

Cornell University Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

October 20, 2022

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:nq (Cayuga Nation)
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Consent Agenda: [Approval of October 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Open Microphone
6. Announcements and Reports
 1. Swearing in new members
 2. Presentation by OSGR
7. Initiatives
8. Presentations and Forums
9. Business of the Day
10. New Business
 1. [Resolution 8: Office of Ethics Bylaws](#)
 2. Election of Appropriations Committee member
11. Adjournment

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Cornell University Student Assembly Minutes of the October 13, 2022 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 4:48pm

- II. Roll Call**
 - a. *Members Present [19]: S. Ali, S. Bhardwaj, K. Chan, E. D'Angelo, P. Da Silveira, G. Dong, A. Lampert, A. Lewis, R. DeLorenzo, L. Lu, B. Luckow, D. Nachman, J. Kolinski, N. Son, M. Song, C. Ting, V. Valencia, S. Williams, D. Cady*
 - b. *Members Excused: M. Baker, D. Edelman, B. Kotb, J. Lee, J. Mayen, JP. Swenson*

- III. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohónq̓ (Cayuga Nation)**
 - a. President V. Valencia stated the land acknowledgment

- IV. Late Additions to the Agenda**
 - a. K. Chan motions to add her programming crash course to Presentations and Forums, passed by unanimous consent

- V. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of the October 6, 2022 meeting minutes
 - i. S. Bhardwaj motions to approve meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent

- VI. Open Microphone**
 - a. None

- VII. Announcements and Reports**
 - a. V. Valencia announces they will be taking yearbook picture tomorrow at 11am
 - b. V. Valencia announces that OSGR will be coming next week to present a proposal
 - c. P. Da Silveira says he talked to the manager of Olin and they're excited to work with us on adding outlets to the basement
 - d. I. Chasen announces that elections for freshmen and transfer representative closes tomorrow at 4pm and to share the word



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- e. M. Song reports that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee is ready and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and emails will be going out today for those who have already submitted an application
 - i. Committee will be fully up and running by November 1st
 - ii. V. Valencia states that there's some roles which have to be on the committee
- f. P. Da Silveira states that the deadline for a committee to meet at least once is November 1st
 - i. Have to present a plan for recruitment to the executive board by Monday

VIII. Initiatives

- a. None

IX. Presentation and Forums

- a. K. Chan presents a Programming Crash Course
 - i. Ran through steps that need to be taken to get an event up and running
 - ii. R. De Lorenzo states that programming can be funded through Special Projects up to \$400
 - iii. K. Chan goes through all the steps that you should be considering
 - iv. V. Valencia asks if events go through special projects and not through the funds of the committee
 - v. R. De Lorenzo states that it makes more sense to fund it through special projects than through committees
 - vi. V. Valencia states that means you'd just need to fill out a special projects form
 - vii. V. Valencia asks K. Chan to share with the Assembly any programming ideas that we could use the form for
 - viii. K. Chan she has an idea to do Puppy Palooza to share health related initiatives and it's a good way to show what the Assembly has been doing

X. Business of the Day

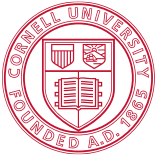
- a. None

XI. New Business

- a. None

XII. Adjournment

- a. V. Valencia encourages members to start working on resolutions

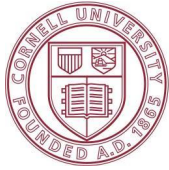


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- i. D. Cady offers to help with writing resolutions
 - ii. P. Da Silveira asks for an update on the committee appointments
 - iii. V. Valencia states she did it based on who messaged her on Slack and that'll be on the website
- b. P. Da Silveira motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Birmingham
Clerk of the Assembly



Resolution 9: Establishment of the HOTEL Commission

Abstract: This resolution will establish the HOTEL Commission ad-hoc committee

Sponsored by: Anna Lewis '25, Pedro Da Silveira '25, J.P. Swenson '25

Reviewed by: The Communications and Outreach Committee (3-0-1)

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented:

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, according to the Special Rules of Order of the Cornell Student Assembly

Ad-Hoc committee: "The Student Assembly shall be empowered to create an ad-hoc committee for the length of their term. If the ad-hoc committee requests to continue into the next term, they must seek approval from the newly seated assembly."

