

Cornell University Student Assembly

Student Assembly Special Meeting

AGENDA

May 18, 2023

12:00 - 14:00

Zoom Only

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Meeting ID: 947 1648 3660 | Passcode: 303164

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayog_ghó:nq(yuga Nation)
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Consent Agenda: May 04 & May 11 Meeting Minutes
5. Announcements and Reports
 1. Office Of Ethics
6. Initiatives
7. Presentations and Forum
8. Business of the Day
 1. Appointment Of Presiding Officer and Clerk
 2. Considerations of Presidential Succession
9. Adjournment

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Minutes of the May 4th 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 4:52pm

II. Roll Call

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

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

- a. President V. Valencia stated the land acknowledgment

IV. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. D. Cady motions to add Resolution 48 under New Business, passed by unanimous consent
- b. R. DeLorenzo motions to move Resolution 44 to be first under Business of the Day, passed by unanimous consent
- c. S. Williams motions to add Resolution 46 under New Business, passed by unanimous consent
- d. C. Newell motions to add Resolution 45 under New Business, passed by unanimous consent
- e. P. Da Silveira motions to add Resolution 47 under New Business, passed by unanimous consent
- f. D. Cady motions to move up Resolution 48 to be under Resolution 44, passed by unanimous consent

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the April 27, 2023 meeting minutes
 - i. J.P. Swenson motions to approve the meeting minutes, P. Da Silveira dissents to add the name of the community member, J.P. withdraws the motion



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- ii. P. Da Silva motions to add the name of the Bikeshare co-sponsor, Mikhailessa, passed by unanimous consent
- iii. B. Mehretu motions to approve the meeting minutes, K. Everett dissents, B. Mehretu withdraws the motion
- iv. K. Everett motions to add "to make Cornell liable for a surplus of bikes" to their question on Resolution 42, passed by unanimous consent
- v. S. Williams motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent

VI. Open Microphone

- a. None

VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. Election of the Office of Ethics Chair
 - i. N. Sharma give his endorsement to A. Bangura
 - ii. D. Cady motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - iii. In a vote of 20-1-2, A. Bangura is elected chair of the Office of Ethics
- b. J.P. Swenson suggests putting long resolution online because it wastes paper

VIII. Initiatives

- a. None

IX. Presentation and Forums

- a. None

X. Business of the Day

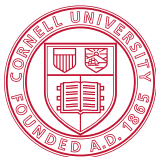
- a. R. DeLorenzo presents Resolution 36
 - i. R. DeLorenzo explains the Resolution and the changes it makes
 - ii. M. Baker motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - iii. M. Baker motions to vote, passed by unanimous consent
 - iv. Resolution 36 passes unanimously
- b. R. DeLorenzo presents Resolution 44
 - i. R. DeLorenzo explains the Resolution
 - ii. J. Kalinski motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - iii. Resolution 44 is approved



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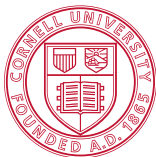
- c. C. Lederman, D. Cady, P. Kuehl, M. Song, and M. Baker present Resolution 48
 - i. D. Cady explains the Resolution and the background behind it
 - ii. P. Kuehl stats that other SUNY schools are already doing this
 - iii. Taisa states this is especially important because the only referral that Cornell gives is to Planned Parenthood which is over an hour walk away
 - iv. Continues that Planned Parenthood of Ithaca has a lot of community members it needs to treat, so it's important that Cornell helps them out
 - v. P. Kuehl states Planned Parenthood here does get overwhelmed at times
 - vi. R. Chatterji asks if you would take the pill at Cornell Health or at home?
 - vii. Taisa responds that the first pill would be taken at Cornell Health and the second pill would be taken at home
 - viii. C. Lederman adds that this is covered under the Student Health Plan
 - ix. B. Mehretu motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - x. B. Mehretu motions to vote, passed by unanimous consent
 - xi. Resolution 48 passes unanimously

- d. C. Lederman, D. Cady, and M. Song present Resolution 40
 - i. D. Cady explains the Resolution and highlights that changes that have been made
 - ii. C. Lederman motions to amend the Resolution to the printed version, A. Lampert dissents to have them go over the changes, C. Lederman explains the changes, passed by unanimous consent
 - iii. D. Cady expands on what the Resolution intends to do
 - iv. K. Everett asks if there's any specific reason that we don't have a speaker now and why it is the way it is?
 - v. C. Lederman responds he doesn't really know, but it has been that way since the mid 90s
 - vi. M. Song responds that this position already exists at many other schools
 - vii. M. Baker motions to amend lines 23, 62, 63, 350 and anywhere this occurs from "deputy speaker" to "vice speaker," passed by unanimous consent
 - viii. A. Lampert explains her position against the Resolution
 - ix. D. Cady states the President is a position of influence and power that is more powerful than drafting a speaker's list and that it is relatively easy to reverse any decision made by the speaker, so there isn't really a power imbalance
 - x. C. Lederman states that the President would also have the right to first recognition



