

# Cornell University

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### Student Assembly Meeting

#### AGENDA

**April 20, 2023**

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

**MEMORIAL ROOM, WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL**

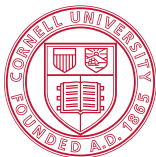
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq (Cayuga Nation)
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Consent Agenda: [April 13 Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Open Microphone
6. Announcements and Reports
7. Initiatives
8. Presentations and Forum
  1. Office of Ethics: Code of Ethics Change
9. Business of the Day
10. New Business
  1. [Resolution 35: Amending SA bylaws](#)
  2. [Resolution 36: Amending SA Charter](#)
  3. [Resolution 39: APT Measures Against Opioid Overdose](#)
  4. [Resolution 40: Creating A Speaker of SA](#)
  5. [Resolution 41: Nigerian Student Association Special Projects](#)
  6. [Resolution 42: Bikeshare](#)
  7. [Resolution 43: Fluoridation of Cornell's Water Supply](#)
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



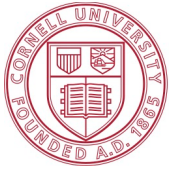
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- viii. C. Ting motions to change the wording from “faculty” to “medical staff,” passed by unanimous consent
- ix. S. Bhardwaj motions to extend time by 5 minutes, passed by unanimous consent
- x. M. Hoy asks about the 5 abstentions from the D&I committee
- 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 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.

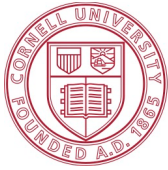
**Be it finally resolved,** after line 342, the following addition should be added to give guidance to the SA Environmental Committee

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

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

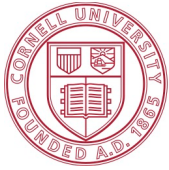
The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission should consult and collaborate with the Campus Sustainability Office on projects related to sustainability. Additionally, The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission should consult and collaborate with Campus and Community Engagement and/or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

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Rocco DeLorenzo '24

*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

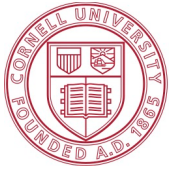
- a) Shall work with SCL Finance Manager and Campus Activities on a yearly basis to provide a consolidated and consistent financial report.
- b) Shall communicate openly and in real-time to the Student Assembly if financial changes are expected and/or needed.

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.

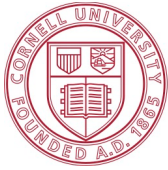
3) Primary Funding Boards

- 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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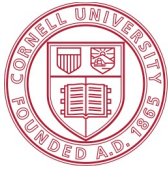
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- 36 i) For primary funding boards that also offer supplemental budgets, these cannot exceed  
37 more than \$5,000 per semester per student organization.
- 38 d) Organizations falling under a primary funding board cannot receive funding from another  
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



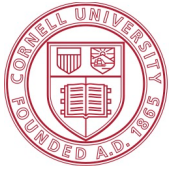
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- i) The Community Partnership Funding Board allocation shall be managed and overseen by the David M. Einhorn Center for Community Engagement.
- ii) Community Partnership Funding Board seeks to foster student leadership and social responsibility by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



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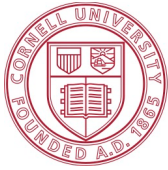
- 121 k) Student Club Insurance
- 122 i) The Club Insurance allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell
- 123 University Risk Management Department in conjunction with Campus Activities.
- 124 l) Students Helping Students Awards
- 125 i) The Students Helping Students allocation shall be managed 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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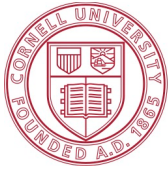
- (1) CC shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
  - (2) Class Councils will program and promote events related to class pride and university traditions for each of the class years.
  - (3) The Senior Class Council will spearhead Senior Days.
    - (a) The majority of the funds allotted for Senior Days should be put toward planning no ticket cost events.
- iv) Cornell University Program Board
  - (1) CUPB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities.
  - (2) The Cornell University Program Board should seek to hold events for undergraduate students in and around the Ithaca campus.
- v) Multicultural Community Fueled Activities Board
  - (1) MCFAB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
  - (2) MCFAB shall seek to bring diverse programming to campus.
- vi) Slope Day Programming Board
  - (1) SDPB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
  - (2) The Slope Day Programming Board shall be in charge of selecting Slope Day artists and collaborate with university offices in organizing Slope Day events for Slope Day.
  - (3) All undergraduate students admission to Slope Day must be free, unless expressly permitted by the SA.
- vii) Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board
  - (1) SUB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
  - (2) All events sponsored by the Student Union Board must take place in Willard Straight Hall, unless specifically a part of welcome weekend and be aligned with the mission and purpose of the Student Union Board constitution
- 3) Primary Funding Board – A primary funding board byline organization (comprised of students partnering with an university advisor) serves as a primary funding source and governing body for a specific category of student organizations. The byline partners with Campus Activities in determining specific requirements to enable the organizations to function on campus.
  - a) Club Sports Council
    - i) Club Sports Council shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities.
    - ii) Club Sports Council must send two officers each academic year to the Safety Training provided by Campus Activities and facilitated by the Club Sports Council. This requirement must be completed before the club can access funds.





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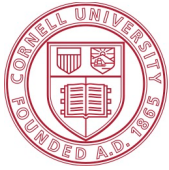
- 204           iii) Sports Clubs members must sign electronic waivers each academic year via  
205           CampusGroups. This requirement must be completed before the club can access  
206           funds.
- 207           iv) Sports Clubs must send at least one officer to each monthly meeting held 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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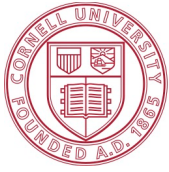
- not limited to, the cross-cultural understanding of international life on campus and in Ithaca and the cooperation between trans-national groups and individuals on campus.
- ii) The responsibilities of the International Students Union are
- (1) To promote and fund international activities proposed by any undergraduate or graduate student group on campus, as well as leading initiatives that improve and uplift international student life on campus.
  - (2) To represent, advocate, and liaise with the Cornell University administration for any issues concerning International students, both undergraduate and graduate, at a campus wide level.
  - (3) To organize and plan events to promote and encourage diversity and cross-cultural dialogue in a trans-national context.
  - (4) To maintain and prepare the annual budget and administer funds available to the Union to various organizations on campus.
  - (5) To maintain liaisons with Faculty Committees, International Students and Scholars Office, Students Assembly, the University, and local community.
  - (6) To foster cross-cultural exchange through: the Union's General Body Membership and meetings, events hosted by the Union, and events sponsored or co-sponsored by the Union.
- iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under their umbrella.
- g) Multicultural Greek Fraternal Council (MGFC)
- i) Multicultural Greek Fraternity Council (MGFC) shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from the Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL).
  - ii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under their umbrella.

**Whereas**, lines 348-353 of the SA Charter, Appendix B: Student Assembly Guidelines for Funded Organizations, Section 3: Eligibility, Subsection A state;

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

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

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



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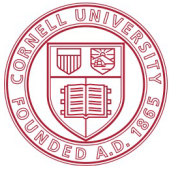
332                   vii. Be in the top tier of their current primary funding board (they have outgrown the  
333                   primary funding board model and thus seeking a higher level of recognition and  
334                   funding on campus).  
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336 **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 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

**Originally Presented:** 04/20/2023

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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

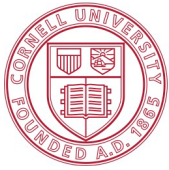
**Whereas,** Cornell has recently increased access to Naloxone, but the program is in its nascent stages, and the community is not as knowledgeable about the newest initiatives of Cornell Health

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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

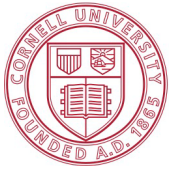
49 **Be it further resolved**, that training be made available at no cost by Cornell Health and the  
50 Skorton Center for Health Initiatives so that Naloxone can be effectively used to prevent  
51 overdose crises

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

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

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

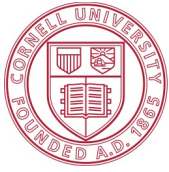
**Respectfully Submitted,**

Claire Ting '25

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

Andrew Juan '25

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



## Resolution 40: Creating a Speaker of the Student Assembly

**Abstract:** This resolution amends the Bylaws to create an *ex officio* Speaker who will be tasked with presiding at meetings of the SA in a neutral and impartial manner.

