

Cornell University Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

September 14, 2023

4:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall/Zoom

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Meeting ID: 927 5625 4940 | Passcode: 411537

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
3. Open Microphone
4. Approval of the Minutes
5. Consent Calendar
6. Announcements
7. Reports
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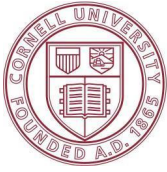
4. [Resolution 22: Amending the Community Sponsorship Standing Rules](#)

11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar

1. Appropriations Committee
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Resolution 17: Student Assembly Advisory Board

Abstract:

Sponsored by: Patrick Kuehl '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, DD/MM/YYYY

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 08/07/2023

Current Status: Referred to Committee

Whereas, The Article IV section 4 of the Charter of the Student Assembly states:

The University President will appoint one member of the administration to serve as consultant to the SA at its meetings.

Whereas, the Student Assembly does not have an advisor appointed from the President's administration.

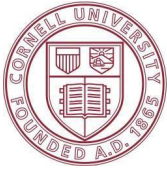
Whereas, the Student Assembly needs institutional advising for its Executive Board and voting membership.

Be it therefore resolved, the Assembly, with the consent of the University President, hereby adopts the attached document as the true and correct copy of the Charter of the Student Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Kuehl '24

President, Student Assembly



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Student Assembly Charter

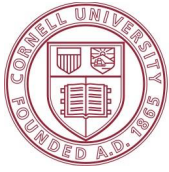
Article III, Section 4: Advisory Board

- A. There shall be a committee to advise the Student Assembly known as the “Student Assembly Advisory Board.
- B. The members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed and removed by a majority vote of the Assembly, except where otherwise provided in this section.
- C. The following shall be members of the Advisory Board — six alumni of Cornell University who have served as either a member of the Student Assembly or Student-Elected Trustee; the Speaker of the Faculty Senate; the Vice President for Student & Campus Life; the Dean of Students; and two current members of the Student Assembly.
- D. The term of members of the Advisory Committee shall expire upon the resignation or removal of the member, or, in the case of the members representing the Student Assembly, upon the expiration of their membership on the Assembly.

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Section 3: Organizational Liaisons

- A. The SA shall grant one member chosen from each constituency of the Greek Tri-Councils. This will grant an ex-officio position to one member of the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council, Panhellenic Association, and InterFraternity Council.
- B. The SA will grant one executive member from Residential Student Congress an ex-officio position as an organizational liaison.
- C. The SA will grant one member from Cornell Undergraduate Veteran Association an ex-officio position as an organizational liaison. This liaison must represent the interests of the United States and its allies.
- D. The SA will grant one liaison, an undergraduate with an interest in computing and technology an ex-officio position titled IT Governance Liaison.
- E. The SA will grant one member from the Student Assembly Advisory Board an ex-officio position as an organizational liaison.



Resolution 18: To Create a Process for the Reallocation of Rollover Funds

Abstract: This resolution amends the Charter of the Student assembly to create a process for the reallocation of the rollover funds of byline organizations.

Sponsored by: Patrick Kuehl '24

Reviewed by: Internal Operations, 08/30/2023, 2-0-0

Type of Action: Legislation

Originally Presented: 08/31/2023

Current Status: Introduced

Whereas, the Student Assembly is charged in Article II of the Charter with “the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community”;

Whereas, the Charter of the Student Assembly provides, “the Student Assembly through the delegated authority of the President and the Board of Trustees, is charged with the allocation of the Student Activity Fee”;

Whereas, the Assembly as the elected representative body of undergraduate students maintains a fiduciary responsibility to appropriate funds in best interest of the undergraduate student body, and to ensure its appropriations reflect the interests and needs of the undergraduate student body;

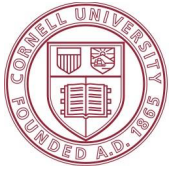
Whereas, the excessive accumulation of unobligated funds in the reserve accounts of byline organizations raised through the Student Activity Fee represents an ineffective allocation of funds, and a financial disservice to undergraduate students;

Whereas, it is sense of the Assembly that a reappropriation of funds by means of levying a fine or fee against Student Activity Fee funded organizations represents an oblique method for reappropriating reserve funds, and prefers a transparent process for the reallocation of unobligated funds;

Now, be it therefore resolved, that the following text be inserted as Section 13, Appendix A of the Charter of the Student Assembly —

Section 13: Rollover Funds

A. It shall be the prerogative of the Student Assembly, as a matter of internal policy, to transfer or reappropriate funds held in a Student Activity Fee funded organization or committee’s reserve account, provided that the amount transferred or reappropriated does not reduce the



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34 *balance in any such reserve account below 30% of the relevant organization or committee's*
35 *annual Student Activity Fee appropriation.*

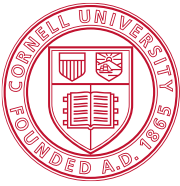
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37 *B. Twenty-one days prior to the proposed transfer or reallocation pursuant to Paragraph A of*
38 *this Section, the Assembly shall notify the treasurer and advisor of the relevant organization*
39 *or committee in writing of the proposed transfer or reallocation specifying the amount of the*
40 *transfer or reallocation; if the organization or committee should object, it shall then notify the*
41 *Assembly no later than seven days following issuance of the notify, at which point the President*
42 *of the Assembly shall schedule a time a time for the Assembly to hear and decide an appeal*
43 *from the organization or committee.*

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45 **Be it further resolved,** that immediately upon approval by the University President, this resolution
46 shall enter into force.

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48 **Respectfully Submitted,**

49 Patrick Kuehl '24

50 *President, Student Assembly*



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Originally Presented on:	(9/14/2023)
Type of Action:	Resolution
Status/Result:	New Business

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S.A. Resolution #19
Amendments to Election Rules for Fall 2023

ABSTRACT: This resolution updates the Student Assembly Election Rules for the Fall 2023 Elections.

Sponsored by: Rahul Verma '24, Director of Elections

Reviewed by: Elections Committee, 09/10/2023

Type of Action: New Business

Originally Presented: 09/14/2023

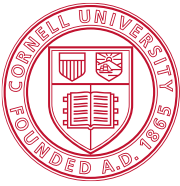
Whereas, the Student Assembly Bylaws (§IV, 3, F, line 167) task the Elections Committee with coordinating and implementing the regular and special elections of the Student Assembly, and

Whereas, to appropriately coordinate and implement the Student Assembly Elections, the Election Rules must be regularly updated, and

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly approves the Fall 2023 Student Assembly Election Rules attached as Appendix A to this resolution.

