

Resolution 3: Implementing the Office of Ethics’ Recommendations on Presidential Succession

Abstract: This resolution implements the recommendations from the Student Assembly Office of Ethics’ *Proposal for Resolving Governing Document Conflict and Establishing a Consistent Method for Presidential Succession in the Student Assembly*. These recommendations select a President of the Student Assembly via analysis of Robert’s Rules of Order, the Charter, the Bylaws, and arguments presented to the Office of Ethics and outline future steps for stabilizing presidential succession.

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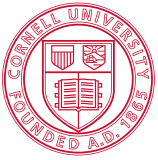
Whereas, On Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, during the organizational meeting of the newly sworn-in Student Assembly following announcement of the election results, Vice President Rocco DeLorenzo motioned to remove President Pedro Da Silveira under Article IV, Section 7(B) of the Student Assembly Charter, which allows the Student Assembly to recall any member by a two-thirds affirmative vote by the voting membership;

Whereas, since the Assembly’s removal of President Da Silveira, the Presidency of the Student Assembly still stands vacant due to a conflict between the Student Assembly Charter and Bylaws, with both governing documents proposing conflicting methods for filling the role;

Whereas, methods to select a new President have failed, with the Student Assembly having gone without a President, Parliamentarian, and Executive Archivist for 8 days, and the frontrunners for the Presidency are unable to select amongst themselves;

Whereas, the members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics was created upon agreement between the Student Assembly and its membership that the Student Assembly, is in need of a structured system imbued with the authority to ensure accountability, ethical conduct, justice, and growth;

Whereas, the Office of Ethics, on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 heard arguments from both frontrunners for the Presidency on their claims, and have consulted Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, the Governing Documents of the Student Assembly, and prior resolutions;



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31 **Whereas**, the Office of Ethics has committed to drafting the *Proposal for Resolving Governing Document*
32 *Conflict and Establishing a Consistent Method for Presidential Succession in the Student Assembly*, which shall be
33 made available on the morning of Friday, May 19, 2023, which articulates the analysis, arguments,
34 and historical timeline of the presidential succession.

35 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the following recommendations from the Office of Ethics' *Proposal*
36 *for Resolving Governing Document Conflict and Establishing a Consistent Method for Presidential Succession in the*
37 *Student Assembly*, be adopted by this assembly.

- 38 1. The Student Assembly must formally recognize the superiority of Article IV, Section 6 of
39 the Student Assembly Charter over the implied succession clause of Article III, Section 2 of
40 the Student Assembly Bylaws pursuant to Article IX of the Student Assembly Bylaws, which
41 place Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised in parliamentary authority over all Student
42 Assembly documents.
 - 43 a. Accordingly, the Student Assembly shall institute Vice President of Internal
44 Operations, Patrick Kuehl as President of the Student Assembly.
 - 45 b. Executive Vice President Claire Ting shall remain as Executive Vice President of the
46 Student Assembly.
- 47 2. The Student Assembly shall address the contradiction between the Bylaws, Charter, and the
48 suggestions of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised within the first three meetings of the
49 Fall 2023 term following the freshman, transfer, and special election cycle.
- 50 3. The *Proposal for Resolving Governing Document Conflict and Establishing a Consistent Method for*
51 *Presidential Succession in the Student Assembly*, once published, be documented by the Executive
52 Archivist and made available to the public to keep record and maintain precedent.

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54 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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