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Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

February 2, 2023

4:45 - 6:30pm

MEMORIAL ROOM, WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL

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Meeting ID: 947 1648 3660 | Passcode: 303164

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Consent Agenda: [January 26 Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Open Microphone
6. Announcements and Reports
7. Initiatives
8. Presentations and Forums
 1. Cornell Orientation
9. Business of the Day
10. New Business
 1. [Resolution 17](#)
11. Adjournment

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Minutes of the January 26, 2023 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

407 Willard Straight Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. President V. Valencia called the meeting to order at 4:52pm

II. Roll Call

- a. *Members Present [23]: S. Ali, M. Baker, S. Bhardwaj, D. Cady, R. Chatterji, P. Da Silveira, D. Edelman, J. Kalinski, K. Chan, A. Lampert, J. Lee, A. Lewis, L. Lu, J. Mayen, D. Nachman, M. Song, V. Valencia, S. Williams, K. Liu, B. Mehretu, A. Richmond, Y. Yuan, N. Son, C. Ting, E. D'Angelo*
- b. *Members Excused: R. DeLorenzo, G. Dong, B. Kotb, B. Luckow, J.P. Swenson*

III. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohó:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)

- a. President V. Valencia stated the land acknowledgment

IV. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. None

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the December 1, 20223 meeting minutes
 - i. C. Ting motions to amend “deformation to defamation” throughout the minutes, passed by unanimous consent
 - ii. S. Bhardwaj motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent
- b. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 16 was acknowledged by the President and that the full response can be found online
- c. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 15 has not gotten a response yet, but got an email saying the President will take a little longer to respond
- d. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 14 was acknowledged by the President
- e. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 13 was returned by the President for a clarification change
- f. V. Valencia announces that Resolution 12 was acknowledged by the president and her response was read aloud

VI. Open Microphone



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- a. None

VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. V. Valencia announces that the FARC committee needs a chair and members and they're looking for anyone in SA or the community and can reach out to her or P. Da Silveira
- b. I. Chasen states that there's three vacant seats on the SA: LGBTGIA+ students liaison, CALs representative, and Undesignated representative at-large. There will be an abbreviated special election to fill those three seats. Encourages everyone to reach out to people who might be interested and that petition signatures will be due next Friday.
 - i. M. Baker asks if there's a reason an election is being done and not appointing them
 - ii. I. Chasen states it's the same process as last Fall essentially. If there was more than one person interested in the positions that would've triggered an election, but there was not.
 - iii. M. Baker asks if it's fair that she didn't have to collect petition signatures, but these three new people would
 - iv. I. Chasen states that due to the lack of SA activity this year it would be necessary for students to show more interest and the best way to do this would be petition signatures
 - v. V. Valencia states that we do special elections when we have multiple vacancies and last semester the Office of Assemblies was understaffed, so we didn't have the capacity to do elections
 - vi. D. Cady asks if the signature process is on paper or electronic
 - vii. I. Chasen responds that they're going to stick with paper, but will push for electronic signatures for later elections
 - viii. P. Da Silveira asks what CALs seat is vacant
 - ix. I. Chasen responds that J. Lee resigned
- c. A. Lewis states that they're going to send out a newsletter with updates on what the SA is doing and anyone can reach out to her about it
 - i. They're also going to include promotional materials from clubs and organizations
 - ii. P. Da Silveira adds it will be presented to the whole SA before being sent out
 - iii. D. Cady asks if we could spotlight past initiatives that are currently in practice



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- iv. A. Lewis responds that those are things they will include along with current initiatives

VIII. Initiatives

- a. S. Williams states she wants to convene a meeting of the Academic Policy Committee in the next week or so and will try to get the academic policy survey out in the next 2 weeks
- b. S. Williams states there's a community member whose being working with an organization called Boys in Sport, which is working to improve equality for women in sports and they were speaking over the break about doing a title ix compliance review for Cornell
- c. D. Cady states he's in the process of reaching out to people to make ice skating at Lynah more accessible and anyone is welcome to get involved
- d. N. Sharma states his committee is trying to find a meeting time to review the bylaws and will be looking for other solutions to re-word it
- e. N. Son states they reached out to cultural organizations about their resolution and are following up and will present their resolution next week or the week after

IX. Presentation and Forums

- a. None

X. Business of the Day

- a. None

XI. New Business

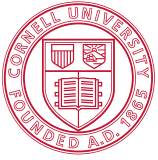
- a. S. Bhardwaj motions to move into Executive Session, passed by unanimous consent
 - i. A. Lewis was elected VP of External Affairs
- b. V. Valencia announces that we only did 16 resolutions last semester and the prior semesters they did 40+, so we need to start doing more work

XII. Adjournment

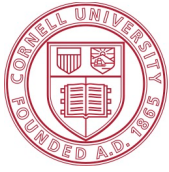
- a. B. Mehretu motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Birmingham
Clerk of the Assembly



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Resolution 17: Reclassification of the Orientation Steering Committee Byline into the Tatkon Center for New Students

Abstract: This resolution explains the current situation of the Orientation Steering Committee byline organization and highlights the importance of orientation at Cornell. Additionally, this resolution reclassifies the Orientation Steering Committee from an Undergraduate Student Organization into a Department Byline Organization under the Tatkon Center for New Students.

Sponsored by: Rocco DeLorenzo '24

Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 01/31/2023, 9-0-1

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 02/02/2023

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the Orientation Steering Committee is currently an Undergraduate Student Organization tasked with organizing orientation for all new Cornell University students in the fall and spring semesters.

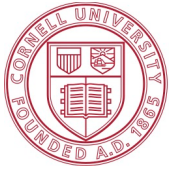
Whereas, in previous years, the Orientation Steering Committee has guided the implementation of programming during orientation and helped to recruit and train individual orientation leaders.

Whereas, on 10/28/2022, because of the amount of work needed to be completed by the Orientation Steering Committee, a shrinking body of students interested in being members of the group, and a lack of incentive to complete work, members of the Orientation Steering Committee voted to dissolve the organization in favor of a new student leadership structure.

Whereas, now, without a student organization leading the coordination of orientation, the Tatkon Center for New Students is tasked with taking over coordinating orientation.

Whereas, with this change, the Orientation Steering Committee will be replaced by the Student Orientation Lead Team.

Whereas, because a department is now in charge of operating recruitment, 12 paid student workers have been hired* to help operate the logistics of orientation. This helps to incentivize



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29 efforts within orientation planning and continue to include the student perspective needed for
30 byline funding.

31 **Student workers are not paid using funds from the Student Activity Fee, instead being paid by*
32 *funds from the Tatkon Center for New Students.*

33 **Be it therefore resolved,** orientation is an essential element of the Cornell University
34 experience, and the Student Assembly supports the reclassification of the Orientation Steering
35 Committee as an Undergraduate Student Organization into a Department byline under the Tatkon
36 Center for New Students.

37 **Be it further resolved,** the Student Assembly supports the continued creation of student worker
38 positions on campus, including those created by the Tatkon Center for New Students.

39 **Be it finally resolved,** the current Student Activity Fee allocation for the 2022-2023 and 2023-
40 2024 Academic Year be immediately classified as a Department byline, managed by the Tatkon
41 Center for New Students and will continue to be classified as Department byline for funding in
42 all future Student Activity Fee Funding Cycles.

43 **Respectfully Submitted,**

44 Rocco DeLorenzo '24

45 *VP Finance, Student Assembly*