

# Cornell University Student Assembly

## Student Assembly Meeting

### AGENDA

February 9, 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: [February 2 Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Open Microphone
6. Announcements and Reports
7. Initiatives
8. Presentations and Forum
9. Business of the Day
  1. [Resolution 17- Orientation](#)
10. New Business
  1. [Resolution 18- Academic Programs](#)
  2. [Resolution 19- International Student Affairs Committee](#)
  3. [Resolution 20- Inclusive Supply of Pharmaceuticals](#)
  4. [Resolution 21- Office of Ethics Bylaw Amendment](#)
11. Adjournment

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## Cornell University Student Assembly Minutes of the February 2nd, 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 4:50pm

### II. Roll Call

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

### 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 January 26, 2023 meeting minutes
  - i. S. Williams motions to amend the organization name under initiatives from “Boys in Sport” to “Voice in Sport,” passed by unanimous consent
  - ii. D. Cady motions to amend “ff to if” under initiatives, passed by unanimous consent
  - iii. S. Bhardwaj motions to amend “CALs to CALS,” passed by unanimous consent
  - iv. M. Song motions to amend “LGBTGIA+ to LBGTQIA+,” passed by unanimous consent
  - v. S. Bhardwaj motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent

### VI. Open Microphone

- a. None

### VII. Announcements and Reports

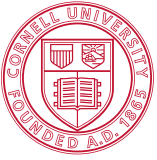


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- a. S. Williams announces the Academic Policy Committee is meeting this Saturday at 2pm
- b. N. Son announces they'll be presenting their Establishing International Students Affairs Committee Resolution during the SA meeting next week
  - i. P. Da Silveira adds they'll be sending it to DEI to review
- c. A. Richmond announces that members of SHAC have been meeting with the Cornell Planned Parenthood group about a Plan B and contraceptive vending machine on campus. They have asked that we submit a resolution urging Cornell to push this forward. They will be meeting to go over a resolution to draft about it and if anyone is interested they can reach out
  - i. J.P. Swenson asks where the vending machine would be
  - ii. A. Richmond responds they're still figuring it out
  - iii. D. Cady states the group is Planned Parenthood Generation Action. The proposal has been discussed in the group meetings on Mondays, 5-6pm, and they're open to anyone. The idea is for the vending machine to be somewhere near central campus that is accessible 24/7 and private
  - iv. P. Da Silveira shares this has been 10 years in the making and other universities have done it recently. The director of Cornell Health will be meeting with VP Lombardi on February 10<sup>th</sup> to hopefully get admin support.
- d. C. Ting announces the Campus Welfare committee is starting a new project regarding opioid overdose awareness and to reach out if interested in joining or with input
- e. D. Cady announces the University Assembly will be hosting President Pollack on February 21st and everyone is welcome
- f. V. Valencia states President Pollack will also be visiting the SA on April 13th, so start thinking about questions
- g. N. Sharma announces there will be more updates on the Office of Ethics bylaws next week
- h. I. Chasen states that election petitions are due tomorrow
  - i. S. Bhardwaj asks what happens if the seats are not filled
  - ii. I. Chasen states he'll get back to her
  - iii. V. Valencia states they usually leave them vacant, but there's options

### **VIII. Initiatives**

- a. A. Lampert gives an update on Manual
  - i. States she's been having bi-weekly meetings, but was told last week by Dean Love that she can't continue with the project because it doesn't fit into what the University wants to do and isn't a priority



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- ii. V. Valencia clarifies that Dean Love has the final say on projects
- b. D. Cady states he's still looking for anyone interested in helping with ice skating. There are now some community members interested, so it's getting some movement and would be a good first resolution to do
- c. D. Cady states there's some discussion about bringing food to the SA if anyone is interested
  - i. P. Da Silveira asks to explain more
  - ii. D. Cady states it's still early, but some of the other assemblies have food, but diet restrictions and Covid policy has to be considered
- d. S. Bhardwaj states a group of students reached out about a protest in support of the Uyghur Muslims and the genocide that's occurring in China. They're hoping to bring a resolution to the SA next week. It's in the early stages, but will keep us updated

### **IX. Presentation and Forums**

- a. Cornell Orientation Steering Committee
  - i. Kevin Perry, Director of the Tatkon Center for New Students, and Emilee Saigh, Assistant Director of New Student Orientation, present Resolution 17
  - ii. K. Perry states his office is a merged unit of New Student Programs and Tatkon Center to support all new students, not just first year students
  - iii. K. Perry states that historically the Orientation Steering Committee (OSC) was a group of students who operate as an organization, but do what a paid position would do in supporting the orientation program
  - iv. E. Saigh states there were 4,200 new students and a staff of about 120 last August. There were problems with small groups being too big and people being unable to find their small groups
  - v. The feedback they heard was that it was it was a lot of responsibility to put on the student volunteers
  - vi. Continues that the Orientation leaders were volunteers and there was a lot of feedback about not being properly compensated for their work
  - vii. E. Saigh states that the OSC voted to dissolve their organization and in favor of creating a paid student leader role to implement new student orientation. That money comes from the Tatkon Center
  - viii. E. Saigh states that this a group of 12 students who will be properly compensated
  - ix. K. Perry states it is a pilot program, so they have funding for one year. Right now, student orientation is funded through byline funding for the student organization. They are requesting that the funding now be moved to their



