

# Cornell University Student Assembly

## Student Assembly Meeting

### AGENDA

April 13, 2023

4:45 - 6:30pm

MEMORIAL ROOM, WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL

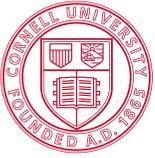
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Visit from President Martha Pollack and VP Ryan Lombardi
5. Consent Agenda: [March 30 Meeting Minutes](#)
6. Open Microphone
7. Announcements and Reports
8. Initiatives
9. Presentations and Forum
10. Business of the Day
11. New Business
  1. [Resolution 35: Amending the Student Assembly Bylaws](#)
  2. [Resolution 36: Amending the Student Assembly Charter](#)
  3. [Resolution 37: Implement Need-Blind Admissions for International Students](#)
12. Adjournment

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Minutes of the March 30, 2023 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:15 PM

Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall

### I. Call to Order

- a. V. Valencia called the meeting to order at 4:48 PM.
- b. *Members Present:* M. Baker, S. Bhardwaj, P. Da Silveira, R. DeLorenzo, K. Everett, J. Kalinski, B. Kotb, P. Kuehl, A. Lampert, A. Lewis, K. Liu, L. Lu, J. Mayne-Palomo, B. Mehretu, D. Nachman, C. Newell, A. Richmond, N. Son, M. Song, J. Swenson, S. Williams, Y. Yuan, V. Valencia
- c. *Members Absent:* S. Ali, D. Cady, R. Chatterji, E. D'Angelo, G. Dong, C. Ting
- d. *Also Present:*

### II. Land Acknowledgment

- a. V. Valencia read the Cayuga Nation Land Acknowledgment.

### III. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. A. Lampert moved that Resolution 34 be added to the agenda; M. Baker seconded the motion; P. Da Silveira raised a parliamentary inquiry on the majority required to adopt the aforesaid motion; V. Valencia clarified that a  $2/3$  vote is required; the motion failed in a vote of 8-10-4.

### IV. Consent Agenda

- a. S. Williams moved by unanimous consent to approve the March 23 meeting minutes; A. Lampert seconded the motion; the minutes were adopted unanimously.

### V. Open Microphone

- a. A. Gonzalez, on behalf of Cornell Votes, encouraged that the Assembly to revert to the original election rules as proposed by the Election Committee in Resolution 29 because of the potential for unfairness.

### VI. Announcements and Reports

- a. A. Richmond read a portion of an email from Robert Platt, an alumnus, regarding his opinions on Resolution 31; S. Williams reaffirmed that the Assembly has already adopted Resolution 31
- b. J. Kalinski announced the creation of a working group to monitor the use of slating in the upcoming 2023 Spring Elections.
- c. N. Sharma announced that the Ethics Committee held an open meeting on Sunday to discuss the use of slating with the hope of mediating between those in favor and those opposed to its use; moreover, N. Sharma stated on his concerns about pitfalls in the legislative process with the adoption of Resolution 29.



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- d. J. Swenson commended R. Verma for his efficient administration of the 2023 Spring Election.
- e. M. Song moved to suspend the rules and add Resolution 34 to the agenda; S. Bhardwaj seconded the motion; the motion was adopted in a vote 14-5-3.

### **VII. Initiatives**

- a. None

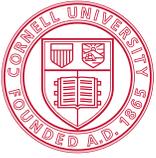
### **VIII. Business of the Day**

- a. None

### **IX. New Business**

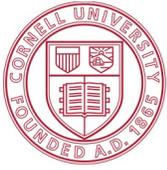
- a. R. DeLorenzo presented on Resolution 33: Special Projects Funding for Project Hope
  - i. The special projects funding request was made by Project Hope; the request was in excess of \$500.
  - ii. R. DeLorenzo added that the resolution was approved by the Executive Committee.
  - iii. S. Bhardwaj asked the R. DeLorenzo to clarify the balance of funds remaining in the Special Projects Funding account; R. DeLorenzo response that he was unsure of the amount.
  - iv. P. Da Silveira moved by unanimous consent to end debate and adopt the resolution; the motion was seconded by S. Williams and adopted unanimously.
- b. S. Bhardwaj presented Resolution 34: Amending the Spring 2023 Election Rules
  - i. S. Bhardwaj stated that the purpose of the resolution was remove the prohibition on Presidential, Executive Vice-Presidential and all down ballot candidates from coordinating as a slate.
  - ii. A. Richmond expressed his frustration with the continual reconsideration of the rules and emphasized that the rules must be in place by April 11.
  - iii. S. Williams added that she believes potential candidates are confused about the adopted election rules.
  - iv. M. Song and K. Everett both spoke in favor of adoption of Resolution 34.
  - v. P. Da Silveira asked the sponsors if an amendment should be added to prevent Undergraduate-Elected Trustee candidates should be prohibited from coordinating with Student Assembly candidates; the sponsors disagreed.
  - vi. B. Mehretu spoke in favor of adopting the resolution.
  - vii. C. Newell asked what races would be affected if the resolution was adopted; S. Bhardwaj clarified that it would prevent slating between all Student Assembly campaigns.
  - viii. M. Baker moved to end debate; S. Bhardwaj seconded the motion; the motion was adopted 12-6-5.
  - ix. Resolution 34 was adopted in a vote of 12-5-5.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.



