

# Cornell University Student Assembly

## Student Assembly Meeting

### AGENDA

May 4, 2023

4:45 - 6:30pm

MEMORIAL ROOM, WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL

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Meeting ID: 947 1648 3660 | Passcode: 303164

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Consent Agenda: [April 27 Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Open Microphone
6. [Resolution 36: Amending SA Charter](#)
7. Announcements and Reports
  1. Election of Office of Ethics Chair
8. Initiatives
9. Presentations and Forum
10. Business of the Day
  1. [Resolution 40: Creating a Speaker of Student Assembly](#)
  2. [Resolution 43: Fluoridation of Cornell's Water Supply](#)
11. New Business
  1. [Resolution 44: Special Projects funding for SWAG](#)
12. Adjournment

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Minutes of the April 27, 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 4:51pm

### II. Roll Call

- a. *Members Present [20]: S. Ali, M. Baker, S. Bhardwaj, D. Cady, R. Chatterji, P. Da Silveira, R. DeLorenzo, K. Everett, J. Kalinski, P. Kuehl, A. Lampert, B. Mehretu, C. Newell, A. Richmond, N. Son, M. Song, C. Ting, S. Williams, Y. Yuan, V. Valencia*
- b. *Members Excused: E. D'Angelo, G. Dong, B. Kotb, A. Lewis, K. Liu, L. Lu, J. Mayen, D. Nachman, J.P. Swenson*

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

- a. President V. Valencia stated the land acknowledgment

### IV. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. A. Juan motions to move Resolution 39 to the first item, passed by unanimous consent
- b. P. Da Silveira motions to move Resolution 42 after Resolution 39, passed by unanimous consent

### V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the April 13, 2023 meeting minutes
  - i. S. Bhardwaj motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent

### VI. Open Microphone

- a. None

### VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. None

### VIII. Initiatives

- a. D. Cady states if anyone is interested in joining the University Assembly that they can reach out to him or S. Williams



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### IX. Presentation and Forums

- a. Office of Ethics: Code of Ethics Changes Presentation
  - i. N. Sharma explains the changes that were made
  - ii. S. Bhardwaj asks what happens if someone brings an accusation of sexual assault, but doesn't want to go to a university body?
  - iii. N. Sharma states it has to be recommended by a university body because of liability issues
  - iv. B. Mehretu asks if the Office of Ethics is recommending expulsion?
  - v. N. Sharma clarifies that a university body has to recommend expulsion
  - vi. P. Da Silveira asks what another university body is and how it would get to the Student Assembly?
  - vii. A. Bangura states it allows for communication between the Office of Ethics and another university body, such as the title ix office
  - viii. S. Williams suggests to change line 42 from "title xi to title ix"
  - ix. A. Richmond asks about sub-section i?
  - x. A. Bangura responds that both i and ii have existed for a while, but it is focused on the abuse of the SA brand
  - xi. S. Bhardwaj what happens if someone is accused of sexual assault, but doesn't go through university channels?
  - xii. A. Bangura responds that the university body is necessary to handle this, so that they don't pre-emptively act on a rumor
  - xiii. P. Da Silveira asks why the Office of Ethics would have information from university body decisions?
  - xiv. A. Bangura states the Office of Ethics would not have access to that information, but it is to leave the door open in case a situation arises
  - xv. A. Richmond asks about the power and checks on the Office of Ethics?
  - xvi. A. Bangura responds the checks are in the Standing Rules and the Bylaws and anything they do is not final. It is just a suggestion

### X. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 39 is presented by C. Ting and A. Juan
  - i. A. Juan states this was passed by the University Assembly
  - ii. C. Ting provides background information and explains the Resolution
  - iii. A. Juan expands on the specific measures recommended by the Resolution
  - iv. J. Kalinski if this also pertains to dry events and if they would do it through Campus Groups?
  - v. C. Ting responds they are thinking of going through Campus Groups



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- vi. K. Everett asks about adding drug testing strips to this Resolution as well
  - vii. A. Juan states the drug testing strips have been difficult for Cornell Health to obtain and Cornell was unsure about going this route when this Resolution was started, but they've been looking at adding it now
  - viii. C. Ting states these test strips could be added in the Plan B vending machines
  - ix. D. Cady states administration and Cornell Health is very ready to work on this Resolution with us
  - x. C. Ting states if anyone else is interested in working on this they can reach out to both of them
  - xi. A. Richmond asks if people may think that providing these resources would promote substance use?
  - xii. C. Ting states providing these resources does not promote substance use and we already promote safe use of alcohol and other things
  - xiii. R. Chatterji asks if we count as a public college that is required to have Naloxone in certain facilities?
  - xiv. A. Juan states he doesn't think so because we technically have contract colleges
  - xv. P. Kuehl states Cornell is required to have Naloxone in certain spaces
  - xvi. S. Williams suggests adding "Student Assembly partners with Residential Student Congress and the Office of Housing and Residential Life to work on implementation," passed by unanimous consent
  - xvii. M. Song motions to change the spelling of "Nalaxone" to "Naloxone" throughout the Resolution, passed by unanimous consent
  - xviii. R. DeLorenzo motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
  - xix. R. DeLorenzo motions to approve Resolution 39, passed by unanimous consent
  - xx. Resolution 39 passes unanimously
- b. Resolution 42 is presented by P. Da Silveira and P. Kuehl
- i. P. Da Silveira explains the Resolution
  - ii. A. Richmond asks about the safety of having these bikes on campus
  - iii. A co-sponsor responds that Cornell allows bikes on campus already, so that would be a broader issue
  - iv. D. Cady asks about requesting some sort of reports or dates for this from Cornell Administration?
  - v. P. Kuehl states the biggest issue for Bikeshare is placing bikes on campus, so this will not take much time or money from administration



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- vi. D. Cady suggests having a report returned by the end of the summer
  - vii. K. Everett asks if there is an issue with Cornell giving the money for Bikeshare?
  - viii. P. Kuehl states they are not asking for funding. They just want to be able to leave the bikes on more locations on Ithaca's campus
  - ix. B. Mehretu motions to end debate, A. Richmond dissents to fix two spelling issues, B. Mehretu withdraws the motion
  - x. A. Richmond motions to change "bike share" to "bikeshare," passed by unanimous consent
  - xi. D. Cady motions to add "Cornell University Transportation and Delivery Services will leave a report by the end of Fall 2023 semester with an update on Bikeshare implementation," passed by unanimous consent
  - xii. R. DeLorenzo motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
  - xiii. R. DeLorenzo motions to approve Resolution 42, passed by unanimous consent
  - xiv. Resolution 42 passes unanimously
- c. Resolution 35 is presented by R. DeLorenzo
- i. R. DeLorenzo provides a summary of the Resolution
  - ii. D. Cady motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
  - iii. D. Cady motions to approve Resolution 35, passed by unanimous consent
  - iv. Resolution 35 passes unanimously
- d. Resolution 36 is presented by R. DeLorenzo
- i. V. Valencia states 20 voting members are needed to vote on this Resolution
  - ii. Roll call occurs and 18 members are present
  - iii. M. Baker asks if non-voting members could be classified as voting members
  - iv. C. Taylor states it would be against the rules and if President Pollack sees it, she could reject it
  - v. D. Cady asks if we could get two members currently not present on the zoom?
  - vi. R. DeLorenzo motions to put Resolution 41 next, then Resolution 36, passed by unanimous consent
  - vii. M. Baker asks which representatives are not here?
  - viii. J. Withers responds that E. D'Angelo, G. Dong, B. Kotb, A. Lewis, K. Liu, L. Lu, J. Mayen, D. Nachman, J.P. Swenson, S. Bhardwaj, and J. Kalinski are not present



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- e. R. DeLorenzo presents Resolution 41
  - i. R. DeLorenzo explains the Resolution and states it would be giving the Nigerian Student's Association \$2,000
  - ii. The VP of Internal Affairs for the Nigerian Student's Association talks about how the event went
  - iii. S. Williams motions to end debate, P. Kuehl dissents to ask if these costs are to cover what has already been spent, passed by unanimous consent
  - iv. Resolution 41 passes unanimously
  
- f. R. DeLorenzo motions to move Resolution 36 after Resolution 40, passed by unanimous consent
  
- g. C. Lederman and M. Song present Resolution 40
  - i. C. Lederman gives background on the Resolution and explains its purpose
  - ii. C. Taylor states if this passes then the two most powerful positions on the SA, the Speaker and the Director of Elections, would be unelected
  - iii. C. Ting asks what the current process is for designating a chair?
  - iv. C. Taylor responds that the governing documents state that the President is the Chair at all meetings they are present
  - v. M. Baker states the EVP and VPI are next to be chair if the President isn't there
  - vi. K. Everett states there could be issues of perceived bias if the President can vote and debate
  - vii. C. Lederman states there is precedent to support this and it has worked well at other schools
  - viii. P. Kuehl states it seems counterintuitive that the President runs on a platform to win students over and then assumes a position of neutrality
  - ix. M. Song states that was her issue with it as well
  - x. A. Richmond asks about the selection process for the speaker?
  - xi. C. Lederman states it would be the same procedure as electing people to the Executive Committee
  - xii. N. Sharma states that an issue with this is that the President could just choose a speaker that supports their issues
  - xiii. A co-sponsor responds that the speaker would be elected like the Director of Elections, not appointed by the President
  - xiv. V. Valencia states it doesn't seem fair to take the power away from the students and give it to the assembly in Executive Session



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- xv. C. Lederman responds that this is the person who is making sure everything it fair and impartial
- xvi. V. Valencia states there are already checks on the President to ensure this
- xvii. C. Taylor asks who would make the decision in the case of a tie on a resolution that is out of order? Would anyone be able to hold the speaker accountable?
- xviii. C. Lederman states if it is 50-50 then that would fail
- xix. P. Kuehl asks if the President currently has tie breaking power?
- xx. C. Taylor responds yes, it would just be the speaker with the power instead
- xxi. C. Lederman clarifies that there is no tie breaking power for the speaker in this
- xxii. A. Lampert motions to extend time to 6:40, C. Ting dissents because it would be more productive to table this
- xxiii. In a vote of 10-4-2, the motion passes