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- department, since the organization was dissolved, because they cannot fund the program without byline funding
- x. K. Perry states that they have found funding outside the byline funding to pay the student leaders, but the byline funding is important to support new student orientation
  - xi. K. Perry states the byline funding is important to build up the group to more student leaders, benefits, and perks
  - xii. M. Baker asks what the byline funding would be going towards, is it the same or different items?
  - xiii. E. Saigh states the byline funding would still be going towards the same initiatives and they're committed to making sure the money stays for the students, but there would be no tie to the student organization having to be present
  - xiv. S. Bhardwaj asks if there's any talk about increasing the incentives for orientation leaders.
  - xv. K. Perry states they need the byline funds to be able to run the orientation program, but byline funds can't support payment of student leaders. If we can continue to get byline funds for the programs, then they can seek out outside funds to incentivize orientation leaders, but that will take time
  - xvi. B. Mehretu asks to clarify what parts of the program the byline funding will go to
  - xvii. E. Saigh states it will go towards the "evening programs" and "socialization programs." It would be student programming and the opportunity for students continue to meet with their small groups in a larger setting and connect with the Cornell community
  - xviii. K. Perry continues that facilities are expensive, so the funds will also go towards training and event spaces and food
  - xix. D. Cady thanks them for their work and asks if this is something we are voting on
  - xx. V. Valencia clarifies we're in the presentation portion of the agenda
  - xxi. S. Williams asks what mechanisms they are exploring to promote the program and are there additional responsibilities you foresee now that it might be a compensated position?
  - xxii. E. Saigh responds that people weren't hearing or talking about these positions, so as they look to begin recruitment, they want to utilize resources to make sure people know that this a leadership opportunity. This could be through Campus Groups, listservs, and info sessions



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- xxiii. K. Perry states that they'll be shifting responsibilities to the Orientation Lead Team, which is 10 orientation mentors and 2 orientation coordinators. They're doing training and development throughout the semester, so that the orientation leaders can be prepared and ready to play a stronger role in orientation
- xxiv. V. Valencia thanks them for their presentation.

### **X. Business of the Day**

- a. None

### **XI. New Business**

- a. Resolution 17 is presented by R. DeLorenzo
  - i. R. DeLorenzo states it was reviewed by the Appropriations committee and approved 9-0-1
  - ii. R. DeLorenzo reads the resolution aloud
  - iii. M. Baker asks where we are re-classifying this
  - iv. V. Valencia states we would have to change this resolution to a charter amendment
  - v. M. Baker states that since it would be a charter amendment, we can't vote on it today, so that time can be taken to change the resolution into a charter amendment
  - vi. Continues that we might not be able to change appendix B right now, so we would have to figure out a way to do that
  - vii. V. Valencia states she'll double check on that
  - viii. D. Cady states there's interest in making this change no matter what the technical ability of it
  - ix. D. Cady motions for a straw poll to see interest in this resolution, passed by unanimous consent
  - x. V. Valencia states the straw poll shows that the majority are in favor
  - xi. J.P. Swenson asks for a clarification on the funding
  - xii. R. DeLorenzo states that the Orientation Steering Committee was dissolved, so they want the money moved from the Orientation Steering Committee to the Tatkon Center, so that they can use that funding to host programming
  - xiii. V. Valencia states there's some other organizations who are also not student-run, but are given byline funding
  - xiv. R. DeLorenzo asks if the wording could be changed now, so it could be passed



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- xv. V. Valencia states you have to go into the Charter to anywhere where the Orientation Steering Committee is mentioned and make the amendment to change it to the Tatkon Center for New Students
- xvi. R. DeLorenzo asks if that change is within this resolution or the charter?
- xvii. V. Valencia states you would make an amendment to the resolution and add another clause about the charter
- xviii. M. Baker states lines 796, 800 801, 802, 804, and 805 of the Charter would need to be amended to read "Tatkon Center for New Students"
- xix. M. Baker reads lines 796-805 of the Charter aloud to see if they still apply to the Tatkon Center
- xx. K. Perry and E. Saigh confirm that the above lines apply.
- xxi. M. Baker confirms that lines 796, 800 801, 802, 804, and 805 of the Charter would need to be amended to read "Tatkon Center for New Students"
- xxii. D. Cady asks which version of the Charter is being looked at
- xxiii. V. Valencia responds to look at the Charter on the SA website
- xxiv. A. Lampert asks M. Baker if she wants that motion to be passed today
- xxv. M. Baker responds it might be difficult to do today
- xxvi. V. Valencia responds that the Assembly can review the amendments today, but will have to vote on it next week
- xxvii. B. Mehretu states it would be more productive to have the amendments done outside the meeting and vote on everything next meeting, to avoid rushing discussion of the amendments at the current meeting.
- xxviii. B. Mehretu motions to postpone indefinitely, R. DeLorenzo dissents
- xxix. R. DeLorenzo asks if postpone indefinitely means it cannot be brought up again for a certain time
- xxx. V. Valencia responds no
- xxxi. R. DeLorenzo asks Assembly to be mindful of K. Perry and E. Saigh's time.
- xxxii. V. Valencia clarifies that if it is postponed it would be voted on in two weeks since no amendments were made
- xxxiii. In a vote of 2-15-2, the motion fails
- xxxiv. M. Baker motions to amend to add after line 32, "Whereas, section 4: organization specific guidelines lines 796 to 805 be amended to read as follows: cross out "Orientation Steering Committee" and put "Tatkon Center for New Students," then "The assistant director and director of the Tatkon Center for New Students (cross out OSC) shall continue to supervise the planning and implementation of all August and January orientation activities," then "By the last meeting of the Spring semester The Tatkon Center for New Students (cross out OSC) shall present a tentative



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report, subject to change, about initial Tatkon Center for New Students (cross out OSC) student led late night programming plan for the upcoming orientation week,” then “Tatkon Center for New Students (cross out OSC) shall continue to contribute funding and plan programming for new transfer students during August and January orientation and new students during January orientation,” then “The Tatkon Center for New Students (cross out OSC) shall submit the results of the student volunteer feedback surveys to the Appropriations Committee,” then “The Tatkon Center for New Students (cross out OSC) shall work to reduce the cost of apparel.” In addition, add after line 38, “Be it finally resolved, the aforementioned changes to the Student Assembly Charter be put into effect immediately,” passed by unanimous consent

- xxxv. V. Valencia clarifies this is a charter amendment, so voting will take place the following week.
- xxxvi. A. Lampert motions to postpone the resolution until next week, passed by unanimous consent
- xxxvii. V. Valencia states that the resolution will be added to the top of the agenda for next week and will be called for a vote.