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Respectfully Submitted,  
*Clyde Lederman*  
Clerk of the Assembly



# Resolution 35: Amending the Student Assembly Bylaws

**Abstract:** This resolution amends the current Student Assembly Bylaws to give more guidance to the operations SA Environmental Committee when collaborating with other committees.

**Sponsored by:** Rocco DeLorenzo '24

**Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 04/11/2023, 6-0-0

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 04/13/2023

**Current Status:** New Business

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**Whereas,** lines 331-342 of the Bylaws, Article VI: Committees, Section 2: Review Committees, Sub-Section L state;

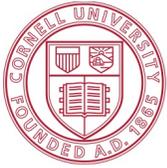
**Environmental Policy and Planning Commission** – The commission will research issues affecting the campus and its surrounding area, as well as provide recommendations for reducing Cornell’s environmental impact. The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will be charged with creating new legislation and enforcing past environmental legislation. This commission is also charged with providing environmental education and outreach in order to better inform students and the campus community about the campus’s environmental impact and sustainability issues. The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will work closely with students, administrators, student environmental organizations, the Cornell Sustainability Office, the Campus Planning Committee, the Campus Infrastructure Committee, and the City and Town of Ithaca Sustainability to better recognize and address the environmental concerns of the campus and its community as well as to encourage collaboration in working toward the creation of a more sustainable environment. The chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the supervision of the Executive Vice President.

**Be it finally resolved,** after line 342, the following addition should be added to give guidance to the SA Environmental Committee

The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission should coordinate and report their operations with the Campus Sustainability Office.

**Whereas,** lines 378-395 of the Bylaws, Article VI: Committees, Section 3: Operational Committees, Sub-Section D state;

**Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission** – The SAIF Commission (SAIFC) of the SA is responsible for evaluating applications for funding through the



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35 SAIF. The rules governing the operation of the SAIFC are contained in Appendix C of  
36 the SA Charter. The Commission shall consist of at least 12 and no more than 17  
37 commissioners. The commissioners must include five voting members of the SA,  
38 consisting of a Chair, who will be the Vice President of Infrastructure of the SA, three  
39 Assembly members elected during the Assembly's Spring organizational meetings, and  
40 one New Student voting member of the SA, internally elected by the Assembly following  
41 the Fall election. The remaining commissioners will consist of at least seven and no more  
42 than twelve undergraduate students who are either returning commissioners or are  
43 selected from a pool of applicants and approved by the Executive Cabinet, with the exact  
44 number of commissioners to be set at the discretion of the Chair of the Commission and  
45 the Staffing Committee of the SA. No SAFC Commissioners shall serve as voting  
46 members of the SAIFC (with the exception of the Vice President for Finance). No more  
47 than 2 of the voting Student Assembly members on the SAIFC may also be voting  
48 members of the Appropriations Committee and no more than 4 of the total voting  
49 members on the committee may be voting members of the Appropriations Committee.  
50 Quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of all staffed voting members. Upon  
51 request, a written summary of the meeting will be provided by the chair. The Vice  
52 President for Finance and Vice President of External Affairs shall serve ex-officio as  
53 non-voting members of the Commission. The Director of the Office of the Assemblies or  
54 their designee shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.

55 **Be it finally resolved**, after line 395, the following addition should be added to give guidance to  
56 the SA Environmental Committee when collaborating with SAIFC.

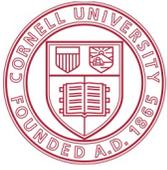
57 The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission should consult and collaborate  
58 with the Campus Sustainability Office on projects related to sustainability. Additionally,  
59 The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission should consult and collaborate  
60 with Campus and Community Engagement and/or the Dean of Students Office on long  
61 term projects.

62 **Be it finally resolved**, the Student Assembly adopts these changes to better help collaborating  
63 and give guidance to the Environmental Policy Committee.