**Sponsored by:** Clyde Lederman '23, Michelle Song '25,

**Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 04/20/2023, 4-1-1

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 04/20/2023

**Current Status:** New Business

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**Whereas** the presiding officer of a legislative body is tasked with serving as a neutral moderator of debate to protect the rights of all members and ensure productive deliberations; the Speaker as proposed in this resolution would serve in a similar capacity with a charge to impartially moderate debate;

**Whereas** under the current bylaws the President is discouraged from participating in debate because they are tasked with chairing meetings of the SA, therefore limiting their ability to advocate for the policy platform on which they were elected before the SA; creating the role of a Speaker would permit the President to participate in debate;

**Whereas** the Speaker would be responsible for working with the Assembly and Executive Committee to formulate functional rules and procedures that best reflect the requirements of the Assembly thereby improving the transparency of debate;

**Whereas** peer universities, including Syracuse University, have a speaker responsible for chairing meeting of their assemblies in order to facilitate debate; the provisions of the Constitution of the Syracuse Student Assembly creating the position of Speaker of the Assembly reads as follows,

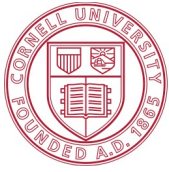
6.1.4.1.1. *Have all the rights of the floor.*

6.1.4.1.2. *Have no vote except in those cases provided for in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised and in times when the Assembly sits as the High Court of Impeachment.*

6.1.4.1.3. *Have final authority in the Assembly on the procedure.*

6.1.4.1.4. *Preside over all Assembly meetings as Chair.*

6.1.4.1.5. *Serve as an ex officio member of each standing or ad hoc committee of the Assembly.*



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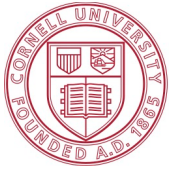
30 **Now, be it therefore resolved,** that the attached copy of the Bylaws, as amended, shall be adopted  
31 and take effect immediately upon adoption.

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33 **Respectfully Submitted,**

34 Clyde Lederman '26

35 Michelle Song '25



# Bylaws

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*As amended on ~~September 9, 2021~~ April 27, 2023*

### ARTICLE I: EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

#### Section 1: Ex-officio Membership

Ex-officio membership grants members of the Cornell community (student, alumni, faculty, staff, administrator, etc.) full-debating privileges but not voting privileges. These positions are granted to community members to either provide a perspective from another governing body or to enhance the overall operations of the Student Assembly.

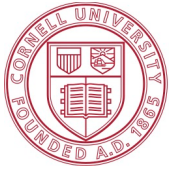
#### Section 2: Ex-Officio Executive Committee Positions

- A. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell community to serve as the Executive Archivist.
- B. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell community to serve as the ~~Parliamentarian~~ Speaker.
- C. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve as Director of Elections.
- D. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve as the Student Advocate.
- E. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve as the Director of Student Government Relations.
- ~~E.F.~~ The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell community to serve as the Deputy Speaker.

#### Section 3: Organizational Liaisons

- A. The SA shall grant one member chosen from each constituency of the Greek Tri-Councils. This will grant an ex-officio position to one member of the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council, Panhellenic Association, and InterFraternity Council.
- B. The SA will grant one executive member from Residential Student Congress an ex-officio position as an organizational liaison.
- C. The SA will grant one member from Cornell Undergraduate Veteran Association an ex-officio position as an organizational liaison. This liaison must represent the interests of the United States and its allies.





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- D. The SA will grant one liaison, an undergraduate with an interest in computing and technology an ex-officio position as titled IT Governance Liaison.
- E. The SA will grant one member from the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) an ex-officio position titled "Student Athlete Representative".

### Section 4: Shared Governance Liaisons

- A. Student Trustees. The SA will grant the Student Trustees ex-officio positions as shared governance liaisons for the duration of their terms.
- B. Undergraduate University Assembly Members. The SA will grant both student-elected University Assembly members ex-officio positions for the duration of their terms.

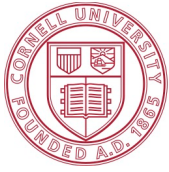
## ARTICLE II: OFFICERS

### Section 1: Officers

The officers of the SA shall be a President, an Executive Vice President, a Vice President of Internal Operations, a Vice President for Finance, a Vice President of External Affairs, a Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, a Director of Elections, a ~~Parliamentarian~~ Speaker, and an Executive Archivist. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by this Charter and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the SA.

### Section 2: Election and Appointment of Officers, Time of Election/Appointment

1. The SA will, as soon as possible after the spring election, hold an organizational and planning meeting in executive session. At this meeting, the voting members will elect from among themselves the offices of Vice President of Internal Operations, Vice President for Finance, a Vice President of External Affairs, a Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion. At this meeting or a meeting soon after, the voting members will elect from the Cornell community (student, employee, faculty, alumnus living in Ithaca) the office of Director of Elections, ~~and a Speaker~~. Self-nomination will be in order in each of the elected offices. Elected officers should be approved by a majority vote of SA members present at organizational meeting.
2. Additionally, at this meeting or a meeting soon after the members will affirm the appointments of ~~Parliamentarian~~ Deputy Speaker and Executive Archivist. The ~~offices of Parliamentarian and~~ Executive Archivist will be appointed by the SA President, ~~and Deputy Speaker will be appointed by the Speaker~~. Each nominee for the ~~respective offices~~ shall be subject to majority approval of the SA voting members. The newly elected officers will undertake the responsibilities of their position at the start of their term on the SA. Elections for officers shall be by secret ballots. SA voting members may have one vote for each position to be filled but may not vote for any one individual twice on any ballot.



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### 65 Section 3: Terms of office

66 Officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and is administered the oath of  
67 office. Following the next regular or special Student Assembly elections.

### 68 Section 4: Recalling officers

69 Two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the SA may vote to recall any officer of the SA from his or her  
70 office.

## 71 ARTICLE III: OFFICER DUTIES

### 72 Section 1: President

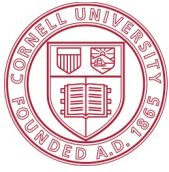
73 The responsibilities of the President are as follows:

- 74 1. Attend ~~and chair~~ all SA meetings, and during such meetings shall have the right of first recognition.
- 75 2. Attend all Assemblies' leadership meetings and meetings with Executive staff.
- 76 3. Submit agenda items for leadership meetings after soliciting topics from Assembly members.
- 77 4. Serve as the primary Assembly correspondent with the administration, the media, and the student  
78 body.
- 79 5. Correspond with the University President following each Assembly meeting enumerating all actions  
80 that are passed and are under the University President's purview and to solicit his or her response.
- 81 6. Correspond with the Deans of the College of Agriculture and Life Science; College of Architecture,  
82 Art, and Planning; College of Arts and Sciences; College of Engineering; School of Hotel  
83 Administration; College of Human Ecology; School of Industrial and Labor Relations, College of  
84 Business; following each Assembly meeting enumerating all resolutions that are passed and under the  
85 purview of each individual college and school and to solicit their responses.
- 86 7. Supervise all elected officers and ensure they are discharging their responsibilities.
- 87 8. Attend all open sessions of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Trustees Executive Committee  
88 held in Ithaca and report back to the Assembly on said meetings.
- 89 9. Appoint ~~Assembly Parliamentarian and the~~ Executive Archivist.
- 90 10. Write and present annual SA report by the end of the term.
- 91 11. Consult with the Director of Elections regarding elections' advertising as long as the President is not  
92 eligible for reelection.