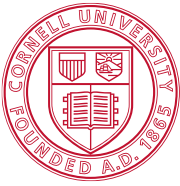
Respectfully Submitted,

Rahul Verma '24
Director of Elections, Student Assembly



32 **Appendix A: Student Assembly Election**
33 **Rules**

34 *Adopted on Thursday, December 3, 2009. Amended on Friday, December 3, 2010, Friday,*
35 *December 2, 2011, Thursday, November 29, 2012, Friday, December 6, 2013, Thursday, May 1,*
36 *2014, Thursday, November 20, 2014, Thursday, March 26, 2015, Thursday, December 3, 2015,*
37 *Thursday, May 5, 2016, Thursday, December 1, 2016, Tuesday, August 29, 2017, Friday,*
38 *December 1, 2017, Monday, May 7, 2018, Thursday, November 29, 2018, Wednesday,*
39 *September 2, 2020, Thursday, March 11, 2021, Thursday, March 3, 2022, Tuesday March 14,*
40 *2023, **September 14, 2023***



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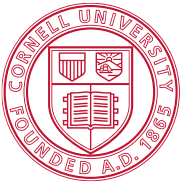
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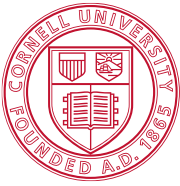
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Article I: Election Guidelines

83 Elections are the foundation upon which representative governance rests. These rules are
84 designed to protect the rights of all candidates, as well as all members of the University
85 community, and to ensure that the election process takes place in an open and fair arena.
86 Candidates must respect the rights and privileges of all members of the Cornell community, and
87 follow all election guidelines outlined in this document. Election rules are subject to the approval
88 of voting members of the Student Assembly each semester.

89 A. Voter Eligibility

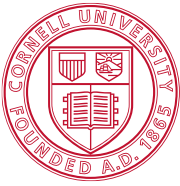
90 To vote in an election for a seat in the Student Assembly (SA) or for the directly elected seats on
91 the University Assembly (UA), a person must:

- 92 1. Be a full-time, matriculated undergraduate student enrolled in a degree-granting unit of
93 the Ithaca campus of the University; and,
- 94 2. Be a member of the constituency for which the seat is designated, if it is designated for
95 one of the following:
 - 96 a. Specific to college of enrollment
 - 97 b. Freshman
 - 98 c. Transfer

99 B. Definitions

100 The following words throughout the Election Rules are defined as such:

- 101 1. Candidate: is any person who has successfully completed the outlined steps to become a
102 candidate, as described in these Election Rules.
- 103 2. Classroom: is any space in which a professor, teaching assistant, or any other instructor
104 holds prescribed class time. “Classroom” includes in-person, hybrid, and online courses.
- 105 3. Cyber Bullying: is the act of bullying in any online space. These election rules follow the
106 same definition of bullying as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and applicable
107 university policies or governmental laws.
- 108 4. Individual or self-promoting publicity: is any outreach events, office hours, postings, or
109 public facing events, whether in-person or virtual, in which interaction with, or
110 promotion of, the candidate is a substantial reason for the act.
- 111 5. Petitioner: is any person seeking signatures to become a candidate.



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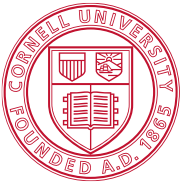
- 112 6. Social Media: is any online service that allows users to share, create, or post content for
113 social-networking purposes. Social media services include, but are not limited to:
114 Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, LinkedIn, X (Formerly known as Twitter), Facebook,
115 Tumblr, Reddit, MySpace, Pinterest, YouTube, GroupMe, Sidechat, and CampusGroups.
116 a. Email, GroupMe, WhatsApp, Signal, and text messaging are not social media.
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118 C. Candidate Information

119 1. Eligibility and Requirements

120 To be a candidate, a person must, prior to the petitioning deadline specified in the election
121 calendar:

- 122 1. Be eligible to vote in the election for the seat and plan to remain seated so for the full
123 term for which they are seeking election.
124 a. Candidates should not plan to pursue study abroad programs or internships
125 that would require them to leave the Ithaca campus for any semester during
126 their tenure.
127 2. Submit a completed candidate registration form and any associated materials required
128 in that form. You may not register for more than one position on the candidate
129 registration form.
130 3. Submit petitions endorsed by the required number of people who are eligible to vote
131 in the election for that specific position, which is the lesser of 10% of those eligible to
132 vote for that specific position or:
133 a. 250 for President and Executive Vice President
134 b. 50 for Womxn's Issues Representative At-Large, Minority Liaison At-Large,
135 First Generation Student Representative At-Large, and International Students
136 Liaison At-Large, LGBTQIA+ Students Liaison At-Large, Students With
137 Disabilities Representative
138 c. 100 for all other at-large seats
139 d. For all college-specific seats, petitioners must gather 25 seats per
140 representative on the Student Assembly (i.e. 25 for 3 Arts and Sciences seats
141 means 75 petitions)
142 e. 25 for Freshman and Transfer seats
143 f. 75 for all other seats
144 4. Not already hold a directly-elected voting position on the SA and/or UA for the term
145 for which they are seeking election.
146 5. Have never held or currently hold the role of Chair of the Office of Ethics.



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- 147 6. Have not resigned for a reason other than a Health Leave of Absence or been
148 removed from the SA or from a directly elected UA seat during the Student Assembly
149 term prior to the academic year of the term for the seat being elected.