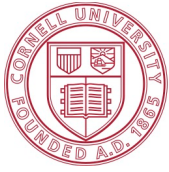
### **XII. Adjournment**

- a. S. Bhardwaj motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Megan Birmingham*  
Clerk of the Assembly





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

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**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

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**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.

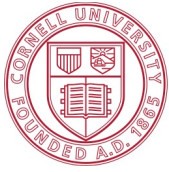
**Whereas,** in previous years, the Orientation Steering Committee has guided the implementation of programming during orientation and helped to recruit and train individual orientation leaders.

**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.

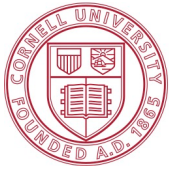
37 **Be it further resolved,** the Student Assembly supports the continued creation of student worker  
38 positions on campus, including those created by the Tatkon Center for New Students.

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*



# Resolution 18: Expanding Awareness of Academic Programs and Opportunities

**Abstract:** This resolution implores Cornell University academic staff and program administrators to improve upon communication methods with students and student groups when advertising and promoting academic opportunities, and offers solutions to increase student awareness.

**Sponsored by:** Shelby Williams '25

**Reviewed by:** Academic Policy Committee, 02/04/2023, 5-0-2

**Type of Action:** Recommendation

**Originally Presented:** 02/09/2023

**Current Status:** New Business

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**Whereas,** Cornell University offers a myriad of academic opportunities to students across its undergraduate colleges.

**Whereas,** despite these resources, various students often express regret because of their lack of knowledge of programs, in-house internships, and other opportunities due to limited advertising and poor communication.

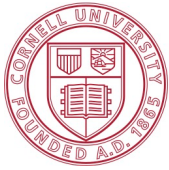
**Whereas,** newly created programs like the *Nexus Scholars Program* in the College of Arts & Sciences give students access to significant funding and the opportunity to attend academic research conferences, which can be incredibly beneficial to students from historically underrepresented demographics in academia.

**Whereas,** programs like the *College Scholar Program* in the College of Arts & Sciences, provide substantial funding for research and opportunities for intellectual inquiry, but has been under-advertised in recent years.

**Whereas,** there are additional programs across the undergraduate colleges that are not well known to students who are eligible to participate.

**Be it therefore resolved,** For Cornell University to remain true to its motto of “Any Person, Any Study” Cornell must take a more proactive role in ensuring that all students are connected to the resources they need to reach their full academic potential.

**Be it further resolved,** to promote inclusivity, it is imperative to include students from underrepresented demographics in this outreach.



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30 **Be it finally resolved,** the Student Assembly implores academic college deans, staff, and  
31 program administrators to connect directly with students and student groups to promote  
32 academic programs and opportunities. Methods of communication should include but are not  
33 limited to:

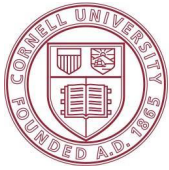
- 34 • Using platforms like campus groups and social media to connect with student  
35 organizations and their leadership to assist in advertising such programs to their  
36 members.
- 37 • Asking to present at student organized events, especially those organized by students of  
38 underrepresented demographics in higher education.
- 39 • Strengthening a relationship with the Office of Academic and Diversity Initiatives  
40 (OADI) to create a centralized listing of various academic programs and opportunities  
41 across undergraduate colleges, in an easily navigable online platform.
- 42 • Informing members of Student Assembly of different programs, so we are empowered to  
43 return to our constituencies and inform them of these resources.

44 **Respectfully Submitted,**

45 Shelby Williams '25

46 *College of Arts & Sciences Representative, Student Assembly*

47 *Academic Policy Committee Chair, Student Assembly*



## Resolution 19: Establishing the International Students Affairs Committee

**Abstract:** This resolution will establish the International Students Affairs Committee

**Sponsored by:** Noon Son '25, Pedro Da Silveira '25, Luna Lu '25

**Reviewed by:** The Diversity and Inclusion Committee

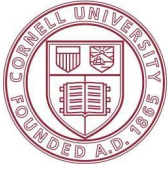
**Type of Action:** Recommendation

**Originally Presented:**

**Current Status:** *New Business*

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- 1 **Whereas**, international students from 119 countries currently constitute 11% of the  
2 undergraduate student body,
- 3 **Whereas**, Cornell University values the diverse backgrounds and experiences of students,  
4 faculty, and staff, and international students play a vital role in fostering a globally-minded and  
5 inclusive community
- 6 **Whereas**, Cornell University celebrates “the great diversity and globalism of our university, its  
7 faculty, and students” and is ranked 5th out of 1232 colleges in the United States for  
8 international students,
- 9 **Whereas**, the adversities faced by international students, including cultural barriers and a sense  
10 of belonging on campus require nuanced diversity and inclusion initiatives to ensure  
11 international student integration with the general student body,
- 12 **Whereas**, international students face additional regulatory obstacles that jeopardize an  
13 international student’s ability to stay at Cornell such as securing visas, work status, housing, and  
14 financial aid from Cornell and American institutions, which can jeopardize their ability to stay at  
15 Cornell,
- 16 **Whereas**, there are a plethora of committees that are designed to provide specific support,  
17 outreach, and liaisons to specific constituencies in the student assembly,
- 18 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly does not have a committee dedicated to researching,  
19 investigating, and advocating for the rights and needs of international students,
- 20 **Whereas**, there is an increasing demand from international students to form a committee  
21 dedicated to supporting international students,
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22 **Whereas**, a multitude of international student organizations call for action but have no official or  
23 centralized means to do so,

24 **Whereas**, the creation of an international student affairs committee can increase general student  
25 body awareness and outreach efforts for international student specific issues, as well as improve  
26 communication between international students and the student government,

27 **Whereas**, according to lines 299-300 of the Bylaws of the Cornell Student Assembly

28 Review Committees shall review all policies, programs, and actions and shall aid in the  
29 budget/program planning process of sectors of the University that create policy directly  
30 affecting student life.