64 **Respectfully Submitted,**

65 Rocco DeLorenzo '24

66 *VP Finance*, Student Assembly



# Resolution 36: Amending the Student Assembly Charter

**Abstract:** This resolution amends the current Student Assembly Charter to standardize the reporting guidelines and funding structure for each byline, further classify bylines based on their organizations operations, and promote the collaboration between different byline organizations.

**Sponsored by:** Rocco DeLorenzo '24

**Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 04/11/2023, 6-0-0

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 04/13/2023

**Current Status:** New Business

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**Whereas,** lines 685-841 of the SA Charter, Appendix B: Student Assembly Guidelines for Funded Organizations, Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines will be struck from the current SA Charter.

**Be it finally resolved,** the following will be inserted in lines 685 of the SA Charter;

Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines

Each byline organization will be classified into a specific category based on operations. Each category will have a standardized set of spending guidelines.

1) Department

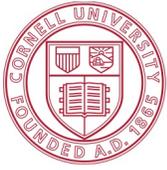
- a) Shall work with SCL Finance Manager and Campus Activities on a yearly basis to provide a consolidated and consistent financial report.
- b) Shall communicate openly and in real-time to the Student Assembly if financial changes are expected and/or needed.

2) Programming

- a) Shall work with SCL Finance Manager and Campus Activities on a yearly basis to provide a consolidated and consistent financial report.
- b) Shall submit all events in CampusGroups and track attendance
- c) Shall aim to have events on campus.

3) Primary Funding Boards

- a) Shall work with SCL Finance Manager and Campus Activities on a yearly basis to provide a consolidated and consistent financial report.
- b) Follow a standard set of Student Organization Funding guidelines that has specific appendices for each separate funding board (these guidelines are determined by Cornell University financial policies in accordance with Campus Activities).
- c) Have a funding tier system that does not exceed \$8,000 per organization per academic year.

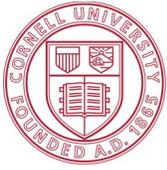


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- 36 i) For primary funding boards that also offer supplemental budgets, these cannot exceed  
37 more than \$5,000 per semester per student organization.
- 38 d) Organizations falling under a primary funding board cannot receive funding from another  
39 primary funding board.
- 40 4) Supplementary Funding Boards
- 41 a) Shall work with SCL Finance Manager and Campus Activities on a yearly basis to  
42 provide a consolidated and consistent financial report.
- 43 b) Follow a standard set of Student Organization Funding guidelines that has specific  
44 appendices for each separate funding board (these guidelines are determined by Cornell  
45 University financial policies in accordance with Campus Activities).
- 46 c) Shall not allocate more than \$5,000 per semester per student organization.
- 47 d) Shall submit all events in CampusGroups and track attendance
- 48 e) Shall aim to have events on campus.
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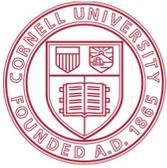
50 These categories are:

- 51 1) Department – A departmental byline is an organization (comprised of students and/or staff)  
52 that are affiliated with a university department or unit. The department or unit manages the  
53 allocated SAF funds for a specific operational reason that directly and positively impacts the  
54 undergraduate student population. The byline partners with Campus Activities in determining  
55 specific requirements to enable the organizations to function on campus.
- 56 a) Alternative Breaks
- 57 i) The Alternative Breaks allocation shall be managed and overseen by the David M.  
58 Einhorn Center for Community Engagement.
- 59 ii) The Alternative Breaks allocation shall provide individual students with finance  
60 support for Alternative Breaks opportunities.
- 61 iii) Alternative Breaks is a student-led organization of the David M. Einhorn Center for  
62 Community Engagement committed to learning about social justice issues through a  
63 racial equity and intersectional lens. By analyzing root causes and working to shift  
64 societal narratives by addressing implicit biases, students are better prepared to  
65 engage in meaningful service with community agencies.
- 66 b) Athletics & Physical Education
- 67 i) The Athletics & Physical Education allocation shall be managed and overseen by the  
68 Cornell University Athletics Department.
- 69 ii) The Athletics Department shall provide, at no cost, a Big Red Sports Pass (BRSP) to  
70 each undergraduate student. The BRSP shall provide free admission to all varsity  
71 sports excluding Men's Varsity Ice Hockey.
- 72 c) Collegiate Readership Program
- 73 i) The Collegiate Readership Program allocation shall be managed and overseen by the  
74 Cornell Library department.
- 75 ii) The Collegiate Readership Program shall provide free New York Times and Wall  
76 Street Journal access for undergraduate students.
- 77 d) Community Partnership Funding Board