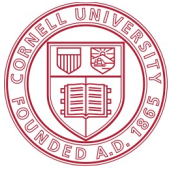
### **XI. New Business**

- a. None

### **XII. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Megan Birmingham  
Clerk of the Assembly



# Resolution 36: Amending the Student Assembly Charter

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

**Sponsored by:** Rocco DeLorenzo '24

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

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

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

**Current Status:** New Business

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

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

Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines

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

1) Department

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

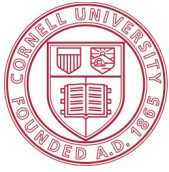
2) Programming

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

3) Primary Funding Boards

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



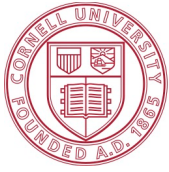


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- 36 i) For primary funding boards that also offer supplemental budgets, these cannot exceed  
37 more than \$5,000 per semester per student organization.
- 38 d) Organizations falling under a primary funding board cannot receive funding from another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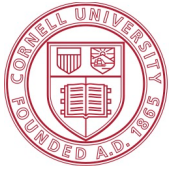
50 These categories are:

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



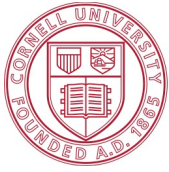
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- 78 i) The Community Partnership Funding Board allocation shall be managed and  
79 overseen by the David M. Einhorn Center for Community Engagement.
- 80 ii) Community Partnership Funding Board seeks to foster student leadership and social  
81 responsibility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



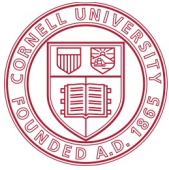
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- 121 k) Student Club Insurance  
122 i) The Club Insurance allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell  
123 University Risk Management Department in conjunction with Campus Activities.  
124 l) Students Helping Students Awards  
125 i)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



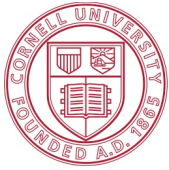
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- 163 (1) CC shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)  
164 and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities  
165 (2) Class Councils will program and promote events related to class pride and  
166 university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



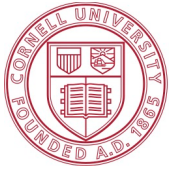
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- 204           iii) Sports Clubs members must sign electronic waivers each academic year via  
205           CampusGroups. This requirement must be completed before the club can access  
206           funds.
- 207           iv) Sports Clubs must send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



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



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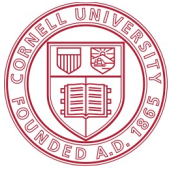
- 290 not limited to, the cross-cultural understanding of international life on campus and in  
291 Ithaca and the cooperation between trans-national groups and individuals on campus.  
292 ii) The responsibilities of the International Students Union are  
293 (1) To promote and fund international activities proposed by any undergraduate or  
294 graduate student group on campus, as well as leading initiatives that improve and  
295 uplift international student life on campus.  
296 (2) To represent, advocate, and liaise with the Cornell University administration for  
297 any issues concerning International students, both undergraduate and graduate, at  
298 a campus wide level.  
299 (3) To organize and plan events to promote and encourage diversity and cross-  
300 cultural dialogue in a trans-national context.  
301 (4) To maintain and prepare the annual budget and administer funds available to the  
302 Union to various organizations on campus.  
303 (5) To maintain liaisons with Faculty Committees, International Students and  
304 Scholars Office, Students Assembly, the University, and local community.  
305 (6) To foster cross-cultural exchange through: the Union's General Body  
306 Membership and meetings, events hosted by the Union, and events sponsored or  
307 co-sponsored by the Union.  
308 iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under  
309 their umbrella.  
310 g) Multicultural Greek Fraternal Council (MGFC)  
311 i) Multicultural Greek Fraternity Council (MGFC) shall receive advising  
312 (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic  
313 collaboration from the Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL).  
314 ii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under  
315 their umbrella.  
316

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

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

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

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



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

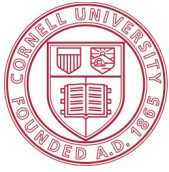
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336   **Be it finally resolved,** the Student Assembly adopts these changes to standardize the reporting  
337   guidelines and funding structure for each byline, further classify bylines based on their  
338   organizations operations, and promote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

339   **Respectfully Submitted,**

340   Rocco DeLorenzo '24

341   *VP Finance*, Student Assembly





# Resolution 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, Patrick Kuehl '24, Pedro Da Silveira '25, Rocco DeLorenzo '24, Claire Ting '25, Isaac Chasen '23, Duncan Cady '23, Morgan Baker '23

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**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

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

**Current Status:** Old 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;

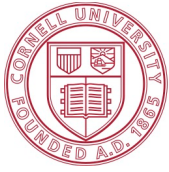
**Whereas** the Assembly is able to more effectively conduct business when knowledge of the governing documents is institutionalized, a consideration that this resolution prioritizes;

**Whereas** peer universities, including the University of Michigan, Duke University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, and Syracuse University have a speaker or similar non-voting, internally elected presiding officer responsible for chairing meeting of their assemblies in order to facilitate debate;

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Clyde Lederman '23, Michelle Song '25, Patrick Kuehl '24, Pedro Da Silveira '25, Rocco DeLorenzo '24,  
Claire Ting '25, Isaac Chasen '23, Duncan Cady '23, Morgan Baker '23



# Res. 40 Appendix A:

## Bylaws

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*As amended on ~~September 9, 2021~~ May 4, 2023*

#### ARTICLE I: EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

##### Section 1: Ex-officio Membership

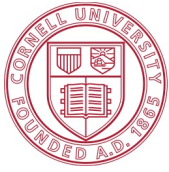
Ex-officio membership grants members of the Cornell community (student, alumni, faculty, staff, administrator, etc.) full-debating privileges but not voting privileges. These positions are granted to community members to either provide a perspective from another governing body or to enhance the overall 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.
- ~~F.~~ G. The SA must grant an ex-officio position to any member elected by the Student Assembly Office of Ethics to serve as the Chairperson.

##### 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.



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- 30 B. The SA will grant one executive member from Residential Student Congress an ex-officio  
31 position as an organizational liaison.
- 32 C. The SA will grant one member from Cornell Undergraduate Veteran Association an ex-officio  
33 position as an organizational liaison. This liaison must represent the interests of the United States  
34 and its allies.
- 35 D. The SA will grant one liaison, an undergraduate with an interest in computing and technology an  
36 ex-officio position as titled IT Governance Liaison.
- 37 E. The SA will grant one member from the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) an ex-  
38 officio position titled “Student Athlete Representative”.

### 39 Section 4: Shared Governance Liaisons

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

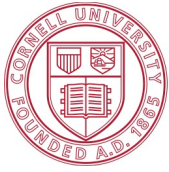
## 44 ARTICLE II: OFFICERS

### 45 Section 1: Officers

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

### 50 Section 2: Election and Appointment of Officers, Time of 51 Election/Appointment

- 52 1. The SA will, as soon as possible after the spring election, hold an organizational and planning  
53 meeting in executive session, ~~except for the election of the Speaker which shall occur in open~~  
54 ~~session.~~ At this meeting, ~~the President shall preside until the Speaker is chosen;~~ the voting members  
55 will elect from among themselves the offices of Vice President of Internal Operations, Vice  
56 President for Finance, a Vice President of External Affairs, a Vice President of Diversity and  
57 Inclusion. At this meeting or a meeting soon after, the voting members will elect from the Cornell  
58 community (student, employee, faculty, alumnus living in Ithaca) the office of Director of Elections.  
59 Self-nomination will be in order in each of the elected offices. Elected officers should be approved  
60 by a majority vote of SA members present at organizational meeting.
- 61 2. Additionally, at this meeting or a meeting soon after the members will affirm the appointments of  
62 ~~Parliamentarian~~Deputy Speaker and Executive Archivist. The ~~offices of Parliamentarian and~~  
63 Executive Archivist will be appointed by the SA President, ~~and Deputy Speaker will be appointed by~~



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64 the Speaker - Each nominee for the ~~respective~~ offices shall be subject to majority approval of the SA  
65 voting members. The newly elected officers will undertake the responsibilities of their position at the  
66 start of their term on the SA. Elections for officers shall be by secret ballots. SA voting members  
67 may have one vote for each position to be filled but may not vote for any one individual twice on any  
68 ballot.

### 69 Section 3: Terms of office

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

### 72 Section 4: Recalling officers

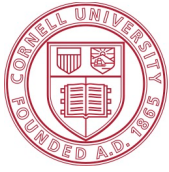
73 Two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the SA may vote to recall any officer of the SA from his or her  
74 office.

## 75 ARTICLE III: OFFICER DUTIES

### 76 Section 1: President

77 The responsibilities of the President are as follows:

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



## 97 Section 2: Executive Vice President

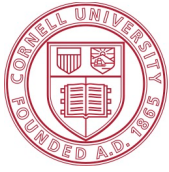
98 The responsibilities of the Executive Vice President are as follows:

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

## 118 Section 3: Vice President of Internal Operations

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

- 120 1. Attend all SA meetings, ~~and act as Chair in the absence of the President and Executive Vice~~
- 121 ~~President.~~
- 122 2. Assume the office of Executive Vice President should a vacancy arise.
- 123 3. Chair the SA when the Assembly is in executive session.
- 124 4. Chair the Executive Cabinet.
- 125 5. Monitor committee membership.
- 126 6. Coordinate and supervise all aspects of the SA cabinet in Willard Straight Hall.
- 127 7. Maintain and monitor SA attendance records and send warning notices to members who are in
- 128 jeopardy of violating the Assembly attendance policy.
- 129 8. Oversee all SA committees by assisting and advising the committee chairs, attending meetings as
- 130 necessary, and ensuring that any vacancies are filled.
- 131 9. Enforce committee attendance and outreach requirements for all voting SA members.
- 132 10. Coordinate and supervise new member orientation with the Executive Vice President and the Vice
- 133 President of Diversity and Inclusion.



