

Resolution 35: Amending the Student Assembly Bylaws

Abstract: This resolution amends the current Student Assembly Bylaws to give more guidance to the operations SA Environmental Committee when collaborating with other committees.

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Whereas, lines 331-342 of the Bylaws, Article VI: Committees, Section 2: Review Committees, Sub-Section L state;

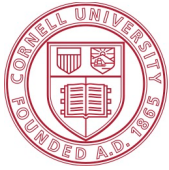
Environmental Policy and Planning Commission – The commission will research issues affecting the campus and its surrounding area, as well as provide recommendations for reducing Cornell’s environmental impact. The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will be charged with creating new legislation and enforcing past environmental legislation. This commission is also charged with providing environmental education and outreach in order to better inform students and the campus community about the campus’s environmental impact and sustainability issues. The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will work closely with students, administrators, student environmental organizations, the Cornell Sustainability Office, the Campus Planning Committee, the Campus Infrastructure Committee, and the City and Town of Ithaca Sustainability to better recognize and address the environmental concerns of the campus and its community as well as to encourage collaboration in working toward the creation of a more sustainable environment. The chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the supervision of the Executive Vice President.

Be it finally resolved, after line 342, the following addition should be added to give guidance to the SA Environmental Committee

The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission should coordinate and report their operations with the Campus Sustainability Office.

Whereas, lines 378-395 of the Bylaws, Article VI: Committees, Section 3: Operational Committees, Sub-Section D state;

Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission – The SAIF Commission (SAIFC) of the SA is responsible for evaluating applications for funding through the



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35 SAIF. The rules governing the operation of the SAIFC are contained in Appendix C of
36 the SA Charter. The Commission shall consist of at least 12 and no more than 17
37 commissioners. The commissioners must include five voting members of the SA,
38 consisting of a Chair, who will be the Vice President of Infrastructure of the SA, three
39 Assembly members elected during the Assembly's Spring organizational meetings, and
40 one New Student voting member of the SA, internally elected by the Assembly following
41 the Fall election. The remaining commissioners will consist of at least seven and no more
42 than twelve undergraduate students who are either returning commissioners or are
43 selected from a pool of applicants and approved by the Executive Cabinet, with the exact
44 number of commissioners to be set at the discretion of the Chair of the Commission and
45 the Staffing Committee of the SA. No SAFC Commissioners shall serve as voting
46 members of the SAIFC (with the exception of the Vice President for Finance). No more
47 than 2 of the voting Student Assembly members on the SAIFC may also be voting
48 members of the Appropriations Committee and no more than 4 of the total voting
49 members on the committee may be voting members of the Appropriations Committee.
50 Quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of all staffed voting members. Upon
51 request, a written summary of the meeting will be provided by the chair. The Vice
52 President for Finance and Vice President of External Affairs shall serve ex-officio as
53 non-voting members of the Commission. The Director of the Office of the Assemblies or
54 their designee shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.

55 **Be it finally resolved,** after line 395, the following addition should be added to give guidance to
56 the SA Environmental Committee when collaborating with SAIFC.

57 The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission should consult and collaborate
58 with the Campus Sustainability Office on projects related to sustainability. Additionally,
59 The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission should consult and collaborate
60 with Campus and Community Engagement and/or the Dean of Students Office on long
61 term projects.

62 **Be it finally resolved,** the Student Assembly adopts these changes to better help collaborating
63 and give guidance to the Environmental Policy Committee.

64 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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