:**

**Current Status:** New Business

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1 **Whereas**, the Vice President of Infrastructure is responsible for overseeing the allocation of  
2 funds from the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund (SAIF), which provides financial support  
3 for student organizations and initiatives related to infrastructure, transportation, and  
4 sustainability on campus.

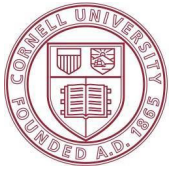
5 **Whereas**, the Vice President of Infrastructure plays a critical role in managing the infrastructure  
6 needs of the Student Assembly, including the maintenance and improvement of facilities and  
7 equipment, the development of sustainable transportation options, and the planning of  
8 infrastructure projects that directly impact student life on campus.

9 **Whereas**, the Vice President of Infrastructure serves as a liaison between the Student Assembly  
10 and the Cornell University administration on matters related to infrastructure and transportation,  
11 advocating for the needs and interests of students in these areas and ensuring that their voices are  
12 heard in decision-making processes that affect them.

13 **Whereas**, the Vice President of Infrastructure works closely with other members of the  
14 Executive Board to advance the goals and priorities of the Student Assembly, providing valuable  
15 insights and perspectives on issues related to infrastructure, sustainability, and transportation that  
16 inform the organization's broader strategic vision and initiatives.

17 **Whereas**, adding the Vice President of Infrastructure to the Executive Board of the Student  
18 Assembly will ensure that their responsibilities and duties are clearly defined within the bylaws,

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and will provide them with a greater role in decision-making processes that affect students, including those related to infrastructure, transportation, and sustainability.

**Whereas,** the Student Assembly Bylaws currently list the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission (SAIFC) as an Operational Committee of the Student Assembly, in Article VI Section 3 subsection D

**Whereas,** the other four operational committees, the Communications and Outreach Committee, Appropriations Committee, Elections Committee, and the Executive Cabinet are chaired by members of the Student Assembly Executive Board

**Whereas,** Article VI Section 3, subsection D line 381-382 of the Student Assembly Bylaws states that:

“The commissioners must include five voting members of the SA, consisting of a chair, who will be the Vice President of Infrastructure”

**Whereas,** the role of Vice President is reserved for members of the Executive Board

**Whereas,** the current bylaws do not clearly define the role and responsibilities of the Vice President of Infrastructure (SAIFC Chair), and do not specify their membership on the Student Assembly Executive Board

**Be it therefore resolved,** Article II, Section I of the Student Assembly Bylaws be amended to be:

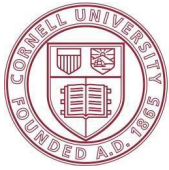
“The officers of the SA shall be a President, an Executive Vice President, a Vice President of Internal Operations, a Vice President for Finance, a Vice President of External Affairs, a Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, a **Vice President of Infrastructure**, a Director of Elections, a Parliamentarian, and an Executive Archivist. These officers shall perform the duties preserved by this Charter and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the SA.”

**Be it further resolved,** Article II, Section II of the Student Assembly Bylaws be amended to be:

“The SA will, as soon as possible after the spring election, hold an organizational and planning meeting in executive session. At this meeting, the voting members will elect from among themselves the offices of Vice President of Internal Operations, Vice President for Finance, a Vice President of External Affairs, a **Vice President of Infrastructure**, a Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion...”

**Be it finally resolved,** Article III of the Student Assembly Bylaws should be amended to add an additional section after Section 6 (Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion) and Section 7 (Director of Elections) to be:

**Section 7: Vice President of Infrastructure**



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1. Supervise and coordinate the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission.
2. Oversee the allocation and distribution of funds from the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission, ensuring that funds are used for appropriate projects and initiatives.
3. Develop and execute plans to improve the infrastructure and facilities of Cornell University in collaboration with the administration and appropriate stakeholders.
4. Monitor and maintain the physical condition of campus facilities and infrastructure, including but not limited to buildings, walkways, and roadways, and identify necessary repairs and maintenance.
5. Collaborate with the appropriate University departments and stakeholders to implement sustainability initiatives and promote environmentally responsible practices in campus infrastructure.
6. Liaise with the Office of Student Government Relations to address issues related to campus infrastructure that impact the greater Ithaca community.
7. Work with the Vice-President of External Affairs to effectively communicate with groups that advocate for students regarding campus infrastructure issues.
8. Coordinate with the Vice-President of Finance to ensure the availability of sufficient funds for infrastructure projects and initiatives.
9. Present regular reports to the Student Assembly regarding the progress and status of infrastructure initiatives and projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

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