

Cornell University Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

February 16, 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 9 Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Open Microphone
6. Announcements and Reports
 1. Swearing in new members
7. Initiatives
8. Presentations and Forum
9. Business of the Day
 1. [Resolution 13- Office of Ethics Bylaw Amendment](#)
 2. [Resolution 19- International Student Affairs Committee](#)
10. New Business
 1. Elections for Director of Elections (Executive Session)
11. Adjournment

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Minutes of the February 9, 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 4:49pm

II. Roll Call

- a. *Members Present [24]: S. Ali, M. Baker, S. Bhardwaj, D. Cady, K. Chan, P. Da Silveira, G. Dong, A. Lampert, A. Lewis, R. DeLorenzo, L. Lu, J. Mayen, D. Nachman, J. Kalinski, M. Song, V. Valencia, S. Williams, K. Liu, B. Mehretu, A. Richmond, J.P. Swenson, N. Son, C. Ting, C. Newell, K. Everett*
- b. *Members Excused: R. Chatterji, E. D'Angelo, D. Edelman, B. Kotb, B. Luckow, Y. Yuan*

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

- a. President V. Valencia stated the land acknowledgment

IV. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. R. DeLorenzo motions to add a minute of silence for the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, passed by unanimous consent
- b. A. Lampert motions to add swearing in the new members under Announcements and Reports, passed by unanimous consent
- c. A. Lampert motions to change the name of Resolution 21 to Resolution 13, P. Da Silveira dissents because Resolution 13 was rejected
 - i. V. Valencia clarifies it was returned, not rejected
 - ii. In a vote of, 14-2-6 the motion passes
- d. C. Lederman motions to change the order of New Business to Resolution 23, 20, 18, 19, 13, 22
 - i. S. Bhardwaj clarifies what Resolution 23 and 22 are
 - ii. C. Lederman withdraws the motion
- e. S. Bhardwaj motions to add Resolution 23, passed by unanimous consent
- f. S. Bhardwaj motions to add Resolution 22, passed by unanimous consent
- g. C. Lederman motions to change the order of New Business to Resolution 23, 20, 18, 19, 13, 22, passed by unanimous consent

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Moment of silence for the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey



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- i. V. Valencia encourages everyone to reach out to anyone you know effected by the earthquake and the Turkish Student Association is also holding a fundraiser
- b. Approval of the February 2, 2023 meeting minutes
 - i. S. Williams motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent

VI. Open Microphone

- a. None

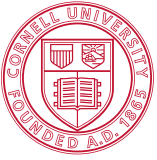
VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. Swearing in of the new members
 - i. C. Newell and K. Everett are sworn-in
- b. I. Chasen announces his resignation from the Director of Elections position at the completion of this Special Election and reads his resignation letter
 - i. I. Chasen endorses Rahul Verma to take-over the role
 - ii. V. Valencia thanks him for his service
 - iii. M. Song thanks him for his work and wishes him the best
- c. N. Son announces that the Turkish Student Association is looking for donations to help with the aftermath of the earthquake
- d. M. Song announces that the DEI committee will be meeting weekly at 7pm on Sundays
- e. M. Song announces that the contribution project is now accepting applications until the 15th and winners will be randomly selected and given \$400 in funding with the goal of students doing the “greatest good”

VIII. Initiatives

- a. S. Williams states she has a meeting coming up with the title ix coordinator to do some work in that area
- b. S. Williams states that the academic policy committee survey has launched and she’ll share the link and it’ll also be included in the newsletter
- c. S. Williams states that the Vice Provost for undergraduate education is conducting some academic policy revisions, so she’ll be meeting with her next week to discuss and bringing that back to the Academic Policy Committee if anyone is interested
- d. C. Lederman announces they’re still working on bringing food to the assembly and hope to introduce a resolution and have more information next week

IX. Presentation and Forums



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- a. None

X. Business of the Day

- a. R. DeLorenzo presents Resolution 17
 - i. R. De Lorenzo reads the Resolution aloud
 - ii. C. Lederman motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - iii. In a vote of 17-1-5, the motion passes
 - iv. In a vote of 20-0-3, Resolution 17 passes

