

Cornell University Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

November 16, 2023

4:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall/Zoom

ZOOM

Meeting ID: 927 5625 4940 | Passcode: 411537

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
3. Announcements
4. Open Microphone
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. Consent Calendar
7. Presentations
8. Reports
 1. Vice President of Finance Byline Report
 1. Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition
 2. Haven: The LGBTQ Union Board
 3. Multicultural Greek & Fraternal Council
 4. Empathy Assistance Referral Service
 5. Minds Matter at Cornell
 6. ALANA Intercultural Board
 7. Student Assembly
9. Old Business Calendar
 1. [Resolution 34 – OSGR Deputy Director](#)
 2. Resolution 35 – Assembly Governance
 3. [Resolution 36 – Ensuring Equity and Fairness in 2023-2024 Voting Seat Appointments](#)
10. Resolutions Calendar

1. Resolution 38: Valuing DEI in Congruence with Freedom of Expression
11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
 1. Student Health Advisory Committee
 1. Christian Flournoy
 2. Ramsey Kubofcik
 12. Adjournment

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Resolution 34: Creation of the Role of OSGR Deputy Executive Director

Abstract: This resolution creates a new Executive Board Position in the Student Assembly's Office of Student Government Relations

Sponsored by: Akshey Mulpuri '25

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 10/23/2023, 5-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 10/26/2023

Current Status: In Discussion

Whereas, the Student Assembly's Office of Student Government Relations (OSGR) was established in 2019 to lobby at the local, state, and federal levels for the benefit of the student body.

Whereas, the OSGR is currently ran by an Executive Director, Director of Communications, Director of Local Relations, Director of State Relations, and Director of Federal Relations.

Whereas, the Executive Board of the OSGR believes the creation of a new Deputy Executive Director Position would greatly help with the administration of the organization.

Be it therefore resolved, the following language be inserted as Article VI, Section 5, Subsection B.b.ii of the Student Assembly Bylaws:

Deputy Executive Director of Student Government Relations — the responsibilities of the Deputy Executive Director of Student Government Relations are as follows:

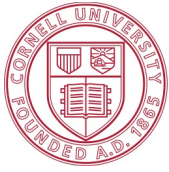
1. Oversee the recruitment of additional members of the office.
2. Perform other activities as determined by the Director.

Be it finally resolved, the remaining subsections be renumbered as subsections B.b.iii through B.b.vi.

Respectfully Submitted,

Akshey Mulpuri '25

Director, Office of Student Government Relations



Resolution 36: Ensuring Equity and Fairness in 2023-2024 Voting Seat Appointments

Abstract: This resolution creates an ad-hoc committee and additional guidelines pursuant to the governing documents to promote equity and structure in the appointment process for the new Student Workers Representative, Veterans Representative, and four new Representative At-Large seats.

Sponsored by: Rahul Verma '24, Alhassan Bangura '25, Aissatou Barry '24, Claire Ting '25

Reviewed by: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 11/01/2023, 7-0-5

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 11/02/2023

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, Student Assembly Resolution 20 of the 2023-24 term creates two new seats for the representation of student workers and veterans respectively and four new “At-Large” representative seats open to all undergraduates;

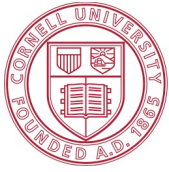
Whereas, Section 8 of the Student Assembly Charter allows for vacancies, following the declaration of a special election, to be “filled by the Assembly... by a roll-call... two-thirds affirmative vote of the seated membership of the Assembly”;

Whereas, beyond these parameters, no defined metrics for bringing forth a candidate to fill a vacancy is established in either the Charter, Bylaws, Standing Rules, or other governing documents or rules of the Student Assembly;

Whereas, a combination of factors, including the volume and nature of these seats, the current underrepresentation of specific colleges and communities on the Student Assembly, and expressed interest from the student body, are confounding to the current process and leaves room for confusion, inequity, and bias in selecting the inaugural holders of these new seats;

Whereas, the creation of an unbiased task force tasked with publicizing the existence of new seats, soliciting applications, and making recommendations to the Student Assembly President would assist in mitigating these confounding factors and align with the existing rules on appointment established in the governing documents.

Be it therefore resolved, that an ad hoc committee known as the “Advisory Committee on Presidential Appointments” be established pursuant to the approval of Resolution 20 by Cornell



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31 University President Pollack, tasked with (a) publicizing the creation and availability of new
32 seats to the undergraduate population, (b) soliciting and sorting applications from eligible
33 candidates, (c) presenting potential appointees to the Student Assembly for consideration, (d) set
34 decorum for appointment procedures on the floor of the Assembly.

35 **Be it further resolved**, that the Advisory Committee on Presidential Appointments shall be
36 composed of twelve voting members appointed by the President of the Student Assembly, where
37 seven members shall be community members and five shall be from the voting membership of
38 the Student Assembly

39 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Director of Elections shall serve as chairperson of this ad-hoc
40 committee, and the President of the Student Assembly and Chair of the Office of Ethics shall be
41 ex-officio members.

42 **Respectfully Submitted,**

43 Rahul Verma '24

44 *Director of Elections, Student Assembly*

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46 Alhassan Bangura '25

47 *Chair of the Office of Ethics, Student Assembly*

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49 Aissatou Barry '24

50 *Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Student Assembly*

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52 Claire Ting '25

53 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*