150 To be a candidate, a person must, prior to the commencement of voting as specified in the
151 elections calendar:

- 152 1. Apply online to serve on at least one committee of the SA
153 2. Contact the Director of Elections and the chair of the respective committee with a copy of
154 their application

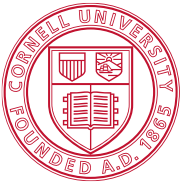
155 The Office of the Assemblies, assisted by the Elections Committee, will review submitted
156 materials for compliance with petitioning requirements as follows:

- 157 1. A sampling method may be used as long as at least 10% of required signatures are
158 validated for all petitions and all required signatures are attempted to be validated for any
159 petition found to be ineligible.
160 2. All petitions will be available for viewing only to members of the Cornell community and
161 may be examined in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall after the announcement
162 of candidates. Petitions may not be photocopied once submitted.
163 3. The Office of the Assemblies will notify the Director of Elections, who will then notify
164 any necessary candidates who failed to meet petitioning requirements prior to the
165 announcement of candidates.
166 4. Candidates who are listed on the ballot but found to have not fulfilled eligibility
167 requirements prior to tabulation of results will be disqualified with vote counts untallied
168 and discarded.

169 **2. Petitioning**

170 In order to demonstrate that they will be a respectable representative of the student body at large,
171 and/or of the community they vie to represent, candidates are required to collect a certain number
172 of petition signatures. The required number of petition signers is designated above. In
173 accordance with university policies in place at the time, and at the direction of the Elections
174 Committee, petition forms will available as **paper forms (available in the Office of Assemblies,
175 109 Day Hall)**. Candidates are expected to maintain the highest standards of integrity when
176 collecting petition signatures. In addition to the Early Campaigning rules detailed in Article 1,
177 Section C(1) of these elections rules, the following restrictions are in place to ensure fairness
178 during the petitioning period. Candidates may not:

- 179 1. Announce their candidacy on social media platforms under any circumstances



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180 2. Announce their candidacy in front of a classroom, during class hours, or in interference
181 of the learning environment in order to collect signatures

182 ~~Supporters of potential candidates may collect petition signatures in accordance with the above~~
183 ~~rules. The names and netID of both the potential candidate and the individual who collected the~~
184 ~~signatures must be noted on the petition form.~~ Petitioners must collect signatures without the aid
185 of supporters. Additional attestation of college affiliation may also be requested from supporters.

186 3. Written Statements

- 187 1. Each candidate is asked to submit a short statement, which may be no more than 1,250
188 characters, including spaces (NOT word count) via the online Candidate Profile portal.
189 Submissions must be plain text.
- 190 2. Statements will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections
191 Committee.
- 192 3. Statements may not include names of any political coalitions.
- 193 4. If a candidate's statement does not conform to these guidelines, the statement will not be
194 posted.

195 4. Pictures

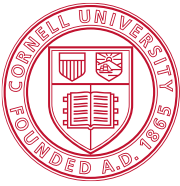
196 Photos will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections Committee.
197 Candidates may submit a photograph of themselves that conforms to the specifications noted in
198 the online candidate registration form, or have their photo taken by a staff member in the Office
199 of the Assemblies.

200 5. Candidate Forum

201 All candidates are encouraged to participate in the Candidates' Forums held by the Elections
202 Committee during the campaign period. The Elections Committee will be responsible for
203 planning, coordinating, and marketing these forums. At the forum, candidates are encouraged to
204 discuss their experience, platforms, and more. Candidates are also encouraged to use the forum
205 as an opportunity specifically to discuss why they are more qualified for the contested position
206 than their opponent(s). The Director of Elections shall reach out to student organizations that
207 receive funding from the Student Assembly, encouraging them to use the candidate forum as an
208 opportunity to consider candidates for endorsements.

209 D. Election Guidelines

210 1. Early Campaigning Prohibition



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211 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must not participate in the following campaign
212 activities until campaigning **officially begins**:

- 213 1. Distribution of online campaign materials to the public.
- 214 2. Making speeches or statements to student organizations.
- 215 3. Promoting their candidacy through email, social networking tools, or other digital media

216 The Elections Committee may challenge or disqualify a candidate if a violation is found to
217 compromise the fairness of the election.

218 **2. Restrictions for Current SA Members**

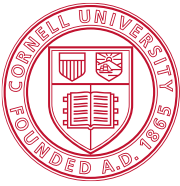
219 Current SA members seeking reelection:

- 220 1. Must refrain from any form of individual or self-promoting publicity during the
221 petitioning period.
- 222 2. Must not host constituency outreach events, **including those** that are meant to fulfill an
223 outreach requirement from the deadline for election materials through the last day of
224 voting.

225 **3. Compliance with University Policies and Student Code of Conduct**

226 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must be aware of and comply with all
227 applicable policies and provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, including but not limited to:

- 228 1. Use of Cornell Name, Logo & Artwork policy
- 229 2. Event Registration policies
- 230 3. Facilities reservation policies, including Willard Straight Hall area reservation policies
- 231 4. University Postering & Chalking policies
- 232 5. Residential & New Students Programs' policy for postering in residence halls
- 233 6. Dining hall policies, including a prohibition of distributing printed campaign materials in
234 dining halls without permission from authorized staff, and as designated in the Student
235 Code of Conduct.
 - 236 a. Please note that it is against the University Postering and Chalking Policy to chalk
237 on any vertical surface, regardless of the location.
- 238 7. Intimidation tactics (**including physical and verbal**) and cyber-bullying online (**on any
239 platform**) is strictly prohibited.
 - 240 a. **Any forms of online cyber-bullying or intimidation tactics should be reported to
241 the Director of Elections as soon as possible.**



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242 A violation of any University policy is a violation of these rules and therefore grounds for a
243 challenge if it compromises the fairness of the election. It is the candidate's responsibility to read
244 the referenced documents and be familiar with the rules and regulations established within them.
245 The Director of Elections may also refer any reported violations to the Office of Student Conduct
246 and Community Standards (OSCCS) or any other appropriate office, which may impose
247 disciplinary remedies and penalties according to its own rules and procedures.

248 **4. Campus Mail**

249 Candidates and their supporters acting on their behalf may not use Campus Mail for campaigning
250 purposes.

251 **5. Electronic Communications and Social Media**

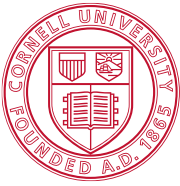
252 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:

- 253 1. Cannot receive campaign support through a Cornell Administered list-serv. E.g. The
254 Cornell Athletics Department
- 255 2. Must comply with Cornell University IT policies

256 **6. Campaign Finance**

257 Candidates or supporters acting on their behalf must submit all receipts and/or proof of fair
258 market value with the signed expense report to the Office of the Assemblies by the deadline
259 specified in the election calendar. Candidates who do not submit receipts and/or proof of fair
260 market value will be presumed to have spent \$0 on their campaign.

