

Cornell University Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

November 17, 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:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)
3. Late Additions to the Agenda
4. Consent Agenda: [Approval of November 10th, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Open Microphone
6. Announcements and Reports
7. Initiatives
8. Presentations and Forums
9. Business of the Day
10. New Business
 1. [Resolution #14- Special Projects Funding for Willard Straight Union Board](#)
11. Adjournment

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Cornell University Student Assembly Minutes of the November 10, 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 4:54pm

II. Roll Call

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

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. Lampert motions to add Resolution 13 under New Business, passed by unanimous consent
- b. S. Bhardwaj motions to add Resolution 12 under New Business, passed by unanimous consent

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the November 3, 2022 meeting minutes
 - i. S. Bhardwaj motions to change “Amisha Chowdhury to Chowdhury,” passed by unanimous consent
 - ii. B. Mehretu motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent

VI. Open Microphone

- a. None

VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. V. Valencia announces a written statement on the recent events involving Greek life
- b. R. De Lorenzo announces the approval of \$321 to the Disability Awareness Union at Cornell to host an event to discuss mental health and disability justice



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- i. The event will consist of welcomes, intros, Disability Awareness Union presentations, Cornell EARs presentation, student testimonials with a Q&A, and a reception
- ii. \$180 will go towards two hours of sign language interpreters for the event and the rest will go towards refreshments and advertisements
- iii. C. Taylor expands that getting referred to disability specialists is extremely difficult at Cornell, so the goal is to increase awareness of resources that are available and provide a step-by-step guide to navigating referrals that'll be on video and recorded with a transcript and sign language interpretation on their website. It'll be available to all students for at least the next year and a half
- iv. V. Valencia clarifies that since it's less than \$400 there's no vote, just an announcement
- v. J. Kalinski asks how much is left in the special projects fund
- vi. R. De Lorenzo responds it's around \$15,000 - \$321
- vii. S. Bhardwaj asks when the event is
- viii. C. Taylor responds it's on Tuesday the 15th at 4:30pm in Ives 112
- c. S. Bhardwaj announces an in-person meeting for the Student Health Advisory Committee this weekend to discuss the recent events in Greek Life and how we can support students and survivors
- d. D. Cady announces that President Pollack will be visiting the University Assembly on the 15th as well

VIII. Initiatives

- a. None

IX. Presentation and Forums

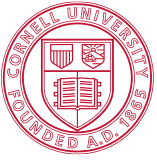
- a. None

X. Business of the Day

- a. None

XI. New Business

- a. Resolution 12 is presented by S. Bhardwaj, R. De Lorenzo, and S. Williams
 - i. S. Bhardwaj states this resolution condemns the recent events and urges the implantation of harm reduction strategies in Greek life
 - ii. S. Bhardwaj reads their resolution



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- iii. It details the crime alerts relating to roofying and sexual assault that went out over the weekend
- iv. On November 6th, all IFC social events were suspended by the IFC
- v. On November 7th, President Pollack and Vice President Lombardi released a joint statement condemning these events and reminding the community that this behavior must be eradicated
- vi. Cornell is committed to facilitating a culture of safety, consent, and inclusivity and all students must feel safe and supported in Greek Life and other social spaces
- vii. In order for Cornell University to remain true to its motto of “any person, any study,” Cornell must reaffirm its dedication to the safety of students of all genders, sexual orientations, races and other backgrounds
- viii. The Cornell SA unequivocally condemns sexual assault and the drugging of our peers in the strongest possible terms
- ix. The SA urges administration to implement actionable steps to reduce harm inflicted on our community, including strengthening mandatory, semesterly trainings on consent culture where a majority of fraternity members from each chapter are present, exploring further a relationship with the Tompkins County Advocacy Center and Greek Life organizations to promote healthy relationships and improve the safety of social settings, and bolstering supports for survivors of sexual assault, including restructuring the title ix office to reduce wait times with support staff, decrease case resolution times, and provide support if survivors pursue legal action
- x. S. Williams continues that they meet with IFC and PHC and have been in contact with members of MGFC
- xi. R. De Lorenzo states he’s very happy with this resolution and members of IFC, PHC, and MGFC are here as well
- xii. M. Baker asks about the decision in line 42 to make it a majority and not more
- xiii. R. De Lorenzo responds that Greek organizations have many members, some sorority orgs have 100+. Having the majority of those people there is very strong for the community, but it could definitely be more
- xiv. V. Valencia emphasizes that the SA, IFC, and PHC really care about working together to ensure that these events don’t happen again
- xv. D. Cady encourages everyone to look at how they can help with this resolution. Exploring ways we can further develop the relationship with Tompkins County Advocacy Center sounds incredible. Maybe have them present here and talk about ways we could support them. Also talking about