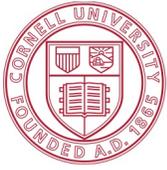
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- 78 i) The Community Partnership Funding Board allocation shall be managed and  
79 overseen by the David M. Einhorn Center for Community Engagement.
- 80 ii) Community Partnership Funding Board seeks to foster student leadership and social  
81 responsibility by encouraging students to take action against social problems through  
82 student initiated service projects.
- 83 iii) Community Partnership Funding Board assists students in developing community  
84 action projects and administers grants` to make these projects possible.
- 85 e) Empathy Assistance and Referral Service (EARS)
- 86 i) Empathy Assistance and Referral Service allocation shall be managed and overseen  
87 by the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives.
- 88 f) Emergency Medical Service at Cornell University (CUEMS)
- 89 i) The CUEMS allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Office of Emergency  
90 Management (OEM).
- 91 ii) CUEMS will provide the Student Assembly statistics in terms of call responses,  
92 community education, and event standbys on an annual basis.
- 93 g) Minds Matter at Cornell
- 94 i) Cornell Minds Matter allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Skorton  
95 Center for Health Initiatives.
- 96 ii) Cornell Minds Matter (CMM) promotes mental health awareness and emotional well-  
97 being for all Cornell students by working to reduce the stigma of mental illness  
98 through holding educational events and creating safe spaces to foster a healthy,  
99 balanced lifestyle.
- 100 iii) CMM acts as a liaison between students, faculty, staff, and administration to advocate  
101 for the student perspective on mental health resources and campus policies.
- 102 h) Tatkon Center for New Students: Orientation
- 103 i) The orientation allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Tatkon Center for  
104 New Students
- 105 ii) The Assistant Director/Director in the Tatkon Center for New Students shall continue  
106 to supervise the planning and implementation of all August and January orientation  
107 activities.
- 108 iii) Tatkon Center for New Students: Orientation shall submit the results of the Student  
109 Volunteer Feedback surveys to the Appropriations Committee.
- 110 i) Outdoor Odyssey
- 111 i) The Outdoor Odyssey allocation shall be managed and overseen by the David M.  
112 Einhorn Center for Community Engagement.
- 113 ii) Outdoor Odyssey shall maintain their need-based financial aid program for students  
114 who apply for pre-orientation trips and shall dedicate no less than \$20.00 per year  
115 toward this program.
- 116 j) Student Assembly
- 117 i) The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell  
118 University Office of Assemblies Department.
- 119 ii) The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed \$5,000 per  
120 organization per academic year.



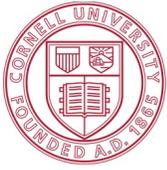
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- 121 k) Student Club Insurance  
122 i) The Club Insurance allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell  
123 University Risk Management Department in conjunction with Campus Activities.  
124 l) Students Helping Students Awards  
125 i) The Students Helping Students allocation shall be managed and administered by the  
126 Cornell University Financial Aid Department.  
127 ii) The Students Helping Students Award provides assistance to students with necessary  
128 emergency expenses incurred during the fall or spring semesters that cannot be  
129 funded by other means.  
130 iii) Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:  
131 (1) travel expenses related to emergency situations (like the death of a relative)  
132 (2) extra basic living expenses needed due to fire, destruction, or natural disaster;  
133 replacement of stolen goods (not lost due to negligence)  
134 (3) emergency medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance.  
135 iv) The Students Helping Students Award is not designed to cover standard expenses  
136 included in the budgeted cost of attendance for the academic year, non-emergency  
137 expenses, expenses that are extravagant or non-utilitarian, and so forth.  
138 v) The Student Assembly Financial Aid Review Committee (FARC), a committee  
139 convened by the Student Assembly, reviews and approves grants anonymously.  
140 2) Programming – A programming byline is an organization (comprised of mainly of students)  
141 that are affiliated with a university department or unit. The department or unit along with the  
142 student leaders manages the allocated SAF funds for a specific programmatic reason that  
143 directly and positively impacts the undergraduate student population. The byline partners  
144 with Campus Activities in determining specific requirements to enable the organizations to  
145 function on campus.  
146 a) Programming Council  
147 i) Convocation Committee  
148 (1) Convocation shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support,  
149 financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities  
150 (2) At the time of the selection of Convocation Committee membership, the  
151 Convocation Committee Chair must include at least six, but no more than ten  
152 voting members of the SA that belong to that class year to participate as full  
153 voting members of the Convocation Committee. SA members are expected to  
154 abide by the same attendance rules as all other Convocation Committee members.  
155 The SA Vice President for Finance shall serve as an ex- officio member of the  
156 Committee.  
157 ii) Cornell Concert Commission  
158 (1) CCC shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)  
159 and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities  
160 (2) The Cornell Concert Commission should seek to hold concerts for undergraduate  
161 students in and around the Ithaca campus.  
162 iii) Cornell University Class Councils