- 261 1. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not exceed the **\$40** limit for out-of-
262 pocket expenses and fair market value of donations of materials, professional services,
263 and/or money
 - 264 a. Fair market value is the value at which something is to be obtained normally if
265 documentation of its dollar value is not provided.
 - 266 b. If there is a supporting receipt for goods used in a candidate's campaign, then the
267 value of that good is the dollar value on the supporting receipt as long as the
268 transaction was conducted at arm's length.
 - 269 c. For donated materials, professional services, or other goods for which no official
270 receipt is provided, candidates must seek the most plausible assessment of the fair
271 market value of the good. Professional services will be defined as any work for
272 which the given individual/donor is typically compensated. Volunteer time
273 donated by full-time students, who are not professionals (have received payment



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- 274 for service) in the area of their volunteer effort, will not be considered
275 professional services.
- 276 d. Paid advertisements and related costs on social networking sites or other websites
277 must also be accounted for at fair market value.
- 278 2. Candidates will be eligible for up to \$40 in reimbursements to cover out-of-pocket
279 expenses from the campaigning period that can be used towards the following expenses:
280 website expenses (web hosting, domain names, and online advertising) or any other
281 promotional materials approved by the Director of Elections that are not a violation of
282 these election rules.
- 283 a. Candidates shall provide an estimate of costs prior to the campaigning period for
284 review of the Office of Elections including expected expenses and quantities. The
285 Office of Elections will notify a candidate if their estimate contains significant
286 changes from manufacturer's expected retail price (MSRP).
- 287 3. Candidates may use any platforms at their disposal, granted they are free. If these
288 platforms require purchasing, candidates are required to report this in their expense report
289 form.
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291 **7. Endorsements**

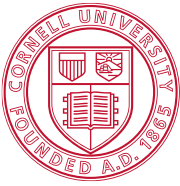
292 All registered student organizations receiving funds from the Student Assembly are encouraged
293 to endorse candidates. If an organization chooses to endorse a candidate, it is expected to abide
294 by the guidelines below.

- 295 1. Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) funded and Student Activity Fee (SAF)
296 byline funded organizations may endorse candidates. All groups must act in a way that is
297 fair and balanced when deciding on the endorsement of candidates.
- 298 2. The Elections Committee may recommend that the SA impose fines on or revoke
299 allocated funds from organizations failing to comply.
- 300 3. If a member of the Elections Committee sits on the Executive Board or governing body
301 of an organization, that organization is prohibited from endorsing candidates.

302 All registered students, except candidates, are encouraged to individually endorse candidates
303 once the campaign period officially begins.

304 **8. Campaign Ethics**

305 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:



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- 306 1. May not, at any time before, during or after the elections, harass, threaten, or coerce
307 others.
308 2. May not provide anything of material value to a member of the Cornell community to
309 further themselves in the election or to promote their candidacy.
310 3. May not compel any person to endorse their candidacy, assist their campaign, or act as
311 supporter as an explicit or implicit condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation
312 with, or continued membership in a group or organization.

313 **E. Restrictions on Ticketing and Slates**

314 **1. General Rules**

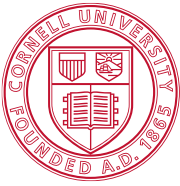
315 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not:

- 316 1. Include any other candidate's name, a common "ticket" name, or a shared slogan and/or
317 symbol on any promotional materials or within any form of electronic communication
318 and/or media.
319 2. Share or pool campaign finances with any other candidates or supporters acting on their
320 behalf.
321 3. Distribute any promotional materials, send any electronic communication, or utilize any
322 other form of electronic media on behalf of any other candidate except if the candidate
323 does so for another candidate in the President and/or Executive Vice President races.
324 4. Campaign with or on behalf of each other or engage in any coordination of campaigning
325 activities except if the candidate does so for another candidate in the President or
326 Executive Vice President races.

327 **2. Special circumstance for the President and Executive Vice President elections**

328 Candidates in any race, besides those running for the position of President or Executive Vice
329 President, will be given the freedom to distribute promotional material, send electronic
330 communications, campaign on behalf of, and speak for candidates in the President or Executive
331 Vice President races. Candidates who choose to do so are considered supporters and are held
332 accountable to all clauses in these rules that pertain to candidates and their supporters. The
333 President and Executive Vice President candidates are strictly prohibited from coordinating
334 activities. Candidates are strictly prohibited from performing the actions above for candidates not
335 in the President or Executive Vice President races.

336 **3. Plagiarism**



337 Candidates may not disseminate written statements, promotional materials, or electronic
338 communications that are plagiarized or substantially copied from any such items created or
339 distributed by any current or former candidate. Materials distributed by the Director of Elections,
340 Elections Committee, and the Office of the Assemblies may be used as templates.

341 **Article II: Direct Election of President and Executive Vice**
342 **President**

343 **A. President and Executive Vice President (EVP) Designation and eligibility**

- 344 1. Two of the six Undesignated At-Large Representative seats are for the directly elected
345 seats of President and Executive Vice-President.
- 346 2. Candidates running for President and Executive Vice President who do not win their race
347 will automatically be entered into two races for two Undesignated At Large seats,
348 separate from the Undesignated At Large race. The candidates in each race, one for
349 Presidential candidates and a separate one for Executive Vice Presidential candidates,
350 will run for one available seat per race. In the event that there are no other candidates for
351 a particular race, regardless of reason as to why, the seat shall go to the next highest
352 voted candidate in the original Undesignated At Large race. No voting shall occur for
353 these two races and the votes shall be tallied from the original counts for President and
354 Executive Vice President.

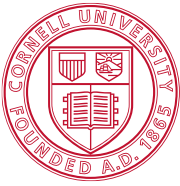
355 **Article III: Election Procedures**

356 **A. The Election Calendar**

- 357 1. The Director of Elections, in consultation with the Office of the Assemblies, will draft the
358 election calendar prior to the semester of the election, and will be approved by the
359 Elections Committee at a meeting in the prior semester if possible¹.
- 360 2. Consideration shall be given to any religious holidays that may fall during the election
361 period, guaranteeing that the right to free religious observance is afforded to all potential
362 candidates.