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ways we could further support the title ix office, ways we could examine some issues around case wait time and staff shortages. We have a lot of money and resources and are well-connected to work on this.

- xvi. S. Bhardwaj states they'll be talking about title ix on Saturday at the Student Health Advisory committee meeting, so that's the first step and they'll keep everyone in the loop
 - xvii. D. Cady motions to end debate, passed in a vote of 19-0-1
 - xviii. In a vote of 18-0-2, Resolution 12 passes
- b. Resolution 13 is presented by the Office of Ethics
- i. V. Valencia clarifies that since it is a bylaw amendment it will be voted on next week
 - ii. Office of Ethics explains that this is a re-introduction of the Office of Ethics bylaws amendments. Most of the changes were friendly amendments and some bring back old functions that the original bylaws already have.
 - iii. Line 88 adds a clarification about the ex-officio position that the chairperson of the Office of Ethics has
 - iv. Line 102 brings back the original term limits for members of the Office of Ethics keeping it at a term of one academic year unless their term is renewed and clarifies the process for removing fellow members of the Office of Ethics
 - v. Line 126 clarifies that any vacancy in the Office of Ethics is able to be filled by any member of the SA if confirmed by 2/3 vote and reviewed by Office of Ethics
 - vi. Line 139 adds a new process that requires the chairperson of the Office of Ethics to be confirmed by a 2/3 vote of the SA
 - vii. Line 142 added that the chairperson of the Office of Ethics will decide upon the retention of the voting membership of the incoming office
 - viii. J. Kalinski thanks them for their work on this and their patience in this process
 - ix. B. Mehretu asks about line 41 and how that process would work
 - x. Office of Ethics responds that the chair is elected by the Office of Ethics and confirmed by the SA and then after that the chair decides if the members who are staying on are indeed staying on and then the SA can fill the vacancies in the beginning of the next academic year
 - xi. D. Cady asks about line 160-165 and the intention behind having a full Cornell University student body vote



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- xii. Office of Ethics responds that the rationale of having it go to community vote is because the vote of no confidence removes all members of the Office of Ethics, so they opened it up to a vote of 15% of the student body, so that previous decisions of assemblies can't be wiped away by one assembly
- xiii. C. Taylor states that 15% of the student body would be a higher turnout than we usually receive in the SA Spring elections and would make it almost impossible. Is that the level they wanted to assign?
- xiv. Office of Ethics responds that the 15% number was put in their suggested changes document, but could make it something more in line with how voting turnout has been in previous semesters. They don't want to make it impossible at all
- xv. B. Luckow states an appropriate change would be a minimum of the last election cycle turnout or no threshold at all
- xvi. Office of Ethics asked if that would be allowed
- xvii. C. Taylor states the wording for that would be "at least the percentage of the undergraduate population that voted in the previous terms student assembly presidential election would be required in order to remove a member of the Office of Ethics from their position" and it can be done
- xviii. M. Baker states it should say "it's sufficient to"
- xix. C. Taylor motions to amend the line to say "a percentage of the undergraduate population which voted in the previous terms student assembly presidential election in the will be sufficient to remove a member of the Office of Ethics from their position"
- xx. D. Cady dissents. Asks why it can't be a simple majority
- xxi. B. Luckow states we're making the assumption that more people would care about this than the presidential election and if we can not meet that threshold then we'd be stuck in a cycle of no confidence, so doesn't think there should be a threshold
- xxii. Office of Ethics responds they had a community vote of a majority before and have more confidence in that
- xxiii. R. De Lorenzo motions to amend like 162-164 to say "5% of the undergraduate population must vote in favor of the Office of Ethics Student Assembly membership for the vote to be sustained" by unanimous consent
- xxiv. S. Bhardwaj dissents. Office of Ethics recommends the simple majority
- xxv. B. Mehretu motions to amend line 162-164 to say "by simple majority," passed in a vote of 15-1-3
- xxvi. M. Baker asks if it was 50% of people who turnout