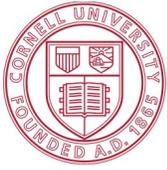
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- 163 (1) CC shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)  
164 and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities  
165 (2) Class Councils will program and promote events related to class pride and  
166 university traditions for each of the class years.  
167 (3) The Senior Class Council will spearhead Senior Days.  
168 (a) The majority of the funds allotted for Senior Days should be put toward  
169 planning no ticket cost events.
- 170 iv) Cornell University Program Board  
171 (1) CUPB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial,  
172 etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities.  
173 (2) The Cornell University Program Board should seek to hold events for  
174 undergraduate students in and around the Ithaca campus.
- 175 v) Multicultural Community Fueled Activities Board  
176 (1) MCFAB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial,  
177 etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities  
178 (2) MCFAB shall seek to bring diverse programming to campus.
- 179 vi) Slope Day Programming Board  
180 (1) SDPB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial,  
181 etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities  
182 (2) The Slope Day Programming Board shall be in charge of selecting Slope Day  
183 artists and collaborate with university offices in organizing Slope Day events for  
184 Slope Day.  
185 (3) All undergraduate students admission to Slope Day must be free, unless expressly  
186 permitted by the SA.
- 187 vii) Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board  
188 (1) SUB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)  
189 and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities  
190 (2) All events sponsored by the Student Union Board must take place in Willard  
191 Straight Hall, unless specifically a part of welcome weekend and be aligned with  
192 the mission and purpose of the Student Union Board constitution
- 193 3) Primary Funding Board – A primary funding board byline organization (comprised of  
194 students partnering with an university advisor) serves as a primary funding source and  
195 governing body for a specific category of student organizations. The byline partners with  
196 Campus Activities in determining specific requirements to enable the organizations to  
197 function on campus.
- 198 a) Club Sports Council  
199 i) Club Sports Council shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support,  
200 financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities.  
201 ii) Club Sports Council must send two officers each academic year to the Safety  
202 Training provided by Campus Activities and facilitated by the Club Sports Council.  
203 This requirement must be completed before the club can access funds.



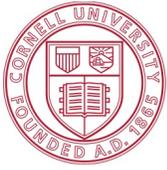
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- 204           iii) Sports Clubs members must sign electronic waivers each academic year via  
205           CampusGroups. This requirement must be completed before the club can access  
206           funds.
- 207           iv) Sports Clubs must send at least one officer to each monthly meeting held by the  
208           Council.
- 209        b) Interfaith Council at Cornell
- 210           i) The Interfaith Council at Cornell shall receive advising (organizational guidance,  
211           staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from the Office of  
212           Spirituality and Meaning Making.
- 213           ii) Interfaith organizations must work with Campus Activities and the Office of  
214           Spirituality and Meaning Making to ensure that all affiliated advisors have the proper  
215           Risk Management requirements.
- 216           iii) Each organization under The Interfaith Council shall request funding for at least one  
217           event open to the public, every academic year.
- 218        c) Student Activities Funding Commission
- 219           i) SAFC shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)  
220           and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
- 221           ii) Collaborate with the other primary funding boards to ensure procedures/structures are  
222           similar and consult with the Vice President of Finance within the Student Assembly if  
223           changes/enhancements are needed.
- 224        4) Supplementary Funding Boards – A supplementary funding board byline organization  
225        (comprised of students partnering with an university advisor) serves as an additional funding  
226        source and programming body for qualifying student organizations and/or organizations that  
227        may fit within their mission. The byline partners with Campus Activities in determining  
228        specific requirements to enable organizations to function on campus.
- 229        a) ALANA Intercultural Programming Board
- 230           i) ALANA shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)  
231           and programmatic collaboration from the Dean of Students.
- 232           ii) ALANA will divide their funding between their programming/ overhead and  
233           umbrella organizations.
- 234           iii) ALANA’s umbrella organizations include the following:
- 235                (1) Black Students United (BSU)
- 236                (2) Native American and Indigenous Students at Cornell (NAISAC)
- 237                (3) The Cornell Asian Pacific Student Union (CAPSU)
- 238                (4) La Asociación Latina (LAL)
- 239                (5) Cornell’s South Asian Council (SAC)
- 240           iv) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under  
241           their umbrella.
- 242        b) CU Tonight Commission
- 243           i) CU Tonight shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial,  
244           etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
- 245           ii) CU Tonight shall promote non-alcoholic, late night social programming, on campus,  
246           open to the entire Cornell community.



