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1 S.A. Resolution #14  
2 Amendment to 2019-2020 S.A. Resolution 14 (Establishing the Office of Student  
3 Government Relations): Creation of Bylaws  
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5 ABSTRACT: These amendments to the Student Assembly Bylaws seek to establish the bylaws for  
6 the Office of Student Government Relations  
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11 **Whereas,** the Office of Student Government Relations (OSGR) has been created to advocate for  
12 the voice of students from across Corne's undergraduate student body at the federal, state,  
13 and local levels of government.  
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15 **Whereas,** the OSGR would be made up of undergraduate students serving as points of contact  
16 between students and appropriate government officials.  
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18 **Whereas,** when issues arise pertaining to areas of expertise already handled by other offices of the  
19 Cornell Student Assembly, the OSGR will refer students to those offices as a first point of  
20 contact.  
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22 **Be it therefore resolved,** that the Student Assembly approve and adopt the attached Bylaws  
23 amendments:  
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## 25 OFFICE OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

26 Article 1. Name, Mission, and Affiliation

27 Section 1: Name

28 The name of the office shall be the Office of Student Government Relations (abbreviated to  
29 OSGR).

30 Section 2: Mission

31 The mission of OSGR shall be to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the  
32 accessibility, affordability, and quality of Cornell University.

33 Section 3: Affiliation

34 The Office of Student Government Relations shall be affiliated as an external executive office of the  
35 Cornell Student Assembly.  
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37 Article 2. Roles and Responsibilities

38 Section 1: Director of the Office of Student Government Relations

39 The responsibilities of the Director of the Office of Student Government Relations are as follows:

- 40 1. Chair all Office meetings and attend all SA executive board meetings
- 41 2. Correspond with the Student Assembly to affect office priorities
- 42 3. Create training programs for directors and other office members
- 43 4. Appoint additional members of the office as appropriate
- 44 5. Oversee the budget of the office



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45 Section 2: Director of Local Relations

46 The responsibilities of the Director of the Office of Local Relations are as follows:

- 47 1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests
- 48 2. Maintain and foster communications with appropriate institutions, entities, and individuals

49 Section 3: Director of State Relations

- 50 1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests
- 51 2. Maintain and foster communications with appropriate institutions, entities, and individuals

52 Section 4: Director of Federal Relations

- 53 1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests
- 54 2. Maintain and foster communications with appropriate institutions, entities, and individuals

55 Section 5: Voting Members of OSGR

56 The responsibilities of Voting Members of OSGR are as follows:

- 57 1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests
- 58 2. Collaborate and support the Directors of Local, State, and Federal Relations as needed

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60 Article 3: Recruitment of Office of Student Government Relations members

61 Section 1: The outgoing Office of Student Government Relations shall nominate a new Director of  
62 the office as well as new Directors of Local, State, and Federal Relations to be discussed and  
63 approved by the Student Assembly before the end of each calendar year. Nominations for  
64 the Director of State Relations are encouraged to have lived in New York State prior to  
65 becoming a student at Cornell. The first Director of the Office shall be appointed by the SA  
66 President and confirmed by the Student Assembly and shall staff the remainder of the office  
67 to be confirmed again by the Student Assembly.

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69 Article 4: Funding

70 Section 1: Funding for the OSGR shall be appropriated during byline funding years from the  
71 Student Assembly. OSGR funds shall be used for trips to local offices, Albany, and DC.  
72 Additionally, funds will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of administrative expenses  
73 and the implementation of lobbying and advocacy events. The Director of the office shall  
74 control the budget of OSGR. In preparation for byline funding years, the Director shall  
75 work with the Student Assembly's VP of Finance to provide updates and calibrate the  
76 appropriations asks of the Student Assembly.

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78 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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