

Resolution 74: Implementing the Office of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring ’24 Report

Abstract: This resolution implements the recommendations from the Student Assembly Office of Ethics’ *Investigatory Report on Allegations Against Vice President of Finance Rocco DeLorenzo, Vice President of Internal Operations Clyde Lederman, President Patrick Kuehl, and Executive Vice President Claire Ting.*

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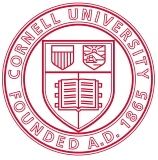
Whereas, in the early morning of March 22nd, 2024, several members of the Student Assembly and the undergraduate community contacted the Student Assembly Office of Ethics for comment and instructions on the filing of ethics reports in response to the Daily Sun’s article;

Whereas, on March 25th, 2024 at 6:05 PM, the Student Assembly Office of Ethics formally announced that it had voted to sustain its investigation, and defined it to encompass Vice President DeLorenzo, President Kuehl, Vice President Lederman, and any individuals currently or previously affiliated with either the Cornell Democrats or the Cornell Interfraternity Council from February 2023 onwards on allegations of “abuse of the SA brand by members, staff, and other parties to acquire additional benefits or privileges” and “engagement in unethical behaviors or practices in the Cornell community”;

Whereas, from March 26th, 2024 to April 9th, 2024, the Student Assembly Office of Ethics conducted extensive interviews with members of the Student Assembly and community members, obtained a wide variety of files, screenshots, and audio and video recordings, and convened numerous times to determine a timeline of events and draft appropriate recommendations;

Whereas, the Student Assembly Office of Ethics was created in the 2021-2022 academic year upon agreement between the Student Assembly and its membership that the Student Assembly, requires a structured system imbued with the authority to ensure accountability, ethical conduct, justice, and growth;

Whereas, the Office of Ethics has drafted the *Investigatory Report on Allegations Against Vice President of Finance Rocco DeLorenzo, Vice President of Internal Operations Clyde Lederman, President Patrick Kuehl, and Executive Vice President Claire Ting*, which shall be made available on the morning of Friday, May 19, 2023, which articulates the analysis, arguments, and historical timeline of the presidential succession.



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33 **Be it therefore resolved,** that the following recommendations from the Office of Ethics’
34 *Investigatory Report on Allegations Against Vice President of Finance Rocco DeLorenzo, Vice President of Internal*
35 *Operations Clyde Lederman, President Patrick Kuehl, and Executive Vice President Claire Ting,* be adopted by
36 this assembly.

37 The Office of Ethics holds that the Assembly considers the implementation of the following
38 recommendations based on the findings of the report:

- 39 1. The Student Assembly shall, upon passage of Resolution 74, titled “Implementing the Office
40 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
41 pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Student Assembly Bylaws, Rocco DeLorenzo from
42 the Office of the Vice President of Finance;
- 43 2. The Student Assembly shall, upon passage of Resolution 74, titled “Implementing the Office
44 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
45 pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Student Assembly Bylaws, Clyde Lederman from the
46 Office of the Vice President of Internal Operations;
- 47 3. The Student Assembly may, upon passage of Resolution 74, titled “Implementing the Office
48 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
49 pursuant to Article IV, Section 8 of the Student Assembly Charter, Rocco DeLorenzo from
50 the Undesignated Representative at-Large seat;
- 51 4. The Student Assembly may, upon passage of Resolution 74, titled “Implementing the Office
52 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
53 pursuant to Article IV, Section 8 of the Student Assembly Charter, Clyde Lederman from
54 the Undesignated Representative at-Large seat;
- 55 5. The Student Assembly shall commit to defining rules, either in the form of a governing
56 document amendment or a resolution, governing author transparency for resolutions by
57 October 1st, 2024;
- 58 6. The Student Assembly shall commit to strengthening rules on its impartial arms, the
59 Elections Committee, and the Office of Ethics, by October 1st, 2024;
- 60 7. The Student Assembly shall commit to expanding election rules on conflict of interest
61 between candidates and members of the Student Assembly and student organizations’ ability
62 to grant endorsements by October 1st, 2024.

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64 **Respectfully Submitted,**

65 Alhassan Bangura ’25

66 *Director of the Office of Ethics,* Student Assembly