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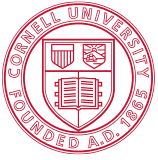
- xxvii. Office of Ethics says yes
- xxviii. D. Cady states in line 171-172 there shouldn't be a three-meeting limit because he doesn't see a purpose for it
- xxix. Office of Ethics states the reason behind that is if it's during anytime then they could potentially get the bylaws changed and passed at any time to prevent someone from getting a violation and that could affect the outcome of any violation
- xxx. V. Valencia states they could change it to "while an investigation is occurring"
- xxxi. D. Nachman asks for clarification on why they did this
- xxxii. Office of Ethics responds that it's a check on them, so that they don't change the bylaws
- xxxiii. A. Lampert motions to amend line 171-172 to say "not while an investigation is ongoing," fails in a vote of 3-12-7
- xxxiv. R. De Lorenzo motions to strike lines 171-172 by unanimous consent
- xxxv. S. Bhardwaj dissents. The Office of Ethics brought up valid reasons for having this check
- xxxvi. C. Taylor states they could make it "the bylaws as they stand at the beginning of an investigation will hold through the investigation"
- xxxvii. Office of Ethics states that they like that a lot, but didn't know if they could do that
- xxxviii. B. Luckow suggests that all changes in the first three meetings could be immediate and the rest could take place later, but likes C. Taylor's suggestion more
- xxxix. D. Cady motions to strike lines 171-172 with the understanding that if an investigation were to come up that requires changing the bylaws a debate could occur, passes in a vote of 14-3-4
- xl. B. Mehretu motions to postpone to next week, passes in a vote of 17-0-2

XII. Adjournment

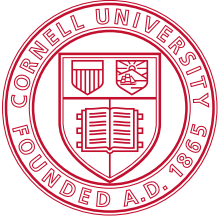
- a. R. De Lorenzo motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Birmingham
Clerk of the Assembly



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1 **Resolution 14: Approving Special Projects** 2 **Funding Request for Willard Straight Hall Union Board**

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4 **Abstract:** This resolution approves \$1,000.00 of Special Projects Funding to the Willard Straight
5 Hall Union Board to continue the Cornell tradition of serving freshly popped popcorn in the
6 Willard Straight Hall lobby to those affiliated with Cornell University.

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

8 **Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 11/14/22, 5-0-1

9 **Type of Action:** Recommendation

10 **Originally Presented:** 11/16/2022

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

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

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

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

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

28 **Whereas**, in an effort to revive a much-beloved pre-COVID tradition in Willard Straight Hall,
29 the Student Union Board has begun serving real, kettle-cooked popcorn free of charge to all
30 students from 5-7 PM every Tuesday and Thursday in the main lobby of WSH.

31 **Whereas**, in addition to all-you-can eat free popcorn, the popcorn station also offers a variety of
32 flavorings (including but not limited to: pumpkin spice, cinnamon sugar, cheddar cheese, butter,
33 and nutritional yeast) for students to enjoy.

34 **Whereas**, the popcorn machine, acquired at the expense of the WSH Student Union Board, is
35 manned by trained student members of the organization, who work on a purely pro bono
36 volunteer basis.