31 **Whereas**, according to lines 282-284 of the Bylaws of the Cornell Student Assembly

32 Committees will be established with the adoption of a committee charge to be included in  
33 these bylaws. A committee's charge must be adopted and placed in these Bylaws before  
34 its bylaws are to be considered. Committee bylaws shall be adopted with a majority vote

35 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Cornell Student Assembly establish the International Students  
36 Affairs Committee,

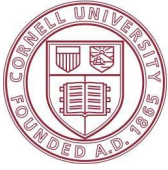
37 **Be it further resolved**, that the International Students Affairs Committee be established by  
38 amending the Student Assembly Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2, subsection G to be:

39 **International Students Affairs Committee-** This committee will research and  
40 investigate issues affecting international students and provide recommendations to the  
41 Student Assembly. The committee will be responsible for engaging, liaising, and  
42 communicating with the various cultural organizations that represent and advocate for the  
43 rights and needs of international students. The International Students Affairs Committee  
44 will be charged with creating a platform that allows undergraduate students, both  
45 domestic and international, to collaborate to craft legislation that provides additional  
46 support to international students and international student organizations. The committee  
47 shall consist of: up to two chairs and at minimum three SA members. The Vice-President  
48 of Diversity and Inclusion and Vice-President of External Affairs shall serve as ex-officio  
49 members to the committee. Any undergraduate is eligible to serve in the committee.  
50 Membership to the International Students Affairs Committee will be determined by an  
51 application process. The committee will be arranged at the discretion of the chairs.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Noon Son '25



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*International Students Liaison At-Large Representative, Student Assembly*

Pedro Da Silveira '25

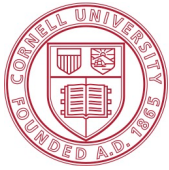
*College of Engineering Representative and Vice-President of Internal Operations, Student Assembly*

Luna Lu '25

*Minority Students Liaison At-Large Representative, Student Assembly*

**International Students Union**

**Chinese Students & Scholars Association**



# Resolution 20: Dependable and Inclusive Supply of Pharmaceutical and Essential Nonprescription Supplies

**Abstract:** This resolution (DISPENSE) supports the creation of a pilot program through Cornell Health's Pharmacy for multi-unit vending machines carrying essential nonprescription medicine including emergency contraception to increase health accessibility and health equity on campus.

**Sponsored by:** Marley Levy '24, Duncan Cady '23, Katherine Esterl '23, Pedro Da Silveira '25, Shelby Williams '25, Victor Wu '25, Andrew Richmond '26, Sanvi Bhardwaj '24, Taisa Strouse '24, Selam Woldai '23, Planned Parenthood Generation Action at Cornell, et al.

**Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 02/07/2023.

**Type of Action:** Recommendation

**Originally Presented:** 02/09/2023 4-0-2

**Current Status:**

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**Whereas,** Cornell University has long been a pioneer in advancing women's educational opportunities, admitting its first female student in 1870, a mere five years after the University's founding and nearly a century before some of our Ivy League peers like Dartmouth, Yale, and Columbia;

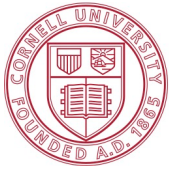
**Whereas,** Cornell University has also historically been a trailblazer in the study of women's issues and gender justice, celebrating the 50th anniversary of its Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department last academic year and proudly being the first school in the Ivy League to establish such a program;

**Whereas,** with the US Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson's Women's Health Organization* last year, reproductive rights and reproductive health access have been placed in greater jeopardy nationwide, with many Cornell community members feeling that the need for safe and secure access to contraceptives has increased;

**Whereas,** unplanned and unexpected pregnancy can place a significant burden on students' lives, and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy published a study

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28 finding as high as 61 percent of pregnant female students dropped out of their academic  
29 program<sup>1</sup>;

30 **Whereas**, the Cornell Student Assembly has long shown strong and clear support for preserving  
31 reproductive rights and health access for all members of the Cornell community, including as  
32 recently as last Student Assembly body with Resolution: SA R23: Support for Reproductive  
33 Rights adopted unanimously on September 9, 2021 (09/09/2021) specifically calling on “Cornell  
34 University to invest more effort into educating the student body on methods of birth control and  
35 pregnancy termination services available through Cornell Health and within the greater Ithaca  
36 area to empower students with independent control over their own bodies and lives”<sup>2</sup>;

37 **Whereas**, given the recent legislative action and judicial rulings throughout the United States,  
38 this moment necessitates bold and decisive action to preserve reproductive health access at all  
39 levels, in all communities, for all people, without shame, danger, fear, or inequities;

40 **Whereas**, equal access to essential healthcare products and services, such as over-the-counter  
41 medicines (nonprescription), is a fundamental right of all students regardless of circumstance,  
42 identity, or physical location;

43 **Whereas**, Cornell Health has served as a dependable beacon in an otherwise isolated region for  
44 students to be treated for various concerns regardless of socioeconomic status, gender identity,  
45 expression, race, and other demographic factors;

46 **Whereas**, many residents of the Cornell community live far from the Cornell Health pharmacy  
47 on Ho Plaza, with a walk from Robert Purcell Community Center on North Campus taking  
48 approximately 20 minutes both ways and a walk from the Vet School on East Campus taking  
49 approximately 25 minutes both ways<sup>3</sup>;

