

# Cornell University Student Assembly

## Student Assembly Meeting

### AGENDA

**April 20, 2023**

**4:45 - 6:30pm**

**MEMORIAL ROOM, WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL**

[ZOOM](#)

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: [April 13 Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Open Microphone
6. Announcements and Reports
7. Initiatives
8. Presentations and Forum
  1. Office of Ethics: Code of Ethics Change
9. Business of the Day
10. New Business
  1. [Resolution 39: APT Measures Against Opioid Overdose](#)
11. Adjournment

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Minutes of the April 13, 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 4:47pm

### II. Roll Call

- a. *Members Present [21]: S. Ali, M. Baker, S. Bhardwaj, D. Cady, E. D'Angelo, R. DeLorenzo, K. Everett, J. Kalinski, P. Kuehl, A. Lampert, K. Liu, L. Lu, B. Mehretu, C. Newell, N. Son, S. Williams, Y. Yuan, V. Valencia, M. Song, J.P. Swenson, C. Ting*
- b. *Members Excused: R. Chatterji, P. Da Silveira, G. Dong, B. Kotb, A. Lewis, J. Mayen, D. Nachman, A. Richmond*

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

- a. President V. Valencia stated the land acknowledgment

### IV. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. K. Everett motions to add Resolution 38 under New Business, passed by unanimous consent

### V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the March 30, 2023 meeting minutes
  - i. R. DeLorenzo motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent

### VI. Open Microphone

- a. None

### VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. R. Verma states campaigning will be paused until Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in light of the passing of first-year student, Matthew Friedman
  - i. C. Ting asks if an announcement will be made?
  - ii. R. Verma states one will be made after the meeting
  - iii. P. Kuehl asks if campaign materials that are up will need to be taken down?
  - iv. V. Valencia states that stuff that is already up can remain
  - v. R. Chatterji thanks him for the decision



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- vi. S. Bhardwaj asks if any election dates are being changed?
- vii. R. Verma states as of now, no dates are being changed
- b. B. Mehretu states some students went to DC to advocate for increased financial aid for students and went over some topics that were discussed
- c. S. Woldai states that two years ago she was one of the organizers of the CUPD disarmament campaign and plans to follow up to make sure incidents like this don't happen again if anyone is interested

### **VIII. Initiatives**

- a. D. Cady states Resolution 28 was introduced at the University Assembly and some amendments were made and it is currently open for public comment if anyone is interested in commenting

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

- a. President Martha Pollack and VP Ryan Lombardi visit the SA
  - i. President Pollack acknowledges the death of first-year student, Matthew Friedman, and takes a moment of silence
  - ii. President Pollack discusses the new Cornell class of 2027 and the new task force on Undergraduate Admissions
  - iii. President Pollack discusses updates to tuition and financial aid
  - iv. President Pollack acknowledges the accomplishments of Cornell student athletes
  - v. President Pollack states she was pleased to support Resolution 22
  - vi. President Pollack states she was glad to accept Resolution 20
  - vii. President Pollack states she was not able to accept Resolution 15 because Cornell Health is a primary care clinic, so it cannot provide specialty care. Continues they don't have enough patients to keep them busy and are not able to provide surgical care. Instead, they are working to expand their partnership with Weil Cornell.
  - viii. President Pollack states she could not support Resolution 31 because of the commitment to free expression, but acknowledges it is a complicated issue
  - ix. S. Woldai states that a freshman was held at gunpoint by CUPD due to a false call and asks about what is being done to prevent this from happening again and about general campus safety updates?
  - x. VP Lombardi responds there is a new Community Response Team and the leader has been hired and they are building up a team to be able to start next fall



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- xi. K. Everett asks how the warning of triggering content prevents free expression when the speech is still happening?
- xii. President Pollack states her objection is to mandate content warnings because it'll make faculty afraid to speak because they're scared there's something they haven't thought of, so academic freedom is leaving it to the faculty to act in appropriate ways
- xiii. C. Ting provides context of where Resolution 31 came from and asks what a better solution could be?
- xiv. President Pollack states they want to work with the whole community to help solve these issues, so she would encourage those interested to get involved in working groups and they can put them in touch with faculty leadership
- xv. S. Bhardwaj asks about what is being done to address the concerns of the Basic Needs Coalition
- xvi. VP Lombardi states he's not sure about all the updates, but would be happy to have a conversation
- xvii. P. Kuehl asks if the Community Response Team could transport students?
- xviii. VP Lombardi responds they can sign the transport order
- xix. D. Cady asks how student voices and issues are going to be prioritized regarding free expression?
- xx. President Pollack responds they intend on doing a theme year on free expression and suggests that SA members start gathering student input
- xxi. B. Mehretu speaks in support of Resolution 31 and asks where the opposition is coming from?
- xxii. President Pollack states that these protections can back fire and the scientific literature isn't clear that trigger warnings are effective. It can lead to a chilling of free speech and expression
- xxiii. Community member, M. Un, asks why Cornell switched from being need-blind to need-aware for international students?
- xxiv. President Pollack states they could not afford it and when they were need-blind they could not guarantee that 100% of need would be met, so that's why the switch was made
- xxv. M. Un states that other ivies are able to be need-blind and provide other things, such as airfare home for international students
- xxvi. President Pollack responds some other ivies have a much bigger endowment per student, so they can afford that, but they can not