363 **B. The Elections Committee**

¹ The Director of Elections should coordinate the schedule of the Student Assembly elections with other campus elections, such as those of the Student-Elected Trustee and Class Councils.



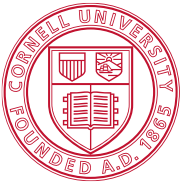
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- 364 1. The Director of Elections shall serve as chair and a designated representative of the
365 Office of the Assemblies shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of this
366 Committee.
- 367 2. The Director of Elections shall publish a list of Assembly seats to be filled, in accordance
368 with Student Assembly Charter.
- 369 3. During a Challenge Review Meeting, the interpretation of the Elections Rules will lie
370 with the sitting Elections Committee in conjunction with the Student Assembly Office of
371 Ethics.
- 372 4. Elections Committee members are expected to abide by the highest standards of personal
373 conduct and integrity. Students are mandated to excuse themselves from serving on the
374 Elections Committee if they plan to take part in a campaign. Therefore, members should
375 not be involved in the campaigning process. All conflicts should be considered and
376 resolved before the election cycle begins. Elections Committee members may not sit on
377 the Executive Board of an organization that endorses candidates in an SA election. If an
378 Elections Committee member sits on the Executive Board of an organization or sat on
379 that Executive Board at any time during the same semester of a particular SA election,
380 that organization may not endorse candidates in that SA election, or that Elections
381 Committee member must resign from the Elections Committee.
- 382 5. The Elections Committee should be prepared to meet immediately following the
383 challenge deadline to rule on all pertinent challenges. The Elections Committee shall use
384 Robert's Rules of Order to consider challenges, in addition to the election rules. In the
385 event of conflict, these election rules supersede Robert's Rules of Order. The Elections
386 Committee has no power to overrule the election rules under any circumstances.
- 387 6. The Director of Elections shall give a final report on the results of the election when there
388 are no remaining unresolved matters.

389 **C. Independence of the Elections Committee**

- 390 1. While members of the Elections Committee are expected to abide by the highest
391 standards of integrity, they also enjoy independence from undue interference. Hence,
392 students may not falsely accuse, harass, threaten or coerce any member of the Elections
393 Committee for actions taken in their official capacity.
- 394 2. Subject to the determination of the Elections Committee, any violation of this section can
395 result in temporary or permanent disqualification from contesting elections to the SA or
396 UA.
- 397 3. Members of the Elections Committee cannot personally endorse any candidates.
398 However, members of the Committee may still privately vote in the elections themselves.

399 **D. Voting and Tabulation**



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- 400 1. The order in which names appear on the ballot shall be randomly selected.
401 2. Uncontested candidates will not be listed for a vote on the ballot and will be deemed
402 victorious pending the resolution of challenges.
403 3. Results for challenged races will be posted after the Elections Committee has ruled on
404 those challenges and all challenges have been fully resolved.
405 4. The Elections Committee will not have access to the results prior to and during challenge
406 deliberations. The Office of Assemblies will release election results after the Director of
407 Elections or the Elections Committee has validated the election results.
408 5. A printout of election results for qualifying candidates shall be posted on line on the
409 relevant webpages of the election. Disqualified candidates will not have their vote tallies
410 made available.

411 **E. Challenges**

412 **1. Eligibility to Challenge**

- 413 1. Any member of the Cornell community may submit a challenge.
414 2. The Director of Elections may submit a challenge.
415 3. The Elections Committee as a body may submit a challenge by majority vote.
416 4. Individual Committee members, except the Director of Elections, may not submit a
417 challenge.

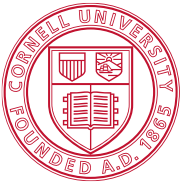
418 **2. Challenge Deadlines**

- 419 1. Election challenges must be submitted by the election challenge deadline specified in the
420 elections calendar.
421 2. The Director of Elections or the Elections Committee by a majority vote can submit a
422 challenge at any time before the declaration of results.
423 3. No challenges will be accepted after these deadlines.
424 4. Once submitted, a challenge becomes part of the formal record, and may not be
425 withdrawn for any reason or by any person.

426 **3. Format of Challenges**

427 Challenges must be in writing, submitted on the signed Challenge Form, and accompanied by the
428 following supporting documentation:

- 429 1. Challenger's name
430 2. Candidate's name
431 3. Date of challenge



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432 4. Reason for challenge and supporting evidence

433 Challenges that fail to provide all required documentation will not be reviewed by the Elections
434 Committee.

435 **4. Notification of Election Challenges**

436 The Office of the Assemblies will notify the Director of Elections who will send an email
437 notifying anyone who is named in an election challenge. The email will contain a scanned copy
438 of the challenge.

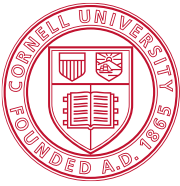
439 **5. Response to Election Challenges**

440 A challenged candidate may request to review challenges to which they are a party in the Office
441 of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, who will share the challenges in a confidential setting. The
442 challenged candidate may then address written statements in response to the Committee. The
443 challenged candidate may request a hearing ~~in person~~ with the Committee.

444 **6. Challenge Review Meeting**

445 The Committee, ~~along with the Student Assembly Office of Ethics,~~ will schedule a meeting to
446 review challenges in Executive Session. The Committee, less temporarily recused members, will
447 provide an opportunity for the challenged candidate to respond in person if requested by the
448 challenged candidate or a member of the Committee. The Director of Elections reserves the right
449 to recuse any member of the Committee in the event of a conflict of interest. Members may
450 either recuse themselves prior to challenge hearings or at the discretion of the Director of
451 Elections. For each challenge, the Committee will determine:

- 452 1. Whether each alleged violation can be substantiated, beyond a reasonable doubt. This
453 vote will be taken for each violation individually, and a majority of the members present
454 of the Elections Committee is required to declare that a preponderance of evidence
455 substantiates each violation;
- 456 2. Which, if any, substantiated violations or combination thereof compromised the fairness
457 of the election and constituted a material advantage to the extent the challenged candidate
458 should be disqualified. If the Committee finds either that a single substantiated violation
459 or that a combination of substantiated violations should, beyond a reasonable doubt,
460 require the disqualification of a candidate, with at least two-thirds of the members present
461 of the Elections Committee in the affirmative, may disqualify the candidate. The
462 Elections Committee reserves the right to impose lesser sanctions on a candidate as it
463 sees fit.