50 **Whereas**, the Cornell Health pharmacy operates under 50 hours a week, limited to only common  
51 business hours six days a week<sup>4</sup>;

52 **Whereas**, the medical needs of our community members do not cease with the conclusion of the  
53 business day;

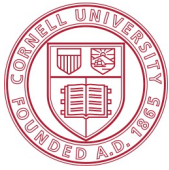
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.communitycollegereview.com/blog/is-contraception-the-answer-for-college-completion-rates#:~:text=According%20to%20a%20report%20by,end%20up%20finishing%20their%20degrees>

<sup>2</sup> <https://assembly.cornell.edu/resolutions/sa-r23-support-reproductive-rights>

<sup>3</sup> Google Maps

<sup>4</sup> <https://health.cornell.edu/get-care/hours>



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54 **Whereas**, the nearest retailers to Cornell’s campus for Plan B One-Step (name brand) are CVS  
55 Pharmacy, Walgreens, and Target<sup>5</sup>, all of which are more than a 30-minute walk away one way  
56 from central campus<sup>6</sup>;

57 **Whereas**, over-the-counter medications, including contraceptives, frequently force students to  
58 incur large purchasing costs as well as often travel costs paid in time, money, and health in order  
59 to find such medication in proximity to Cornell’s campus;

60 **Whereas**, Planned Parenthood Generation Action (PPGA), an undergraduate student  
61 organization registered with Cornell University Campus Groups (also affiliated with Planned  
62 Parenthood), conducted independent research over the last semester on interests and engagement  
63 around an emergency contraceptive vending machine that would “discreetly”, and “accessibly”  
64 offer Plan B<sup>7</sup>, with all research referenced included voluntarily in Appendix A;

65 **Whereas**, PPGA’s Fall 2022 research used a Qualtrics survey with over seven hundred (700)  
66 voluntary respondents across the Cornell Community<sup>8</sup>;

67 **Whereas**, the survey conducted among Cornell University students revealed a significant need  
68 for emergency contraception access on campus, with 53.3% respondents answering that they  
69 have accessed emergency contraception for themselves or others in the past and an  
70 overwhelming 86.8% of respondents answering that they “strongly agree” that they will need to  
71 access emergency contraceptives in the future<sup>9</sup>;

72 **Whereas**, current access to emergency contraception on campus is limited due to pharmacy  
73 operating hours, with only 16.9% of respondents accessing contraceptives through Cornell  
74 Health and the majority of respondents, 45.5%, being forced to rely on off-campus pharmacies  
75 that offer less affordable and potentially cost-prohibitive options<sup>10</sup>;

76 **Whereas**, PPGA’s survey shows a high demand for the expansion of campus-based access to  
77 emergency contraception, with 66.5% of respondents feeling “very comfortable” accessing  
78 contraceptives from a vending machine operated by Cornell Health<sup>11</sup>;

79 **Whereas**, this model has proven successful across other universities with Shippensburg  
80 University in Pennsylvania became the first colleges in the United States to provide students with  
81 equal access to contraceptives in a vending machine format in 2012<sup>12</sup>;

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.planbonestep.com/where-to-buy-plan-b/>

<sup>6</sup> Google Maps

<sup>7</sup> Appendix A – PPGA Qualtrics Survey Research

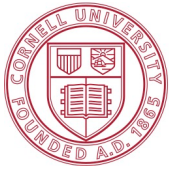
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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/28/us/plan-b-vending-machine.html>



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82 **Whereas**, the Purdue University pharmacy funds and supplies a vending machine that dispenses  
83 common and basic over-the-counter medications such as pain relief, fever reducers, allergy  
84 relief, cold/cough/flu medicine, gastrointestinal medicine, as well as contraceptives and other  
85 sexual wellness products<sup>13</sup>;

86 **Whereas**, peer institutions, including University of California Davis<sup>14</sup>, Boston University<sup>15</sup>,  
87 University of Florida<sup>16</sup>, George Washington University<sup>17</sup>, Brandeis University<sup>18</sup>, and many  
88 more<sup>19</sup>, have already launched similar programs in their respective campus vending machines  
89 across the country, including in states with varying reproductive healthcare access;

90 **Whereas**, Ivy League peer institutes like Dartmouth<sup>20</sup>, Yale<sup>21</sup>, and Columbia<sup>22</sup> who once  
91 followed Cornell's leadership on issues of gender justice, all of whom were nearly a century  
92 behind Cornell in admitting non-male students<sup>23</sup>, have now outpaced our campus on essential  
93 reproductive healthcare access;

94 **Whereas**, Cornell has existing business relations with multiple vending machine firms with  
95 operation in the Ithaca area, specifically having "nearly 300 vending machines throughout  
96 campus" and "in off-campus Cornell facilities in the Ithaca area"<sup>24</sup>;

97 **Whereas**, Cornell University installed twelve (12) dependable Vengo vending machines in 2017  
98 in locations such as Robert Purcell Community Center and Appel Commons that possess the  
99 capabilities to dispense items such as Advil and other OTC medications<sup>25</sup>;  
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101 **Whereas**, Stanford University specifically employs a similar machine made by Vengo Labs that  
102 provides students with twenty-four (24) access to emergency contraception and other sexual  
103 wellness products<sup>26</sup>;

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13 <https://www.purdue.edu/rx/faq.php>

14 <https://www.cnn.com/2017/04/21/health/davis-plan-b-machine-trnd/index.html>

15 <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2022/new-plan-b-vending-machine-in-gsu/>

16 <https://www.foxnews.com/us/university-florida-student-government-oks-plan-b-vending-machines-morning-pill>