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- 134 11. Supervise SA Liaisons.  
135 12. Maintain relations with intercollegiate student organizations of which the SA is a member — e.g. Ivy  
136 Council, SUNY Student Assembly.  
137 13. Plan fall retreat for committee chairs with the Executive Vice President.

### 138 **Section 4: Vice President for Finance**

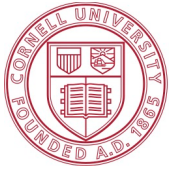
139 The responsibilities of the Vice President for Finance are as follows:

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

### 151 **Section 5: Vice President of External Affairs**

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

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



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

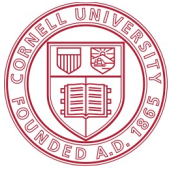
170 The responsibilities of the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion are as follows:

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

### 187 **Section 7: Director of Elections**

188 The responsibilities of the Director of Elections are as follows:

- 189 1. Chair the Elections Committee and report all the activities of said committee to the general SA;
- 190 2. Assume responsibility for all aspects of the Fall and Spring elections and coordinate all efforts with  
191 the Director of the Office of the Assemblies, the VP of External Affairs, and the President;
- 192 3. Serve as SA correspondent for election matters;
- 193 4. Ensure that the Elections Committee is successfully completing the following tasks:
  - 194 a. Making every effort to ensure the greatest number of candidates for each available position,
  - 195 b. Ensuring all candidates are aware of and abiding by elections, campaigning, postering, and other  
196 Assembly and University policies,
  - 197 c. Coordinating and advertising an informal “Meet the Candidates Forum”,
  - 198 d. Coordinating and advertising opportunities for candidates to make public appearances,
  - 199 e. Coordinating and advertising public forums specifically for candidates to discuss any ballot  
200 referenda, if such forums are deemed necessary by the Executive Board,
  - 201 f. Contacting student organizations and informing them of the elections process and encouraging  
202 them to send delegates to elections activities in order to report candidates’ stances on relevant  
203 issues to their organizations,
  - 204 g. Ensuring that candidates have submitted pictures and statements



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- 205 h. Making every effort to achieve the highest possible voter turnout by advertising and assisting the  
206 Office of the Assemblies in the coordination of elections days;
- 207 5. Make sure, in conjunction with the VP of External Operations, that there are a substantial number of  
208 potential ballot referenda to be considered for approval by the SA, and that all approved referenda  
209 are advertised along with all elections activities described in #5 above (especially c. and e.).

### 210 **Section 8: ~~Parliamentarian~~ Speaker and Vice-Speaker**

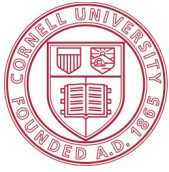
211 ~~The Parliamentarian need not be an SA member. The office of Parliamentarian holds no special voting~~  
212 ~~privileges. The Parliamentarian also may not hold the President or Executive Vice President positions. The~~  
213 ~~responsibilities of the Parliamentarian are as follows:~~

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

#### 226 **1. Duties and Responsibilities**

- 227 a. The Speaker of the Assembly shall serve as the chair of the Student Assembly. The principal  
228 responsibilities of the Speaker shall be to do as follows:
- 229 i. Preside at meetings of the Student Assembly, including during executive sessions,  
230 and the Committee of the Whole;
- 231 ii. Rule on questions concerning parliamentary or procedural matters;  
232 iii. Consult with the sponsors on new actions brought before the Student Assembly  
233 into the categories specified in Article III, Section 2, Item A of the Student  
234 Assembly Charter;
- 235 iv. Propose standing rules and special rules of order for the consideration of the  
236 Student Assembly;
- 237 v. The Speaker shall present a workshop on parliamentary procedure and the  
238 governing documents to members of the Assembly no later than the third meeting  
239 following the commencement of an annual term of the Assembly; and be charged  
240 with ensuring that members are sufficiently acquainted with the aforementioned to  
241 substantively engage with questions that come before the Student Assembly.
- 242 vi. The Speaker or their designee shall display a speakers list during debate, which shall  
243 contain the pending question, members who have previously spoken on the pending





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question, and members designated to speak on the pending question; the speakers list shall be displayed in a manner such that it is visible, to the extent practicable, to all members present; the speakers list or lists generated during each meeting of the Assembly shall be attached as an appendix to the meeting minutes for the relevant meeting.

### **2. Status, Removal, and Accountability**

- a. Any member of the Cornell community (students, alumni, faculty, or staff) may serve as Speaker; however, the Speaker shall not be an elected 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 term of service.
- b. At all times, the Speaker shall be neutral on and impartial to questions before the Assembly.
- c. The Speaker shall hold no special voting privileges.
- d. The responsibilities and duties of the Speaker shall not be abridged during executive sessions of the Student Assembly.
- e. The Speaker and Vice-Speaker shall be accountable to the Office of Ethics and subject to their jurisdiction in the same manner prescribed for elected members of the Assembly.
- f. The Speaker may be removed by a vote of two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the elected membership of the Assembly.
- g. Members of the Assembly, provide there exists a sufficient second, may reverse any action of the Speaker with a motion to *Appeal*; the motion shall be adopted by a simple majority vote (50% +1).

### **3. The Vice-Speaker**

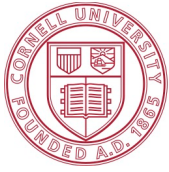
- a. The Speaker shall nominate a Vice-Speaker, who shall act on behalf of the Speaker when the Speaker is absent or when designated by written notice to the Executive Vice-President; the Vice-Speaker shall assume the office of Speaker in case of vacancy until the position may be filled by an election of the Student Assembly.
- b. The Vice-Speaker, to the extent practicable, shall be subject to the provisions of subsection 1 of this section when serving as Speaker.

## **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



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281 office members shall be submitted to the Office of the Assemblies after the recruitment process has  
282 been completed.

283 a. Members of the office are not allowed to be ex-officio officers or voting members of the  
284 SA.

285 b. Each roster will be approved by majority vote by the Student Assembly.

### 286 **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

#### 287 **Section 1: Regular Meetings**

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

#### 290 **Section 2: Executive Session**

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

#### 299 **Section 3: Organizational Meeting**

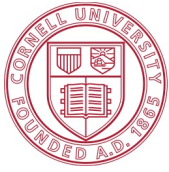
300 The first meeting of the academic year shall be known as the Organizational Meeting and shall be for the  
301 purpose of adopting the schedule for regular meetings and approving the standing rules.

#### 302 **Section 4: Informal meetings**

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

#### 307 **Section 5: Executive Session**

308 With the concurrence of two-thirds of the voting members in attendance, the SA or any of its committees  
309 may go into executive session during a regularly scheduled meeting only to discuss confidential matters as  
310 defined by this Charter. No policy determinations will be made in executive session. The Student Assembly



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### 314 **Section 6: Quorum**

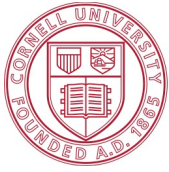
315 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the SA.

### 316 **Section 7: Community Votes**

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

### 338 **Section 8: Regularly Scheduled Meetings for Purposes of the Student Assembly** 339 **Attendance Policy**

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



345 Section 9: Tie Votes

346 ~~B.A.~~ When the Assembly is equally divided on a question, the question shall be lost.

347 **ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

348 **Section 1: Composition**

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

352 **Section 2: Duties**

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

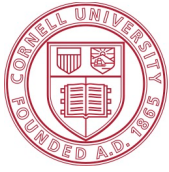
356 **Section 3: Meetings**

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

360 **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

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

- 362 A. Committees will be established with the adoption of a committee charge to be included in these  
363 bylaws. A committee's charge must be adopted and placed in these Bylaws before its bylaws are to be  
364 considered. Committee bylaws shall be adopted with a majority vote.
- 365 B. Any member of any SA committee or commission (except for the Appropriations committee,  
366 Executive Committee, and Elections committee) who will be an undergraduate for the entirety of the  
367 following SA term and who requests to maintain their membership during the transition from one  
368 SA term to the next may do so at the discretion of the committee's outgoing chair. The chair of the  
369 committee or commission will transmit the names of any returning members or commissioners to  
370 both the outgoing and newly elected Vice Presidents of Internal Operations by the last day of classes  
371 in May. The Vice President of Internal Operations will ensure that all returning committee or  
372 commission members are staffed and included on the appropriate listserv once the new SA term  
373 begins on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will inform each chair of any returning members or commissioners.

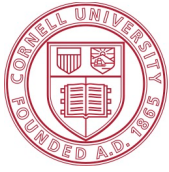


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- 374 C. For the purposes of communication and collaboration, the President and all Vice Presidents of the  
375 Student Assembly will serve as ex-officio non-voting members of all Student Assembly committees  
376 and commissions on which they do not serve as voting members. This policy does not apply to the  
377 Appropriations Committee, Infrastructure Fund Commission, and Elections Committee.