37 **Whereas**, In addition to directly covering all expenses for the popcorn and the upkeep of the
38 machine, the Student Union Board is responsible for the maintenance, storage, and cleaning of
39 the machine.

40 **Whereas**, the popcorn station has become a vehicle for both social gatherings and a means to
41 support other student groups on campus.

42 **Whereas**, the WSH Student Union Board often lends out the popcorn machine to other student
43 organizations free of charge and serves popcorn in conjunction with other student- led events
44 happening in WSH.

45 **Whereas**, most bags of popcorn served also have promotional quarter-cards for Cornell student-
46 created events affixed onto them as a means of free advertising support for other groups.

47 **Whereas**, the success of the popcorn station has led to costs greatly exceeding initial projections,
48 largely due to a much higher volume of oil, kernels, and flavoring being consumed than
49 anticipated

50 **Whereas**, the Student Union Board has no intention of cutting back either the quantity or caliber
51 of popcorn served to the student body.

52 **Whereas**, much of the Willard Straight Hall Union Board byline allocation is spent for the
53 numerous large-scale activities the Student Union Board runs throughout the year, like very cost-
54 intensive responsibilities of running Clubfest and Welcome Weekend events each semester.

55 **Whereas**, the total effective funding the Student Union Board can spend for the popcorn
56 machine and maintenance costs total is around \$1,750 for FY 22-23.

57 **Whereas**, the current costs are in excess of \$1100.00 already as of 11/9/22, this leaves
58 approximately \$650.00 of remaining funds which the Student Union can economically spend on
59 the popcorn station.

60 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly approves the \$1,000.00 Special Projects
61 Funding disbursement to Willard Straight Hall Union Board.

62 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover
63 the cost of the continuation of offering popcorn in the Willard Straight Hall lobby.

64 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly encourages undergraduate students who can to
65 stop by the Willard Straight Hall lobby when the popcorn is being offered that will be partially
66 funded by Special Projects Funding.

67 Respectfully Submitted,

68 George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

69 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*



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Resolution 15: Requesting that the University Provide Funds for an MD Gynecologist at Cornell Health

Abstract: The student health service at Cornell’s Ithaca campus, Cornell Health, does not currently have an MD gynecologist on staff, which impedes many students from receiving necessary gynecological care. This resolution requests that the university provide funding for Cornell Health to employ an MD gynecologist who is able to diagnose and treat the most common gynecological issues in the student population, including chronic vulvovaginal conditions and pelvic pain conditions.

Sponsored by: Valeria Valencia '23, Morgan Baker '23, Amisha Chowdhury '23, David Nachman '25, Arielle Johnson PhD, Victor Wu '25

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 11/16/2022 (5-0-1)

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented: 11/17/2022

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the mission of Cornell Health is “to foster lifelong learning and well-being through innovative services and strategies that promote the physical, emotional, and social health of individuals and our diverse campus community” and

Whereas, pelvic pain conditions, including endometriosis, vulvodynia, and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), affect up to 16% of cisgender women of reproductive age^{1 2 3 4}, as well as many transgender and nonbinary people of reproductive age, and

¹ <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/endometriosis>

² https://www.monash.edu/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1412644/PCOS_Evidence-Based-Guidelines_20181009.pdf

³ <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14681994.2013.842969>

⁴ <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/roughly-one-quarter-us-women-affected-pelvic-floor-disorders>



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24 **Whereas**, untreated pelvic pain can cause short and long-term health consequences, including
25 psychological and physical distress, anxiety, depression, poorer quality of life, anemia and
26 infertility, as well as causing absenteeism and productivity declines⁵, and

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28 **Whereas**, we commend Cornell Health for providing quality gynecological treatment to many
29 students despite limited resources, while affirming that an MD gynecologist could provide
30 services that are currently unavailable, and

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32 **Whereas**, other peer institutions including Harvard and Yale have MD gynecologists available
33 through their student health services, and