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- 247           iii) CU Tonight shall provide a breakdown of how many organizations received funding  
248           in specific financial brackets and number of events.
- 249       c) Environmental Collaborative
- 250           i) Cornell Environmental Collaborative shall receive advising (organizational guidance,  
251           staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from the Campus  
252           Sustainability Office.
- 253           ii) Environmental Collaborative unites student groups on-campus toward environmental  
254           sustainability by doing the following:
- 255               (1) Increasing dialogue amongst environmental organizations and all other interested  
256               organizations
- 257               (2) Launching and uphold meaningful venues for reducing negative environmental  
258               impact and upholding social justice and to provide opportunities for all students to  
259               gain knowledge and experience in relevant issues
- 260               (3) Provide support to and information for existing environmental initiatives
- 261               (4) Fostering meaningful relationships with Cornell's administration and the Ithaca  
262               community
- 263           iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under  
264           their umbrella.
- 265       d) Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition
- 266           i) Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition shall receive advising (organizational guidance,  
267           staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from the Dean of  
268           Students.
- 269           ii) The Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition shall collaborate with the Student Assembly  
270           Womxn's Liaison Representative on safety, health, and other topics pertinent to  
271           women on campus.
- 272           iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under  
273           their umbrella.
- 274       e) Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union
- 275           i) Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union shall receive advising (organizational guidance,  
276           staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from the LGBTQ+  
277           Resource Center.
- 278           ii) Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union's mission is to enhance the cultural and social  
279           climate at Cornell University and to improve and enrich the lives of the LGBTQ+ and  
280           Same Gender-Loving members of the community. This will be achieved through  
281           funding, training, and administrative support for the organizations represented by  
282           Haven so they may organize successful educational, social, and cultural programs and  
283           serve as effective supportive environments.
- 284           iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under  
285           their umbrella.
- 286       f) International Students Union
- 287           i) The purpose of the International Students Union is to represent and advocate  
288           international student causes, to be a resource for international students on the Cornell  
289           campus, and to promote internationalism, which would be defined as including, but



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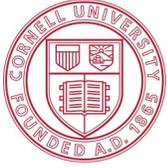
- 290 not limited to, the cross-cultural understanding of international life on campus and in  
291 Ithaca and the cooperation between trans-national groups and individuals on campus.  
292 ii) The responsibilities of the International Students Union are  
293 (1) To promote and fund international activities proposed by any undergraduate or  
294 graduate student group on campus, as well as leading initiatives that improve and  
295 uplift international student life on campus.  
296 (2) To represent, advocate, and liaise with the Cornell University administration for  
297 any issues concerning International students, both undergraduate and graduate, at  
298 a campus wide level.  
299 (3) To organize and plan events to promote and encourage diversity and cross-  
300 cultural dialogue in a trans-national context.  
301 (4) To maintain and prepare the annual budget and administer funds available to the  
302 Union to various organizations on campus.  
303 (5) To maintain liaisons with Faculty Committees, International Students and  
304 Scholars Office, Students Assembly, the University, and local community.  
305 (6) To foster cross-cultural exchange through: the Union's General Body  
306 Membership and meetings, events hosted by the Union, and events sponsored or  
307 co-sponsored by the Union.  
308 iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under  
309 their umbrella.  
310 g) Multicultural Greek Fraternal Council (MGFC)  
311 i) Multicultural Greek Fraternity Council (MGFC) shall receive advising  
312 (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic  
313 collaboration from the Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL).  
314 ii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under  
315 their umbrella.  
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317 **Whereas**, lines 348-353 of the SA Charter, Appendix B: Student Assembly Guidelines for  
318 Funded Organizations, Section 3: Eligibility, Subsection A state;

- 319 a. To receive byline funding applicants must:  
320 i. directly and primarily serve/benefit the entire undergraduate Cornell  
321 community  
322 ii. allow all students equal access to services and/or participation  
323 iii. request as part of their annual operating budget at least \$0.50 per student,  
324 per year, from the SAF  
325 iv. if a new applicant, present a petition of fifteen hundred (1500) registered  
326 undergraduates to the Student Assembly

327 **Be it finally resolved**, the following will be inserted after line 353 of the SA Charter;

- 328 v. Be of university status and have an advisor who is provided by the university to  
329 advise the operations of the organization.  
330 vi. Have been a pre-registered university organization and be in good standing with  
331 Campus Activities.



