

Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, January 24, 2019 Meeting
4:45pm-7:00pm in Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. Open Microphone

III. Presentations

- a. VP Mary Opperman and VP Ryan Lombardi (4:45pm-5:30pm)
- b. Barbara Romano: 25Live

IV. Announcements and Reports

- a. CUTonight Oversight Committee
 - i. Khaddy Kebbeh, Chair
- b. SAIFC Report: Bike Repair Stands

V. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 20: Establishing a Student Health Advisory Committee

VI. New Business

- a. Resolution 22: Approval of the Standing Rules for Spring 2019
 - i. Appendix: Standing Rules from Fall 2018
- b. Resolution 23: Providing Cornellians with Disabilities Better Representation by Establishing an Organizational Liaison to the Student Assembly

VII. Executive Session

- a. Internal Elections and Appointments

VIII. Adjournment



Estimates: for Bike Repair Stands

Considered Cost	Price for one Stand	Price for two Stands
Dero Fix-it	\$1524	\$3048
Freight	\$100	\$200
Replacements: one hose and one metal chuck	\$82	\$82
Signs	\$32	\$64
Total	\$1738	\$3394

Administrative Contacts and routing number

Administrative contacts	Project name	Account number
Susan Powell	Bike Repair Stands	Acct P76 3713
David Cutter		

Rationale of the Commission

The Infrastructure Fund Commission voted to allocate an award of \$3394.00 for the purpose of installing two Dero Fix-it Bike Repair Stands. An award of \$3394 is equivalent to 2.92 percent of Commission's 2018-19 budget. Based on prior conversations with Susan Powell, Active Transportation program coordinator, and David Cutter, University landscape architect, the Commission recommends that one stand be placed near Appel Commons and the other adjacent to the bike racks by the door to Uris Library. In an email on November 29th, Susan Powell expressed that she "received approval for Transportation Services to cover the cost of installation by the Cornell grounds department for repair stands and pumps at up to three locations." These conversations were vital in informing our decision because we were able to validate the feasibility of these locations from knowledgeable University staff.

The project application was submitted to the Commission by Alfie Rayner '19 on behalf of Big Red Bikes during Fall 2017. The Commission was unable to award the project funds at the time. The project was resubmitted by Ellie Month '21. The original proposal requested stands by Appel or RPPC, Noyes, and Olin library. The proposal recognizes the wear Ithaca weather and terrain places on bikes, and hopes the stands will make biking across campus a more viable mode of transport. Regarding replacement items for the stands, the committee opted for purchasing one metal chuck, a moderately more costly option, as they are said to be highly durable, and one hose, as tire pumps are likely to be used the most.

In conclusion, the Commission believes that the installation of these repair stands will make biking more accessible to students, improving the health of the student body, the environmental consciousness of the University, and the movement of students across campus. The Commission anticipates the installation of the stands during Spring 2019 semester because, given Ithaca's weather patterns and the freezing of the ground, installations will be more easily done.



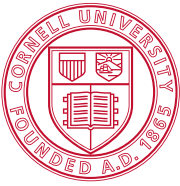
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Vote Total

Amount:	Total:
\$3394.00	7-0-1

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Wallace
Chair of the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission



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Originally Presented on:	11/29/18
Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #20 Establishing a Student Health Advisory Committee

ABSTRACT: This resolution establishes a Student Health Advisory Committee in conjunction with the GPSA and Cornell Health to improve quality of care and collaboration at Cornell Health

Sponsored by: Varun Devatha '19 and Joe Anderson '20

Whereas, Cornell Health has looked to increase the transparency and student feedback of their services:

Whereas, students have voiced their interest in participating in positive conversation with Cornell Health to help improve the quality of care that students are receiving;

Whereas, that current mechanisms are through the Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee and comment sections after patient care;

Whereas, these avenues are not sufficient mechanisms in communicating the concerns of students, as some concerns fall out the scope of the Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee and the lack of action that might be taken via comment sections;

Whereas, a Student Health Advisory Committee would serve the purpose of being a venue for students to work collaboratively with staff members at Cornell Health to work to improve quality of care as well as outreach and communication of Cornell Health;