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



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- a. None

### **XI. New Business**

- a. Resolution 35 is presented by R. DeLorenzo
  - i. R. DeLorenzo explains the Resolution
  - ii. J. Kalinski asks if anything in the Resolution will help the Environmental Committee to do their job since their budget is only \$25?
  - iii. R. DeLorenzo responds it will hopefully be helped by collaborating with SAIFC and the SAIFC funding could be used in collaboration
  - iv. M. Baker asks why none of the SA internal budget goes to the Environmental Committee?
  - v. V. Valencia states it could, but they used the same budget as the year before since there wasn't a VP of finance at the time
  - vi. M. Baker suggests drafting a resolution to amend the budget to give more money to the Environmental Committee
  - vii. J. Kalinski motions to postpone to next week, passed by unanimous consent
  
- b. R. DeLorenzo presents Resolution 36
  - i. R. DeLorenzo explains the Resolution
  - ii. S. Bhardwaj asks about MCFAB not being included under ALANA?
  - iii. R. DeLorenzo states since MCFAB primary puts on concerts and events that they are now under the programming council
  - iv. D. Cady asks how adding new organizations would work?
  - v. R. DeLorenzo states their mission would determine where they would be put
  - vi. V. Valencia asks if he's been in communication with the byline organization?
  - vii. R. DeLorenzo states he's talked to some that have reached out, but has not told everyone
  - viii. V. Valencia states it would be good to reach out to everyone
  - ix. P. Kuehl asks if this will inhibit newer organizations from receiving larger amounts of funding?
  - x. R. DeLorenzo responds that it won't inhibit them. It will incentivize them to work up within the tiers of SAIFC, interfaith, and club sports council
  - xi. S. Bhardwaj asks if the concert organizations are allowed to share funds?
  - xii. R. DeLorenzo states they will be able to share funding
  - xiii. P. Da Silveira motions to postpone to next week, passed by unanimous consent



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- c. Resolution 37 is presented by P. Da Silveira and M. Un
  - i. P. Da Silveira explains the Resolution and why is it necessary to reconsider the stance that is currently employed by the University
  - ii. M. Un highlights some of the most shocking statistics
  - iii. P. Da Silveira highlights the other universities with need blind policies
  - iv. Y. Yuan brings up some of the challenges of this, including that Cornell is both a private and public university
  - v. M. Un states this resolution wants either the current policy to be kept and every student to receive 100% of the aid that they need or that they go to a need-blind policy
  - vi. M. Hoy asks what need-blind is and why it's so important
  - vii. M. Un explains the concept
  - viii. J.P. Swenson suggests line 2 being deleted, a citation for line 11, deleting line 33 and 34, and changing the title
  - ix. J.P Swenson motions to strike line 2, passed by unanimous consent
  - x. J.P Swenson motions to strike lines 33-34, M. Un dissents to look into the statistics and come back to it, J.P. Swenson withdraws the motion
  - xi. S. Bhardwaj motions to postpone to next week, passed by unanimous consent
  
- d. S. Bhardwaj motions to extend time by 10 minutes, passed by unanimous consent
  
- e. K. Everett and C. Ting present Resolution 38
  - i. K. Everett presents the Resolution
  - ii. J. Kalinski sates the clauses of 47-52 are somewhat vague and asks what they want specifically?
  - iii. K. Everett states they were thinking about having an option where students could opt in/out to receive emails about different identity-based resources
  - iv. P. Kuehl suggests having some organizations get involved in managing these different resources
  - v. S. Williams suggests utilizing housing and residence life to help distribute these resources
  - vi. P. Da Silveira commends the practicality of the Resolution and asks what they meant by line 21?
  - vii. K. Everett states some students have expressed hesitation reaching out for help because they didn't know which practitioners could relate to their identities



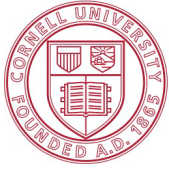
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- viii. C. Ting motions to change the wording from “faculty” to “medical staff,” passed by unanimous consent
- ix. S. Bhardwaj motions to extend time by 5 minutes, passed by unanimous consent
  - x. M. Hoy asks about the 5 abstentions from the D&I committee
  - xi. M. Song responds it was an email vote and not everyone was reachable
- xii. S. Bhardwaj motions to amend line 23 from “sex” to “gender,” passed by unanimous consent
- xiii. C. Ting motions to add after line 68 “Be it Further resolved, for Cornell Administration to further collaborate with Housing and Residential Life to further promote LGBTQ resources,” passed by unanimous consent
- xiv. D. Cady motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
- xv. K. Everett motions to pass the Resolution, passed by unanimous consent
- xvi. Resolution 38 passes unanimously

### **XII. Adjournment**

- a. D. Cady motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent
  - i. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Megan Birmingham  
Clerk of the Assembly



# Resolution 39: Awareness, Prevention, and Training (APT) Measures Against Opioid Overdose Crises

**Abstract:** This resolution urges Cornell Administration to take proactive and preventative measures against opioid overdoses on campus through awareness, prevention, and training (APT) measures.