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332                   vii. Be in the top tier of their current primary funding board (they have outgrown the  
333                   primary funding board model and thus seeking a higher level of recognition and  
334                   funding on campus).

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336   **Be it finally resolved,** the Student Assembly adopts these changes to standardize the reporting  
337   guidelines and funding structure for each byline, further classify bylines based on their  
338   organizations operations, and promote the collaboration between different byline organizations.

339   **Respectfully Submitted,**

340   Rocco DeLorenzo '24

341   *VP Finance*, Student Assembly



# Resolution 37: Calling For Cornell University to Implement Need-Blind Admissions for All International Students

**Abstract:** This resolution calls for Cornell to implement need-blind admissions for all international students

**Sponsored by:** Muty Un '26, Pedro Da Silveira '25, Noon Son '25, Karen Petrosyan '26, Musa Shah '26, Hamid Rezaee '26, Arsalan Ansari '26, Jefferson Kang'acha '24,

**Reviewed by:** The International Students Affairs Committee (9-0-0)

**Type of Action:** Recommendation

**Originally Presented:**

**Current Status:** *Business of the Day*

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- 2 **Whereas**, Cornell University's motto is "any person any study"
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- 4 **Whereas**, Cornell University has a responsibility to uphold its motto of "any person any study"
- 5 and ensure that financial need does not prevent qualified international students from being
- 6 admitted to the university;
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- 8 **Whereas**, Cornell University's transitioned to being a need-aware school in 2017 towards
- 9 international student applicants;
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- 11 **Whereas**, need-aware policies not only discourage low-income international students from
- 12 applying but also create a financial burden for those who are admitted, as they are often required
- 13 to pay a large portion of their tuition upfront;
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- 15 **Whereas**, the current need-aware policy at Cornell University perpetuates systemic inequalities
- 16 and reinforces the notion that only wealthy individuals can access quality higher education;
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- 18 **Whereas**, a need-blind admissions policy for international students would align with Cornell
- 19 University's commitment to creating a diverse and inclusive community and would provide
- 20 greater access to education for students from all backgrounds;
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22 **Whereas**, a need-blind policy would also improve Cornell's global reputation and  
23 competitiveness in attracting top international students;

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25 **Whereas**, the use of need-aware admissions policies sends a negative message to the  
26 international community and undermines the values of equity, fairness, and diversity that Cornell  
27 University stands for.

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29 **Whereas**, Ivy League institutions such as Harvard University, Princeton University, Yale  
30 University, Dartmouth College, and Brown University (by 2025) and other R-1 institutions such  
31 as MIT and Stanford are need-blind toward international student applicants;

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33 **Whereas**, Cornell University's latest endowment figure was reported at \$9.8 billion, compared  
34 to Dartmouth College's \$8.1 billion and Brown University's \$6.5 billion.

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36 **Whereas**, Cornell University's Office of Global Learning uses rhetoric that takes pride in the  
37 large number of international students' and nationalities represented;

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39 **Whereas**, in the latest statistics report by the Office of Global Learning, 10 out of 116 foreign  
40 countries represent 78.6% of the Cornell international student population;

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42 **Whereas**, in the latest statistics report by the Office of Global Learning, only 53.7% of African  
43 nations are represented, as opposed to 93.2% of European nations being represented.

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45 **Whereas**, Cornell University's undergraduate international student population is only 10.9%  
46 compared to 48.0% and 31.8% of graduate and professional students respectively;

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48 **Whereas**, International students support extracurricular engagement within the 7 area studies  
49 program in Cornell University's Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies;

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51 **Whereas**, Cornell University is able to offer need-blind admissions to United World College  
52 Scholars;

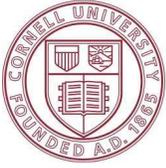
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54 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Cornell Student Assembly urges the administration to reconsider  
55 its stance on need-blind admissions of international students,

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57 **Be it further resolved**, the Cornell Student Assembly calls upon the administration to disclose  
58 statistics surrounding financial aid recipients in its annual report,

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60 **Be it further resolved**, the Cornell Student Assembly suggests the administration reevaluate the  
61 definition of “diversity” to be inclusive of the economic diversity of international students on top  
62 of nationality.

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64 **Be it finally resolved**, Cornell University international admissions should incorporate efforts to  
65 foster intentional diversity in its admission selections.

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Respectfully submitted,

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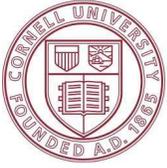
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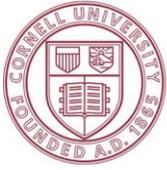
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# Resolution 38: Supporting LGBTQ+ Students Through Promoting Identity-Based Resources on Campus

**Abstract:** Urging Cornell University to improve upon its manner of promulgating information of the LGBTQIA+ resources on its campus to its student body, in response to reported inefficiencies from the Cornell LGBTQIA+ community.