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- xi. C. Taylor states that there is a significant amount of power in the chair and while their decisions can be overturned, that power is not often used because Robert's Rules are not well-understood by the majority of this assembly
- xii. D. Cady states the person who is the most well-versed on Robert's Rules should be the one making decisions about Robert's Rules, which would be the speaker
- xiii. C. Lederman states that it is the safe election process as any other officer
- xiv. C. Taylor states that the speaker role cannot be elected, so that is an important difference between other officer roles
- xv. V. Valencia states it would be different from other internal elections because this person would not have been elected by the student body first
- xvi. D. Cady states that this is similar to the fact that the majority of members here were elected un-opposed
- xvii. S. Bhardwaj states it seems like a bad idea to have any person who is a member of the community be in this position, so they would be more in favor of this if the speaker was an elected position
- xviii. M. Song states the speaker does not have that much power though because they are still held to Robert's Rule. This is more about allowing the President and VP to be able to work on their platforms
- xix. P. Da Silveira asks if the President and VP are allowed to vote and speak?
- xx. V. Valencia states the chair only votes in the case of a tie and there is nothing prohibiting them from speaking
- xxi. R. Chatterji asks what the President will do if they aren't chair and what the speaker will do?
- xxii. C. Lederman states the President will be able to comment on and introduce resolutions like any other member and the speaker will help with the speakers list and introducing resolutions
- xxiii. M. Baker asks if there's a good reason why the speaker position is open to anyone in the Cornell community?
- xxiv. C. Taylor states that just allows anyone who comes in here to be able to participate in debate
- xxv. M. Baker asks if lines 12-22 could be changed to "Cornell undergraduate community?"
- xxvi. C. Taylor states that this would be ok
- xxvii. K. Everett asks them if the President and VP are unable to support their campaign promise in their current position?
- xxviii. V. Valencia responds no



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- xxix. D. Cady responds the issue is that chairing the assembly meeting requires some impartiality that is not required in making campaign promises, so this makes it easier for them
- xxx. C. Ting asks if they have someone in mind for speaker and vice speaker?
- xxxi. C. Lederman responds that he doesn't want to be speaker, but the goal is to find someone who is well-versed in Robert's Rules
- xxxii. J.P. Swenson asks them to acknowledge some potential negatives
- xxxiii. C. Lederman responds it'll take some time to transition and it'll be important to recruit people who are well-versed in Robert's Rules and that can be a challenge
- xxxiv. B. Mehretu motions to end debate, J. Kalinski dissents to have further discussion
- xxxv. In a vote of, 7-11-2 the motion fails
- xxxvi. C. Taylor states that the chair is supposed to be impartial, but this would make them able to not be. However, the President does usually say their opinion and no one has objected
- xxxvii. D. Cady states we are currently not following our own rules by letting the President speak and not being impartial, so what they are doing is putting this into codified language that makes sense
- xxxviii. P. Kuehl asks how many of her campaign promises she's been a sponsor on this semester?
- xxxix. V. Valencia responds that student assembly work takes time and while we didn't get to everything, we did get to a lot of it
 - xl. M. Song states this Resolution is revealing that the assembly is not well-versed in Robert's Rules and that the President and VP are treated as "glorified secretaries"
 - xli. J. Kalinski if they have any people in mind or if this will just be a vacant spot?
 - xl. C. Lederman states this will not be elected in Executive Session, so anyone is eligible. There are some other undergraduate parliamentarians and people on Cornell Votes who could do this
 - xliii. P. Da Silveira motions to table this until the end of the meeting, K. Everett dissents to just move into voting
 - xliv. In a vote of 5-12-3, the motion fails
 - xlvi. M. Baker motions for a straw poll
 - xlvi. C. Newell motions to end debate
 - xlvi. In a vote of, 15-3-3 the motion passes
 - xlvi. In a vote of, 9-10-2 the Resolution does not pass