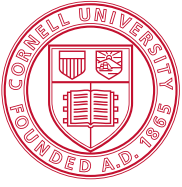
Be it therefore resolved, that the bylaws of the Student Assembly be updated with the following in Article VI:

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Section 5. Special Committees

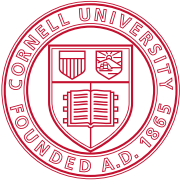
- A. **Student Health Advisory Committee:** This committee shall be jointly established with between the Student Assembly, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, and Cornell Health. It shall be chaired by one member from the SA, one member from the GPSA, and one member from Cornell Health. Student Membership shall consist of 15 seats, 8 members selected from the SA, with 3 being SA voting members and 5 being non-SA voting members, and 7 from the GPSA. Staff from Cornell Health will be brought to the committee on an ad-hoc basis. Areas of focus for the committee will include, but are not limited to, physical health, mental health, and outreach and communication. Necessary communication between the Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee will occur on an ad-hoc basis.

Be it finally resolved, that the committee will fully established by the Spring of 2019.



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45 **Respectfully Submitted,**
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47 Varun Devatha '19
48 *President, Student Assembly*
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50 Joe Anderson '20
51 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*
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53 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-0, 11/28/2018)*



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Originally Presented on:	1/24/2019
Type of Action:	Internal Policy
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #22 Approval of the Spring 2019 Standing Rules

ABSTRACT: The Student Assembly Bylaws state that the first meeting of the academic year must be to approve the Standing Rules. This resolution proposes changes to the Standing Rules for the Spring Assembly session.

Sponsored by: Joe Anderson '20

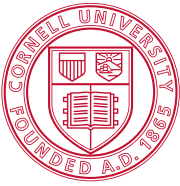
Whereas, Article IV Section 3 of the Student Assembly Bylaws state, “The first meeting of the academic year shall be known as the Organizational Meeting and shall be for the purpose of adopting the schedule for regular meeting and approving the standing rules;”

Whereas, the Student Assembly President, the Executive Vice President, and the Parliamentarian are charged with the responsibility of these Standing rules revision at the beginning of each semester;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly approve and adopt the Standing Rules from Fall of 2018 Semester for the Spring 2019 Session of the 2018-2019 Academic Year with the following change:

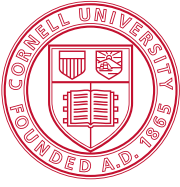
Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly adopts these changes to the Standing Rules, in Section 8, Subsection B:

- i. Rule 5: The Student Assembly may, through the process outlined in the Rules of this document, choose to fund any project, program or service through Student Assembly Special Projects that it deems will improve the quality of undergraduate student life or to further the goals of the Assembly. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending.
- ii. Rule 6: Special Projects funding may be requested by any registered undergraduate student of Cornell University.
- iii. Rule 7: Special Project funding requests of no more than \$400 may be approved with joint consent of the Student Assembly President and the Student Assembly Vice President for Finance, thus avoiding the process for requests outlined in these Rules. Such consent must be provided in writing to the Office of the Assemblies before any funds are disbursed. If the President or the Vice President for Finance does not give consent, requestors of amounts of up to \$400 may also be funded by the process outlined in Rule 14 and Rule 15. After the approval by the Student Assembly President and Vice President for Finance, the Vice President for Finance must report the approval to the voting body of the Student Assembly. If the Student Assembly President and Vice President for Finance wish to fund a project