XI. New Business

- a. S. Bhardwaj, S. Khan, and Z. Johnson-Berman present Resolution 23
 - i. S. Bhardwaj reads the Resolution aloud
 - ii. Z. Johnson-Berman states that the atrocities committed towards the Uyghur people have been declared a genocide by the UN
 - iii. Continues that at their rally they will be hosting Uyghur speakers who have survived the genocide and they will share their stories. All of them still have family interned in China, and will speak to their struggles, and what actions we can take to take down the genocide and support the Uyghur people
 - iv. Z. Johnson-Berman states that various Cornell and Ithaca groups will be coming together to rally for Uyghur rights on Capitol Hill this Saturday
 - v. Continues that they are focused on rising awareness about the Uyghur genocide by sharing words of survivors and advocates and gaining support for the humanitarian rights of Uyghurs by pushing for the Uyghur Rights Human Rights Projection Act and the Uyghur Policy Act
 - vi. S. Khan states 1.8 million Uyghurs are currently detained in the concentration camps and 1.4 million is the population of San Diego
 - vii. Continues that Uyghurs have experiences horrific crimes against humanity in the form of mental and physical violence, torture, abuse, and forced labor
 - viii. S. Khan states that on March 10th, a Cornell graduate, whose brother was detained in one of the camps in 2017, and is still detained, took a courageous step to share her story in our community
 - ix. Continues that almost half of the attendees walked out booing, taunting, and even laughing at her
 - x. S. Khan states that she urges Cornell to condemn the genocide and provide an apology, not only verbally, but also through concrete action that can make a difference for 1.8 Uyghur victims detained in the concentration camps



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- x. M. Baker motions to amend line 42 to say "...Resolution 39: Calling upon Cornell to Uphold its Ethical Guidelines for International Engagements," passed by unanimous consent
 - xi. J.P. Swenson motions to pass the resolution, M. Song dissents to add an amendment, J.P. Swenson withdraws the motion
 - xii. M. Song motions to amend the abstract to say "Chinese government's genocide," D. Cady dissents, states it should be "CPP" to be most correct
 - xiii. In a vote of 11-2-7, the motions passes
 - xiv. J.P. Swenson motions to pass the resolution, passed by unanimous consent
 - xv. Resolution 23 passes by unanimous consent
- b. D. Cady, A. Richmond, S. Williams, S. Bhardwaj, P. Da Silveira, M. Levy, and K. Esterl present Resolution 20
- i. M. Levy introduces herself and states she's a member of Planned Parenthood Generation Action (PPGA) and a lead for the emergency contraceptive vending machine project
 - ii. K. Esterl states introduces herself and states she's co-president of PPGA
 - iii. M. Levy states the project came to be after she came across a post of an emergency contraceptive vending machine at Boston University. She got in contact with the leads of the project there and then got in touch with K. Esterl
 - iv. M. Levy states that Cornell Health can't be open at all times to provide emergency contraception and that other options can be far and expensive
 - v. K. Esterl states that PPGA was very excited to work on this project and they've been talking to Cornell Health and students and found a real demand for this kind of service
 - vi. M. Levy states they conducted a survey on Qualtrics with over 700 responses that found that this vending machine is something students wanted, would use, and trust
 - vii. D. Cady and S. Williams read part of the Resolution aloud
 - viii. P. Da Silveira that the background on this resolution is the recent expansion of these vending machines to other universities, such as GWU, and the recent legislative action and judicial rulings. This is an opportunity for Cornell to expand a fundamental right for its community
 - ix. Continues we pay for the Student Health Plan and health fees, so it makes sense that this is part of what we are entitled to as Cornell students
 - x. P. Da Silveira states that Cornell Health is far away from North and East campus, and with its operating hours, makes accessing it very difficult