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464 7. Written Report

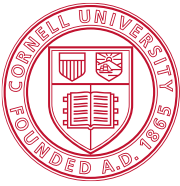
- 465 1. For each rule violation, the Director of Elections or a member of the Elections Committee
466 as delegated by the Director will create a written report thoroughly detailing the
467 challenge(s), listing the tallies of all votes taken by the Committee including the
468 bifurcated voting process, the decision made, and how the decision was reached.
- 469 2. The report is kept confidential and only released to the challenged candidate and the
470 challenger(s).
- 471 3. A copy, with all names other than the challenged candidate redacted, is kept in the Office
472 of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall.
- 473 4. For each challenge, the Committee will report to the challenger(s) and the challenged
474 candidate all evidence received/found, any violations substantiated, and any decisions to
475 disqualify the challenged candidate.

476 8. Reconsideration

- 477 1. If the Committee ~~and members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics~~ determines a
478 candidate should be disqualified, the candidate may request reconsideration within
479 twenty-four hours of receiving the written report. To be reconsidered, the candidate
480 seeking such reconsideration must submit a request in writing to the Office of the
481 Assemblies, via email to assembly@cornell.edu, and ~~the Director of the Office of Ethics~~
482 within twenty-four hours of receiving the disqualification email from the Director of
483 Elections. The statement should address the specific findings in the written report to be
484 reconsidered and should detail the specific points where the Elections Committee failed
485 to correctly enforce the challenge procedure outlined in the Elections Rules Failure to
486 submit all necessary documentation within twenty-four hours will restrict the seeking for
487 reconsideration and the ~~Office of Ethics's~~ decision will be final.
- 488 2. ~~The Committee, in conjunction with~~ the Office of Ethics, will convene in response to
489 such a request. ~~The Committee Office of Ethics~~, after evaluating each request for
490 reconsideration, will take a vote requiring a simple majority to determine if the previous
491 decision to disqualify should be overturned. Email voting may be used by ~~Committee~~
492 members ~~of the Office of Ethics~~.

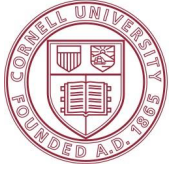
494 9. Confidentiality

- 495 1. Members of the Elections Committee and parties to a challenge may not share the
496 contents of challenges, evidence, or decisions submitted to or received from the
497 Committee, except when explicitly permitted by these rules or by the Director of



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- 498 Elections. When publicly releasing confidential information, the Director of Elections
499 must redact the names of all individuals who are not the challenged candidate.
500 2. A review of the Challenges may take place in coordination with the Office of the
501 Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, by any member of the Cornell community. Challenges may
502 not be photocopied, screen-shared, photographed, digitally recorded or removed from the
503 Office of Assemblies.



Resolution 20: Amendments to Article IV of the Charter

Abstract: This resolutions amends Article IV of the Charter to revise and modernize language on aspects of the membership of the Assembly.

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Reviewed by: Internal Operations, 09/08/2023, 3-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 09/14/2023

Current Status: Adopted by the Assembly, 09/21/2023, 16-1-0

Whereas, Article IV of the Charter of the Student Assembly defines the compositon, qualifications of voting members, method of election, vacancy-filling procedure, and procedure for recalling voting members of the Assembly;

Whereas, the ambiguity following a vacancy in the Office of the President of the Student Assembly highlighted the need for revisions to imprecise language and poorly defined procedures in Article IV of the Charter;

Whereas, the Assembly seeks to update its governing documents to reflect current practices and ensure clarity of the documents' provisions;

Be it therefore resolved, that Article IV of the Charter of the Student Assembly be struck in its entirety, and the text contained in Appendix A to this resolution be inserted as Article IV of the Charter of the Student Assembly.

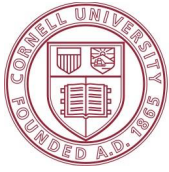
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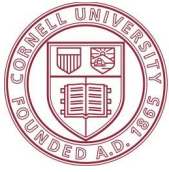
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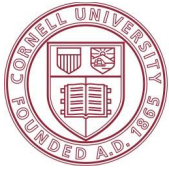


APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION 20

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Composition

- A. The Assembly shall consist of 37 voting members.
- B. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected at-large by and from the University undergraduate student population as President of the Student Assembly.
- C. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected at-large by and from the University undergraduate student population as Executive Vice President of the Student Assembly.
- D. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as a Representative At-Large by virtue of attaining the second greatest number of votes in the most recent election for President of the Student Assembly; this office shall be distinct from that of a directly elected Representative At-Large.
- E. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as a Representative At-Large by virtue of attaining the second greatest number of votes in the most recent election for Executive Vice President of the Student Assembly; this office shall be distinct from that of a directly elected Representative At-Large.
- F. Six voting members of the Assembly shall each be directly elected as a Representative At-Large by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole.
- G. Two voting members of the Assembly shall each be elected as a Minority Students Representative by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent minority students.
- H. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the Women's Issues Representative by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent women's issues.
- I. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the First-Generation College Students Representative by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent first-generation college students.
- J. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the Students with Disabilities Representative by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent students with disabilities.

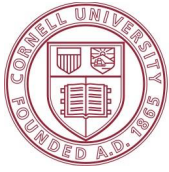


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- 96 K. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the International Students Representative
97 by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent international
98 students.
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- 100 L. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the LGBTQIA+ Representative by and
101 from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent Lesbian, Gay,
102 Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual students.
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- 104 M. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as Veterans Representative by and from the
105 population of undergraduate students who currently or have previously served in the Armed Forces
106 of the United States, except for undergraduate students who serve as members of the Reserve
107 Officer Training Corps, to represent students who currently or have previously served in the Armed
108 Forces of the United States.
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- 110 N. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as Student Workers Representative by and
111 from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent undergraduate
112 students who are engaged in paid employment contemporaneously with their academic studies.
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- 114 O. Four voting members of the Assembly shall each be elected at-large by and from the undergraduate
115 freshman student population to represent the same.
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- 117 P. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected at-large by and from the undergraduate
118 transfer student population to represent the same.
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- 120 Q. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected by and from the undergraduate student
121 populations of each the following colleges and schools to represent the same: the Brooks School of
122 Public Policy; the Dyson School of Business, the College of Architecture, Art and Planning; the
123 School of Hotel Administration; the College of Human Ecology, and the School of Industrial and
124 Labor Relations.
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- 126 R. Two voting members of the Assembly shall be elected by and from the undergraduate student
127 populations of each the following colleges and schools to represent the same: the College of
128 Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the College of Engineering.
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- 130 S. Three voting members of the Assembly shall be elected by and from the undergraduate student
131 population of the College of Arts and Sciences to represent the same.
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133 **Section 2: Qualifications of Voting Members** 134

- 135 A. Each voting member of the Assembly shall be registered, full-time undergraduate student at Cornell



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136 for the duration of their term; no voting member of the Assembly shall represent a particular college
137 or school without being a registered, full-time student in the same; nor shall a voting member hold
138 office without meeting the qualifications step forth for election to that office.