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- 40 more than one time per semester, the funding will require majority approval of the Student
41 Assembly.
- 42 iv. Rule 8: The Student Assembly Appropriations Committee shall decide upon special projects
43 requests submitted by the process outlined in Rule 14 and Rule 15. The SA, at large, may
44 reverse an Appropriations Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds
45 vote of its members (not members present). After the Appropriations Committee funds any
46 project between \$400 and \$1500, the Vice President for Finance must report this funding to
47 the Assembly's general body at the next Student Assembly meeting.
- 48 v. Rule 9: Requests of \$1500 and over that have been approved by the Appropriations Committee
49 require confirmation by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large.
- 50 vi. Rule 10: The Vice President for Finance shall present a written report to the Student Assembly
51 each time a special projects disbursement is made.
- 52 vii. Rule 11: Student Assembly committees can request funding from Special Projects only if a
53 funding request cannot be covered by the committee initiatives budget or a committee48
54 specific budget allocation.
- 55 viii. Rule 13: Special Project Requests should include as much detail as possible, including, but not
56 limited to: informed estimates of all major costs, specific dates and times for events, event
57 location, names of speakers, expected attendance, and other funding sources for the event.
- 58 ix. Rule 14: All requests for special projects funding must contain the information required in Rule
59 15 and must be formally submitted to the Vice President for Finance by email at sa-
60 vpfinance@cornell.edu. Requests for special projects funding over \$400 will be reviewed on
61 Mondays at regular or special meetings of the Appropriations Committee. Requestors of
62 amounts over \$400 should plan on submitting the formal request, with the information
63 required in Rule 15, to the Vice President for Finance by email (sa-vpfinance@cornell.edu)
64 no later than 5:00pm on the on the Friday prior to the review meeting.
- 65 x. Rule 15: In the request submitted to the Vice President of Finance by email, requestors must
66 provide the following information:
- 67 i. Name and NetID of Requestor
 - 68 ii. Name(s) of Sponsoring Organizations (if any)
 - 69 iii. Title of Event or Project
 - 70 iv. Detailed Summary of Event or Project
 - 71 v. Date(s) of Event or Project
 - 72 vi. Location(s) of Event or Project, including any information about whether any
73 specific spaces have been reserved (if applicable)
 - 74 vii. Total amount requested from the Student Assembly special projects funding
 - 75 viii. Itemized list of expenses related to the Event or Project
 - 76 ix. Itemized list of other income sources (if any) related to the Event or Project
 - 77 x. Itemized list of co-sponsors and their contributions (if any).
 - 78 xi. Expected attendance or size of potential for impact of Project or Event



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xii. Plan for how this project or event will be accessible by all undergraduate students.

xiii. Organizations receiving SAFC funding must detail why SAFC cannot be applied.

xi. Rule 16: Projects or events must be accessible by all undergraduate students. The organization seeking funding must show evidence of efforts to secure co-sponsorships and other means of funding

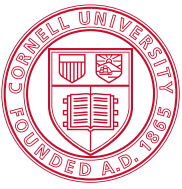
xii. Rule 17: Special Projects does not grant funding for events or projects that already have happened.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Anderson '20

Executive Vice President, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-0, 1/22/2019)



Standing Rules

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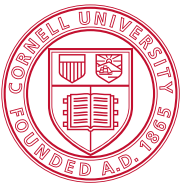
For 2018-2019

Section 1: Preamble

- A. The Student Assembly's foremost interest in 2018-2019 shall be the undergraduate students of Cornell University. These Standing Rules shall serve as guidelines for specific rules and effective leadership from the Student Assembly that may not specifically be covered in the charter or bylaws, but will aid in the efficiency of a successful Assembly. These Standing Rules shall be adhered to by all Student Assembly members (elected and ex-officio), committee members, community members, and staff.
- B. These Standing Rules shall be utilized with the following prefaces:
 - i. Rule 1: In the event of a conflict, the Charter, Bylaws, and Special Rules of Order shall supersede the Standing Rules.
 - ii. Rule 2: The Standing Rules shall be revised at the beginning of each semester by the President, the Executive Vice-President, and the Parliamentarian and submitted by the Executive Vice President and Parliamentarian to the Student Assembly for approval. The Standing Rules shall take effect upon a majority vote of approval by the voting membership of the Student Assembly. The Standing Rules can also be edited at any time by a majority vote of the membership of the SA.
 - iii. Rule 3: A motion to suspend the Standing Rules must be recognized by the Chair and approved by a two-thirds vote of Student Assembly members present.