### 93 Section 2: Executive Vice President

94 The responsibilities of the Executive Vice President are as follows:

- 95 1. Attend all SA meetings, ~~and act as Chair in the absence of the President.~~



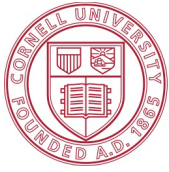
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2. Chair the Executive Committee
3. Assume the office of President should a vacancy arise.
4. Serve as Assembly correspondent in the absence of or on behalf of the President.
5. Attend all Assemblies' leadership meetings and meetings with Executive Staff.
6. Submit agenda items for leadership meetings after soliciting topics from Assembly members and be responsible for the creation of the weekly agenda for Assembly meetings.
7. Coordinate and assist the undergraduate student UA delegation.
8. Supervise and assist all ad-hoc committees.
9. Track actions of the Assembly to ensure final disposition and confirm correspondence with appropriate units when Assembly actions impact them.
10. Be responsible for responding to questions or comments made during Open Microphone. Issues can be delegated to other members of the Assembly.
11. Oversee the Committees on Health and Wellness, Academic Affairs, the Environment, and Residential Life by assisting and advising the committee chairs, attending meetings as necessary, and holding monthly executive sessions with all committee chairs.
12. Plan fall retreat for committee chairs with the Vice President of Internal Operations.
13. Coordinate and supervise new member orientation with the Vice President of Internal Operations and the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion.

### Section 3: Vice President of Internal Operations

The responsibilities of the Vice President of Internal Operations are as follows:

1. Attend all SA meetings. ~~and act as Chair in the absence of the President and Executive Vice President.~~
2. Assume the office of Executive Vice President should a vacancy arise.
3. Chair the SA when the Assembly is in executive session.
4. Chair the Executive Cabinet.
5. Monitor committee membership.
6. Coordinate and supervise all aspects of the SA cabinet in Willard Straight Hall.
7. Maintain and monitor SA attendance records and send warning notices to members who are in jeopardy of violating the Assembly attendance policy.
8. Oversee all SA committees by assisting and advising the committee chairs, attending meetings as necessary, and ensuring that any vacancies are filled.
9. Enforce committee attendance and outreach requirements for all voting SA members.
10. Coordinate and supervise new member orientation with the Executive Vice President and the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion.
11. Supervise SA Liaisons.
12. Maintain relations with intercollegiate student organizations of which the SA is a member — e.g. Ivy Council, SUNY Student Assembly.
13. Plan fall retreat for committee chairs with the Executive Vice President.



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### Section 4: Vice President for Finance

The responsibilities of the Vice President for Finance are as follows:

1. Serve as SA treasurer and report to the Assembly regarding Assembly balances in December and May.
2. Chair the Appropriations Committee.
3. Propose the Student Assembly's budget in the form of a resolution by one of the first two general assembly meetings of each SA term.
4. Coordinate and chair meetings of Student Activity Fee recipients and draft proposal to SA regarding establishing new fee, biannually.
5. Meet with GPSA members to discuss the Student Activity Fee Guidelines, which appear as Charter appendices, at least once per semester.
6. Oversee the Financial Aid Review Committee and the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission by assisting and advising the committee chairs and attending meetings as necessary.

### Section 5: Vice President of External Affairs

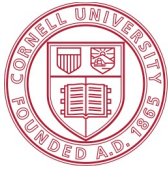
The responsibilities of the Vice President of External Affairs are as follows:

1. Coordinate constituency representatives' community outreach efforts (including, but not limited to, community forums, meetings with Deans, internal school governments, etc.);
2. Invite all relevant stakeholders to Student Assembly meetings, when the weekly agenda is released;
3. Devise mechanisms for student organizations to become active members in the decision making process of the SA; most importantly, committees;
4. Oversee the City and Local Affairs Committee and the Technology Committee by assisting and advising the committee chair and attending meetings as necessary;
5. Chair the Communications and Outreach Committee;
6. Consult with the Director of Elections regarding elections' advertising;
7. Arrange all advertising, poster, banners, social media, etc.;
8. Serve as a liaison to relevant news sources;
9. Serve as editor of SA newsletter to be sent over email to the entire undergraduate student body at least two times/semester. The newsletter should include the current month's accomplishments and next month's plans, accompanied by the name of a contact person to whom comments and questions may be addressed. Maintain contact with Student Assembly alumni through distribution of the biannual Student Assembly newsletter to any interested alumni;

### Section 6: Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion

The responsibilities of the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion are as follows:

1. Chair the Diversity and Inclusion Committee;



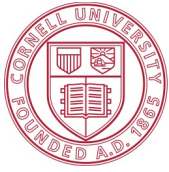
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2. Prepare training sessions for the SA on addressing issues of diversity along with the Vice President of External Affairs;
3. Meet on an as-needed basis with other administrators and staff concerning diversity initiatives;
4. Attend the Diversity Community meetings on a semesterly basis;
5. Ensure that legislative acts of the SA are culturally inclusive;
6. Provide updates on the state of diversity at Cornell and work to align the SA with University initiatives;
7. Work with University-sponsored programs such as the Pre-freshmen Summer Program and Diversity Hosting Month to introduce new students to the governance system of Cornell;
8. Coordinate with the Vice President of External Affairs to effectively communicate with groups that advocate for underrepresented students on campus.
9. Monitor and maintain all aspects of the Student Assembly website at <http://cornellsa.com>
10. Coordinate with the Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Internal Operations, and the Intergroup Dialogue Project to incorporate a IDP Training Session into the SA new member orientation.

### Section 7: Director of Elections

The responsibilities of the Director of Elections are as follows:

1. Chair the Elections Committee and report all the activities of said committee to the general SA;
2. Assume responsibility for all aspects of the Fall and Spring elections and coordinate all efforts with the Director of the Office of the Assemblies, the VP of External Affairs, and the President;
3. Serve as SA correspondent for election matters;
4. Ensure that the Elections Committee is successfully completing the following tasks:
  - a. Making every effort to ensure the greatest number of candidates for each available position,
  - b. Ensuring all candidates are aware of and abiding by elections, campaigning, postering, and other Assembly and University policies,
  - c. Coordinating and advertising an informal “Meet the Candidates Forum”,
  - d. Coordinating and advertising opportunities for candidates to make public appearances,
  - e. Coordinating and advertising public forums specifically for candidates to discuss any ballot referenda, if such forums are deemed necessary by the Executive Board,
  - f. Contacting student organizations and informing them of the elections process and encouraging them to send delegates to elections activities in order to report candidates’ stances on relevant issues to their organizations,
  - g. Ensuring that candidates have submitted pictures and statements
  - h. Making every effort to achieve the highest possible voter turnout by advertising and assisting the Office of the Assemblies in the coordination of elections days;
5. Make sure, in conjunction with the VP of External Operations, that there are a substantial number of potential ballot referenda to be considered for approval by the SA, and that all approved referenda are advertised along with all elections activities described in #5 above (especially c. and e.).