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- xi. P. Da Silveira states that only 17.82% of undergraduate students said they accessed emergency contraception at Cornell Health, which is in part due to the location and hours
- xii. S. Williams states that Cornell Health only operates during business hours, but medical care is needed during all hours
- xiii. D. Cady states we should follow in the footsteps of our ivy league peers to increase essential reproductive healthcare access
- xiv. A. Richmond states that Cornell has over 300 vending machines on campus and 12 of them are made by a company called Vengo Labs and these machines already have the ability to dispense certain over the counter medications
- xv. Continues that Standard University uses almost the exact same machines made by Vengo Labs and distributes emergency contraceptives and over the counter medications, so the infrastructure is already there
- xvi. A. Richmond and S. Bhardwaj read the closing lines of the Resolution aloud
- xvii. D. Cady thanks the co-signers, Planned Parenthood Generation Action, and the other organizations that have shown support
- xviii. P. Da Silveira states that emergency contraceptives at Cornell Health are \$10 vs. \$50 for Plan B. Getting the generics in vending machines would increase accessibility and affordability
- xix. A. Richmond states that Ezra Cornell said “Cornellians are united by a shared purpose to do the greatest good” and this is an opportunity to do the greatest good and uphold that ideal
- xx. J. Kalinski asks what the distance goal for someone to access these machines would be?
- xxi. K. Esterl states the goal is to have 4 spread out across campus, they will start with one or two maybe on North campus or by Cornell Health on central campus and then if it works it can be expanded
- xxii. B. Mehretu thanks them for presenting the resolution. Asks if there’s anywhere in the resolution asking Cornell to make a commitment to add more of these machines?
- xxiii. D. Cady states the intention of this resolution is to create a pilot program and suggests that Cornell already has access to these 12 machines on campus, but that the vending machine doesn’t need to be these specific ones
- xxiv. Continues that the intent of this resolution is to continue the work and get more people involved and then they can focus more on the location of the machines



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- xxv. P. Da Silveira states another university just added Plan B as an option in their vending machines, so they're not asking for a solely Plan B vending machines. They can build on infrastructure and also provide other over the counter medicines in these machines as well
 - xxvi. M. Song thanks them for their work and asks if there's a plan for the vending machines to accept BRBs?
 - xxvii. M. Levy states they discussed that, but Cornell Health said that might be a bit of a barrier and something that the machines might not be able to do, at least in the pilot program. There are also restrictions on what BRBs can be used.
 - xxviii. K. Esterl continues that the machines might likely have a Cornell Bursar charge possibility and cash and credit card possibility and it would show up as a "Cornell health" or a "Cornell vending" charge
 - xxix. M. Song thanks them for considering the initiative and states she asked because in other vending machines BRBs can be used
 - xxx. K. Everett asks them what the plan is for checking in on vending machine health, so people know that this is something they can rely on?
 - xxxi. M. Levy states that time would be spent checking and updating the vending machines and people would be committed to doing that. Showing when they're last updated is something that they have also discussed
 - xxxii. K. Esterl states the Cornell Pharmacists are also committed to this project and seeing it go through themselves
 - xxxiii. J. Kalinski asks if Cornell Health would have full jurisdiction or would it be a joint-project?
 - xxxiv. M. Levy states the idea is for PPGA and other organizations to support Cornell Health and this project. It is led and financially supported by Cornell Health, but other organizations would be supporting it throughout the lifespan
 - xxxv. S. Williams draws attention to lines 140-143 and states they've also discussed having SHAC heavily involved in this as well
 - xxxvi. C. Lederman motions to pass the Resolution, passed by unanimous consent
 - xxxvii. Resolution 20 passes by unanimous consent
- c. S. Williams presents Resolution 18
- i. S. Williams states it was passed by the Academic Policy Committee in a vote of 5-0-2
 - ii. S. Williams reads the Resolution aloud
 - iii. S. Williams states this Resolution also has the support of the presidents of the First Generation Student Union