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18 <https://www.boston25news.com/news/plan-b-vending-machine-opens-at-brandeis-university/941130248/>

19 <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/07/31/metro/after-roe-v-wade-more-college-students-want-contraception-vending-machines-campus/>

20 <https://students.dartmouth.edu/health-service/pharmacy/vending-pharmacy-dicks-house>

21 <https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2018/11/29/ycc-launches-plan-b-vending-machine/>

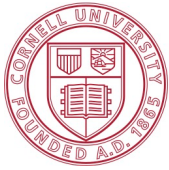
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23 <https://rnc.library.cornell.edu/cornell150/exhibition/sexcolor/index.html#:~:text=In%20the%20fall%20of%201871,officially%20voted%20to%20admit%20women>

24 <https://scl.cornell.edu/residential-life/dining/eateries-menus/vending-machines>

25 <https://cornellsun.com/2017/03/07/partnership-between-vengo-labs-and-the-cornell-store-brings-new-vending-machines-around-campus/>

26 <https://www.theverge.com/2019/2/11/18216209/contraception-campus-vending-machines-day-after-pill-plan-b>



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104 **Whereas**, Cornell Health’s pharmacy already sells “Progestin-only emergency contraception  
105 such as *Plan B* [generic], *Plan B One Step*, *Next Choice*, and *Levonorgestrel Tablets*... without a  
106 prescription”<sup>27</sup>;

107 **Whereas**, generic brand Plan B is currently offered at the Cornell Health pharmacy for only \$10  
108 (ten dollars), nearly five (5) times less than the average price of \$40-\$50 for a single-dose pill of  
109 many name brands of Plan B One-Step at local major pharmacies, therefore, the installation of  
110 the medicine in such machines is unlikely to pose significant additional burden to the  
111 institution<sup>28</sup>;

112 **Whereas**, providing readily available over-the-counter medications through vending machines  
113 will ensure that all students have immediate, private, and equitable access to essential healthcare  
114 products regardless of schedules or commitments, reducing barriers to access for students who  
115 face difficulties obtaining such medicines due to factors like limited access to transportation and  
116 store hours, and ensuring that they have the autonomy to control their own healthcare decisions;

117 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Cornell Student Assembly believes it is necessary for Cornell  
118 Health to equitably expand access to essential over-the-counter nonprescription drugs and  
119 emergency contraceptives that support the overall health and wellbeing of all community  
120 members;

121 **Be it further resolved**, Cornell Health should follow the growing movement<sup>29</sup> of accessible  
122 emergency contraceptive and other over-the-counter nonprescription drugs in twenty-four (24)  
123 hour accessible vending machines that include products ranging from pain and fever relief,  
124 stomach illness relief, and other relevant over-the-counter medication like our peer institutions<sup>30</sup>;

125 **Be it further resolved**, the vending machines should be placed in places that are public yet still  
126 discrete enough to protect the user’s privacy and priced at rates that closely mirror those of the  
127 in-person Cornell Health pharmacy;

128 **Be it further resolved**, Cornell Health should include relevant accompanying educational  
129 material around seasonal illness health, health promotion, mental health, sexual health (including  
130 but not limited to information on STD prevention, birth control, reproductive health and the  
131 subsequent available resources on reproductive right both inside Cornell Health and around the  
132 Ithaca area) with vending machines to support campus wide health promotion;

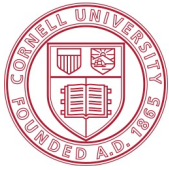
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<sup>27</sup> <https://health.cornell.edu/resources/health-topics/sexual-health-relationships#:~:text=Available%20without%20a%20prescription%3A,Health%20pharmacy%20without%20a%20prescription>

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/morning-after-pill-emergency-contraception/whats-plan-b-morning-after-pill#:~:text=How%20Much%20Does%20Plan%20B,online%20for%20%2420%20%2B%20%245%20shipping>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2022-09-01/emergency-contraception-is-coming-to-us-vending-machines>

<sup>30</sup> Appendix B – Peer Institution Vending Machine Offerings



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133 **Be it further resolved**, the co-signed hope that the Cornell University Assemblies and Shared  
134 Governance system, in accordance with their receptive chartered responsibilities as entrusted by  
135 the Cornell community, Board of Trustees, and University President will be able to stay in an  
136 advisory and community based accountability role to continue to support Cornell Health and the  
137 Cornell Health pharmacy in overseeing this major university policy initiative and supporting the  
138 Cornell community's wellbeing on this issue of health access, health equity, reproductive rights,  
139 and reproductive health;

140 **Be it finally resolved**, that Cornell Health and the Cornell Central Administration recognize the  
141 hard work organizing and advocating for this issue by Planned Parenthood Generation Action  
142 (PPGA) and other student organizations stakeholders through this pilot program, ensuring that  
143 emergency contraceptive and other reproductive rights educational material are always included;

144 *Respectfully Submitted,*

145 Duncan Allen Cady

146 *Chair, University Assembly*

147 Katherine Esterl & Taisa Strouse

148 *Planned Parenthood Generation Action, Co-Presidents*

149 Marley Levy

150 *Planned Parenthood Generation Action, Project Lead*

151 Pedro Da Silveira

152 *VP Internal Operations, Student Assembly*

153 Shelby Williams

154 *College of Arts and Sciences Rep, Student Assembly*

155 *Victor Wu '25*

156 *Undergraduate Voting Member, Student Health Advisory Committee*

157 Andrew Richmond

158 *Freshman Rep, Student Assembly*

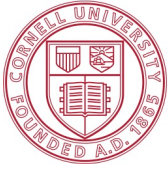
159 Sanvi Bhardwaj

160 *College of Human Ecology Rep, Student Assembly*

161 Selam Woldai

162 *Undergraduate Student-Elected Trustee, Board of Trustees*

163 Planned Parenthood Generation Action at Cornell



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### 164 Appendix A – PPGA Qualtrics Survey Research

#### 165 Q1 – I am a ...

| # | Field  | Choice Count |
|---|--|--------------|
| 1 | Cornell undergraduate student                | 87.76% 624   |
| 2 | Cornell graduate and/or professional student | 3.80% 27     |
| 3 | Cornell staff member                         | 1.13% 8      |
| 4 | Cornell faculty member                       | 0.42% 3      |
| 5 | non-Cornell Ithaca resident                  | 1.41% 10     |
| 6 | Other  | 5.49% 39     |
|   |  | 711          |

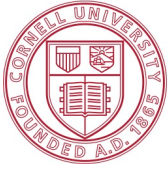
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#### 167 Q2 - Have you ever accessed emergency contraception for yourself or another person?