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35 **Whereas**, Cornell students do not have access to convenient and accessible off-campus
36 gynecological care because the majority of MD gynecologists in the Ithaca area specialize in
37 childbirth services, which does not cover the full scope of gynecological care that Cornell
38 students need; this forces many students to travel to Rochester or New Haven to receive quality
39 care for common conditions, and

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41 **Whereas**, on December 2, 2021, 136 students published an editorial in the Cornell Daily Sun to
42 “urge Cornell to provide funding for Cornell Health to hire an MD gynecologist. Specifically, we
43 need a gynecologist with experience diagnosing and treating chronic vulvovaginal and pelvic
44 pain conditions such as vulvodynia, endometriosis, PCOS, and pelvic floor dysfunction”⁶, and

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46 **Whereas**, on June 24th, 2022 following the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v.
47 Wade, Dean Augustine M.K. Choi sent an email to the entire Cornell community stating that
48 “Cornell clinicians, across all our campuses, will continue to provide quality health care services
49 to women, as is legal in the state of New York, and will continue to serve the health care needs
50 of all our patients, faculty, staff and students,” despite the fact that students needing
51 gynecological care do not have access to an MD gynecologist on Ithaca’s campus, and

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⁵ [https://www.fertstert.org/article/S0015-0282\(19\)32292-7/fulltext](https://www.fertstert.org/article/S0015-0282(19)32292-7/fulltext)

⁶ <https://cornellsun.com/2021/12/02/letter-to-the-editor-cornell-health-needs-a-gynecologist/>



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53 **Whereas**, considering that historically marginalized groups, including racial and ethnic minority
54 groups and LGBTQ+ persons, often have disproportionately low access to comprehensive
55 gynecological care, Cornell Health could reduce access disparities in the student population by
56 providing inclusive care from an MD gynecologist^{7 8 9 10}, and

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58 **Whereas**, we believe that providing quality gynecological care to students on the Ithaca campus
59 is an urgent issue, and such care could greatly improve the wellbeing of many students.

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61 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the University secure funding and develop a projected timeline for
62 hiring an MD gynecologist who can treat the most common gynecological issues faced by the
63 Cornell student population, and

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65 **Be it further resolved**, that the University provide regular updates on the hiring process to the
66 GPSA and SA, and

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68 **Be it finally resolved**, that the University adequately communicate all gynecological services,
69 including those provided by the MD gynecologist, that are available at Cornell Health to the
70 student body.

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72 **Respectfully Submitted,**

73 Valeria Valencia '23

74 *President*, Student Assembly

75 Morgan Baker '23

76 *Women's Issues Liaison At-Large*, Student Assembly

77 Amisha Chowdhury '23

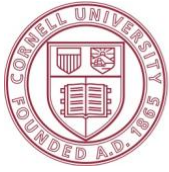
78 *Student Advocate*, Student Assembly

⁷ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26595584/>

⁸ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12712135>

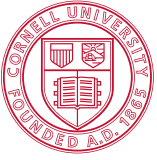
⁹ <https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/committee-opinion/articles/2012/05/health-care-for-lesbians-and-bisexual-women>

¹⁰ <https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/full/10.1089/trgh.2018.0022>



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- 79 David Nachman '25
- 80 *Students With Disabilities Representative At-Large, Student Assembly*
- 81 Victor Wu '25
- 82 *Member, Student Health Advisory Committee, Student Assembly*
- 83 Arielle Johnson PhD
- 84 Pelvic Pain Association at Cornell
- 85 Planned Parenthood Generation Action at Cornell
- 86 PERIOD@Cornell
- 87 The Advocacy Project from Cornell University
- 88 Law - Women of Color Collective
- 89 Cornell Law School - Women's Law Coalition
- 90 Disability+
- 91 Multicultural Academic Council
- 92 Cornell University Women's Health Initiative
- 93 Qgrads (LGBTQ+ Graduate Student Association)
- 94 Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition, Cornell University
- 95 Biodiversify Affiliates at Cornell
- 96 I-An "Amy" Su
- 97 *President, Cornell's Graduate & Professional Women's Network (GPWomeN)*



Resolution 13: Student Assembly Office of Ethics Bylaw Amendment

Abstract: This resolution amends and ratifies the Student Assembly Bylaws. These amendments to the Bylaws create an ex-officio position for the Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics, permit members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics to remain during executive session, and establish the format of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.