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- iv. D. Cady thanks her for the resolution and opportunity for the student assembly to get more involved in academic policy
 - v. S. Williams states she realizes the two programs listed are in Arts & Sciences, but that's just because those are the ones she's participated in. She's seen this breakdown in communication multiple other times and in other colleges as well
 - vi. J. Kalinski asks if she'll be speaking with each college directly or if this will be more of an over-arching thing?
 - vii. S. Williams states lines 34-36 mention platforms and social media that can be used for advertising. She thinks that the best method of communication will be getting professors to use these platforms and social media sites
 - viii. B. Mehretu motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - ix. B. Mehretu motions to pass the Resolution, passed by unanimous consent
 - x. Resolution 18 passes by unanimous consent
- d. C. Lederman motions to suspend the rules and stop with the reading of the resolutions
- i. D. Cady states that it is not in the rules, but personal preference
 - ii. C. Lederman withdraws the motion
- e. N. Son, P. Da Silveira, and L. Lu present Resolution 19
- i. N. Son introduces the Resolution and states it has been reviewed by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and is ready for discussion
 - ii. L. Lu and N. Son read the Resolution aloud
 - iii. P. Da Silveira states this is different from past legislation because this is a direct modification of the bylaws, so this will be voted on next week
 - iv. Continues that this will be a review committee, which our bylaws charge us with reviewing all policies, programs, and actions that regard student life
 - v. P. Da Silveira states the chair will be voted on and membership will be determined from an application process through the chair and want the VP DEI c and VP of External Affairs to participant as ex-officio members
 - vi. N. Son states the establishment of an International Students Affairs Committee will go a long way in addressing the needs and concerns of our international student community and urges the assembly to support this resolution and help make a difference
 - vii. S. Bhardwaj states that the DEI committee has certain representatives who need to be on the committee. Would you be open to having the International Students Liaison being required to be on the committee?



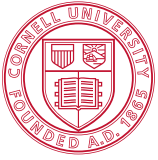
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- viii. P. Da Silveira responds yes
 - ix. M. Baker motions to amend line 49 to say "... and International Students Liaison at-Large shall serve as a member of the committee," passed by unanimous consent
 - x. D. Cady suggests adding a footnote indicating where Cornell is ranked 5th, the addition of an "originally presented date," and quotations on lines 30-32 and 30-34
 - xi. B. Mehretu motions to postpone to next week, passed by unanimous consent
- f. A. Lampert motions to move Resolution 22 above Resolution 13 to give the Office of Ethics more time to get here, passed by unanimous consent
- g. Resolution 22 is presented by S. Bhardwaj and A. Lampert
- i. S. Bhardwaj states that they both live in co-op housing and mosey is coming up, so that inspired this resolution
 - ii. S. Bhardwaj reads the Resolution aloud
 - iii. J. Kalinski asks if they would like a communication via the SA Instagram
 - iv. S. Bhardwaj responds yes, they were going to do that
 - v. D. Cady responds he thought being in a co-op was really cool. Asks if there's any other institutional way to convey messaging around this?
 - vi. S. Bhardwaj states she's be in contact with the Dean for First Generation and Low-Income Students and she works in Student and Campus Life and is working with their social media team to post the graphics everywhere
 - vii. Continues that beyond that it's primarily communication with the Housing Office, but also with Student and Campus Life
 - viii. D. Cady motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - ix. B. Mehretu motions to pass the Resolution, passed by unanimous consent
 - x. Resolution 22 passes by unanimous consent
- h. A. Lampert motions to postpone Resolution 13, passed by unanimous consent

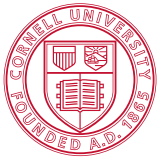
XII. Adjournment

- a. N. Son motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Birmingham
Clerk of the Assembly



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Resolution 13: Student Assembly Office of Ethics Bylaw Amendment

Abstract: This resolution amends and ratifies the Student Assembly Bylaws. These amendments to the Bylaws create an ex-officio position for the Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics, permit members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics to remain during executive session, and establish the format of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.

Sponsored by: Michelle Song '25, Pedro Da Silveira '25

Reviewed by: Student Assembly Office of Ethics, 11/08/2022

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 11/10/2022

Current Status: New Business

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;

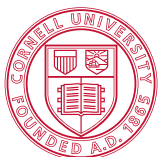
Whereas, the membership of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics has actively researched, analyzed, coordinated, argued, and discussed ethical philosophies and applications;

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

Whereas, the current language utilized in “Section 2: Ex-officio Executive Committee Positions” of “Article I: Ex-Officio Members,” “Section 5: Executive Session” of “Article IV: Meetings,” and “Section 5: External Committees” of “Article VI: Committees” lines 10-19, 233-238, 562-617 prevent the Student Assembly Office of Ethics from becoming this type of system;

Whereas, the Code of Ethics and amendments to the Ethics Clause of the Student Assembly’s Standing Rules have been incorporated into the framework of the Assembly, and an amendment to the Bylaws is necessary for the Office to function