### 378 **Section 2: Review Committees**

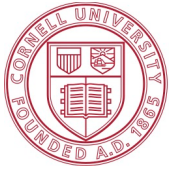
- 379 D. Review Committees shall review all policies, programs, and actions and shall aid in the  
380 budget/program planning process of sectors of the University that create policy directly affecting  
381 student life.
- 382 E. The Vice President for Student and Campus Life shall appoint a staff member to work with the  
383 chairperson of certain review committee to assure proper functioning of the committee.
- 384 F. Undergraduate members of the review committees will be designated by the appropriate constituency  
385 bodies and by application. All non-Student Assembly members will be subject to the approval of the  
386 SA.
- 387 G. Review committees will discuss program assessment/planning documents with the SA during the fall  
388 semester as part of the committee's responsibility for the areas under their jurisdiction.
- 389 H. Review committees will be convened in the beginning of the fall semester by the VP Internal  
390 Operations.
- 391 I. Furthermore, the Student Assembly review committees reserve, can, and should exercise at their  
392 discretion legislative authority over residential life policies of the University (i.e. the Department of  
393 Campus Life and the Office of the Dean of Students). When exercising this authority, review  
394 committees are recommended to consult the Residential Student Congress of Cornell.
- 395 J. **Committee on Dining Services** – The Committee on Dining Services will work to represent  
396 student interests in the Cornell food system. The committee will consist of at least one faculty  
397 member, two Dining student workers and/or Dining Student Sustainability Coordinators, two voting  
398 SA members, one graduate/professional student, and at least ten additional students. The VP of  
399 Internal Operations for the Student Assembly will recommend additional students to both the  
400 committee Chair and the Executive Cabinet for their approval. Additionally, the Director of Dining  
401 (or a designee) and the Budget Director of Dining shall serve ex-officio. The Chair, who does not  
402 have to be a SA member, will work with the Director to select relevant administrators and staff to be  
403 present at meetings. Members will collectively review the policies and initiatives of Dining Services,  
404 and make recommendations to Student Assembly and Dining Services leadership for improving  
405 existing policies or integrating new ideas.
- 406 K. **Student Health Advisory Committee:** The committee will work in conjunction with Cornell  
407 Health to examine healthcare policies improve student health, wellness, and safety, and act as a form  
408 of open communication between student voices and Cornell Health administration. The committee  
409 will consist of a Steering Committee, which is made up of a SA & GPSA co-chair, committee  
410 chairs(s) from each respective sub-committee, a SHBAC liaison, an SDS liaison, and designated  
411 Cornell Health administration. The recognized subcommittees of the student Health Advisory  
412 Committee are: Patient Care, Sexual Health and Gender Services, Health and Wellness, Student



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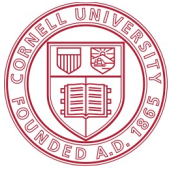
- 413 Health Benefits, and the Mental Health Standing Committee. The SA co-chair will be held by a  
414 member of the SA and the committee will be under the supervision of the SA & GPSA co-chairs.
- 415 L. **Environmental Policy and Planning Commission** – The commission will research issues  
416 affecting the campus and its surrounding area, as well as provide recommendations for reducing  
417 Cornell’s environmental impact. The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will be  
418 charged with creating new legislation and enforcing past environmental legislation. This commission  
419 is also charged with providing environmental education and outreach in order to better inform  
420 students and the campus community about the campus’s environmental impact and sustainability  
421 issues. The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will work closely with students,  
422 administrators, student environmental organizations, the Cornell Sustainability Office, the Campus  
423 Planning Committee, the Campus Infrastructure Committee, and the City and Town of Ithaca  
424 Sustainability to better recognize and address the environmental concerns of the campus and its  
425 community as well as to encourage collaboration in working toward the creation of a more  
426 sustainable environment. The chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell  
427 undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the supervision of the Executive  
428 Vice President.
- 429 M. **City and Local Affairs Committee** – This committee will advocate on behalf of students’ interest  
430 at the city and county government levels. In addition to its advocacy work, the committee will  
431 organize events that foster a sense of engagement in the Ithaca community for Cornell students. The  
432 chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell undergraduate student population and the  
433 committee will be under the supervision of the Vice President of External Operations.
- 434 N. **Academic Policy Committee** – The committee will advise the Student Assembly on all academic  
435 matters at Cornell. Committee members will research, review, recommend, and develop projects to  
436 improve academic life for the student body. This committee will work closely with the Dean of  
437 Students and the Faculty Senate to ensure that students’ concerns related to academic policy are  
438 voiced effectively to university officials. The chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell  
439 undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the supervision of Executive Vice  
440 President.
- 441 O. **Financial Aid Review Committee** – The committee will examine the financial aid policies of  
442 Cornell University. It shall also be responsible for the administration of the Student Helping Students  
443 grant. The committee shall consist of a chair, up to two SA members, between five and ten  
444 undergraduate students, at least four-fifths of whom receive some form of institutionalized financial  
445 aid. The Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment, the Directors of Financial Aid, the Associate  
446 Director of Financial Aid for Customer Service and Community Relations, a counselor from the  
447 Office of Financial Aid, two faculty members, and the Vice President for Student and Academic  
448 Services shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members. This committee will be under the supervision  
449 of the Vice President for Finance.

### 450 Section 3: Operational Committees



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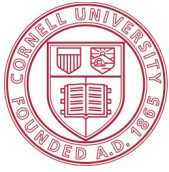
- 451 A. Operational Committees shall maintain the proper functioning of the internal organization of the SA,  
452 and shall therefore facilitate the full expression of the SA's responsibilities to the Cornell student  
453 body.
- 454 B. Operational committees shall be convened in the beginning of the fall semester, or when the  
455 committee's function prescribes, by the Committee on Committee Structure (or its successor body)  
456 in coordination with interested SA voting members.
- 457 C. **Appropriations Committee** – The Appropriations Committee of the SA is the financial branch of  
458 the SA. It reviews all requests for SA funding as well as the policies and guidelines regarding the  
459 Student Activity Fee and those organizations, which receive funding from it. The Committee shall  
460 consist of 8 voting members of the SA, to be selected by the Assembly at large during their  
461 organizational meetings; the VP Finance, who shall serve as Chair; and 7 undergraduates at-large to  
462 be selected by the Executive Cabinet. The Director of the Office of the Assemblies or their designee  
463 shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. No SAFC Commissioners shall serve as voting  
464 members of the Committee. Quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of all voting members. A  
465 designee of the chair shall take minutes at all meetings.
- 466 D. **Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission** – The SAIF Commission (SAIFC) of the  
467 SA is responsible for evaluating applications for funding through the SAIF. The rules governing the  
468 operation of the SAIFC are contained in Appendix C of the SA Charter. The Commission shall  
469 consist of at least 12 and no more than 17 commissioners. The commissioners must include five  
470 voting members of the SA, consisting of a Chair, who will be the Vice President of Infrastructure of  
471 the SA, three Assembly members elected during the Assembly's Spring organizational meetings, and  
472 one New Student voting member of the SA, internally elected by the Assembly following the Fall  
473 election. The remaining commissioners will consist of at least seven and no more than twelve  
474 undergraduate students who are either returning commissioners or are selected from a pool of  
475 applicants and approved by the Executive Cabinet, with the exact number of commissioners to be set  
476 at the discretion of the Chair of the Commission and the Staffing Committee of the SA. No SAFC  
477 Commissioners shall serve as voting members of the SAIFC (with the exception of the Vice  
478 President for Finance). No more than 2 of the voting Student Assembly members on the SAIFC may  
479 also be voting members of the Appropriations Committee and no more than 4 of the total voting  
480 members on the committee may be voting members of the Appropriations Committee. Quorum  
481 shall be defined as a simple majority of all staffed voting members. Upon request, a written summary  
482 of the meeting will be provided by the chair. The Vice President for Finance and Vice President of  
483 External Affairs shall serve ex-officio as non-voting members of the Commission. The Director of  
484 the Office of the Assemblies or their designee shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.
- 485 E. **Communications and Outreach Committee** – The Communications and Outreach Committee  
486 helps to bridge the disconnect between campus and the Student Assembly. The Assembly strives to  
487 foster collaborative student activities, as well as inform the student body about the Student Assembly  
488 initiatives, meetings, and resolutions. The committee will ensure a direct and ever present link  
489 between students active in campus government, the administration, and students at-large and will  
490 relay student interest to the SA. The committee will assist in furthering the outreach efforts of the  
491 assembly by aiding in the coordination of SA-sponsored events including, but not limited to



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- 492 conducting polls, referenda, community outreach forums, designated constituency events, and  
493 hearings. The committee will also assist in coordinating efforts and devising strategies to involve  
494 more non-voting members in the decisions and events of the SA. The Assembly plans recreational  
495 events for students. The SA Vice President of External Affairs will serve as Chair of the Committee.
- 496 F. **Elections Committee** – The committee will coordinate and implement regularly scheduled and  
497 special elections of the SA and directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA. The SA  
498 Director of Elections shall serve as chair with a vote only in the event of a tie. The committee  
499 consists of ten voting members, of whom less than half may also be members of the SA. At one of  
500 the first two SA meetings of each academic year, the Executive Cabinet will present a slate of  
501 proposed members to the SA for confirmation, which the SA must approve or disapprove in its  
502 entirety. The Executive Cabinet may fill any subsequent vacancies without confirmation by the SA.  
503 No person may be a candidate in an election supervised by the committee in the same academic year  
504 when the person served as a voting member of the committee. All committee meetings will be  
505 closed. Only voting members will be permitted to attend the meetings unless specifically invited by  
506 the Director of Elections. This committee will be chaired by the Director of Elections of the Student  
507 Assembly.
- 508 G. **Executive Cabinet** – The committee shall staff any vacant committee positions the Student  
509 Assembly (SA) is empowered to staff during meetings in early fall. The committee shall re-evaluate  
510 the committee application outreach plan at the end of every spring term. The committee shall also  
511 evaluate SA committees' end of the year report and determine if the SA committee and/or their  
512 composition need to be changed. The committee shall be charged with creating and enforcing an  
513 attendance policy for all committees. The membership of this committee shall include the SA's  
514 President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Finance, Vice President of External Affairs,  
515 Vice President of Internal Operations, Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, and all SA  
516 committee chairs. Ex-officio membership shall be granted to the Director of the Office of  
517 Assemblies. The VP Internal of Operations shall serve as chair. The VP of Internal Operations shall  
518 be responsible for consulting with chairpersons of committees and recommending candidates for  
519 vacant committee positions to the Executive Cabinet. The Executive Cabinet shall assume the duties  
520 and responsibilities of the Student Assembly Staffing Committee, as referred to in other documents.
- 521 ~~H.~~ **Research & Accountability Committee** – The committee will pursue any necessary accountability  
522 and research concerns of SA members and directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA.  
523 Research and accountability concerns consist of, but are not limited to: general body attendance,  
524 resolution voting, liaison role accountability, committee attendance, committee conduct, and general  
525 representative accountability. The committee will also evaluate all requests submitted by community  
526 members that are against any SA member, SA committees, or directly elected undergraduate  
527 representatives to the UA. The Chair position can be held by any non-Student Assembly member of  
528 the Cornell undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the supervision of  
529 Executive Vice President. The committee shall consist of ten voting members, two of which are  
530 current SA members and/or directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA and eight  
531 undergraduate community members. The chair shall only vote in the event of a tie. The composition  
532 of the committee can change for specific meeting types in which members of the SA Executive