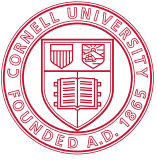


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- xlix. Resolution 40 does not pass
- e. C. Newell motions to move Resolution 45 to be next, passed by unanimous consent
- f. Resolution 45 is presented by C. Newell
 - i. C. Newell asks for a Youtube video to be played
 - ii. C. Newell explains the Resolution
 - iii. Erik, the Director of the Physics Bus, explains what they do and that they'd like to have a relationship with Cornell
 - iv. Lori, the Director of Free Science, states the point of this program is to address the economic disparity in Ithaca
 - v. C. Newell states they are asking for \$2,500 per semester and it is a great way for students and Cornell to get involved in the community
 - vi. J. Kalinski motions to extend time, passed by unanimous consent
 - vii. S. Bhardwaj asks if there are alternative funding sources?
 - viii. Erik responds that funding sources cannot be solicited by them, but have to come through proper channels
 - ix. J. Kalinski states his support
 - x. D. Cady motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - xi. D. Cady motions to vote, passed by unanimous consent
 - xii. Resolution 45 passes unanimously
- g. Resolution 43 is presented by C. Newell
 - i. C. Newell reads the Resolution
 - ii. R. Chatterji that are some studies that show negative effects of fluoride and Ithaca voted against it before, so we shouldn't force them
 - iii. C. Newell states she brought up the vote to highlight that it was a close vote
 - iv. C. Ting thanks her for the Resolution emphasizes the oral health benefits of fluoride
 - v. M. Baker motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - vi. M. Baker motions to vote, passed by unanimous consent
 - vii. Resolution 43 passes unanimously

XI. New Business

- a. Resolution 46 is presented by A. Lampert
 - i. A. Lampert states she is presenting on behalf of S. Williams and Cornell Votes



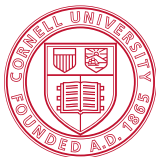
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- ii. M. Baker motions to amend line 7 to read “recommendation,” passed by unanimous consent
 - iii. S. Bhardwaj motions to amend line 4 to correct the spelling to “Elena,” passed by unanimous consent
 - iv. D. Cady motions to extend time by 5 minutes, passed by unanimous consent
 - v. D. Cady motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - vi. D. Cady motions to vote, passed by unanimous consent
 - vii. Resolution 46 passes unanimously
- b. Resolution 47 is presented by P. Da Silveira
- i. P. Da Silveira thanks C. Taylor for all they have done
 - ii. J.P. Swenson thanks C. Taylor for their work and patience
 - iii. D. Cady thanks C. Taylor their work on Student Assembly and for students with disabilities
 - iv. C. Ting thanks C. Taylor for their time
 - v. P. Kuehl compliments C. Taylor
 - vi. B. Mehretu commends C. Taylor for their knowledge
 - vii. B. Mehretu motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - viii. B. Mehretu motions to vote, passed by unanimous consent
 - ix. Resolution 47 passes unanimously

XII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm
 - i. C. Taylor motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Birmingham
Clerk of the Assembly



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Cornell University Student Assembly Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Meeting 11am – 12:15pm Zoom

I. Call to Order

- a. Chair C. Ting called the meeting to order at 11:10am

II. Roll Call

- a. *Members Present [11]: S. Parikh, L. Balestrieri, B. Terbaar, A. Vinson, A. Wang, K. Everett, C. Platkin, O. Moini, E. Ononye, C. Ting, R. DeLorenzo, P. Kuehl,*
- b. *Members Excused: A. Barry, D. Nachman, M. Bakri, N. Son, J.P. Swenson*

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

- a. Chair C. Ting stated the land acknowledgment

IV. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. None

V. Consent Agenda

- a. None

VI. Open Microphone

- a. J. Kalinski urges the SA to better communicate meetings and meeting times as SA meetings are open to the public
 - i. C. Ting responds there was a very short turnaround time, but they will make sure his name is on the list-serv going forward

VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. None

VIII. Initiatives

- a. None

IX. Presentation and Forums

- a. None

X. Business of the Day



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- a. R. DeLorenzo motions to postpone Resolution 1 and appoint C. Taylor as the parliament for the meeting, passed by unanimous consent
- b. S. Parikh motions to move into debate on Resolution 1, passed by unanimous consent
 - i. P. Kuehl motions to add N. Wilson and the other organizers as sponsors to the Resolution, passed by unanimous consent
 - ii. C. Taylor motions to recess for three minutes, so that organizers can get on the call to present, passed by unanimous consent
 - iii. Resolution 1 is presented by S. Parikh
 - iv. R. DeLorenzo states that ending the “We Proudly Serve” partnership with Starbucks would not affect Starbucks, but Nestle and Pepsi co
 - v. K. Everett states we should consult with the student body maybe before making a move such as this
 - vi. N. Wilson responds that the Resolution is written in such a way that it will not affect Pepsi co
 - vii. N. Wilson and the other organizers provide background on the Resolution and why it is important to support it
 - viii. P. Kuehl asks if there are any financial ties between Starbucks and Cornell that do not involve Nestle or Pepsi?
 - ix. N. Wilson responds that there are two contracts to serve Starbucks. The Nestle “Proudly serving” contract and Pepsi co deal. They are targeting the “Proudly serving” program right now
 - x. C. Platkin asks how Starbucks profits from the “Proudly serving” program?
 - xi. G. Moravec responds that have reason to believe that Starbucks and Cornell are making a lot of money off of this partnership, but their Resolution and strategies to see the contract will let them know the exact details
 - xii. R. DeLorenzo states the contract is between Starbucks and Nestle, so even if the contracts were canceled that is not how Nestle makes it money and would make a very small impact for them
 - xiii. E. Sunshine states that Cornell students and the community is being affected by this issue, so we shouldn’t be focusing on how much money Nestle will lose, but how it effects the community
 - xiv. S. Parikh responds the point of this Resolution is not the financial impact it’ll have, but to stand up for the labor movement and against a company that has done so many bad things for our people
 - xv. E. Ononye asks how this would affect students monetarily?