Be it therefore resolved, that “Section 2: Ex-officio Executive Committee Positions” of “Article I: Ex-Officio Members,” “Section 5: Executive Session” of “Article IV: Meetings,” and “Section 5: External Committees” of “Article VI: Committees” lines 10-19, 233-238, 562-617 of the Student Assembly Bylaws shall read as follows:



31 **ARTICLE I: EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

32 **Section 2: Ex-Officio Executive Committee Positions**

- 33 A. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell community to serve
34 as the Executive Archivist.
- 35 B. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell community to serve
36 as the Parliamentarian.
- 37 C. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve
38 as Director of Elections.
- 39 D. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve
40 as the Student Advocate.
- 41 E. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve
42 as the Director of Student Government Relations.
- 43 F. The SA must grant an ex-officio position to any member elected by the Student Assembly
44 Office of Ethics to serve as the Chairperson.

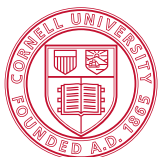
45 **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

46 **Section 2: Executive Session**

47 With the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members in attendance, the SA or any of its
48 committees may go into executive session during a regularly scheduled meeting only to discuss
49 confidential matters as defined by this Charter. No policy determinations will be made in executive
50 session. The Student Assembly may also hold executive sessions for internal elections and planning
51 purposes. Executive session shall be closed to non-voting, non-executive members of the assembly
52 except the Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics and all present members of the
53 Student Assembly Office of Ethics. Community members may be invited by the assembly to
54 participate in an executive session. Secret ballot votes shall be reserved for executive sessions.

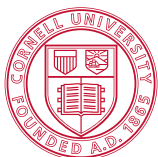
55 **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

56 **Section 5: EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**



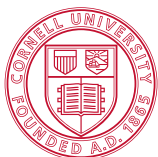
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- 57 C. **Student Assembly Office of Ethics**
- 58 a. Name
- 59 i. The name of the office shall be the **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics.
- 60 b. Mission:
- 61 i. The mission of the **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics shall be to pursue any
- 62 necessary ethics concerns of SA members and directly elected undergraduate
- 63 representatives to the UA.
- 64 ii. **The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will investigate perceived ethical**
- 65 **violations and draft reports to the SA for guidance and potential repercussions.**
- 66 iii. **The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be available for consulting and**
- 67 **support on SA ethical issues for both SA members and the student body.**
- 68 c. **Affiliation**
- 69 i. **The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall recognize and receive reports for all**
- 70 **alleged violations of Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 2(A), the "Ethics**
- 71 **Clause", as violations of Student Assembly Ethics.**
- 72 ii. **The Student Assembly** Office of Ethics shall be affiliated as an external executive
- 73 office of the Cornell Student Assembly.
- 74 iii. **The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall work jointly with the Elections**
- 75 **Committee to review any potential election violations or concerns.**
- 76 d. Roles and Responsibilities
- 77 i. **A quorum shall consist of five members of the Student Assembly Office of**
- 78 **Ethics.**
- 79 ii. **Chairperson** of the **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics:
- 80 1. The **Chairperson** will chair all **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics
- 81 meetings.
- 82 2. The **Chairperson** shall only vote in the event of a tie.
- 83 3. **The Chairperson shall have a term limit of one academic year.**
- 84 4. **The Chairperson shall correspond directly with the Student Assembly**
- 85 **on matters of ethics and ethical decorum in its meetings and all**
- 86 **proceedings.**
- 87 a) In the event of absence, the Chairperson may select any member
- 88 of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics to temporarily fulfill
- 89 their obligations as an ex-officio member of the Executive
- 90 Committee of the SA.
- 91 iii. **Review all alleged ethical violations submitted to the Office via:**
- 92 1. **Qualtrics,**
- 93 2. **Email,**