**Sponsored by:** Karys Everett '25, Claire Ting '25

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**Reviewed by:** D&I Committee, Voted 6-0-5, 04/12/2023

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**Whereas,** LGBTQ+ students often hide their gender identity and sexual orientation, in fear of homophobic and/or transphobic violence

**Whereas,** in 2023 alone, the ACLU reports over 450 anti-LGBTQ+ bills that have been introduced at the state level, creating fear for students who reside in such states<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas,** students seek sanctuary at Cornell as an inclusive community where they are supported and uplifted per Cornell's value of "Any Person, Any Study", where identity-based violence is not condoned

**Whereas,** now more than ever it is imperative that medical, physical, and online resources for LGBTQ+ students are made even more accessible to support the student community

**Whereas,** it is important that Queer students have the option to receive medical and mental care from faculty who are not only trained in Queer medical care but identify as queer as well. In the same way individuals prefer to receive a physical from a member of the same sex, or when individuals looking for mental health physicians seek those who are not only qualified, but empathetic due to experiences of their own, Queer students reserve the right to have a health care professional that can relay expertise from personal experience with the issue

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*<https://www.aclu.org/legislative-attacks-on-lgbtq-rights><sup>1</sup>*



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27 **Whereas**, communication with the LGBTQ+ Liaison of CAPS lead to them expressing that as a  
28 queer individual themselves, they and other Queer advisors would feel more than comfortable  
29 indicating that they identify as Queer

30 **Whereas**, there has been a communication inefficiency in connecting students to valuable on-  
31 campus resources

32 **Whereas**, *Resolution 18: Expanding Awareness of Academic Programs and Opportunities* has  
33 previously addressed how students have lacked knowledge of valuable academic resources due  
34 to limited advertising and direct outreach to students

35 **Whereas**, a similar issue occurs with identity-based resources, where communication  
36 inefficiencies create obstacles which prohibit the connection of students with necessary resources  
37 of various natures

38 **Whereas**, Queer students have indicated that they knew that organizations such as the LGBT  
39 Resource Center and Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union existed, but lacked awareness of the  
40 scope of valuable resources that they offered, creating discouragement from further seeking  
41 resources

42 **Whereas**, leaders from the LGBT Resource Center and Haven have reported that the full scope  
43 of their resources are not being fully utilized due to a lack of student awareness. These  
44 organizations wish to increase their promulgation of resources and information; however, the  
45 scope of outreach is limited to students who can find them, creating inefficiencies in serving the  
46 student body's needs as they are unable to identify *who* is in need

47 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Cornell provides a channel of central access and connection, such  
48 as creating features on platforms like Student Center, where students can opt-in to receiving  
49 more detailed information regarding various LGBTQ+ resources on-campus

50 **Be it further resolved**, providing an option to opt-out (temporarily or permanently) if receiving  
51 this type of material poses a danger to the student's safety on the grounds of identity-based  
52 discrimination

53 **Be it further resolved**, that Cornell and the Deans of their respective colleges promote and  
54 provide LGBTQ+ resources in neutral, high foot traffic areas of information to produce higher  
55 visibility of said resources with actions such as but not limited to:

- 56 • Highlighting LGBTQ+ centered spaces along with other resources provided on campus
- 57 • Promoting information and opportunities regarding identity-centered spaces and their events
- 58 through email,



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- 59       • Making spaces like Loving House or other Co-Horts apparent as LGBTQ+ centered spaces  
60       during housing selection

61   **Be it further resolved,** That Cornell equips freshman and transfer orientation leaders with a list  
62   of LGBTQ+ resources to make available for new students, allowing for students who are not  
63   comfortable publicly seeking these resources, to have a neutral point of reception

64   **Be it further resolved,** That the university allow (by preference of the provider), an indication  
65   of which health providers like CAPS identify as queer

66   **Be it further resolved,** That the university strengthen their relationship with the LGBT+  
67   Resource Center and Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union, to create a centralized listing of  
68   various resources and programs on campus in an easily navigable online platform.

69   **Be it finally resolved,** For Cornell to express support for its LGBTQ+ student population to hold  
70   true to its motto of “Any person, any study” after a national wave of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation

71   **Respectfully Submitted,**

72   Karys Everett '25

73   *LGBTQIA+ Liaison at Large, Student Assembly*

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75   Claire Ting '25

76   *Representative to the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Student Assembly*