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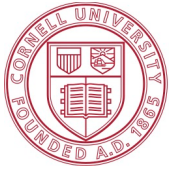
### Section 8: ~~Parliamentarian~~Speaker

~~The Parliamentarian need not be an SA member. The office of Parliamentarian holds no special voting privileges. The Parliamentarian also may not hold the President or Executive Vice President positions. The responsibilities of the Parliamentarian are as follows:~~

- ~~1. Advise the President and committee chairs on questions of parliamentary procedure;~~
- ~~2. Consult with the sponsors on new actions brought before the SA into the categories specified in Article III, Section 2, Item A of the SA Charter;~~
- ~~3. Upon a specific request by an SA voting member, the Parliamentarian shall give the Assembly his/her recommendation on a parliamentary inquiry;~~
- ~~4. The Parliamentarian shall present a workshop on parliamentary procedure and this charter to the incoming assembly, preferably before the end of the spring semester but no later than the fourth week of the fall semester;~~
- ~~5. The Parliamentarian shall count a hand vote to discern simple majority from the gallery, where all eligible voters sit in a designated area;~~
- ~~6. The Parliamentarian shall coordinate with the Office of Assemblies to ensure that the SA governing documents are public and reflect the changes made by the SA.~~

1. The Speaker shall not be a member of the Student Assembly nor shall serve as an Officer of the Student Assembly, except for that of Speaker. No individual serving as Speaker may be elected to the Student Assembly for one academic year following their service.
2. At all times, the Speaker shall be neutral on and impartial to questions before the Assembly.
3. The Speaker shall hold no special voting privileges. The responsibilities and duties of the Speaker shall not be abridged during executive sessions of the Student Assembly.
4. The Speaker of the Assembly shall serve as the chair of the Student Assembly. The principal responsibilities of the Speaker shall be to do as follows:
  - a. Preside at meetings of the Student Assembly and the Committee of the Whole;
  - b. Rule on questions concerning parliamentary or procedural matters;
  - c. Consult with the sponsors on new actions brought before the Student Assembly into the categories specified in Article III, Section 2, Item A of the Student Assembly Charter;
  - d. The Speaker shall propose standing rules and special rules of order for the consideration of the Student Assembly.
5. All actions of the Speaker shall be subject to review by the Student Assembly. Actions of the Speaker may be overruled by a motion or resolution specifying the action to be reviewed with a a three-fifths majority vote (60% +1) vote of elected members of the Assembly.
6. The Speaker may delegate their responsibilities as they see fit.
7. The Speaker shall nominate the following positions which shall be part of the Office of the Speaker:
  - a. Deputy Speaker: The Deputy Speaker shall act on behalf of the Speaker when the Speaker is absent or when designated by written notice to the Executive Vice-President; the Deputy Speaker shall assume the office of Speaker in case of vacancy until the position may be filled by an election of the Student Assembly.





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- b. In accordance with Article III, Section 10, the Speaker shall be empowered to nominate other positions as deemed necessary for the proper execution of the Speaker's responsibilities.

### Section 9: Executive Archivist

The Executive Archivist need not be an SA member. The office of Executive Archivist holds no special voting privileges. The Executive Archivist also may not hold the President or Executive Vice President positions. The Executive Archivist shall be responsible for verifying the novelty or precedence of any proposed action or legislation with Assembly members, or others, bring before the Executive Board.

### Section 10: Offices of Officers

- A. Each Office is permitted to develop its own recruitment process. Relevant materials including, but not limited to, application forms, candidate lists, recruitment methodology, and a list of the selected office members shall be submitted to the Office of the Assemblies after the recruitment process has been completed.
- a. Members of the office are not allowed to be ex-officio officers or voting members of the SA.
- b. Each roster will be approved by majority vote by the Student Assembly.

## ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

### Section 1: Regular Meetings

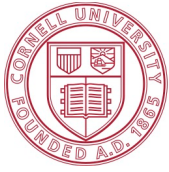
Regular meeting times and places will be publicly announced at least 72 hours-prior to the scheduled meeting date.

### Section 2: Special Meetings

- A. The President may convene special meetings of the SA to consider issues of immediate and pressing concern. The President will also call a special meeting after being instructed to do so by six of the voting members of the SA.
- B. SA meeting schedules will be constructed in such a way that SA meetings do not fall on religious holidays. These schedules will be made by the Executive Committee at the beginning of each semester. In place of regularly scheduled meetings, special meetings will be held.

### Section 3: Organizational Meeting

The first meeting of the academic year shall be known as the Organizational Meeting and shall be for the purpose of adopting the schedule for regular meetings and approving the standing rules.



## Section 4: Informal meetings

The SA shall hold an informal meeting as events warrant at the discretion of the Executive Board. This meeting will be reserved for informal discussions between SA members and other interested parties, to set goals and priorities for the upcoming weeks. No legislation can be decided upon during these informal sessions. The attendance policy will remain in effect during the meeting.

## Section 5: Executive Session

With the concurrence of two-thirds of the voting members in attendance, the SA or any of its committees may go into executive session during a regularly scheduled meeting only to discuss confidential matters as defined by this Charter. No policy determinations will be made in executive session. The Student Assembly may also hold executive sessions for internal elections and planning purposes. Executive session shall be closed to non-voting, non-executive members of the assembly. Community members may be invited by the assembly to participate in an executive session. Secret ballot votes shall be reserved for executive sessions.

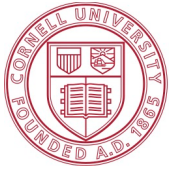
## Section 6: Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the SA.

## Section 7: Community Votes

- A. Should there only be one undergraduate ex-officio non-elected member in attendance, he or she will only be allocated one vote.
- B. The community clause may only be exercised on final votes of sense-of-body resolutions, which excludes (1) funding and budgetary decisions, (2) amendments to the SA Charter and Standing Rules, (3) the ability to make motions, (4) creation/dissolution of committees (5) selection of officers, committee members, and liaisons from the popularly elected SA (i.e. allocation of the Student Activity Fee, approval of [Parliamentarian Speaker](#), Liaison to the Provost, etc.).
- C. Prior to the final vote of a resolution, qualifying undergraduate members of the community will be permitted to cast their vote. The President will announce to the Assembly the collective vote of the gallery and liaisons prior to the casting of popularly elected members' votes on any given sense-of-the-body resolution. Both community votes will be allocated to the side that has a simple majority.
- D. All community votes shall be submitted through a Qualtrics survey to which a Cornell University Web Authorization Portal has been applied. The link to this survey will be made easily accessible on the Student Assembly website. The relevant deliberations that occur during the assembly meeting shall be live-streamed on the same page. The page must also feature a link to the text of the legislation being voted upon. The voting shall commence at the beginning of the Student Assembly meeting at which the final vote is conducted. The voting shall end at the commencement of voting for assembly members, at which point the tally of community votes will be announced to the Student Assembly. It will be the responsibility of the [Parliamentarian Speaker](#) to work in tandem with the





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Office of the Assemblies in order ~~to~~ execute all tasks except those relevant to the live stream, which shall be the responsibility of the Student Assembly Clerk.

### **Section 8: Regularly Scheduled Meetings for Purposes of the Student Assembly Attendance Policy**

- A. Attendance at all organizational and specially scheduled meetings is required, when the Executive Committee provides SA members at least 72-hours prior notice of the meeting.
- B. Any member who fails to attend a required meeting or event shall be considered absent. Any late arrival or early departure from a required meeting will result in a half-absence. This includes Executive Sessions.

## **ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Section 1: Composition**

The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers of the SA. The Executive Archivist, the Director of Elections ~~and the Parliamentarian~~ Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall serve as non-voting members of the Executive Board.

### **Section 2: Duties**

The Executive Board of the SA shall coordinate the actions of the SA to ensure its smooth operation, set the agenda for the Regular Meetings of the SA and inform all relevant parties of Executive Cabinet decisions. Additionally, the board shall send its minutes to all representatives within 24 hours of its meeting.

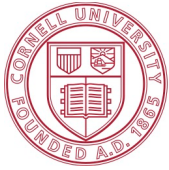
### **Section 3: Meetings**

The Executive Board shall hold meetings at least once a week during the academic year. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Vice President and shall be called upon the written request of four members of the board.

