



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Thursday August 31, 2017 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM in WSH, Memorial Room

I. Call to Order

- J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.
- *Present at the Roll Call:* J. Anderson [0]; T. Ball [0]; D. Barbaria [0]; O. Corn [0]; O. Din [0]; V. Devatha [0]; H. Hassan [0]; R. Herz [0]; M. Indimine [0]; G. Kaufman [0]; J. Kim [0]; T. Magloire [0]; A. Martinez [0]; R. Cornell [0]; S. Park [0]; J. Pollard [0]; S. Zavala [0]; C. Schott [0]; J. Sanon [0]; E. Shapiro [0]; D. Tokunboh [0]; M. Valadez [0];
- *Not Present at the Roll Call:* L. Lipschutz (Unexcused) [0.25];

II. Open Microphone

- Laura Spitz, Vice Provost for International Affairs, answered student's concerns regarding the defunding of the Foreign Student Employment Program.
- Laura Spitz agreed to work with the Student Assembly and with the international student community to resolve the issue.
- During that discussion, Dean Pendakur received a phone call from President Pollack announcing that the program would be reinstated.
- Representatives from the Student Assembly and audience members voiced their concerns toward future policies that could affect the international student community.

III. New Business

- There was a motion to amend the agenda skip to resolutions.
 - Motion was **adopted** by unanimous consent.
- Resolution 3: Approving Student Assembly 2017-2018 Budget
 - Sponsored by Gabriel Darren Kaufman
 - Resolution was **approved** 19-0-1
- Resolution 4: Approval of the 2017-2018 Elections Committee Slate
 - Sponsored by Dale Kenneth Barbaria and Travis Frederick Cabbell
 - V. Devartha stated that no amendments would be entertained, as this resolution needed to be passed as soon as possible to allow the fall elections to proceed.
 - Motion to move the resolution to business of the day – second
 - This motion **passed**: 18-1-1
- Resolution 5: 2017 Fall Election Rules
 - Sponsored by Travis Frederick Cabbell



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- Friendly amendment – 2017 to 2018
 - Amendment **passed**: Vote was 20-0-1
- Edits to the election rules (besides grammatical changes):
 - line 80 – added “for a reason other than health leave or absence... during Student Assembly term”
 - line 115 – People other than the candidate can petition for the candidate
 - line 150 – was moved to the finance section
 - line 167 – changed the word “vet” to “considered” because vet sounds pre-conditioned
 - line 233 – if candidates choose not to use day hall printing then the reimbursement was increased to \$50, if the candidate chooses day hall printing then they only get \$25
 - lines 251-252 were stricken because organizations don’t give endorsements
 - Line 324 – added that an amended version of these Election Rules must be passed before the second to last Student Assembly meeting of each semester.
 - line 417 – grammar mistake was fixed
- Point of information – What was the reasoning for the amount change?
 - Former candidates were asked and they thought raising it to \$50 would make people more willing to run
 - Motion to vote – 13-5-2 – **vote fails** by one vote
- Motion to strike lines 265-290 of the elections rules – **passed**
- Motion for a 2-minute reading break – **passed**
- Motion to vote on the amendment – **vote fails**
- Motion was **withdrawn** and members went back to discussion
- Motion to vote on the amendment – **passed** by 15-3-1
- Motion to adopt the amendment – **vote fails** by 0-21-1
- Point of information – Can the EEP endorse a CALS candidate in the current rules? – No
- Motion to vote on the resolution **passed** by unanimous consent
- **Resolution passes** by a vote of 20-1-1

IV. Announcements and Reports

- V. Devatha spoke about the benefits of having access to the Wall Street Journal as opposed to The New York Times. He stated that access for the academic year would cost approximately \$2.80, as opposed to the New York Times which costs approximately \$1.50. He said it is still in discussion with the GPSA.



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- M. Valadez stated that many students do not know this resource exists, and suggested to publicize it more.
- H. Hassan asked if a survey had been conducted to determine how many students use the Wall Street Journal as a news reference.
- V. Devatha responded that although an official survey had not been conducted, most students in the S.C. Johnson School and students majoring in Economics use it frequently. He was supportive of conducting the survey.
- O. Corn agreed that SC Johnson College of Business students and Econ majors use the Wall Street Journal frequently.
- V. Devatha suggested the implementation of task forces in the SA to become more proactive rather than reactionary.
- G. Giambattista announced that there is a link to the New York Times student access portal, and the Big Red Bikes on the new Student Assembly webpage.
- S. Zavala suggested a transition to WSJ because it has more world news than NYT.

VI. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn and move into executive session – **passed**

J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natalia Hernandez
Clerk of the Assembly