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- xvi. D. Donovan states they are not offering an alternative company, so they do not know how much it would cost. The purpose of this Resolution is to elicit student input on what they want.
- xvii. G. Moravec responds there are plenty of vendors who could provide coffee at a reasonable price, while treating their workers better
- xviii. A. Vinson motions to cut lines 18-19, passed by unanimous consent
- xix. K. Everett asks if the type of action for this should be legislation or a recommendation?
- xx. C. Taylor states it is listed as legislation because the goal was to enact action over Student and Campus Life, so this is legislation rather than a recommendation to administration
- xxi. K. Everett motions for a straw poll on changing the Resolution from legislation to recommendation
- xxii. P. Kuehl states it might be more powerful to make this a statement
- xxiii. E. Sunshine states that no company should be making a profit off of this, so doing something about this would be more powerful than a statement
- xxiv. N. Wilson states that this will send a message to other corporations that Starbucks is a toxic entity and not to be supported
- xxv. N. Wilson motions to vote, in a vote of 2-5 the motion fails
- xxvi. P. Kuehl motions to extend time by 15 minutes, passed by unanimous consent
- xxvii. A. Vinson states if they pass legislation, it will probably be vetoed, but if they do a recommendation, it might also just be cast aside
- xxviii. R. DeLorenzo states we do not need a Resolution to make an impact
- xxix. R. DeLorenzo motions to adjourn, P. Kuehl dissents so that other members can make their comments, R. De Lorenzo withdraws the motion
- xxx. S. Parikh states having this as legislation is the best option because it is a show of force and demonstrates that the SA stands with workers and Resolution 2 addresses most of the concerns about us not doing our homework
- xxxi. C. Platkin states there appears to be immense benefits to cutting this partnership off and it sends a message to other corporations. Making Cornell veto it also draws media attention to the issue
- xxxii. A. Vinson mentions that he has another piece of legislation related to this that he'd like to pass before the 21st
- xxxiii. A. Wang states she agrees with C. Platkin and it's important that Cornell takes a stand on this on an ideological basis because we have the school of ILR

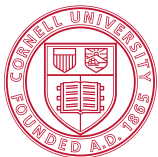


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- xxxiv. C. Ting clarifies that it takes 2-3 weeks to receive acceptances, rejections, and acknowledgments from the President and that historically they have gotten a lot of acknowledgments
 - xxxv. P. Kuehl states he is concerned that we are doing everything we can to maintain the legitimacy of the SA
 - xxxvi. P. Kuehl motions to amend the final clause to say "Starbucks-branded products" and in the first clause change "terminate" to "reassess," passed by unanimous consent
 - xxxvii. R. DeLorenzo states that Pepsi co and Nestle do great things for Cornell from donations to on campus recruiting and targeting these products doesn't really target Starbucks
 - xxxviii. A. Vinson states it might be important to find out who these people are that serve as connections between Nestle, Starbucks, and Cornell
 - xxxix. A. Vinson motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - xl. In a vote of 10-1-0, Resolution 1 passes
- c. S. Parikh presents Resolution 2
- i. S. Parikh explains the Resolution
 - ii. P. Kuehl states we need to get our internal stuff figured out before we vote on any more Resolutions. This does not need to happen today and can happen when everything else is sorted out
 - iii. C. Ting states that when requesting such documents, it is important that we cite the lines that allow us to access these documents and to not act with haste
 - iv. C. Platkin states it is difficult to uphold Resolution 1 without having Resolution 2 as well
 - v. S. Parikh states there is no reason we can't pass this Resolution today
 - vi. S. Parikh motions to amend the final be it therefore resolved clause to say, "publicly release the full terms of any ongoing contracts and agreements with Starbucks Coffee Company and all contracts and agreements involving Starbucks branded products sold at Cornell University," passed by unanimous consent
 - vii. A. Vinson motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - viii. In a vote of 6-4-0, Resolution 2 passes

XI. New Business

- a. None



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XII. Adjournment

- a. P. Kuehl motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent
 - i. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Birmingham
Clerk of the Assembly