## **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1: Creation and Maintenance of Committees**

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

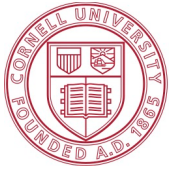


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- B. Any member of any SA committee or commission (except for the Appropriations committee, Executive Committee, and Elections committee) who will be an undergraduate for the entirety of the following SA term and who requests to maintain their membership during the transition from one SA term to the next may do so at the discretion of the committee's outgoing chair. The chair of the committee or commission will transmit the names of any returning members or commissioners to both the outgoing and newly elected Vice Presidents of Internal Operations by the last day of classes in May. The Vice President of Internal Operations will ensure that all returning committee or commission members are staffed and included on the appropriate listserv once the new SA term begins on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will inform each chair of any returning members or commissioners.
- C. For the purposes of communication and collaboration, the President and all Vice Presidents of the Student Assembly will serve as ex-officio non-voting members of all Student Assembly committees and commissions on which they do not serve as voting members. This policy does not apply to the Appropriations Committee, Infrastructure Fund Commission, and Elections Committee.

### Section 2: Review Committees

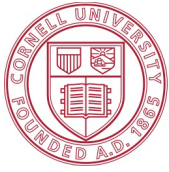
- D. Review Committees shall review all policies, programs, and actions and shall aid in the budget/program planning process of sectors of the University that create policy directly affecting student life.
- E. The Vice President for Student and Campus Life shall appoint a staff member to work with the chairperson of certain review committee to assure proper functioning of the committee.
- F. Undergraduate members of the review committees will be designated by the appropriate constituency bodies and by application. All non-Student Assembly members will be subject to the approval of the SA.
- G. Review committees will discuss program assessment/planning documents with the SA during the fall semester as part of the committee's responsibility for the areas under their jurisdiction.
- H. Review committees will be convened in the beginning of the fall semester by the VP Internal Operations.
- I. Furthermore, the Student Assembly review committees reserve, can, and should exercise at their discretion legislative authority over residential life policies of the University (i.e. the Department of Campus Life and the Office of the Dean of Students). When exercising this authority, review committees are recommended to consult the Residential Student Congress of Cornell.
- J. **Committee on Dining Services** – The Committee on Dining Services will work to represent student interests in the Cornell food system. The committee will consist of at least one faculty member, two Dining student workers and/or Dining Student Sustainability Coordinators, two voting SA members, one graduate/professional student, and at least ten additional students. The VP of Internal Operations for the Student Assembly will recommend additional students to both the committee Chair and the Executive Cabinet for their approval. Additionally, the Director of Dining (or a designee) and the Budget Director of Dining shall serve ex-officio. The Chair, who does not have to be a SA member, will work with the Director to select relevant administrators and staff to be present at meetings. Members will collectively review the policies and initiatives of Dining Services,



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and make recommendations to Student Assembly and Dining Services leadership for improving existing policies or integrating new ideas.

- K. **Student Health Advisory Committee:** The committee will work in conjunction with Cornell Health to examine healthcare policies improve student health, wellness, and safety, and act as a form of open communication between student voices and Cornell Health administration. The committee will consist of a Steering Committee, which is made up of a SA & GPSA co-chair, committee chairs(s) from each respective sub-committee, a SHBAC liaison, an SDS liaison, and designated Cornell Health administration. The recognized subcommittees of the student Health Advisory Committee are: Patient Care, Sexual Health and Gender Services, Health and Wellness, Student Health Benefits, and the Mental Health Standing Committee. The SA co-chair will be held by a member of the SA and the committee will be under the supervision of the SA & GPSA co-chairs.
- L. **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.
- M. **City and Local Affairs Committee** – This committee will advocate on behalf of students’ interest at the city and county government levels. In addition to its advocacy work, the committee will organize events that foster a sense of engagement in the Ithaca community for Cornell students. 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 Vice President of External Operations.
- N. **Academic Policy Committee** – The committee will advise the Student Assembly on all academic matters at Cornell. Committee members will research, review, recommend, and develop projects to improve academic life for the student body. This committee will work closely with the Dean of Students and the Faculty Senate to ensure that students’ concerns related to academic policy are voiced effectively to university officials. The chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the supervision of Executive Vice President.
- O. **Financial Aid Review Committee** – The committee will examine the financial aid policies of Cornell University. It shall also be responsible for the administration of the Student Helping Students grant. The committee shall consist of a chair, up to two SA members, between five and ten undergraduate students, at least four-fifths of whom receive some form of institutionalized financial

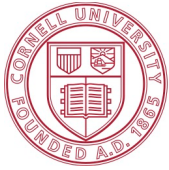


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aid. The Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment, the Directors of Financial Aid, the Associate Director of Financial Aid for Customer Service and Community Relations, a counselor from the Office of Financial Aid, two faculty members, and the Vice President for Student and Academic Services shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members. This committee will be under the supervision of the Vice President for Finance.

### Section 3: Operational Committees

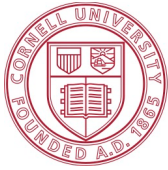
- A. Operational Committees shall maintain the proper functioning of the internal organization of the SA, and shall therefore facilitate the full expression of the SA's responsibilities to the Cornell student body.
- B. Operational committees shall be convened in the beginning of the fall semester, or when the committee's function prescribes, by the Committee on Committee Structure (or its successor body) in coordination with interested SA voting members.
- C. **Appropriations Committee** – The Appropriations Committee of the SA is the financial branch of the SA. It reviews all requests for SA funding as well as the policies and guidelines regarding the Student Activity Fee and those organizations, which receive funding from it. The Committee shall consist of 8 voting members of the SA, to be selected by the Assembly at large during their organizational meetings; the VP Finance, who shall serve as Chair; and 7 undergraduates at-large to be selected by the Executive Cabinet. The Director of the Office of the Assemblies or their designee shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. No SAFC Commissioners shall serve as voting members of the Committee. Quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of all voting members. A designee of the chair shall take minutes at all meetings.
- D. **Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission** – The SAIF Commission (SAIFC) of the SA is responsible for evaluating applications for funding through the SAIF. The rules governing the operation of the SAIFC are contained in Appendix C of the SA Charter. The Commission shall consist of at least 12 and no more than 17 commissioners. The commissioners must include five voting members of the SA, consisting of a Chair, who will be the Vice President of Infrastructure of the SA, three Assembly members elected during the Assembly's Spring organizational meetings, and one New Student voting member of the SA, internally elected by the Assembly following the Fall election. The remaining commissioners will consist of at least seven and no more than twelve undergraduate students who are either returning commissioners or are selected from a pool of applicants and approved by the Executive Cabinet, with the exact number of commissioners to be set at the discretion of the Chair of the Commission and the Staffing Committee of the SA. No SAFC Commissioners shall serve as voting members of the SAIFC (with the exception of the Vice President for Finance). No more than 2 of the voting Student Assembly members on the SAIFC may also be voting members of the Appropriations Committee and no more than 4 of the total voting members on the committee may be voting members of the Appropriations Committee. Quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of all staffed voting members. Upon request, a written summary of the meeting will be provided by the chair. The Vice President for Finance and Vice President of External Affairs shall serve ex-officio as non-voting members of the Commission. The Director of the Office of the Assemblies or their designee shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.