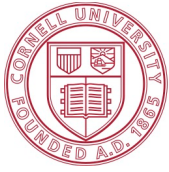


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533 Committee or other student representatives can be given an ex-officio status – this is to be voted on  
534 by the RE committee as a whole and only when initially decided on by the Chair. The committee has  
535 the obligation, if decided upon, to conference any SA member, directly elected undergraduate  
536 representative to the UA, SA affiliated committees, or Committee Chair if they have received a notice  
537 from any member of the Cornell Community. The committee is restricted from passing resolutions  
538 due to the necessary impartial nature of the committee. However, after a full inquiry or fact finding  
539 action – a written report may be presented to the SA, which will include a brief summary of the  
540 situation being investigated and any necessary actions the committee recommends. The requester’s  
541 name and others who are not SA members or directly elected undergraduate representatives to the  
542 UA shall be redacted from the report if permission from any of the individual(s) is not given.  
543 Adoption of the (possible) recommendation(s) requires a three quarters majority vote of SA voting  
544 members. Rejection of the (possible) recommendation(s) require three quarters of SA voting  
545 members. If recommendation or report are not approved or rejected, it will be tabled indefinitely.  
546 The committee chair shall present reports to the SA at both the requestor(s), RA Committee’s, and  
547 Chair’s discretion

### 548 **Section 4: Diversity**

- 549 A. **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** – The committee shall serve as the body through which the  
550 SA, the diversity councils of the undergraduate schools and colleges, the Office of Academic  
551 Diversity Initiatives (OADI), and the Center for Intercultural Dialogue coordinate their efforts to  
552 promote awareness and understanding of the increasing importance of diversity and create an  
553 environment that brings together diverse perspectives and fosters diversity of thought. The charge of  
554 the Diversity and Inclusion committee will be to:
- 555 a. To be a meeting grounds for interested students to meet members of the administration to  
556 brainstorm, formulate and lead implementable policies in the field of diversity and inclusion.
  - 557 b. To review the efforts of the Diversity Committee and diversity councils of the colleges.
  - 558 c. To provide a brief report of its progress to be presented by the Vice President of Diversity  
559 & Inclusion to the SA General Body by the final meeting in the fall semester, as well as a full  
560 report to include (but not limited to) the goals of the academic year, the strategies devised  
561 for achievement of these goals, the progress of UDC initiatives, college- specific initiatives,  
562 obstacles, and potential goals for the next academic year to be presented in the same manner  
563 at the final meeting of the spring semester.
  - 564 d. Composition
    - 565 i. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee will aim to be a collective voice of the  
566 diversity of backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities, gender identities, races, religions, and  
567 sexual orientations represented at Cornell.
    - 568 ii. Non-SA student representation: student members of the committee may be  
569 recruited from institutions and organizations such as the diversity councils of the  
570 colleges, Women’s Resource Center, Center for Intercultural Dialogue, ALANA,  
571 Haven Executive board, Cornell Outdoor Education, International Student Union



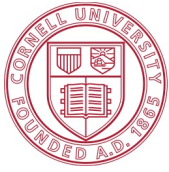
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- 572 and any member of the Cornell student body who is interested in diversity  
573 initiatives.
- 574 iii. Student Assembly representation: SA LGBTIA+ Liaison at-large, Women's  
575 representative, International representative, both Minority Liaisons, First  
576 Generation Students Representative, Students with Disabilities Representative, and  
577 the Vice President of External Affairs are required to be members of the committee.
- 578 e. Structure
- 579 i. The Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion of the Student Assembly will chair  
580 the Diversity and Inclusion committee.

### 581 **Section 5: EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

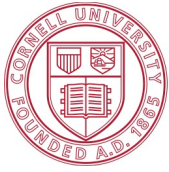
#### 582 **A. Student Assembly Office of Ethics**

- 583 a. Name
- 584 i. The name of the office shall be the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.
- 585 b. Mission:
- 586 i. The mission of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be to pursue any  
587 necessary ethics concerns of SA members and directly elected undergraduate  
588 representatives to the UA.
- 589 ii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will investigate perceived ethical violations  
590 and draft reports to the SA for guidance and potential repercussions.
- 591 iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be available for consulting and support  
592 on SA ethical issues for both SA members and the student body.
- 593 c. Affiliation
- 594 i. The Office will review all concerns submitted by the student body that involve any  
595 SA members, SA committees, SA elections, or directly elected undergraduate  
596 representatives of the UA.
- 597 ii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be affiliated as an external executive  
598 office of the Cornell Student Assembly.
- 599 iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall work jointly with the Elections  
600 Committee to review any potential election violations or concerns.
- 601 d. Roles and Responsibilities
- 602 i. A quorum shall consist of five members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.
- 603 ii. Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics:
- 604 1. The Chairperson will chair all Student Assembly Office of Ethics  
605 meetings.
- 606 2. The Chairperson shall only vote in the event of a tie.
- 607 3. The Chairperson shall have a term limit of one academic year.
- 608 4. The Chairperson shall correspond directly with the Student Assembly on  
609 matters of ethics and ethical decorum in its meetings and all proceedings.
- 610 a. In the event of absence, the Chairperson may select any member of  
611 the Student Assembly Office of Ethics to temporarily fulfill their  
612 obligations as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee  
613 of the SA.
- 614 5. Review all alleged ethical violations submitted to the Office via:
- 615 a. Qualtrics,
- 616 b. Email,



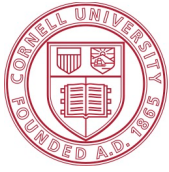
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- 617 c. Personal contact with a committee member of the Student  
618 Assembly Office of Ethics.  
619 d. Open investigations on perceived ethical violations  
620 iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics can open its own investigation on an ethical  
621 matter by a simple majority vote.  
622 iv. Voting Members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics:  
623 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall consist of seven voting  
624 members.  
625 2. All voting members shall serve for the duration of one academic year unless  
626 their term is renewed by the Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of  
627 Ethics  
628 3. Student Assembly Office of Ethics members, if found in violation of the  
629 Code of Ethics or any other reasonable basis as determined by the Office,  
630 can be removed before their term expires by a unanimous vote of the  
631 voting membership of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.  
632 4. The subject of the removal vote must abstain from voting.  
633 5. All voting members shall be non-Student Assembly and non-  
634 University Assembly members of the Cornell undergraduate student  
635 population.  
636 6. Voting members may not seek SA office through their term of service in  
637 the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.  
638 vi. Update the Student Assembly of its proceedings and its mission on a semesterly  
639 basis at a hearing conducted during one of the first three general assembly meetings  
640 of the academic year. This will be formally referred to as the “Student Assembly  
641 Office of Ethics’ semesterly report.”  
642 vii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be commissioned with interpreting and  
643 applying the guidelines set forth in the SA Code of Ethics.  
644 viii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics, alone, will be tasked with the ability to  
645 revise the Code of Ethics.  
646 ix. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will report revisions of the Code of Ethics  
647 to the Student Assembly at the subsequent meeting.  
648 x. Recruitment of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics Members  
649 i. Any vacancies in the 7 seats of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be  
650 appointed individually by any SA member and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote  
651 of the entire voting membership of the Student Assembly.  
652 i. Except for nominations following a failed community vote, all nominations  
653 for the Student Assembly Office of Ethics must be unanimously approved  
654 by the membership of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics prior to the  
655 SA nomination hearing.  
656 ii. A week-long period in between nominations and appointments shall be  
657 dedicated to giving SA voting members the opportunity to speak one-on-  
658 one with each nominee.  
659 ii. At the beginning of each academic year, the voting membership of the Student  
660 Assembly Office of Ethics must select the Chairperson of the Student Assembly  
661 Office of Ethics internally by a simple majority vote of the entire voting



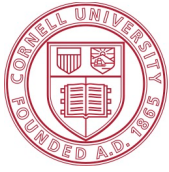
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- 662 membership of the Office. The Chairperson-elect shall be confirmed by a 2/3rds  
663 majority vote of the Student Assembly voting membership.
- 664 iii. The Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall decide upon the  
665 retention of the voting membership of the incoming Office before the conclusion  
666 of each academic year.
- 667 iv. Vote of No Confidence
- 668 i. The Student Assembly will assess the work of the Student Assembly Office  
669 of Ethics during the previous academic year and must conduct a vote of no  
670 confidence on an annual basis during or following any of the first three  
671 general assembly meetings of each semester.
- 672 ii. Following the Student Assembly Office of Ethics' semesterly report, as  
673 defined in Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, Clause D, Paragraph VI, the  
674 SA may commence a Vote of No Confidence by 2/3 majority vote on the  
675 grounds that the Office has failed to uphold and execute its mission, as  
676 defined in Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, Clause B.
- 677 iii. The Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics and all present  
678 members of the Office may directly address the concerns brought against  
679 the Office prior to the vote of the SA to commence a Vote of No  
680 Confidence.
- 681 iv. If the motion to commence a Vote of No Confidence fails, the Student  
682 Assembly Office of Ethics will continue to operate.
- 683 v. In the event of a sustained Vote of No Confidence, a community vote of  
684 the undergraduate population shall be taken in order to remove all Office of  
685 Ethics members by simple majority.
- 686 vi. In the event of a failed community vote, all Student Assembly Office of  
687 Ethics members shall continue to serve.
- 688 v. Student Assembly Office of Ethics Bylaws
- 689 i. All bylaw proposals to Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, must be  
690 approved by the Student Assembly Office of Ethics by a two-thirds (2/3)  
691 majority before coming to the SA.
- 692 **A. Office of the Student Advocate**
- 693 a. Roles and Responsibilities
- 694 i. Student Advocate – the responsibilities of the Student Advocate are as follows:
- 695 1. Attend and chair all office meetings
- 696 2. Correspond with Student Assembly to affect office priorities
- 697 3. Create training programs for caseworkers and staff
- 698 4. Monitor the collection of data in the office
- 699 5. Develop relationships with University offices and coordinate informational  
700 material
- 701 ii. Chief of Staff – the responsibilities of the Chief of Staff are as follows:
- 702 1. Supervise office staff and ensure cohesion



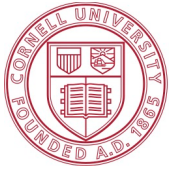
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2. Ensure that all cases are met with an appropriate and timely response
  3. Create training programs for caseworkers and staff
  4. Develop relationships with University offices and coordinate informational materials
  5. Write and present an office 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:
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.