Sponsored by: Michelle Song '25, Pedro Da Silveira' 25

Reviewed by: Student Assembly Office of Ethics, 11/08/2022

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 11/10/2022

Current Status: New Business

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

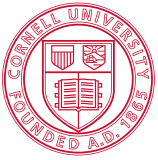
Whereas, the membership of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics has actively researched, analyzed, coordinated, argued, and discussed ethical philosophies and applications;

Whereas, the members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics have unanimously agreed that the Student Assembly, is in need of a structured system imbued with the authority to ensure accountability, ethical conduct, justice, and growth;

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

Whereas, the Code of Ethics and amendments to the Ethics Clause of the Student Assembly’s Standing Rules have been incorporated into the framework of the Assembly, and an amendment to the Bylaws is necessary for the Office to function

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



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

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

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

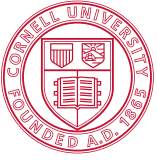
45 **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

46 **Section 2: Executive Session**

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

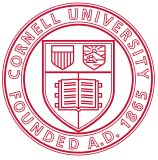
55 **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

56 **Section 5: EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**



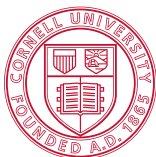
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- 57 C. **Student Assembly Office of Ethics**
- 58 a. Name
- 59 i. The name of the office shall be the **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics.
- 60 b. Mission:
- 61 i. The mission of the **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics shall be to pursue any
- 62 necessary ethics concerns of SA members and directly elected undergraduate
- 63 representatives to the UA.
- 64 ii. The **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics will investigate perceived ethical
- 65 violations and draft reports to the SA for guidance and potential repercussions.
- 66 iii. The **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics will be available for consulting and
- 67 support on SA ethical issues for both SA members and the student body.
- 68 c. **Affiliation**
- 69 i. The Office will **review** all **concerns** submitted by the student body that **involve**
- 70 any SA members, SA committees, **SA elections**, or directly elected undergraduate
- 71 representatives of the UA.
- 72 ii. The **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics shall be affiliated as an external executive
- 73 office of the Cornell Student Assembly.
- 74 iii. The **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics shall work jointly with the **Elections**
- 75 **Committee** to review any potential election violations or concerns.
- 76 d. **Roles and Responsibilities**
- 77 i. A quorum shall consist of five members of the **Student Assembly** Office of
- 78 **Ethics**.
- 79 ii. **Chairperson** of the **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics:
- 80 1. The **Chairperson** will chair all **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics
- 81 meetings.
- 82 2. The **Chairperson** shall only vote in the event of a tie.
- 83 3. The **Chairperson** shall have a term limit of one academic year.
- 84 4. The **Chairperson** shall correspond directly with the **Student Assembly**
- 85 on matters of ethics and ethical decorum in its meetings and all
- 86 proceedings.
- 87 a) In the event of absence, the **Chairperson** may select any member
- 88 of the **Student Assembly** Office of Ethics to temporarily fulfill
- 89 their obligations as an ex-officio member of the **Executive**
- 90 **Committee** of the SA.
- 91 iii. **Review** all alleged ethical violations submitted to the Office via:
- 92 1. **Qualtrics**,
- 93 2. **Email**,