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140 B. No member of the Assembly shall hold the office of more than one voting member, nor be absent
141 from the Ithaca Campus of Cornell University for more than three weeks during the academic year.

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143 C. Upon failing to satisfy the provisions of this section, no voting member may be deemed disqualified
144 absent an affirmative two-thirds vote of the seated members of the Assembly.

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146 **Section 3: Non-Voting Membership**

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148 A. Each undergraduate student shall be a non-voting member of the Assembly; such members may
149 participate in debate but may not to vote.

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151 B. The Assembly may designate any faculty member, employee, or graduate or professional student
152 as a non-voting member.

153 **Section 4: Method of Election**

154 A. Each voting member of the Assembly and undergraduate representative to the University Assembly
155 shall be elected by a single transferable voting system using the Hare Method, except as otherwise
156 provided for in this Charter.

157 **Section 5: Term of the Assembly**

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159 A. The term of each Assembly shall commence on May 1st and expire on April 30th annually; the term
160 of each voting and non-voting member shall be coterminous with the term of the Assembly.

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162 B. There shall be no limit as to the number of terms a member of the Assembly may serve.

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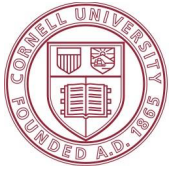
164 C. Each member shall take the oath of office and shall be bound to that oath for the duration of their
165 term prior to being seated.

166 **Section 6: Advisor and Advisory Board**

167 A. The University President may appoint one administrator or faculty member to serve as an advisor
168 to the Assembly.

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170 B. There shall be board to advise the Assembly known as the “Student Assembly Advisory Board,



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171 which shall herein after be referred to as the “Advisory Board.”

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173 C. It shall be the responsibility of the Advisory Board to provide the Assembly with counsel and
174 guidance.

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176 D. The Advisory Board shall consist of six alumni of Cornell University each of whom shall have
177 served either as a member of the Student Assembly or as a Student Elected Trustee; two members
178 of the Faculty Senate; the University President or their designee; two members of the Assembly;
179 and four other individuals whose qualifications shall be determined in the Bylaws of the Student
180 Assembly.

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182 E. Each member of the Advisory Board, except for the University President, shall be appointed and
183 may be removed by the Assembly.

184 **Section 7: Attendance Requirement**

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186 A. Each voting member of the Assembly shall be required to attend all regularly scheduled and special
187 meetings of the Assembly.

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189 B. The Assembly may adopt rules governing the attendance of voting members and non-voting
190 members and sanctions for violation of such rules including removal from the Assembly; however,
191 the Assembly shall adopt no rule that permits or requires the removal of a voting member for their
192 absence from no fewer than four regularly scheduled meetings.

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194 C. The Assembly may not adopt attendance rules that interfere with the observance of a religious or
195 cultural holiday.

196 **Section 8: Vacancies**

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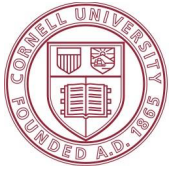
198 A. A vacancy shall exist in the office of a voting member of the Assembly or undergraduate
199 representative to the University Assembly before the expiration of the term of office upon the death,
200 resignation, removal, recall, disqualification, declination of or failure to elect a duly qualified
201 officeholder.

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203 B. A vacancy that exists in the office of any voting member of the Assembly between May 1st and the
204 conclusion of the Spring Semester, shall be filled by the candidate attaining the second greatest
205 number of votes in the most recent election for the same office.

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207 C. A vacancy that exists in the office of any voting member of the Assembly following the conclusion
208 of the Spring Semester shall be filled by the Assembly. At the next regularly scheduled meeting



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209 following the creation of the vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by a roll-call vote; the vacancy
210 shall not be filled without a two-thirds affirmative vote of the seated membership of the Assembly.
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212 D. In the period between the creation of a vacancy in the office of President or Executive Vice
213 President and the election of a new officeholder, pursuant to Subsections B and C of Section 8 of
214 this Charter, the office shall remain vacant. The Assembly, by majority vote, may choose to
215 exercise the powers of the vacant office of President or Executive Vice President, as needed to
216 continue the proper functioning of the Assembly.
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218 E. In the period between the creation of a vacancy in the office of President and the election of a new
219 officeholder, pursuant to Subsection B and C of this Charter, the order of precedence of the
220 Officers, as established by the Bylaws, shall be used to determine who shall preside at meetings of
221 the Assembly, as Acting Chair. The Acting Chair shall exercise no authorities otherwise delegated
222 to the President except those as necessary for calling and presiding over the Assembly.
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224 F. Any undergraduate student shall be eligible to fill a vacancy, provided they meet the qualifications
225 to hold office set forth in this article; notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a vacancy in
226 the office of a Representative At-Large elected by virtue of attaining the second greatest number
227 of in either the most recent election for President or Executive Vice President of the Assembly,
228 may, for the remainder of the term of the Assembly in which the vacancy was created, be filled by
229 as though the office were that of a directly elected Representative At-Large.