Whereas, according to the Charter of the Student Assembly

The object of this assembly shall be to effect more extensive involvement in campus governance in the undergraduate student body. This is accomplished by charging the assembly with the authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community

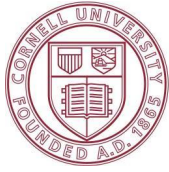
Whereas, the Student Assembly is tasked with increasing involvement in campus and with the undergraduate student body,

Whereas, the Student Assembly is mandated to examine and ameliorate the issues that affect the undergraduate student body,

Whereas, social wellbeing, community, and sense of belonging are among the main factors that constitute the social, emotional, and mental health of the undergraduate student body,

Whereas the overall health and welfare of the undergraduate student body is the upmost priority of the Student Assembly,

Whereas, community and social events bolster a stronger sense of community and social well being,



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Whereas, the Student Assembly facilitates stronger connections and sentiments between the undergraduate student body and the Administration/Faculty

Whereas, direct programming and event planning is a method that the Student Assembly can directly impact the lives of the undergraduate student body

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly shall establish an ad-hoc committee called the Hospitality Organization to Elevate Leadership (HOTEL) Commission

Be it further resolved, the desired structure of this ad-hoc committee is as followed:

Leadership: One chair.

Role of the Chair:

1. Appoint the initial members of the committee
2. Host meetings for the committee
3. Work with the Communications and Outreach Committee to promote the Commission's events and to reach out to relevant stakeholders
4. Present a report to the Student Assembly describing the Commission's plans, executed events, and overall engagement with the undergraduate student body on a once-a-month basis

Membership:

- Every Cornell undergraduate student is eligible to serve in the committee. The initial members will be appointed by the chair. Additional members will be able to join via application.

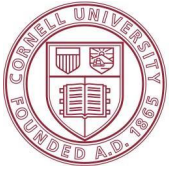
Mission:

- To increase sense of belonging for Cornellians through the introduction of additional school spirit events open to the entire student body
- Establishing a direct means of tangible engagement with the undergraduate student body

Goals:

- Offer a series of unique school-wide events every month (or up to what is reasonably executable) to promote better school spirit, community engagement, and sense of belonging.
- Increase participation and involvement of the undergraduate student body with the Student Assembly

Timeline: October 27, 2022 to May 5th, 2023



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Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Lewis '25

School of Hotel Administration Representative, Student Assembly

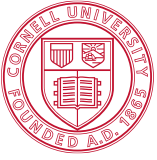
Pedro Da Silveira '25

Vice President of Internal Operations, Student Assembly

J.P. Swenson '25

Undesignated Representative-at-Large, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Communications and Outreach Committee 10/19/22)



1 Resolution #8: Student Assembly Office of Ethics 2 Bylaw Amendment

3 **Abstract:** This resolution amends and ratifies the Student Assembly Bylaws. These amendments to
4 the Bylaws create an ex-officio position for the Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of
5 Ethics, permits member of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics to remain during executive
6 session, and establish the format of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.

7 **Sponsored by:** Michelle Song '25

8 **Reviewed by:** Student Assembly Office of Ethics, 09/01/2022

9 **Type of Action:** Internal Policy

10 **Originally Presented:** 5/5/2022

11 **Current Status:** New Business

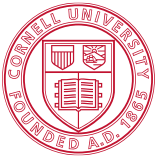
12 **Whereas,** the Student Assembly Office of Ethics was established through Student Assembly
13 Resolution 22 as an external executive office to hold the Student Assembly accountable, maintain a
14 high moral standard, and provide necessary ethical guidance and procedure to the Student Assembly;

15 **Whereas,** the membership of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics has actively researched,
16 analyzed, coordinated, argued, and discussed ethical philosophies and applications;

17 **Whereas,** the members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics have unanimously agreed that the
18 undergraduate Cornell community, as well as the Student Assembly, is in need of a structured system
19 imbued with the authority to ensure accountability, ethical conduct, justice, and growth;

20 **Whereas,** the current language utilized in “Section 2: Ex-officio Executive Committee Positions” of
21 “Article I: Ex-Officio Members,” “Section 5: Executive Session” of “Article IV: Meetings,” and
22 “Section 5: External Committees” of “Article VI: Committees” lines 10-19, 233-238, 562-617
23 prevent the Student Assembly Office of Ethics from becoming this type of system;

24 **Be it therefore resolved,** that “Section 2: Ex-officio Executive Committee Positions” of “Article I:
25 Ex-Officio Members,” “Section 5: Executive Session” of “Article IV: Meetings,” and “Section 5:
26 External Committees” of “Article VI: Committees” lines 10-19, 233-238, 562-617 of the Student
27 Assembly Bylaws be amended as follows:



28 **ARTICLE I: EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

29 **Section 2: Ex-Officio Executive Committee Positions**

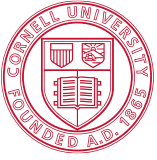
- 30 A. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell community to serve
31 as the Executive Archivist.
- 32 B. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell community to serve
33 as the Parliamentarian.
- 34 C. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve
35 as Director of Elections.
- 36 D. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve
37 as the Student Advocate.
- 38 E. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve
39 as the Director of Student Government Relations.
- 40 F. [The SA must grant an ex-officio position to any member elected by the Student Assembly](#)
41 [Office of Ethics to serve as the Chairperson.](#)

42 **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

43 **Section 2: Executive Session**

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

52 **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**



53 **Section 5: EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

54 **C. Student Assembly Office of Ethics**

55 a. ~~Name, Mission, and Affiliation~~

56 i. ~~Name~~—The name of the office shall be the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.

57 b. Mission:

58 i. ~~Mission~~—The mission of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be to
59 pursue any necessary ethics concerns of SA members and directly elected
60 undergraduate representatives to the UA.

61 ii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will investigate perceived ethical
62 violations and draft reports to the SA for guidance and potential repercussions.

63 iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be available for consulting and
64 support on SA ethical issues for both SA members and the student body.

65 c. Affiliation

66 i. ~~Affiliation~~—The Office will review evaluate all concerns submitted by
67 community members the student body that involve are against any SA members,
68 SA committees, SA elections, or directly elected undergraduate representatives of
69 the UA.

70 ii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be affiliated as an external executive
71 office of the Cornell Student Assembly.

72 iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall work jointly with the Elections
73 Committee to review any potential election violations or concerns.

74 d. Roles and Responsibilities

75 i. A quorum shall consist of five members of the Student Assembly Office of
76 Ethics.

77 ii. Chairperson ~~Director~~ of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics:

78 1. The Chairperson ~~Director~~ will chair all Student Assembly Office of
79 Ethics meetings.

80 2. The Chairperson ~~Director~~ shall only vote in the event of a tie.

81 3. The Chairperson shall have a term limit of one academic year.

82 4. The Chairperson shall correspond directly with the Student Assembly
83 on matters of ethics and ethical decorum in its meetings and all
84 proceedings.

85 a) In the event of absence, the Chairperson may select any member
86 of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics to serve as an ex-
87 officio member of the Executive Committee of the SA.

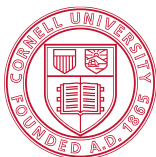
88 iii. Review all alleged ethical violations submitted to the Office via:

89 1. Qualtrics,



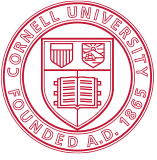
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- 90 2. Email,
- 91 3. Personal contact with a committee member of the Student Assembly
- 92 Office of Ethics.
- 93 iv. Open investigations on perceived ethical violations
- 94 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics can open its own investigation
- 95 on an ethical matter by a simple majority vote.
- 96 v. Voting Members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics:
- 97 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall consist of seven voting
- 98 members.
- 99 2. All voting members shall serve for the duration of ~~one academic year~~
- 100 ~~unless their term is renewed by the incoming Director of the Student~~
- 101 ~~Assembly Office of Ethics~~ **of their undergraduate academic career.**
- 102 3. **Student Assembly Office of Ethics** ~~Voting~~ members can be removed
- 103 before their term expires by a unanimous vote of the ~~entire~~ voting
- 104 membership of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.
- 105 a) **The subject of the removal vote must abstain from voting.**
- 106 4. All voting members shall be non-Student Assembly and non-
- 107 University Assembly members of the Cornell undergraduate student
- 108 population.
- 109 5. Voting members may not seek SA ~~or UA~~ office **through their** ~~for the~~
- 110 ~~academic year following their~~ term of service in the Student Assembly
- 111 Office of Ethics.
- 112 vi. Update the Student Assembly of its proceedings and its mission on an annual
- 113 basis at a hearing conducted during one of the first three general assembly
- 114 meetings of the academic year. This will be formally referred to as the “Student
- 115 Assembly Office of Ethics’ annual report.”
- 116 vii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be commissioned with interpreting
- 117 and applying the guidelines set forth in the SA Code of Ethics.
- 118 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will solely be tasked with the
- 119 ability to revise the Code of Ethics.
- 120 2. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will report revisions of the
- 121 Code of Ethics to the Student Assembly at the subsequent meeting.
- 122 e. Recruitment of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics Members
- 123 i. The first seven voting members shall be appointed individually by any SA
- 124 member and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire voting
- 125 membership of the Student Assembly.