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- E. **Communications and Outreach Committee** – The Communications and Outreach Committee helps to bridge the disconnect between campus and the Student Assembly. The Assembly strives to foster collaborative student activities, as well as inform the student body about the Student Assembly initiatives, meetings, and resolutions. The committee will ensure a direct and ever present link between students active in campus government, the administration, and students at-large and will relay student interest to the SA. The committee will assist in furthering the outreach efforts of the assembly by aiding in the coordination of SA-sponsored events including, but not limited to conducting polls, referenda, community outreach forums, designated constituency events, and hearings. The committee will also assist in coordinating efforts and devising strategies to involve more non-voting members in the decisions and events of the SA. The Assembly plans recreational events for students. The SA Vice President of External Affairs will serve as Chair of the Committee.
- F. **Elections Committee** – The committee will coordinate and implement regularly scheduled and special elections of the SA and directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA. The SA Director of Elections shall serve as chair with a vote only in the event of a tie. The committee consists of ten voting members, of whom less than half may also be members of the SA. At one of the first two SA meetings of each academic year, the Executive Cabinet will present a slate of proposed members to the SA for confirmation, which the SA must approve or disapprove in its entirety. The Executive Cabinet may fill any subsequent vacancies without confirmation by the SA. No person may be a candidate in an election supervised by the committee in the same academic year when the person served as a voting member of the committee. All committee meetings will be closed. Only voting members will be permitted to attend the meetings unless specifically invited by the Director of Elections. This committee will be chaired by the Director of Elections of the Student Assembly.
- G. **Executive Cabinet** – The committee shall staff any vacant committee positions the Student Assembly (SA) is empowered to staff during meetings in early fall. The committee shall re-evaluate the committee application outreach plan at the end of every spring term. The committee shall also evaluate SA committees' end of the year report and determine if the SA committee and/or their composition need to be changed. The committee shall be charged with creating and enforcing an attendance policy for all committees. The membership of this committee shall include the SA's President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Finance, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Internal Operations, Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, and all SA committee chairs. Ex-officio membership shall be granted to the Director of the Office of Assemblies. The VP Internal of Operations shall serve as chair. The VP of Internal Operations shall be responsible for consulting with chairpersons of committees and recommending candidates for vacant committee positions to the Executive Cabinet. The Executive Cabinet shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Student Assembly Staffing Committee, as referred to in other documents.
- ~~H.~~ **Research & Accountability Committee** – The committee will pursue any necessary accountability and research concerns of SA members and directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA. Research and accountability concerns consist of, but are not limited to: general body attendance, resolution voting, liaison role accountability, committee attendance, committee conduct, and general representative accountability. The committee will also evaluate all requests submitted by community



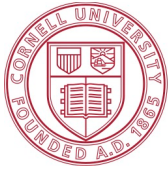


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members that are against any SA member, SA committees, or directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA. The Chair position can be held by any non-Student Assembly member of the Cornell undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the supervision of Executive Vice President. The committee shall consist of ten voting members, two of which are current SA members and/or directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA and eight undergraduate community members. The chair shall only vote in the event of a tie. The composition of the committee can change for specific meeting types in which members of the SA Executive Committee or other student representatives can be given an ex-officio status – this is to be voted on by the RE committee as a whole and only when initially decided on by the Chair. The committee has the obligation, if decided upon, to conference any SA member, directly elected undergraduate representative to the UA, SA affiliated committees, or Committee Chair if they have received a notice from any member of the Cornell Community. The committee is restricted from passing resolutions due to the necessary impartial nature of the committee. However, after a full inquiry or fact finding action – a written report may be presented to the SA, which will include a brief summary of the situation being investigated and any necessary actions the committee recommends. The requester's name and others who are not SA members or directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA shall be redacted from the report if permission from any of the individual(s) is not given. Adoption of the (possible) recommendation(s) requires a three quarters majority vote of SA voting members. Rejection of the (possible) recommendation(s) require three quarters of SA voting members. If recommendation or report are not approved or rejected, it will be tabled indefinitely. The committee chair shall present reports to the SA at both the requestor(s), RA Committee's, and Chair's discretion

### Section 4: Diversity

- A. **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** – The committee shall serve as the body through which the SA, the diversity councils of the undergraduate schools and colleges, the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI), and the Center for Intercultural Dialogue coordinate their efforts to promote awareness and understanding of the increasing importance of diversity and create an environment that brings together diverse perspectives and fosters diversity of thought. The charge of the Diversity and Inclusion committee will be to:
- To be a meeting grounds for interested students to meet members of the administration to brainstorm, formulate and lead implementable policies in the field of diversity and inclusion.
  - To review the efforts of the Diversity Committee and diversity councils of the colleges.
  - To provide a brief report of its progress to be presented by the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion to the SA General Body by the final meeting in the fall semester, as well as a full report to include (but not limited to) the goals of the academic year, the strategies devised for achievement of these goals, the progress of UDC initiatives, college- specific initiatives, obstacles, and potential goals for the next academic year to be presented in the same manner at the final meeting of the spring semester.
  - Composition



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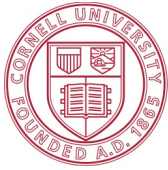
- i. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee will aim to be a collective voice of the diversity of backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities, gender identities, races, religions, and sexual orientations represented at Cornell.
- ii. Non-SA student representation: student members of the committee may be recruited from institutions and organizations such as the diversity councils of the colleges, Women's Resource Center, Center for Intercultural Dialogue, ALANA, Haven Executive board, Cornell Outdoor Education, International Student Union and any member of the Cornell student body who is interested in diversity initiatives.
- iii. Student Assembly representation: SA LGBTIA+ Liaison at-large, Women's representative, International representative, both Minority Liaisons, First Generation Students Representative, Students with Disabilities Representative, and the Vice President of External Affairs are required to be members of the committee.
- e. Structure
  - i. The Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion of the Student Assembly will chair the Diversity and Inclusion committee.

### Section 5: External Committees

#### A. Office of the Student Advocate

##### a. Roles and Responsibilities

- i. Student Advocate – the responsibilities of the Student Advocate are as follows:
  - 1. Attend and chair all office meetings
  - 2. Correspond with Student Assembly to affect office priorities
  - 3. Create training programs for caseworkers and staff
  - 4. Monitor the collection of data in the office
  - 5. Develop relationships with University offices and coordinate informational material
- ii. Chief of Staff – the responsibilities of the Chief of Staff are as follows:
  - 1. Supervise office staff and ensure cohesion
  - 2. Ensure that all cases are met with an appropriate and timely response
  - 3. Create training programs for caseworkers and staff
  - 4. Develop relationships with University offices and coordinate informational materials
  - 5. Write and present an office report at the end of each semester
- iii. Director for Student and Campus Life – the responsibilities of the Director for Student and Campus Life are as follows:
  - 1. Oversee caseworkers handling student issues pertaining to residency, discrimination, harassment and student-related conduct violations.
  - 2. Create informational material relating to these issues.
- iv. Director for Academic Affairs – the responsibilities of the Director for Academic Affairs are as follows:



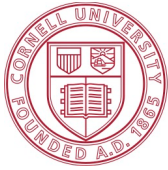
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1. Oversee caseworkers handling student issues pertaining to professor-related conduct violations, grade and enrollment disputes.
2. Create informational materials relating to these issues.
- v. Director for Student Finance – the responsibilities of the Director for Student Finance are as follows:
  1. Oversee caseworkers handling student issues pertaining to financial aid disputes and student-employment.
  2. Create informational materials relating to these issues.
- vi. Caseworkers – the responsibilities of Caseworkers shall be as follows:
  1. Follow the supervision of their Director
  2. Participate in the office’s training process
  3. Respond to questions and inquiries sent via email by students or in person in a timely manner
  4. Refer students to the appropriate office within the University to handle their complaint
- b. Recruitment of the Student Advocate Members
  - i. The outgoing Office of the Student Advocate shall nominate a new Student Advocate as well as staff members each year, to be discussed and approved by the Student Assembly before the end of the academic year. The first student advocate shall be appointed by the SA President and confirmed by the Student Assembly and begin staffing the remainder of the office to be confirmed again by the Student Assembly.