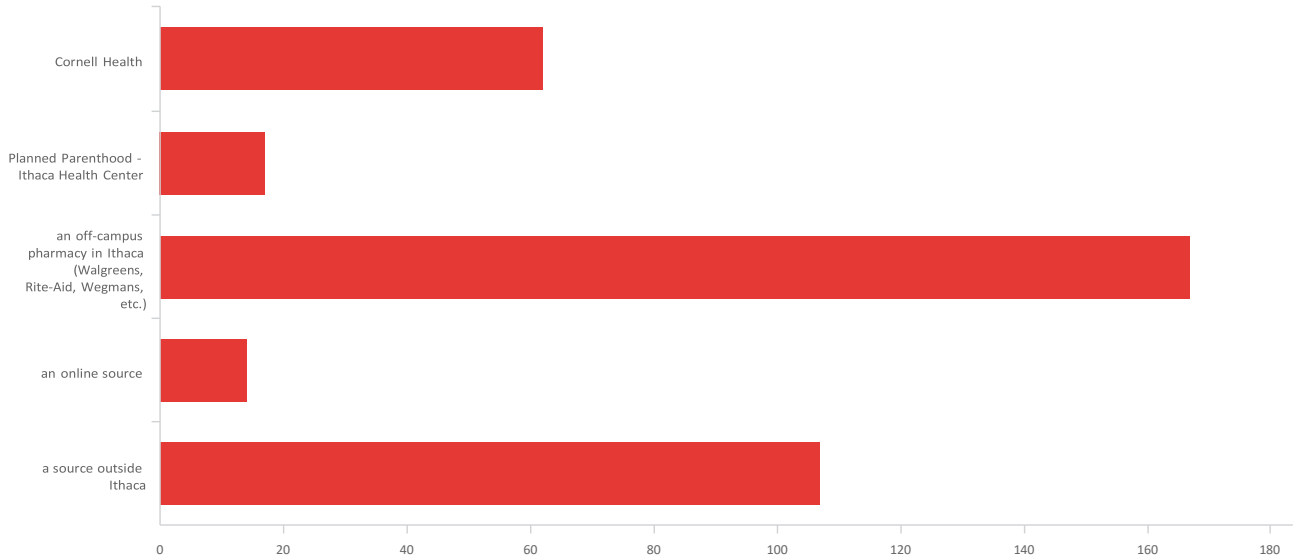
| # | Field | Choice Count |
|---|-------|--------------|
| 1 | Yes   | 53.34% 319   |
| 2 | No    | 46.66% 279   |
|   |       | 598          |

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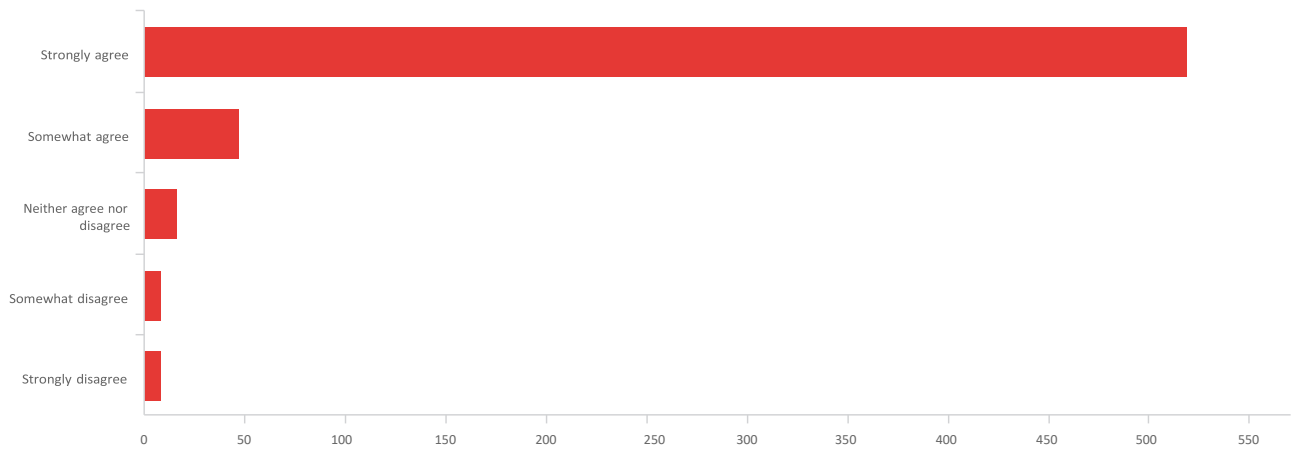
#### 169 Q3 – [omitted for relevance]



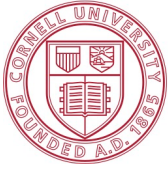
170 Q4 - I accessed emergency contraception, for myself or someone else, at ...



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172 Q5 - I would consider accessing emergency contraception for myself or another person in the future.