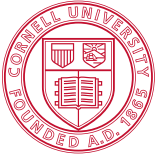
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- 94 3. Personal contact with a committee member of the Student Assembly
95 Office of Ethics.
- 96 iv. Open investigations on perceived ethical violations
- 97 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics can open its own investigation
98 on an ethical matter by a simple majority vote.
- 99 v. Voting Members of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics:
- 100 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall consist of seven voting
101 members.
- 102 2. All voting members shall serve for the duration of one academic year
103 unless their term is renewed by the Chairperson of the Student
104 Assembly Office of Ethics
- 105 3. Student Assembly Office of Ethics members, if found in violation of
106 the Code of Ethics or any other reasonable basis as determined by the
107 Office, can be removed before their term expires by a unanimous vote
108 of the voting membership of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.
- 109 a) The subject of the removal vote must abstain from voting.
- 110 4. All voting members shall be non-Student Assembly and non-
111 University Assembly members of the Cornell undergraduate student
112 population.
- 113 5. Voting members may not seek SA office through their term of service
114 in the Student Assembly Office of Ethics.
- 115 vi. Update the Student Assembly of its proceedings and its mission on a semesterly
116 basis at a hearing conducted during one of the first three general assembly
117 meetings of the academic year. This will be formally referred to as the “Student
118 Assembly Office of Ethics’ semesterly report.”
- 119 vii. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will be commissioned with interpreting
120 and applying the guidelines set forth in the SA Code of Ethics.
- 121 1. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics, alone, will be tasked with the
122 ability to revise the Code of Ethics.
- 123 2. The Student Assembly Office of Ethics will report revisions of the
124 Code of Ethics to the Student Assembly at the subsequent meeting.
- 125 e. Recruitment of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics Members
- 126 i. Any vacancies in the 7 seats of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall be
127 appointed individually by any SA member and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3)
128 vote of the entire voting membership of the Student Assembly.
- 129 1. Except for nominations following a failed community vote, all
130 nominations for the Student Assembly Office of Ethics must be



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- 131 unanimously approved by the membership of the Student Assembly
132 Office of Ethics prior to the SA nomination hearing.
133 2. A week-long period in between nominations and appointments shall be
134 dedicated to giving SA voting members the opportunity to speak one-
135 on-one with each nominee.
- 136 ii. At the beginning of each academic year, the voting membership of the Student
137 Assembly Office of Ethics must select the Chairperson of the Student Assembly
138 Office of Ethics internally by a simple majority vote of the entire voting
139 membership of the Office. The Chairperson-elect shall be confirmed by a 2/3rds
140 majority vote of the Student Assembly voting membership.
 - 141 iii. The Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics shall decide upon the
142 retention of the voting membership of the incoming Office before the
143 conclusion of each academic year.
- 144 f. Vote of No Confidence
- 145 i. The Student Assembly will assess the work of the Student Assembly Office of
146 Ethics during the previous academic year and must conduct a vote of no
147 confidence on an annual basis during or following any of the first three general
148 assembly meetings of each semester.
 - 149 1. Following the Student Assembly Office of Ethics' semesterly report, as
150 defined in Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, Clause D, Paragraph VI, the
151 SA may commence a Vote of No Confidence by 2/3 majority vote on the
152 grounds that the Office has failed to uphold and execute its mission, as
153 defined in Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, Clause B.
 - 154 a) The Chairperson of the Student Assembly Office of Ethics and all
155 present members of the Office may directly address the concerns
156 brought against the Office prior to the vote of the SA to commence a
157 Vote of No Confidence.
 - 158 2. If the motion to commence a Vote of No Confidence fails, the Student
159 Assembly Office of Ethics will continue to operate.
 - 160 3. In the event of a sustained Vote of No Confidence, a community vote of
161 the undergraduate population shall be taken in order to remove all Office
162 of Ethics members by simple majority.
 - 163 ii. In the event of a failed community vote, all Student Assembly Office of Ethics
164 members shall continue to serve.
 - 165 g. Student Assembly Office of Ethics Bylaws



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166 i. All bylaw proposals to Article VI, Section 5, Subsection C, must be approved by
167 the Student Assembly Office of Ethics by a two-thirds (2/3) majority before
168 coming to the SA.

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