### **B. Office of Student Government Relations**

- a. Name, Mission, and Affiliation
  - i. Name – the name of the office shall be the Office of Student Government Relations (abbreviated to OSGR).
  - ii. Mission – the mission of OSGR shall be to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of Cornell University.
  - iii. Affiliation – The Office of Student Government Relations shall be affiliated as an external executive office of the Cornell Student Assembly.
- b. Roles and Responsibilities
  - i. Director of the Office of Student Government Relations – the responsibilities of the Director of the Office of Student Government Relations are as follows:
    1. Chair all Office meetings and attend all SA executive board meetings
    2. Correspond with the Student Assembly to affect office priorities
    3. Create training programs for directors and other office members
    4. Appoint additional members of the office as appropriate
    5. Oversee the budget of the office
  - ii. Director of Local Relations – the responsibilities of the Director of Local Relations are as follows:
    1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests



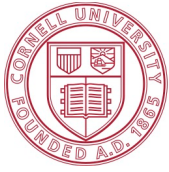


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2. Maintain and foster communications with appropriate institutions, entities, and individuals
- iii. Director of State Relations – the responsibilities of the Director of State Relations are as follows:
  1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests
  2. Maintain and foster communications with appropriate institutions, entities, and individuals
- iv. Director of Federal Relations – the responsibilities of the Director of Federal Relations are as follows:
  1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests
  2. Maintain and foster communications with appropriate institutions, entities, and individuals
- v. Voting Members of OSGR – the responsibilities of Voting Members of OSGR are as follows:
  1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests
  2. Collaborate and support the Directors of Local, State, and Federal Relations as needed
- c. Recruitment of Office of Student Government Relations members
  - i. The outgoing Office of Student Government Relations shall nominate a new Director of the office as well as new Directors of Local, State, and Federal Relations to be discussed and approved by the Student Assembly before the end of each calendar year. Nominations for the Director of State Relations are encouraged to have lived in New York State prior to becoming a student at Cornell. The first Director of the Office shall be appointed by the SA President and confirmed by the Student Assembly and shall staff the remainder of the office to be confirmed again by the Student Assembly.
- d. Funding
  - i. Funding for the OSGR shall be appropriated during byline funding years from the Student Assembly. OSGR funds shall be used for trips to local offices, Albany and Washington, DC. Additionally, funds will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of administrative expenses and the implementation of lobbying and advocacy events. The Director of the office shall control the budget of OSGR. In preparation for byline funding years, the Director shall work with the Student Assembly's Vice President of Finance to provide updates and calibrate the appropriations asks of the Student Assembly.

## ARTICLE VII: COMMUNITY RIGHTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

### Section 1: Community Rights



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The SA and its committees shall respect and protect the rights of individual members of the Cornell community. All members of the community, who do not otherwise have an appointed or elected position on the student assembly, have the right to add a resolution to the Student Assembly Agenda as a sponsor (without the requirement of having a member of the assembly being a sponsor) after gaining the approval of a Student Assembly committee through a majority vote or after procuring the written signature of at least a majority of seated SA members and presenting it to the SA President or their designee for verification at least 48 hours before the meeting at which the resolution is to be introduced. Resolutions that appear on the agenda using either of these methods may not have more than 3 sponsors who are not Student Assembly members of Student Assembly committee chairs.

### **Section 2: Confidentiality**

When a subject under discussion or examination requires the use of personal confidential information, all reasonable efforts shall be made to safeguard the confidentiality of this information. Confidential information is meant to include any and all information that, if publicly exposed, would endanger the privacy, safety, or security of any member of the Cornell community (students, faculty, and staff), or constitute a breach of any individual right guaranteed by the University, the State of New York, or the federal government.

### **Section 3: Infringement of Confidentiality**

If any member or group of the University feels that any action of the SA or its committees is infringing upon that person's or that group's rights under this Article, then that person or group may appeal to the Judicial Codes Counselor (JCC) to determine whether probable grounds exist for a complaint. By majority vote, the SA may suspend any actions related to an appeal to the JCC until the JCC makes a final ruling on the appeal.

## **ARTICLE VIII: PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

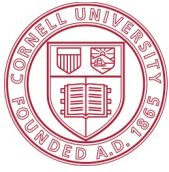
### **Section 1: Public Events and Campus Forums**

The SA shall conduct at least one public event or forum per semester at alternating locations on campus. These public events or forums shall include administrators related to a particular topic of current student interest.

## **ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the SA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Charter, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and any special rules of order the SA may adopt.

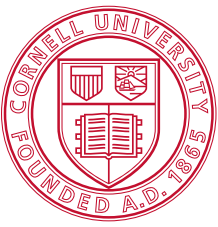
## **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS**



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684 These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the assembly by a two-thirds vote of the members  
685 present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.  
686 Amendments may be presented to the assembly by voting members and by community petition with at least  
687 100 Cornell undergraduate student signatures.

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### Resolution 41: Approving Special Projects Funding Request for Nigerian Student Association

**Abstract:** This resolution approves \$2,000.00 of Special Projects Funding to Nigerian Students Association to partially fund their annual Africa Ball event.

**Sponsored by:** George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

**Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 04/24/23, 6-0-0

**Type of Action:** Recommendation

**Originally Presented:** 4/27/2023

**Current Status:** New Business

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**Whereas,** the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 8: Spending Guidelines, Part B: Special Projects Funding outlines the purpose of Special Projects Funding and the process of approving funding requests.

**Whereas,** lines 298-300 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules explains the purpose of Special Projects Funding as follows:

Rule 5: The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through SA Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life or to further the goals of the SA. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending.

**Whereas,** lines 315-318 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules describes the approval process of Special Projects Funding as follows:

Rule 9: Requests \$1500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The SA, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$1500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

**Whereas,** Africa Ball is NSA's most anticipated event of the year and is going to be a pageant showcasing the diverse cultures in Africa. Contestants will share with the judges and the audience their talents, ambitions, passions, skills and a taste of their African culture. African countries including Mali, Kenya and Ethiopia are being represented in this showcase.

**Whereas,** NSA intends to cater to everyone in the Cornell community, beyond Africa and the African Diaspora, who are interested in learning more about African culture. NSA expects at least 300 people to be in attendance. Additionally, this project seeks to provide a forum that celebrates the vast African cultures as well as the diversity embodied in Africa, all while sharing different aspects of the culture not only with Nigerian students, but with the Cornell community at large.

**Whereas,** the Pageant also creates a platform for all Cornell students that identify with the African Diaspora to acknowledge the intersectionality between the different aspects of their identity, whether that be cultural, ethnic, gender, sexuality, nationality, etc. Lastly, NSA is collaborating with Crossroads Nigeria to purchase and sell merchandise in celebration of Africa Week, through which Crossroads contributes a significant percentage of proceeds to helping the less privileged in Nigeria. See link for more information on Crossroads:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/crossroads1/>.

**Whereas,** NSA has already begun advertising through their social media platforms (GroupMe, Instagram, LinkedIn) and will also post flyers around campus.

**Whereas,** NSA is expecting 300 students to be in attendance, all of whom will leave knowing more about African culture, and even potentially leaving with merchandise that will be a constant pleasant reminder to them of AFRICA WEEK 2023 and aid in helping fulfill Crossroads' mission of serving underprivileged communities in Nigeria.

**Whereas,** NSA is requesting \$2000 towards this project. \$500 of that amount will pay for the photographer/videographer to capture this project's best moments, \$160 for the DJ, and the remainder of the funding to cover a portion of our Crossroads collaboration.

**Whereas,** this project enables Cornell students to immerse themselves in a variety of cultures that may be unfamiliar to them, fostering a healthy and welcoming learning experience. As for NSA's greater mission, to give back to the Nigerian community in anyway they can, the Crossroads collaboration ensures both greater opportunities for accessibility and inclusion in Nigeria.

