

Cornell University

Student Assembly

Student Assembly Special Meeting

AGENDA

April 14, 2024

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

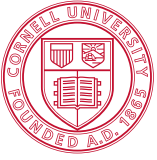
Robert Purcell Community Center 218AB

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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. Office of Ethics Spring 2024 Report
9. Business of the Day
10. Resolutions Calendar
 1. Resolution 74: Implementing the Office of Ethics' Recommendation from the Spring 2024 Report
11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
12. Adjournment

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1 Resolution 74: Implementing the Office of Ethics’ 2 Recommendations from the Spring ’24 Report

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

8 **Sponsored by:** Alhassan Bangura ’25

9 **Reviewed by:** Office of Ethics, 04/11/2023; 3-0-2

10 **Type of Action:** Internal Policy

11 **Originally Presented:** 04/14/2023

12 **Current Status:** New Business

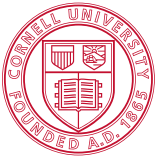
13 **Whereas,** in the early morning of March 22nd, 2024, several members of the Student Assembly and
14 the undergraduate community contacted the Student Assembly Office of Ethics for comment and
15 instructions on the filing of ethics reports in response to the Daily Sun’s article;

16 **Whereas,** on March 25th, 2024 at 6:05 PM, the Student Assembly Office of Ethics formally
17 announced that it had voted to sustain its investigation, and defined it to encompass Vice President
18 DeLorenzo, President Kuehl, Vice President Lederman, and any individuals currently or previously
19 affiliated with either the Cornell Democrats or the Cornell Interfraternity Council from February
20 2023 onwards on allegations of “abuse of the SA brand by members, staff, and other parties to
21 acquire additional benefits or privileges” and “engagement in unethical behaviors or practices in the
22 Cornell community”;

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

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

31 **Whereas,** the Office of Ethics has drafted the *Investigatory Report on Allegations Against Vice President of*
32 *Finance Rocco DeLorenzo, Vice President of Internal Operations Clyde Lederman, President Patrick Kuehl, and*



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33 *Executive Vice President Claire Ting*, which shall be made available on the morning of Friday, May 19,
34 2023, which articulates the analysis, arguments, and historical timeline of the presidential succession.

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

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

- 41 1. The Student Assembly shall, upon passage of Resolution 72, titled “Implementing the Office
42 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
43 pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Student Assembly Bylaws, Rocco DeLorenzo from
44 the Office of the Vice President of Finance;
- 45 2. The Student Assembly shall, upon passage of Resolution 72, titled “Implementing the Office
46 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
47 pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Student Assembly Bylaws, Clyde Lederman from the
48 Office of the Vice President of Internal Operations;
- 49 3. The Student Assembly may, upon passage of Resolution 72, titled “Implementing the Office
50 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
51 pursuant to Article IV, Section 8 of the Student Assembly Charter, Rocco DeLorenzo from
52 the Undesignated Representative at-Large seat;
- 53 4. The Student Assembly may, upon passage of Resolution 72, titled “Implementing the Office
54 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
55 pursuant to Article IV, Section 8 of the Student Assembly Charter, Clyde Lederman from
56 the Undesignated Representative at-Large seat;
- 57 5. The Student Assembly shall commit to defining rules, either in the form of a governing
58 document amendment or a resolution, governing author transparency for resolutions by
59 October 1st, 2024;
- 60 6. The Student Assembly shall commit to strengthening rules on its impartial arms, the
61 Elections Committee, and the Office of Ethics, by October 1st, 2024;
- 62 7. The Student Assembly shall commit to expanding election rules on conflict of interest
63 between candidates and members of the Student Assembly and student organizations’ ability
64 to grant endorsements by October 1st, 2024.

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66 **Respectfully Submitted,**
67 Alhassan Bangura ’25
68 *Director of the Office of Ethics*, Student Assembly