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- 743                           iii. Affiliation – The Office of Student Government Relations shall be affiliated as an  
744                           external executive office of the Cornell Student Assembly.
- 745           b. Roles and Responsibilities
- 746                   i. Director of the Office of Student Government Relations – the responsibilities of  
747                   the Director of the Office of Student Government Relations are as follows:
- 748                           1. Chair all Office meetings and attend all SA executive board meetings  
749                           2. Correspond with the Student Assembly to affect office priorities  
750                           3. Create training programs for directors and other office members  
751                           4. Appoint additional members of the office as appropriate  
752                           5. Oversee the budget of the office
- 753                   ii. Director of Local Relations – the responsibilities of the Director of Local Relations  
754                   are as follows:
- 755                           1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests  
756                           2. Maintain and foster communications with appropriate institutions, entities,  
757                           and individuals
- 758                   iii. Director of State Relations – the responsibilities of the Director of State Relations  
759                   are as follows:
- 760                           1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests  
761                           2. Maintain and foster communications with appropriate institutions, entities,  
762                           and individuals
- 763                   iv. Director of Federal Relations – the responsibilities of the Director of Federal  
764                   Relations are as follows:
- 765                           1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests  
766                           2. Maintain and foster communications with appropriate institutions, entities,  
767                           and individuals
- 768                   v. Voting Members of OSGR – the responsibilities of Voting Members of OSGR are  
769                   as follows:
- 770                           1. Understand and act upon student needs and requests  
771                           2. Collaborate and support the Directors of Local, State, and Federal Relations  
772                           as needed
- 773           c. Recruitment of Office of Student Government Relations members
- 774                   i. The outgoing Office of Student Government Relations shall nominate a new  
775                   Director of the office as well as new Directors of Local, State, and Federal Relations  
776                   to be discussed and approved by the Student Assembly before the end of each  
777                   calendar year. Nominations for the Director of State Relations are encouraged to  
778                   have lived in New York State prior to becoming a student at Cornell. The first  
779                   Director of the Office shall be appointed by the SA President and confirmed by the  
780                   Student Assembly and shall staff the remainder of the office to be confirmed again  
781                   by the Student Assembly.
- 782           d. Funding



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- 783 i. Funding for the OSGR shall be appropriated during byline funding years from the  
784 Student Assembly. OSGR funds shall be used for trips to local offices, Albany and  
785 Washington, DC. Additionally, funds will be used for the upkeep and maintenance  
786 of administrative expenses and the implementation of lobbying and advocacy  
787 events. The Director of the office shall control the budget of OSGR. In preparation  
788 for byline funding years, the Director shall work with the Student Assembly's Vice  
789 President of Finance to provide updates and calibrate the appropriations asks of the  
790 Student Assembly.

## 791 **ARTICLE VII: COMMUNITY RIGHTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

### 792 **Section 1: Community Rights**

793 The SA and its committees shall respect and protect the rights of individual members of the Cornell  
794 community. All members of the community, who do not otherwise have an appointed or elected position on  
795 the student assembly, have the right to add a resolution to the Student Assembly Agenda as a sponsor  
796 (without the requirement of having a member of the assembly being a sponsor) after gaining the approval of  
797 a Student Assembly committee through a majority vote or after procuring the written signature of at least a  
798 majority of seated SA members and presenting it to the SA President or their designee for verification at least  
799 48 hours before the meeting at which the resolution is to be introduced. Resolutions that appear on the  
800 agenda using either of these methods may not have more than 3 sponsors who are not Student Assembly  
801 members of Student Assembly committee chairs.

### 802 **Section 2: Confidentiality**

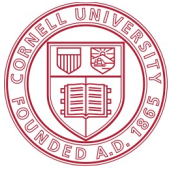
803 When a subject under discussion or examination requires the use of personal confidential information, all  
804 reasonable efforts shall be made to safeguard the confidentiality of this information. Confidential information  
805 is meant to include any and all information that, if publicly exposed,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

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

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

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

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



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

### 818 **ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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

### 822 **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS**

823 These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the assembly by a two-thirds vote of the members  
824 present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.  
825 Amendments may be presented to the assembly by voting members and by community petition with at least  
826 100 Cornell undergraduate student signatures.

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## APPENDIX B: Presiding Officers at American Colleges and Universities

### University of Michigan

*Constitution of the University of Michigan Ann Arbor Campus Student Body, Article II, Section 2*

**Summary:** Internally elected Speaker and Vice-Speaker who chair meetings of the Assembly; both positions are non voting members and may be removed by a two-thirds vote.

The Assembly has the power to choose from among its membership its own Speaker and Vice Speaker. The Speaker chairs general sessions of the Assembly. Assembly officers are responsible for accepting eligible items for the Assembly's agenda and docket. The Central Student Government Vice President serves as chair of the University Council. The Assembly and University Council may elect from among their respective membership other officers as they deem necessary; such officers, except for the Vice President as Chair of the University Council, are removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the respective body. The Speaker of the Assembly has the power to recommend for removal from the Assembly any member who accrues excessive absences as defined by the Assembly's Operating Procedures. This removal requires approval of a majority of the Assembly. A representative who leaves their constituency is considered to have vacated their seat upon their departure. The voters of a seat's constituency fill any vacant seats representing them at each regular November and March election."

### Duke University

*Constitution of the Duke Student Government, Article III, Section 5*

**Summary:** An internally-elected officer serves on behalf of the President (hence the *pro tempore* title) to chair meetings; their voting powers are limited to tie breaking and voting when not presiding.

#### SECTION 5: The President Pro Tempore

1. DUTIES AND POWERS.— The President Pro Tempore shall:
  - a. convene and chair meetings of the Senate;
  - b. set the agenda for meetings of the Senate;
  - c. select members of the Senate Staff, subject to the majority approval of the Senate;
  - d. convene and preside over the Senate Staff;
  - e. appoint any number of legislative assistants, subject to the majority approval of the Senate;
  - f. exercise the right to vote if, and only if, the vote otherwise results in a tie OR by relinquishing chair to another member of the Senate; and
  - g. perform additional duties as prescribed by Senate By-Laws
2. ELECTION PROCEDURE.— The election of the President Pro Tempore for a legislative session shall:
  - a. occur during the session prior, after the election of the President and Executive Vice President and before the election of the Standing Committee Vice Presidents and Senators;
  - b. be decided by an internal vote of voting members of the Senate, who shall elect a President Pro Tempore from among any of the voting members of the Senate with the exception of President-Elect, Executive Vice-President Elect, and Cabinet Members;

- c. No voting member of the Senate may be denied eligibility to be elected to the position of President Pro Tempore with the exception of President-Elect, Executive Vice-President Elect, and Cabinet Members

### **Johns Hopkins University**

*Constitution of the Student Government Association at Johns Hopkins University, Article IV, Section 2*

**Summary:** Internally elected presiding officer and deputy

The President and Vice President of the Senate shall be elected from amongst its members at the first Senate meeting following inauguration.

1. The President of the Senate shall preside over the meeting except in their absence or recusal, in which case the Vice President of the Senate shall chair the meeting. The chair of the meeting is hereafter referred to as the Presiding Officer.
2. The Vice President of the Senate shall be charged with facilitating communication between SGA positions and with fostering community amongst the membership.
3. In both cases, the election for President and Vice President of the Senate shall be facilitated by the Student Body President or, in their absence, the next position in the line of succession outlined in Article VIII Section Six.
4. At any time, a senator can motion for the re-election of the President or Vice President of the Senate. In such cases, the President of the Senate shall be granted five minutes to give their position on the matter. Thereafter, a vote to enable re-election shall be had amongst the Senate, facilitated by a JHU staff member. If the majority consent of the Senate for a re-election is reached, such an election shall take place through the same procedure as outlined in Section Two Part 3.
5. The Presiding Officer shall have a vote in matters of the Senate only when a tie exists.
6. After their election, the President of the Senate shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio
7. member of the President's Cabinet, and shall have the following roles and responsibilities:
  - a. Shall preside over the Senate and set its agenda.
  - b. Shall review legislation prior to adding it to the agenda.
  - c. Shall refer legislation to the appropriate committee.

### **University of Chicago**

*Undergraduate Student Government Constitution, Article IV, Section 3*

**Summary:** Internally elected non-voting chair and vice-chair who preside over meetings and help coordinate administrative functions.

The College Council shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair by and among its membership in the Spring Quarter before the beginning of the term. The Chair shall relinquish their position as a College Council Representative upon ascension. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall oversee the legislative processes of the Undergraduate Student Government:

- A. Convening and presiding over the meetings of the College Council;
- B. Establishing the agenda of College Council meetings;

- C. Ensuring that all acts of legislation are reviewed by the relevant Committees;
- D. and Representing the College Council alongside the President.

## **Syracuse University**

### *Constitution of the Syracuse Student Assembly, Article IV*

**Summary:** Internally elected non-voting Speaker and Vice-Speaker who preside over meetings and help coordinate administrative functions.