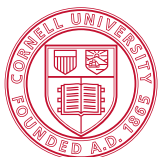
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- 94 3. Personal contact with a committee member of the Student Assembly
95 Office of Ethics.
- 96 iv. Open investigations on perceived ethical violations
- 97 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics can open its own investigation
98 on an ethical matter by a simple majority vote.
- 99 v. Voting Members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics:
- 100 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall consist of seven voting
101 members.
- 102 2. All voting members shall serve for the duration of one academic year
103 unless their term is renewed by the Chairperson of the Student
104 Assembly Office of Ethics
- 105 3. Student Assembly Office of Ethics members, if found in violation of
106 the Code of Ethics or any other reasonable basis as determined by the
107 Office, can be removed before their term expires by a unanimous vote
108 of the voting membership of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.
- 109 a) The subject of the removal vote must abstain from voting.
- 110 4. All voting members shall be non-Student Assembly and non-
111 University Assembly members of the Cornell undergraduate student
112 population.
- 113 5. Voting members may not seek SA office through their term of service
114 in the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.
- 115 vi. Update the Student Assembly of its proceedings and its mission on a semesterly
116 basis at a hearing conducted during one of the first three general assembly
117 meetings of the academic year. This will be formally referred to as the “Student
118 Assembly Office of Ethics’ semesterly report.”
- 119 vii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be commissioned with interpreting
120 and applying the guidelines set forth in the SA Code of Ethics.
- 121 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics, alone, will be tasked with the
122 ability to revise the Code of Ethics.
- 123 2. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will report revisions of the
124 Code of Ethics to the Student Assembly at the subsequent meeting.
- 125 e. Recruitment of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics Members
- 126 i. Any vacancies in the 7 seats of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be
127 appointed individually by any SA member and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3)
128 vote of the entire voting membership of the Student Assembly.
- 129 1. Except for nominations following a failed community vote, all
130 nominations for the Student Assembly Office of Ethics must be



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- 131 unanimously approved by the membership of the Student Assembly
132 Office of Ethics prior to the SA nomination hearing.
- 133 2. A week-long period in between nominations and appointments shall be
134 dedicated to giving SA voting members the opportunity to speak one-
135 on-one with each nominee.
- 136 ii. At the beginning of each academic year, the voting membership of the Student
137 Assembly Office of Ethics must select the Chairperson of the Student Assembly
138 Office of Ethics internally by a simple majority vote of the entire voting
139 membership of the Office. The Chairperson-elect shall be confirmed by a 2/3rds
140 majority vote of the Student Assembly voting membership.
- 141 iii. The Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall decide upon the
142 retention of the voting membership of the incoming Office before the
143 conclusion of each academic year.
- 144 f. Vote of No Confidence
- 145 i. The Student Assembly will assess the work of the Student Assembly Office of
146 Ethics during the previous academic year and must conduct a vote of no
147 confidence on an annual basis during or following any of the first three general
148 assembly meetings of each semester.
- 149 1. Following the Student Assembly Office of Ethics' semesterly report, as
150 defined in Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, Clause D, Paragraph VI, the
151 SA may commence a Vote of No Confidence by 2/3 majority vote on the
152 grounds that the Office has failed to uphold and execute its mission, as
153 defined in Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, Clause B.
- 154 a) The Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics and all
155 present members of the Office may directly address the concerns
156 brought against the Office prior to the vote of the SA to commence a
157 Vote of No Confidence.
- 158 2. If the motion to commence a Vote of No Confidence fails, the Student
159 Assembly Office of Ethics will continue to operate.
- 160 3. In the event of a sustained Vote of No Confidence, a community vote of
161 the undergraduate population shall be taken in order to remove all Office
162 of Ethics members by simple majority.
- 163 ii. In the event of a failed community vote, all Student Assembly Office of Ethics
164 members shall continue to serve.
- 165 g. Student Assembly Office of Ethics Bylaws



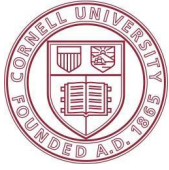
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166 i. All bylaw proposals to Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, must be approved by
167 the Student Assembly Office of Ethics by a two-thirds (2/3) majority before
168 coming to the SA.

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170 **Respectfully Submitted,**

171 Michelle Song '25

172 *Representative at Large, Student Assembly*



Resolution 19: Establishing the International Students Affairs Committee

Abstract: This resolution will establish the International Students Affairs Committee

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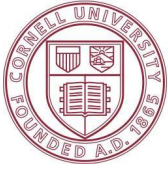
Reviewed by: The Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented:

Current Status: *New Business*

- 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,

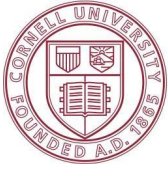
37 **Be it further resolved**, that the International Students Affairs Committee be established by
38 amending the Student Assembly Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2, subsection G to be:

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,

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