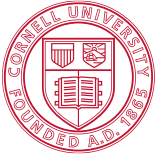
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- 126 1. Except for nominations following a failed community vote, all
127 nominations for the Student Assembly Office of Ethics must be
128 unanimously voted on by the Student Assembly Office of Ethics prior
129 to the vote by SA.
- 130 2. A week-long period in between nominations and appointments shall be
131 dedicated to giving SA voting members the opportunity to speak one-
132 on-one with each nominee.
- 133 ii. ~~The first slate of voting members must select the Director of the Student~~
134 ~~Assembly Office of Ethics internally by a simple majority of the Office before~~
135 ~~the end of the semester.~~
- 136 iii. ~~At the beginning~~ Before the conclusion of each academic year, the outgoing
137 voting membership of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics must select the
138 ~~Chairperson~~ Director of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics internally by a
139 simple majority vote of the entire voting membership of the Office.
- 140 iv. ~~The Director of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall decide upon the~~
141 ~~voting membership of the incoming Office before the conclusion of each~~
142 ~~academic year.~~
- 143 f. Vote of Confidence
- 144 i. The Student Assembly will assess the work of the ~~Office of the Student~~
145 Assembly Office of Ethics during the previous academic year and **must** conduct
146 a vote of confidence on an annual basis **during or following** ~~by one~~ any of the
147 first three general assembly meetings of each SA term.
- 148 1. Following the Student Assembly Office of Ethics' annual report, as
149 defined in Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, Clause D, Paragraph VI,
150 a simple majority vote of the SA will sustain a Vote of Confidence in
151 the Student Assembly Office of Ethics to operate in the present
152 academic year.
- 153 2. In the event of a failed Vote of Confidence, the SA may commence a
154 Vote of No Confidence by simple majority vote on the grounds that
155 the Office has failed to uphold and execute its mission, as defined in
156 Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, Clause B.
- 157 a) The Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics and
158 all present members of the Office may directly address the
159 concerns brought against the Office prior to the vote of the SA
160 to commence a Vote of No Confidence.



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- 161 b) If the motion to commence a Vote of No Confidence fails, the
162 SA must return to a Vote of Confidence as defined in Article VI,
163 Section 5, Subsection C, Clause F, Paragraph I.
164 3. A Vote of No Confidence shall be considered sustained in the event
165 that two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the SA votes in favor.
166 a) If the Vote of No Confidence is not sustained, the Assembly
167 must return to a Vote of Confidence as defined in Article VI,
168 Section 5, Subsection C, Clause F, Paragraph I.
169 ii. In the event of a sustained Vote of No Confidence, a community vote of the
170 entire undergraduate population shall be taken in order to remove all Student
171 Assembly Office of Ethics members by two-thirds (2/3) majority.
172 iii. In the event of a failed community vote, all Student Assembly Office of Ethics
173 members would continue to serve.
174 ~~iv. In addition to the annual vote of confidence, an additional vote of confidence~~
175 ~~can be called at any point during the academic year.~~
176 g. Student Assembly Office of Ethics Bylaws
177 i. All bylaw proposals to Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, must be approved by
178 the Student Assembly Office of Ethics by a two-thirds (2/3) majority before
179 coming to the SA.
180 ii. Changes to the Student Assembly Office of Ethics bylaws may only occur during
181 the first three SA meetings.
182 h. ~~The Student Assembly Code of Ethics~~
183 ~~i. Before the conclusion of the 2021–2022 academic year, the Student Assembly~~
184 ~~Office of Ethics will be charged with creating a Student Assembly Code of~~
185 ~~Ethics that must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire voting~~
186 ~~membership of the Student Assembly.~~
187 ~~ii. The SA Code of Ethics should include, but is not limited to, including:~~
188 ~~1. An expansion of the language outlined in the Student Assembly~~
189 ~~Standing Rules, Section 2: Ethical Standards and Attendance Policy,~~
190 ~~Section A;~~
191 ~~2. An overview of possible ethical conduct offenses;~~
192 ~~3. The process of determining a violation of ethics;~~
193 ~~4. The process of recommending the appropriate disciplinary action to a~~
194 ~~third party.~~
195 ~~iii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be charged with interpreting and~~
196 ~~applying the guidelines set forth in the SA Code of Ethics.~~
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198 **Respectfully Submitted,**
199 Michelle Song '25
200 *Representative at Large, Student Assembly*