

Cornell University
Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

January 25, 2024

4:45 - 6:30 p.m.

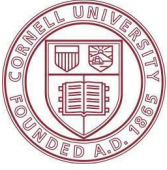
Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall/Zoom

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1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
3. Announcements
4. Open Microphone
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. Consent Calendar
 1. [Resolution 45: Amending the Previously Adopted Authorization of the Transfer of Reserve Funds to Black Students United \(BSU\)](#)
7. Presentations
8. Reports
9. Old Business Calendar
10. Resolutions Calendar
 1. [Resolution 44: Creating an Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Student Employment and Wages](#)
 2. [Resolution 46: Commending Rahul Verma '24 for his Service to the Student Assembly](#)
 3. Resolution 47: Creating an Ad Hoc Committee to Bolster Community Engagement
11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
12. Adjournment

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Resolution 44: Creating an *Ad Hoc* Committee to Investigate Student Employment and Wages

Abstract: This resolution establishes an *ad hoc* committee to investigate and recommend changes to practices involving student employment and wages at Cornell University.

Sponsored by: Suraj Parikh '24, JP Swenson '25, Clyde Lederman '26

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 01/22/2024, 6-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 01/25/2024

Current Status: Approved by the Student Assembly, 02/01/2024, Unanimous

Whereas, The Charter of the Student Assembly grants the Assembly the “authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community;

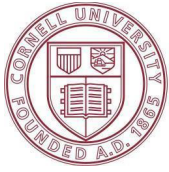
Whereas, The Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment has released the following data to the Assembly regarding student employment by the university during Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023):

- 9,877 undergraduate students were employed by the University;
- Student employees were paid an average of \$15.61 per hour;
- Student employees worked an average of 170.64 hours total;
- Student employees collectively worked 1,685,381.59 hours total; and
- The total cost of undergraduate student employment to the University was \$26,309,341.63

Be it therefore resolved, That there be established an *ad hoc* committee known as the “Committee on Student Employment and Wages”, which shall be charged with collaborating with the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment to issue a report and subsequently implement recommendations to improve the terms of student employment at Cornell;

Resolved, That Committee on Student Employment and Wages shall be composed of no more than twelve members, at least half of whom shall be members of the Assembly, and two-thirds of whom shall be employed or have been employed by the University;

Resolved, That the President of the Assembly shall appoint a chair and members of the committee; and



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31 **Resolved,** That the Committee shall produce a final report to the Assembly and undergraduate
32 population containing the aforementioned recommendations, and any other information it sees fit,
33 no later than March 15, 2024.

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35 **Respectfully Submitted,**

36 Suraj Parikh '24

37 *Vice-President of External Affairs, Student Assembly*

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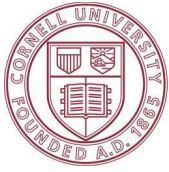
39 JP Swenson '25

40 *Student-Elected Trustee, Cornell University*

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42 Clyde Lederman '26

43 *Vice President of Internal Operations, Student Assembly*



Resolution 45: Amending the Previously Adopted Authorization of the Transfer of Reserve Funds to Black Students United (BSU)

Abstract: This resolution amends the authorization of reserve funds for a February 2024 trip to Washington, D.C. for Black Students United (BSU) to reflect updated financials.

Sponsored by: Aissatou Barry '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 01/25/2024, 6-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 01/25/2024

Current Status: Approved by the Student Assembly, 02/01/2024, Unanimous

Whereas, the Student Assembly authorized in Resolution 43 (AY 2023-2024) that the amount \$24,378 be transferred from the reserve account of the Student Assembly to the Black Students United (BSU), a registered student organization, for a trip to Washington, D.C. in February 2024;

Whereas, updated estimates from BSU indicate the trip will cost \$20,044, instead of \$24,378 as previously estimated;

Whereas, BSU has requested the Student Assembly amend the previously adopted resolution to reflect these updated financials.

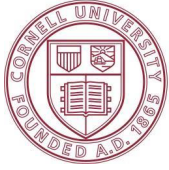
Be It Therefore Resolved, In Resolution 43 (AY 2023-2024) the text "\$24,378" be struck and the text "\$20,044" be inserted in the place of the struck text; and

Resolved, The Student Assembly commends Black Students United for their economizing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aissatou Barry '24

Vice President for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Student Assembly



Resolution 46: Commending Rahul Verma '24 for his Service to the Student Assembly

Abstract: This resolution commends Rahul Verma '24 for his service to the Student Assembly as Director of Elections.

Sponsored by: Patrick Kuehl '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 01/23/2024, 6-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 01/25/2024

Current Status: Approved by the Student Assembly, 02/01/2024, Unanimous

Whereas, Rahul Verma has served as effectively as Director of Elections and as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee for the Spring Semester 2023 and the Fall Semester 2024;

Whereas, during his service as Director of Elections, Director Verma oversaw the Spring 2023 elections for Student Assembly and undergraduate members of the University Assembly, managed the adjudication of numerous complex challenges, and secured voter turnout in excess of 15%;

Whereas, Director Verma management of the 2024 Fall Elections resulted in the highest turnout in a Freshman Representative election since before 2020;

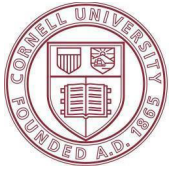
Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly proudly commends Rahul Verma for his service to the Student Assembly and Cornell University; and

Resolved, the Student Assembly wishes Director Verma the best wishes in coming academic and professional career.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Kuehl '24

President, Student Assembly



Resolution 47: Creating an *Ad Hoc* Committee to Bolster Community Engagement

Abstract: This resolution establishes an *ad hoc* committee to reinstate the Home Plate initiative at Cornell University.

Sponsored by: J.P. Swenson '25, Patrick Kuehl '24

Reviewed by: Executive Cabinet, 01/25/2024, 9-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 01/25/2024

Current Status: Adopted by the Student Assembly, 02/01/2024, Unanimous

Whereas, The Charter of the Student Assembly grants the Assembly the “authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community;

Whereas, The Student Assembly and Cornell has a deep interest in engaging with the local communities surrounding Cornell and it is important for students to “walk down the hill”

Whereas, Cornell University and the Einhorn Center have strategic partnerships with local organizations that desire our volunteerism and student support

Whereas, Student Assembly members should be encouraged to engage in community service

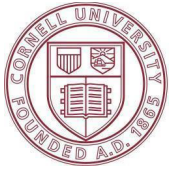
Be it therefore resolved, That there be established an *ad hoc* committee known as the “Committee on Community Engagement”, which shall be charged with collaborating with the Einhorn Center for Community Engagement.

Resolved, The ad-hoc Committee on the Home Plate Initiative shall be made up of at least six members;

Resolved, That the President of the Assembly shall appoint a chair and members of the committee;

Resolved, That the Committee will take feedback from all members and relay key information during Thursday meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,



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- 29 J.P. Swenson '25
- 30 *Student-Elected Trustee*, Cornell University
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- 32 Patrick Kuehl '24
- 33 *President*, Student Assembly