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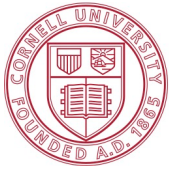
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174 Q6 - How comfortable would you feel accessing emergency contraception, for yourself or someone else,  
175 from a campus vending machine operated by Cornell Health?

| # | Field                                 | Choice Count |     |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| 1 | Very comfortable                      | 66.48%       | 357 |
| 2 | Somewhat comfortable                  | 23.84%       | 128 |
| 3 | Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable | 2.42%        | 13  |
| 4 | Somewhat uncomfortable                | 3.91%        | 21  |
| 5 | Very uncomfortable                    | 3.35%        | 18  |
|   |                                       |              | 537 |

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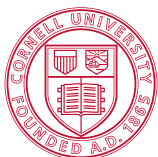


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177 Appendix B – Peer Institution Vending Machine Offerings

| <b>Medication:</b>                      | <b>Purdue University</b> | <b>Johns Hopkins University</b> | <b>University of California, Davis</b> | <b>Dartmouth College</b> | <b>George Washington University</b> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Contraceptives/Sexual Wellness:</b>  |                          |                                 |  |                          |                                     |
| <b>Emergency Contraceptive (Plan B)</b> | <b>x</b>                 | <b>x</b>                        | <b>x</b>                               | <b>x</b>                 | <b>x</b>                            |
| Condoms                                 | x                        | x                               | x                                      | x                        |                                     |
| Pregnancy Tests                         | x                        | x                               | x                                      | x                        |                                     |
| Tampons                                 |                          | x                               | x                                      | x                        | x                                   |
| <b>Pain/Fever:</b>                      |                          |                                 |  |                          |                                     |
| Ibuprofen (Advil)                       | x                        | x                               | x                                      | x                        | x                                   |
| Acetaminophen (Tylenol)                 | x                        | x                               | x                                      | x                        | x                                   |
| Naproxen (Aleve)                        |                          | x                               |  | x                        |                                     |
| <b>Allergy/Cold/Cough/Flu:</b>          |                          |                                 |  |                          |                                     |
| Loratadine (Claritin)                   | x                        | x                               | x                                      | x                        |                                     |
| Banophen (Benadryl)                     | x                        | x                               |  | x                        |                                     |
| Oxymetazoline (Afrin)                   |                          | x                               |  | x                        |                                     |
| Cough Drops                             | x                        |                                 |  | x                        |                                     |
| <b>Stomach Symptoms:</b>                |                          |                                 |  |                          |                                     |
| Bismuth Subsalicylate (Pepto-Bismol)    | x                        | x                               |  | x                        |                                     |
| Calcium Carbonate (TUMS)                | x                        | x                               |  | x                        |                                     |
| Dimenhydrinate (Dramamine)              | x                        | x                               |  |                          |                                     |
| <b>Others:</b>                          |                          |                                 |  |                          |                                     |
| Eye Drops (Visine)                      | x                        |                                 |  | x                        |                                     |
| Ear Drops                               |                          |                                 |  | x                        |                                     |
| Bacitracin Zinc (Neosporin)             |                          | x                               |  |                          |                                     |
| Melatonin                               |                          | x                               |  |                          |                                     |
| Terbinafine (Athlete's Foot Cream)      |                          | x                               |  |                          |                                     |
| Hydrocortisone Cream                    | x                        | x                               |  | x                        |                                     |

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# Resolution 21: Student Assembly Office of Ethics Bylaw Amendment

**Abstract:** This resolution amends the Student Assembly Bylaws. These amendments to the Bylaws fix issues of the scope of investigation of the Office of Ethics as pointed out by Cornell University President Martha Pollock.

**Sponsored by:** Naveen Sharma '24

**Reviewed by:** Student Assembly Office of Ethics, 2/3/2023

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 2/9/2023

**Current Status:**

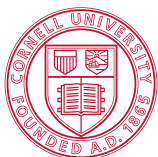
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**Whereas,** the Student Assembly Office of Ethics was established through Student Assembly Resolution 22 as an external executive office to hold the Student Assembly accountable, maintain a high moral standard, and provide necessary ethical guidance and procedure to the Student Assembly;

**Whereas,** the members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics have unanimously agreed that the undergraduate Cornell community, as well as the Student Assembly, is in need of a structured system imbued with the authority to ensure accountability, ethical conduct, justice, and growth;

**Whereas,** President Pollack stated in an email “I ask that the Student Assembly amend this resolution to clarify that the Office of Ethics only has jurisdiction over complaints related to the person’s actions or status as a member of the SA or UA and resubmit the bylaws for acknowledgement;”

**Be it therefore resolved,** that “Section 5: External Committees” of “Article VI: Committees” of the Student Assembly Bylaws be amended as follows:



23 **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

24 **Section 5: EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

25 **C. Student Assembly Office of Ethics**

26 a. Name:

27 i. The name of the office shall be the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.

28 b. Mission:

29 i. The mission of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be to pursue any  
30 necessary ethics concerns of SA members and directly elected undergraduate  
31 representatives to the UA.

32 ii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will investigate perceived ethical  
33 violations and draft reports to the SA for guidance and potential repercussions.

34 iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be available for consulting and  
35 support on SA ethical issues for both SA members and the student body.

36 c. Affiliation:

37 i. ~~The Office will review all concerns submitted by the student body that involve~~  
38 ~~any SA members, SA committees, SA elections, or directly elected undergraduate~~  
39 ~~70 representatives of the UA.~~

40 ii. The Office of Ethics shall recognize and receive reports for all alleged violations  
41 of Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 2(A), the "Ethics Clause", as  
42 violations of Student Assembly Ethics.

43 iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be affiliated as an external executive  
44 office of the Cornell Student Assembly.

45 iv. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall work jointly with the Elections  
46 Committee to review any potential election violations or concerns.

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48 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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50 Naveen Sharma '24