**Whereas,**

**Be it further resolved,** that the Student Assembly approves the \$2,000.00 Special Projects Funding disbursement to the Nigerian Students Association.

**Be it finally resolved,** that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover the cost of the NSA Africa Ball event.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

*Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*

**What is the nature of our project:**

This year for Nigerian Students Association (NSA) annual Africa Week, we've decided to collaborate with Crossroads Nigeria (see their LinkedIn page below), to sell merchandise that celebrates and sheds light on the rich heritage within Nigeria, and Africa as a whole. Proceeds from these sales will be donated to the less privileged communities in Nigeria through the creation of healthcare, education and economic opportunities (as is aligned with Crossroads mission) by the Crossroads team. In order to sell the merchandise, we have to first purchase it, after which we intend to sell out the merchandise.

We have already created designs for said merchandise, ranging from tote bags to t-shirts to keychains, after numerous meetings with the Crossroads team. With regard to advertising, we plan to use social media as our main outlet for promoting the merchandise, in addition to posting flyers around campus (which we already have templates for).

As mentioned briefly in the project description, this project seeks to aid in providing capital to create vast opportunities for those living in Nigeria who are disproportionately affected by the wealth gap, political corruption, amongst many other crises the country is facing. As NSA, our mission goes beyond the Cornell community in engaging with the greater Nigerian community through community-outreach efforts such as this, to ensure equitable access to opportunity for all living in Nigeria.

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**Who will participate?**

The Nigerian Students Association E-Board will coordinate sales of the merchandise through either cash or Venmo options. Everyone, from students to faculty, are allowed to participate in this effort by purchasing the merchandise from our Crossroads collaboration!

**When, where will it occur:**

Sales of the merchandise will occur all throughout Africa Week at our various Africa Week events:

04/16 - NSA X IC ASA: Tantalizing Talks

04/19 - EESA: Sambusa Food Sale

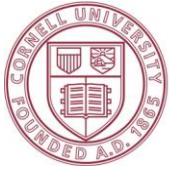
04/20 - EAST: Swahili Night

04/21 - G@C: Africa Night Market

04/22 - SOSA: Afrobeats and Brunch

04/23 - NSA: Africa Ball

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# Resolution 42: Fluoridation of Cornell's Water Supply

**Abstract:** Urging Cornell University to fluoridate its own portable water system, support the fluoridation of Ithaca's water system, and bring awareness to the current lack of fluoridation so that students have the autonomy to make informed decisions regarding their oral health.

**Sponsored by:** Constance Newell '24

**Reviewed by:** Student Assembly Executive Committee (5-0-1) 04/24/2023

**Type of Action:** Recommendation

**Originally Presented:** 04/27/2023

**Current Status:** New Business

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**Whereas,** of the 73% of Americans that have access to public fluoridated water, Ithaca residents are not among them. <sup>1</sup>

**Whereas,** water fluoridation is the practice of adding fluoride to the public water supply in order to improve dental health and prevent tooth decay (carries).

**Whereas,** the benefits of water fluoridation in reducing carries have been documented through various studies, with one such study published in the Journal of Public Health revealing that water fluoridation on average reduces carries by ~25% in children and adults, even in the presence of alternative fluoride methods, such as toothpaste.<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas,** the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes water fluoridation as one of the most significant public health achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.<sup>3</sup>

**Whereas,** despite the resounding support from nationally recognized health organizations, water fluoridation continues to be a contentious issue in Ithaca with a provision against government-sanctioned fluoride even existing in the city charter; Section 35: "... shall not enact or enforce any local law or ordinance or resolution for any purpose pertaining in any manner to the fluoridation of the water." <sup>4</sup>

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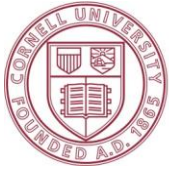
<sup>1</sup><https://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/statistics/index.htm#:~:text=Water%20Fluoridation%20Data%20%26%20Statistics,-Print&text=In%202018%2C%2073.0%25%20of%20the, had%20access%20to%20fluoridated%20water.>

<sup>2</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/2681730/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://blogs.cdc.gov/pcd/2015/04/23/community-water-fluoridation-one-of-the-10-greatest-public-health-achievements-of-the-20th-century/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://ecode360.com/8385254>





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**Whereas**, on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000, the city of Ithaca held a vote on two propositions pertaining to water fluoridation. The first ballot which would amend the city charter to give the Common Council the power to fluoridate the water supply, was opposed by 52%. The second, which was a vote on the actual fluoridation of water, was opposed by 54%. This was the first and last time that a water fluoridation referendum was balloted.<sup>5</sup>

**Whereas**, a survey across upstate NY revealed that 28-38% of adults do not receive routine professional dental care.<sup>6</sup>

**Whereas**, this is concerning as more than 90% of all systemic diseases induce oral symptoms that can be identified by a dentist during routine oral exams, such as cancers, osteoporosis, AIDS, and anemia.<sup>7</sup>

**Whereas**, poor oral health can lead to other health issues such as diabetes and chronic heart disease.<sup>8</sup>

**Whereas**, fluoridation of the Ithaca water supply would be a cost-effective way to provide equitable dental care.

**Whereas**, it is relatively inexpensive to add fluoride to water.

**Whereas**, the average cost per year for U.S. communities to fluoridate the water ranges from \$.50 per person for large communities to \$3.00 per person for small communities.<sup>9</sup>

**Whereas**, the average cost of a single dental filling is ~\$200.<sup>10</sup>

**Whereas**, the average lifetime cost per person to fluoridate water supply is less than the cost of just one dental filling.<sup>11</sup>

**Whereas**, water fluoridation would be particularly beneficial to those who may not have access to regular dental care or may not be able to afford comprehensive dental treatments.

**Whereas**, for most municipalities, every \$1 invested in water fluoridation saves \$38 in dental treatment.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> <https://ithacavoice.org/2015/08/explainer-6-questions-about-ithacas-decades-long-fluoride-debate/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.bcbs.com/press-releases/survey-of-dental-care-across-upstate-ny-found-many-adults-didnt-visit-dentist-the>

<sup>7</sup> <https://northshorefamilydentistry.com/services/oral-exams/#:~:text=According%20to%20statistics%2C%20more%20than,of%20an%20underlying%20medical%20conditi>

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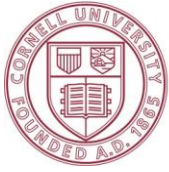
<sup>8</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/conditions/index.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.ada.org/resources/community-initiatives/fluoride-in-water/fluoridation-faqs>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.byte.com/community/resources/article/cavity-filling-costs-2021-with-without-insurance/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/basics/cost.htm>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4457131/>



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**Whereas**, fluoridation of Ithaca waters would ensure that students and residents from all walks of life have access to basic preventative care, regardless of their income or insurance status.

**Whereas**, many students are still unaware of the lack of fluoride in Ithaca waters.

**Whereas**, it is the Student Assembly's "responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community."

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls upon Cornell Health to create a campus-wide initiative on oral health, specifically addressing the lack of fluoridation of Ithaca water supply.

**Be it further resolved**, that Cornell University and The Tatkon Center inform all new and current students about Ithaca's water fluoridation status so that they have the autonomy to make informed decisions regarding their oral health.

**Be it further resolved**, as a leading research institution, Cornell University supports sound scientific evidence and rejects misinformation with regards to water fluoridation.

**Be it further resolved**, that Cornell University urges Ithaca Common Council to reconsider their stance on water fluoridation.

**Be it finally resolved**, Cornell University fluoridates its own portable water system which serves campus and portions of the surrounding community.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Constance Newell'24

*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative, Student Assembly*