230 **Section 9: Recalling of Voting Members**

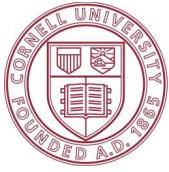
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232 A. Each voting member of the Assembly may be recalled by their constituency. To be recalled through
233 a member's respective constituency, the following procedure shall be followed in the given order:
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235 1. A petition for the recall of the specific Assembly voting member will be registered with
236 the Office of the Assemblies before any signatures are obtained.
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238 2. Petitioning for recall shall last for a period of not more than fourteen days from the
239 registration of the petition. The required number of signatures shall be, for representatives
240 from a school or college, fifty percent plus one or one thousand from that constituency,
241 whichever is less, for at-large representatives, 15% of the student body. The petition will
242 be presented to the Office of the Assemblies.
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244 3. An informational forum will be scheduled and held within not more than one week of the
245 presentation of the petition, where a discussion of the recall will occur. The Assembly
246 voting member must have a reasonable opportunity to attend the forum.
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248 4. A special recall election will be scheduled for and held within not more than three days



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251 5. Should the constituency vote to recall its representative, the seat shall be declared vacant.

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253 B. The Assembly may only recall a voting member by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the seated
254 members of the Assembly.

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256 **Section 9: Responsibilities of Voting Members**

257 A. SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies are required to make a
258 reasonable effort to arrange at least two meetings a semester with their respective academic dean
259 or associate dean(s) to discuss college/school specific issues and concerns. These representatives
260 will then report back to the Student Assembly at the next regularly scheduled SA meeting briefing
261 the Assembly on pertinent issues and occurrences that would take place as a result of these
262 meetings.

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264 B. SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies shall be charged with
265 gathering information about their particular college and representing their respective
266 constituencies, and voting according to their needs and desires.

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268 C. All voting representatives shall host at least one forum or outreach activity with individuals from
269 their respective constituencies and report all outcomes to the SA at the next regularly-scheduled
270 meeting following such an activity.

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272 D. All representatives may communicate regularly with their constituents through e-mail mailing lists
273 and listservs, which may be maintained by their respective college dean's office, the Department
274 of Campus Life, the Office of the Dean of Students, or the Office of the Assemblies.

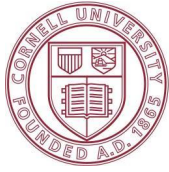
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276 E. Any Student Assembly member, including the Vice President for Public Relations, must submit a
277 mass message (e-mail, advertisement, press release, etc.) to the Executive Board for approval. The
278 Executive Board may approve a message by a majority vote and the vote may be conducted by e-
279 mail. The e-mail records must be saved.

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Resolution 21: Solidarity with Cornell Graduate Students United

Abstract: This resolution expresses Cornell undergraduates' solidarity with graduate student workers and support for their unionization effort.

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Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 9/11/2023, 6-0-0

Type of Action: Sense of the Body Resolution

Originally Presented: 9/14/2023

Current Status:

Whereas, graduate students work in research, teaching, and other capacities critical to the successful operation of the University;

Whereas, graduate students interface daily with undergraduates in classrooms, research labs, and office hours;

Whereas, graduate students occupy formal and informal roles as mentors, advisors, and collaborators to both graduate and undergraduate students;

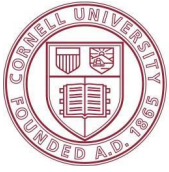
Whereas, undergraduate students have a direct interest in the well-being of graduate student workers;

Whereas, Cornell graduate students face unacceptably low pay, evidenced by 62% of Cornell graduate students being unable to save the recommended 20% of their paycheck;

Whereas, Cornell graduate students face limited access to healthcare, evidenced by 65% of Cornell graduate students being unable to visit the dentist twice a year;

Whereas, Cornell graduate students face difficulty commuting to campus, evidenced by 65% of Cornell graduate students saying TCAT does not meet their transportation needs;

Whereas, many Cornell graduate students face additional challenges, especially those that are from other countries or caring for families with children;



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Whereas, union representation will enable Cornell graduate workers to collectively bargain with the University for better wages, benefits, rights, and working conditions;

Whereas, Cornell Graduate Students United (CGSU) is a student-led effort to represent graduate workers at the University;

Whereas, Cornell University's 2023-2024 theme is Freedom of Expression, and association with a union is a key form of free expression;

Be it therefore resolved, that undergraduate students at Cornell University proudly stand in solidarity with CGSU in their effort to win collective bargaining rights to improve the lives of graduate students;

Be it further resolved, that undergraduate students strongly support graduate students' decision to exercise their right to free expression by signing CGSU union cards.

Respectfully Submitted,

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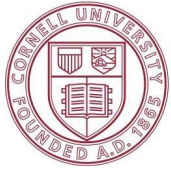
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Vice President of DEI, Student Assembly



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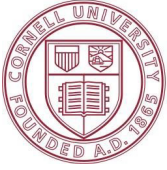
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Resolution 22: Student Assembly Transparency Initiative (SATI) Two

Abstract: This resolution allows for direct engagement with the student body to be used as an alternative to obtaining a community sponsor.

Sponsored by: Adam Vinson '25

Reviewed by: Internal Operations, 09/08/2023, 3-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 09/14/2023

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Whereas, collaboration between the broader student body and the Assembly must be prioritized in order to maintain good community relations;

Whereas, the Assembly adopted Student Assembly Transparency Initiative (SATI) One;

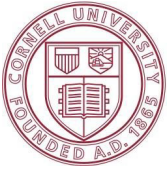
Whereas, SATI One requires all non-internal policy to have the support of a Community sponsor, which can be difficult to obtain, and are not obligated to inform their members about their involvement with the Assembly;

Be it therefore resolved, that Rule 13 of the Standing Rules of Order be struck in its entirety and that the text contained in Appendix A to this resolution be inserted as Rule 13 of the Standing Rules of Order.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Vinson '25

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative, Student Assembly



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Appendix A

RULE 13 – *Community Engagement*

- A. Assembly resolutions, except considered internal policy as defined in Article III, Section 2 of the Cornell University Student Assembly Charter, shall have either have the endorsement of *Community Sponsor* or bear the signatures of thirty members of the undergraduate student body.
- B. For the purposes of this rule, a *Community Sponsor* shall be defined as an organization at Cornell or in the broader Ithaca/Tompkins County community with a mission or activities relevant to the sponsored resolution and/or an individual legitimate interest in the passage of the resolution, along with an individual representing the organization.
- C. If a resolution fails to list a *Community Sponsor* or does not bear the signatures of thirty members of the undergraduate student body, the Assembly sponsor(s) must work with the Vice President of External Affairs to reasonably attempt to get a Community Sponsor.