#### 6.1.4.1 The Speaker shall:

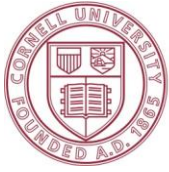
6.1.4.1.1. Have all the rights of the floor.

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.



# 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>

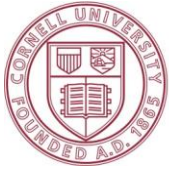
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<sup>2</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/2681730/>

<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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26 **Whereas**, on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000, the city of Ithaca held a vote on two propositions pertaining to  
27 water fluoridation. The first ballot which would amend the city charter to give the Common  
28 Council the power to fluoridate the water supply, was opposed by 52%. The second, which was a  
29 vote on the actual fluoridation of water, was opposed by 54%. This was the first and last time  
30 that a water fluoridation referendum was balloted.<sup>5</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

41 **Whereas**, the average cost per year for U.S. communities to fluoridate the water ranges from  
42 \$.50 per person for large communities to \$3.00 per person for small communities.<sup>9</sup>

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

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

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

48 **Whereas**, for most municipalities, every \$1 invested in water fluoridation saves \$38 in dental  
49 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>

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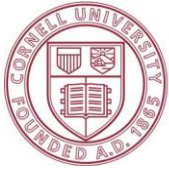
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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/basics/cost.htm>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

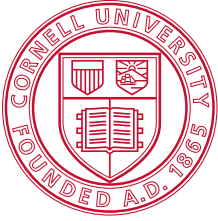
63 **Be it further resolved**, that Cornell University urges Ithaca Common Council to reconsider their  
64 stance on water fluoridation.

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

67 **Respectfully Submitted,**

68 Constance Newell'24

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



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### 1                   **Resolution 44: Approving Special Projects** 2                   **Funding Request for Scholars Working Ambitiously to** 3                   **Graduate**

4    *Abstract:* This resolution approves \$1,000.00 of Special Projects Funding to Scholars Working  
5    Ambitiously to Graduate (SWAG) to assist in funding of Thee BlacBook.

6    *Sponsored by:* George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

7    *Reviewed by:* Executive Committee, 05/01/23, 6-0-0

8    *Type of Action:* Recommendation

9    *Originally Presented:* 05/04/2022

10   *Current Status:* New Business  
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12   **Whereas**, the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 8: Spending Guidelines, Part B:  
13   Special Projects Funding outlines the purpose of Special Projects Funding and the process of  
14   approving funding requests.

15   **Whereas**, lines 281-283 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules explains the purpose of Special  
16   Projects Funding as follows:

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

21   **Whereas**, lines 304-307 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules describes the approval process  
22   of Special Projects Funding as follows:

23           Rule 8: The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$400  
24           and under \$1500 by a majority vote. The SA, at large, may reverse an Executive  
25           Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should  
26           be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

27 **Whereas**, Thee BlacBook is a yearbook that highlights different aspects of Cornell's Black  
28 community. This magazine is a product of the collaboration between many organizations under  
29 the BSU Umbrella.

30 **Whereas**, SWAG plans to post on social media and in GroupMe's for people to sign up to get a  
31 yearbooks.

32 **Whereas**, SWAG is using our Alana funding, and looking into getting other organizations to  
33 help fund the excess cost.

34 **Whereas**, the expected student impact of this project is 100 students.

35 **Whereas**, SWAG is seeking \$1,000.00 in special project funding to cover the cost of  
36 publication.

37 **Whereas**, Thee BlacBook is accessible and inclusive because the yearbook is meant to highlight  
38 communities, events, and organizations not in the Cornell yearbook.

39 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly approves the \$1,000.00 Special Projects  
40 Funding disbursement to Scholars Working Ambitiously to Graduate.

41 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover  
42 the cost of Thee BlacBook publication.

43 Respectfully Submitted,

44 George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

45 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*



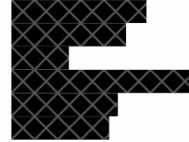
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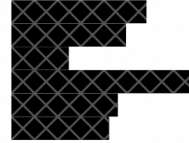


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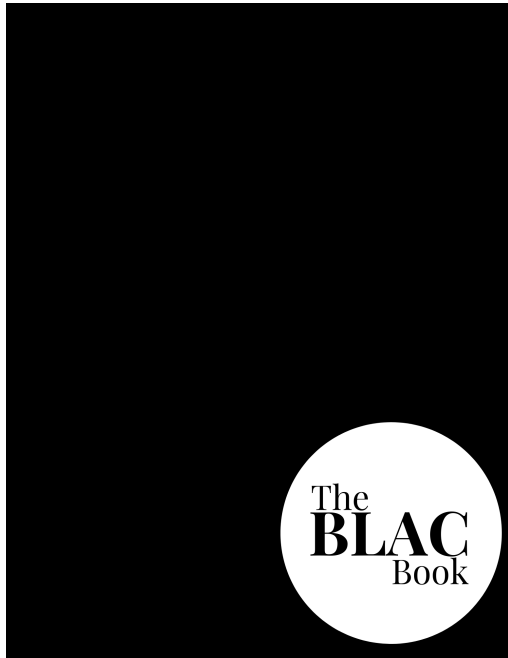
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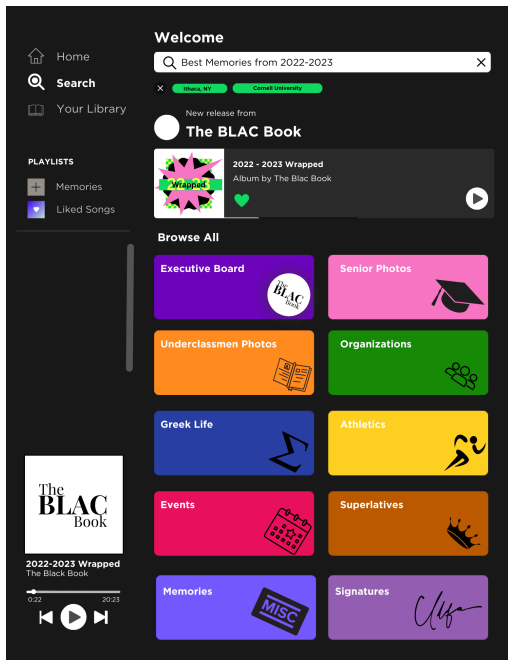
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### BLACK CONVOCATION 2022-2023

Beginning a new tradition, this past fall Cornell's Black Students United held a Black Convocation for members of the class of 2026. I. The event started with a beautiful rendition by the Baraka Kwa Wimbo gospel a cappella ensemble. There were addresses made by BSU E-board members Tofunmi Olabode '24, Mar'Quon Frederick '24, and Obioha Chijioke '24. They offered advice, encouragement, and congratulations to the incoming class of freshmen. Guest speaker Professor, Derrick Spires provided words of wisdom. Black convocation looks to be a truly heartwarming event that each incoming class of freshman is sure to never forget.

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### PASA X Blac Book



In one of the most anticipated events of the year, Cornell's Pan-African Students Association and The Blac Book completely sold out Cornell Cinema and put on an absolute show! They hosted a game show where 2 teams rapped, rhymed, and quizzed the audience into laughing all night long. The event was a homage to MTV's hit game show Wild 'n Out, and featured the Black and Red Squads, who practiced and bonded to battle for bragging rights. The Home Squad, featured the "Wild 'n Out Girls", "D.J. Red", and "High Cannon". In a night to remember, the Black Squad took home the win, with Rhema Onyia '24 taking home MVP honors.



**Hood Jeopardy Mix**    **Winners- Black Squad Mix**    **Champion Mix**

**Let Me Holla Mix**    **Pick Up & Kill It Mix**    **Kick Em' Out The Classroom**

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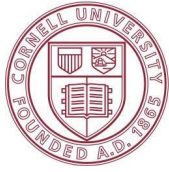
PASA Presents....

# AFRIK!



The Pan African Student's Association (PASA) recently hosted the most exciting black event of the year - Afrik. This fashion show was a stunning showcase of black designers, featuring a display of rich cultural designs from the African continent, as well as African American clothing. Afrik, which was held on March 4th in Barton Hall, marked the start of a week-long celebration of fashion at Cornell University. It was the biggest and most attended black event of the year, with students from all over the campus (including non-black ones) gathering to celebrate black fashion and culture.





## Resolution 45: Continuation of PHYS 4500: Cultivating Public Engagement in Physics

**Abstract:** Urging Cornell to continue funding for PHYS 4500.

**Sponsored by:** Constance Newell'24, Free Science Inc., Society of Physics Students, Cornell Astronomical Society

**Reviewed by:** Academic Policy, 05/02/2023 (4-0-3)

**Type of Action:** Recommendation

**Originally Presented:** 05/04/2023

**Current Status:** New Business

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**Whereas,** the Free Science Workshop is a nonprofit organization based in Ithaca, NY that provides a supportive, community-based space for low-income and under-represented youth to explore the world and expand their capabilities through science and creativity. <sup>1</sup>

**Whereas,** the Physics Bus is a branch of the Free Science Workshop and is a mobile exhibition of upcycled appliances exploring physics phenomena, with the mission to awaken interests in physics for all ages and walks of life- especially those underserved by science enrichment.

**Whereas,** the Ithaca Physics Bus reaches a wide range of people in diverse locations from local neighborhoods, urban parks and rural schools, to cross-country destinations.

**Whereas,** the Ithaca Physics Bus not only serves as a pillar for the Ithaca community, but also as a role model for community engaged learning throughout the U.S.

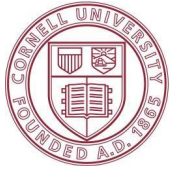
**Whereas,** in 2018 the Einhorn Center for Community Engagement awarded \$40,000 per year for the establishment of PHYS 4500: Cultivating Public Engagement in Physics, as a collaboration effort between Cornell and the Ithaca Physics Bus.