**Sponsored by:** Claire Ting '25, Andrew Juan '25

**Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 5-0-1

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**Whereas,** Naloxone is an FDA-approved, life-saving, easily administered, and safe drug that reverses opioid overdoses

**Whereas,** Cayuga Medical Center has recently increased Naloxone access in November of 2022, offering Naloxone to patients for free<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas,** increasing access to Naloxone was done in response to a health alert from the Tompkins County Health Department, highlighting an increase a 32% increase in drug-related deaths which has only risen in 2022<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas,** Cornell University as an academic institution has been a leader in research to stem the opioid epidemic, with Weill Cornell Medicine receiving as much as 8.1 million dollars in national grant funding to do so in November of 2022<sup>3</sup>

**Whereas,** Cornell University is beginning to expand access to overdose awareness education

**Whereas,** Cornell has recently increased access to Naloxone, but the program is in its nascent stages, and the community is not as knowledgeable about the newest initiatives of Cornell Health

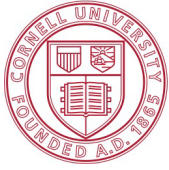
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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ithaca.com/news/ithaca/cayuga-medical-center-expanding-access-to-naloxone-to-prevent-opioid-overdoses/article\\_25a5c9d4-6a79-11ed-bea9-2bb7a8cc3a49.html](https://www.ithaca.com/news/ithaca/cayuga-medical-center-expanding-access-to-naloxone-to-prevent-opioid-overdoses/article_25a5c9d4-6a79-11ed-bea9-2bb7a8cc3a49.html)

<sup>2</sup> <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health/health-alert-nysdoh-warns-increase-opioid-related-deaths-central-ny-naloxone-available>

<sup>3</sup> <https://news.weill.cornell.edu/news/2022/11/weill-cornell-medicine-awarded-nih-grant-to-address-opioid-health-crisis>





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24 **Whereas**, other colleges in the area, such as Ithaca College, have established opioid overdose  
25 prevention programs since August 2019.

26 **Whereas**, this program has provided Naloxone in every AED cabinet and residential dorm  
27 building, as well as provided consistent Naloxone and Harm Reduction Workshops<sup>4</sup>

28 **Whereas**, Cornell University should take proactive measures to prevent overdose-related  
29 tragedies from happening to its students, faculty, and employees

30 **Whereas**, New York State legislature has recognized that the opioid crisis has crept into college  
31 campuses, resulting in Governor Hochul signing legislation S.3448A/A.4485B requiring all  
32 public colleges in New York to have a supply of opioid antagonists, such as Naloxone, in their  
33 housing facilities<sup>5</sup>

34 **Whereas**, this legislation speaks to the magnitude and legitimacy of not only the opioid  
35 epidemic but also the need for harm reduction measures to produce safer campuses

36 **Whereas**, Cornell has previously taken on substance harm-reduction initiatives, including fact  
37 sheets to educate students on how to identify and respond to alcohol poisoning, allowing students  
38 to access emergency medical care when necessary

39 **Whereas**, Naloxone is available at Cornell University's Pharmacy via prescription and adequate  
40 training

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42 **Be it therefore resolved**, that overdose prevention kits with administration instructions are made  
43 accessible at various campus locations, including but not limited to: on-campus residential halls,  
44 Cornell Health, and other central locations

45 **Be it further resolved**, that Cornell Health collaborates with academic units, residential life, and  
46 other student-serving populations to determine locations of resources and publicize the program

47 **Be it further resolved**, that August 31 is officially recognized by the university as National  
48 Opioid Overdose Awareness Day

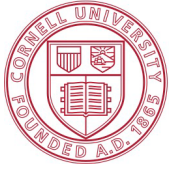
49 **Be it further resolved**, that training be made available at no cost by Cornell Health and the  
50 Skorton Center for Health Initiatives so that Naloxone can be effectively used to prevent  
51 overdose crises

52 **Be it further resolved**, that CUEMS, CUPD, EHS, and the Division of Public Safety have  
53 access to Naloxone during any form of emergency response

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ithaca.edu/intercom/2019-08-28-naloxone-Naloxone-now-available-residence-halls>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/s3448/amendment/a>



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54 **Be it further resolved,** all student groups that hold large events (>150 attendees) including but  
55 not limited to Greek organizations (IFC, PHC, MGFC), concert-hosting groups, and sporting  
56 events have at least one individual or officer trained in administering Naloxone and have it easily  
57 available during a large event

58 **Be it further resolved,** that the Naloxone for large events be subsidized by Cornell Health

59 **Be it finally resolved,** harm-reducing information such as how to identify and respond to an  
60 opioid overdose crisis is distributed via fact sheets in residential halls

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62 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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64 Claire Ting '25

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

66 Andrew Juan '25

67 *Chair, UA Campus Welfare Committee; Undergraduate Representative, University Assembly*

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