**Whereas,** PHYS 4500 is a non-traditional class that engages in physics learning through exhibit building.

**Whereas,** PHYS 4500 provides a unique hands on learning opportunity for Cornell students of all majors and backgrounds.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://freescienceworkshop.org/>



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**Whereas**, a study published by the American Physical Society showed that students who participated in informal physics programs positively developed their identities as students, experienced increased sense of belonging to the science community, and developed 21<sup>st</sup> century career skills. <sup>2</sup>

**Whereas**, a study published by the Department of Education showed that a hands-on-approach to learning improved academic performance and long-term engagement with content. <sup>3</sup>

**Whereas**, a similar course has been successfully implemented by Colorado State University, NSCI 170 Perspectives and Communication in Science, in partnership with the Little Shop of Physics.

**Whereas**, the Little Shop of Physics is a hands-on STEM outreach program and a collaborator of the Ithaca Free Science Workshop.

**Whereas**, funding for PHYS 4500 ends Spring 2023 semester.

**Whereas**, PHYS 4500 is not being offered for the Fall 2023 semester.

**Whereas**, at least 20 students have expressed interest in this class.

**Whereas**, as a large and influential institution, Cornell has a social responsibility to engage with and contribute to the local community.

**Whereas**, PHYS 4500 is a way for Cornell to build a positive relationship with the surrounding community while promoting engaged learning on campus.

**Be it therefore resolved**, Cornell University continues to offer PHYS 4500 with Erik Herman, Physics Bus Founder, as lecturer.

**Be it further resolved**, Cornell University provides the necessary funding of \$2,500 per semester to cover the cost of supplies, travel, and outreach activities.

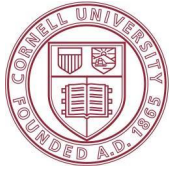
**Be it further resolved**, Cornell University compensates Erik Herman appropriately for his work.

**Be it finally resolved**, Cornell University continues its positive relationship with the Ithaca community through PHYS 4500.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://journals.aps.org/prper/pdf/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.17.020110>

<sup>3</sup> <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1086006.pdf>



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**Respectfully Submitted,**

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

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*Executive Director, Free Science, Inc. & Acting Director, The Global Alliance of Community Science Workshops*

Olivia R. Vincent

*Program Director: Free Science Inc./ Physics Bus. National Geographic Certified Educator*

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*Physics Major and UTA, Mathematics Major & President, Cornell Astronomical Society*

Colin Murphy

*College of Arts and Sciences, Physics Major & President, Society of Physics Students*

Ethan Alarcon '23

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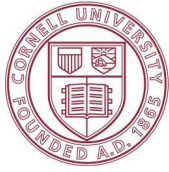
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Laine Havens '25

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Physics UTA*

Unaizah Alam '23

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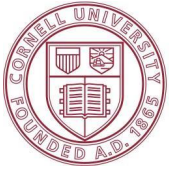
Mary Yuan '26

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Marcel Latasa

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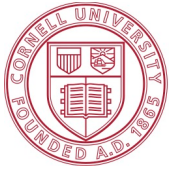




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Alexander Flood '23

*College of Arts & Sciences, Physics Major and UTA*



# Resolution 46: Promoting Civic Engagement

**Abstract:** This Resolution supports the expansion of voting rights, civic engagement, and education initiatives on campus.

**Sponsored by:** Shelby Lynn Williams '25, Elana Woo '24, Lauren Sherman '24, Serena Wang '25, Camille Simmons '25, Rahul Verma '24, Josh Weiner '24, Alicia González '24

**Reviewed by:** Academic Policy 05/04/2023 (4-0-3)

**Type of Action:** Recommended

**Originally Presented:** 05/04/2023

**Current Status:**

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**Whereas,** Students on campus have expressed their difficulty with registering to vote, requesting their absentee ballots, and successfully participating in elections that they are eligible to vote in<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas,** Student Assembly has previously advocated for the creation of a civic holiday, as demonstrated in *Resolution #49: Cornell Civic Holiday*, which was adopted by the assembly during the 2021-2022 academic year.<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas,** recognizing the need to expand civic engagement infrastructure on campus Cornell Votes recently launched their Voting Ambassador Program, to inform students about how to register voters in a nonpartisan fashion.<sup>3</sup>

**Whereas,** According to a study from the Institute of Democracy & Higher Education, dated in October 2021, 47.4% of eligible Cornell students voted in 2016 whereas 66.1% of eligible Cornell students voted in 2020, while national averages on college campuses at the time were 53% and 66% respectively.<sup>4</sup>

**Whereas,** Student-led initiatives to register voters have led to an 18.7% increase in voter turnout on Cornell's campus.

**Whereas,** Cornell University must utilize every tool at its disposal to ensure that our students are good global citizens, which includes democratic participation.

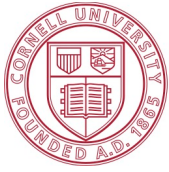
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<sup>1</sup> <https://cornellsun.com/2022/11/06/guest-room-your-vote-matters/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://assembly.cornell.edu/resolution-actions/sa-r49-cornell-civic-holiday>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.instagram.com/p/Co7t2b7unEo/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/Co7t2b7unEo/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

<sup>4</sup> <https://allinchallenge.org/wp-content/uploads/Cornell-University-2020-NSLVE-Report.pdf>



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26 **Be it therefore resolved,** Student Assembly supports the vital work of Cornell Votes and will  
27 continue to lend its influence and infrastructure to the promotion of civic engagement on  
28 campus.

29 **Be it further resolved,** Student Assembly will work in partnership with Residential Student  
30 Congress and Housing & Residential Life to ensure that students in Cornell residential facilities  
31 have easy access to information about voting, voter registration, and civic engagement.

32 **Be it finally resolved,** Student Assembly recommends the following proposals to reaffirm the  
33 university's commitment to civic engagement:

- 34 • Suggest that faculty members notify their students of approaching voter registration  
35 deadlines and provide links to registration through their canvas pages, in-class  
36 announcements, and through other forums
- 37 • Communicate with Residential Student Congress and Housing & Residential Life to  
38 recommend that Residence Advisors participate in the Voting Ambassador Program
- 39 • Continue utilizing all accessible forums of communication to convey election information  
40 to students and emphasize the importance of civic engagement on campus
- 41 • Consider the creation of a *Civic Fest* celebration in the fall semester of every even  
42 numbered year to raise awareness for the importance of civic engagement and democratic  
43 participation, uniting relevant organizations, individuals, and entities in the Cornell  
44 community.

45 **Respectfully Submitted,**

46 Shelby Lynn Williams '25

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

48 *Director of Advocacy, Residential Student Congress*

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50 Elena Woo '24

51 *President, Cornell Votes*

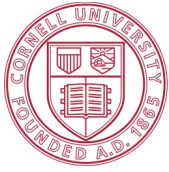
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53 Lauren Sherman '24

54 *Vice President of External Operations, Cornell Votes*

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56 Serena Wang '25



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60 Vice President of Finance, *Cornell Votes*

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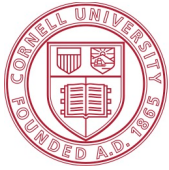
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69 Communications Department Chair, *Cornell Votes*



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# Cornell University Student Assembly

CAMPUS REPORT: Cornell University

October 2021  
Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

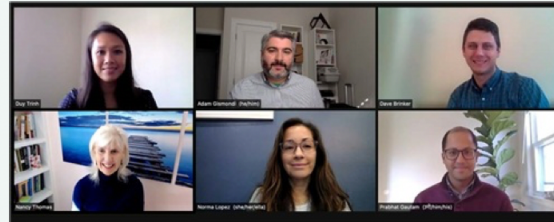
College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion, and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email [IDHE@Tufts.edu](mailto:IDHE@Tufts.edu) for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,  
IDHE Team



(Top Row from left) Duy Trinh, Program Administrator; Adam Gismondi, Director of Impact; Dave Brinker, Senior Researcher; (Bottom Row from left) Nancy Thomas, Director; Norma López, Postdoctoral Scholar; Prabhat Gautam, Data Manager.

We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.

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## Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

### YOUR INSTITUTION

66.1%

2020 Voting Rate

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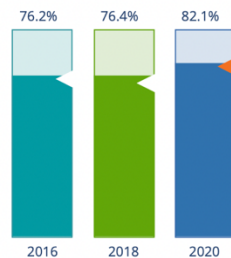
Change From 2016

### ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%

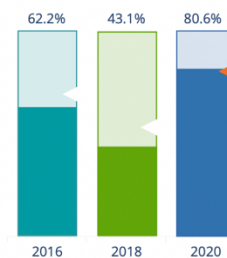
2020 Voting Rate

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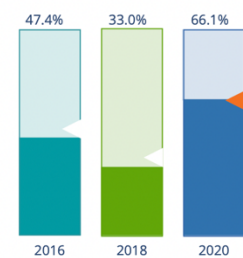
The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

### VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS



The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the "yield" rate.

### VOTING RATE

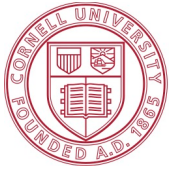


The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

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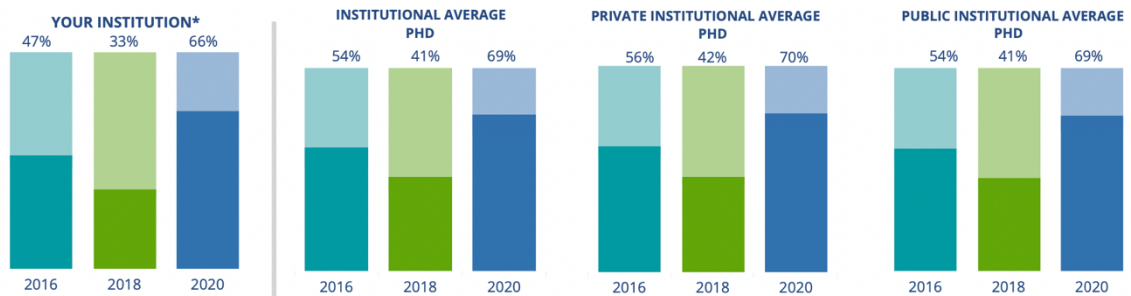
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## By Institution Types



These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. \*"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.



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