Section 2: Ethical Standards and Attendance Policy

- A. Ethical Conduct is expected of all members at all times, as members are representative of their constituencies. Any member found to be using the name of the SA outside of the bounds of the individual's described role on the SA, abusing the SA brand to acquire additional benefits or privileges, or any such similar matter shall be in violation of this ethics clause. The appropriate disciplinary action shall be determined by the Executive Board, the Dean of Students, and the Office of Assemblies.
- B. The Student Assembly is charged to "seek out and voice effectively the interests and concerns of the student body." To do this, attendance and participation, as outlined below is imperative for efficiency within the Assembly:
 - i. Rule 1: Attendance is required at all regularly scheduled meetings for all voting and ex-officio members who serve in a liaison capacity. Absences will not be recorded for ex-officio organizational liaison members, i.e. Tri-Council and Residential Student Congress, if the absence is a result of a conflicting obligation related to their respective organization. Attendance requirements for all operational ex-officio members shall be at the discretion of the executive committee. Absences for shared government liaisons will not be under the discretion of the executive committee. Regularly scheduled meetings are held Thursdays, from 4:45 until 6:30 p.m., while undergraduate colleges are in session. Informal meetings are considered official meetings when held in lieu of regular Thursday meetings or when deemed official by a unanimous vote of the executive committee.
 - ii. Rule 2: Attendance at all organizational and specially-scheduled meetings is required, when the Executive Committee provides SA members at least 24 hours' prior notice of the meeting. Such meetings shall be



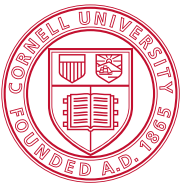
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- considered “regularly scheduled meetings,” for the purpose of accruing absences. Ex-officio members will be excused from these meetings unless notified otherwise by the Executive Committee.
- iii. Rule 3: All voting members must remain an active member of at least one committee as per the standards established by the chair of their respective committee. Failure to remain an active member of at least one committee can result in vacancy of a seat at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
 - iv. Rule 4: Any member who fails to attend a required meeting or event shall be considered absent. Any late arrival beyond the first 15 minutes of the meeting will result in a half-absence if there is no notification at least 24 hours in advance to the Vice President of Internal Operations. Any early departure will result in a half-absence if there is no notification at least 24 hours in advance to the Vice President of Internal Operations. The Executive Committee reserves the right to decide what constitutes an early departure.
 - v. Rule 5: Any member who arrives late to a required meeting or event but within the first 15 minutes after Roll-Call will receive a quarter-absence.
 - vi. Rule 6: At the discretion of the Vice President of Internal Operations, unavoidable academic conflicts including prelims, final presentations, and field trips but not including office hours, review sessions or professor visits that are in direct conflict with a required Student Assembly meeting will not be counted towards the three cumulative regularly scheduled meetings if they are reported 24 hours before the meeting conflict. Academic conflicts that cannot be reasonably predicted 24 hours before the meeting conflict can be excused by a majority vote of the executive committee.
 - vii. Rule 7: At the discretion of the Vice President of Internal Operations, unavoidable conflicts as a result of job interviews and scholarship interviews that are in direct conflict with a required Student Assembly meeting will not be counted towards the three cumulative regularly scheduled meetings if they are reported as soon as the conflict arises.
 - viii. Rule 8: At the discretion of the Vice President of Internal Operations, unavoidable conflicts as a result of religious obligations that are in direct conflict with a required Student Assembly meeting will not be counted towards the three cumulative regularly scheduled meetings if they are reported at least 24 hours before the meeting conflict.
 - ix. Rule 9: The Vice President of Internal Operations can request documentation for proof of absence.
 - x. Rule 10: Any college or constituency who lacks representation as a result of a seat being vacated or unclaimed shall be filled by the runner-up in the most recent election for that seat. If the seat remains vacant, an interim representative shall be appointed by the President, and confirmed by a majority of SA Members. The interim representative shall have full voting privileges associated with membership on the SA. The interim representative post shall be terminated immediately upon the declaration of a permanent replacement via an election. The interim position will remain in effect for the remainder of semester if the position becomes vacant following the first 3 weeks of the semester.
 - xi. Rule 12: All candidates who are elected to the Student Assembly during Spring Elections are required to attend all Organizational Meetings and the last two SA meetings during the Spring Semester. Absences at these meetings will count toward the member’s term total.
 - xii. Rule 13: All elected members of the Student Assembly will adhere to the Cornell University Student Assembly Oath of Office, which states:

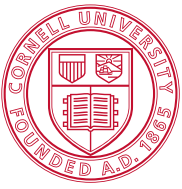
In the view of the trust the Cornell Community has vested in me, as well as my personal sense of honor, I _____, do solemnly affirm to fulfill my responsibilities as a student-elected representative. I will engage in open and honest debate in a process where I am guided by truth and fairness. I will never purposely misrepresent facts in an effort to achieve my goals. If a conflict of interest arises, I will relinquish my right to participate in the decision making process. I will seek out and voice effectively the interests and concerns of the student body, address the issues of my fellow students, and strive to improve the quality of life at Cornell for all students.

Section 3: Agenda-Setting Policies and Procedures



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- A. Rule 1: The agenda for any informal meetings shall not contain voting on legislation unless these meetings are held in lieu of regular Thursday meetings or to meet a deadline.
- B. Rule 2: The Executive Vice President will place under Business of the Day any item that has been previously discussed. Additionally, appropriation requests and committee assignments are to appear under Business of the Day. All other items shall be introduced as New Business, unless otherwise authorized by a majority vote of the Executive Board or a majority vote of the Student Assembly.
- C. Rule 3: New Business shall be an opportunity for SA and community members to ask questions of and make suggestions to the author of a piece of legislation. Comments may not be argumentative in nature and questions must seek factual answers.
- D. Rule 4 Business of the Day shall be an opportunity for discussion and debate on the legislation.
- E. Rule 5: Prior to introduction as New Business, all resolutions shall be reviewed and approved by an appropriate SA committee no more than 30 days before the EVP sends the agenda to the general public. The Executive Vice President or the Vice President of Internal Operations will determine which committee will review a resolution. A resolution cannot be introduced to the SA without approval by an appropriate SA committee except under extenuating circumstances in which the Executive Board determines that a resolution should be brought to the floor without a committee review. Approval by a committee requires a majority vote of the committee members present at the committee meeting. A representative of the committee that reviewed the resolution is permitted to give a brief summary of the committee's thoughts or concerns on the resolution when it is presented a regularly scheduled Student Assembly meeting.
- F. Rule 6: In order for a resolution to be moved to Business of the Day, a Resolution must have been discussed at a prior meeting or be moved to Business of the Day by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of members present.
- G. Rule 7: If the Residential Student Congress needs to pass a formal legislative resolution concerning residential life at Cornell, the Residential Student Congress has the authority to pass resolutions that will be introduced as New Business on the Student Assembly agenda. These resolutions must explicitly pertain to residential life. Any resolutions presented by the Residential Student Congress must have been voted on and approved by a majority vote of the general body members of the Residential Student Congress and the Residential Student Congress liaison to the Student Assembly, who must be the sponsor of the resolution. The resolution must be sent to the Student Assembly EVP at least one week before the Student Assembly meeting where the resolution will appear on the agenda. All resolutions appearing on the SA agenda through this method, without having been passed by an SA committee, will require a vote of two-thirds of SA members present to be passed.
- H. Rule 8: At its weekly meeting, the Executive Committee will discuss the agenda for Student Assembly meetings. Items for the agenda must be submitted to the Executive Vice President of the Student Assembly in the proper format, as designated by the Executive Vice President.
- I. Rule 9: The Office of the Assemblies must post the agenda to the Student Assembly website no later than noon on the day of the meeting.
- J. Rule 10: The Vice President of External Affairs and the sponsors of the resolution must ensure that all parties, including but not limited to any specific Cornell student, administrator, faculty member, or staff member, involved or impacted by particular legislative actions are notified and invited to attend the meeting at which the action shall be heard. Additionally, any registered student organization must be notified if the proposed legislation affects their funding or guidelines. The aforementioned need not consent to the legislation, but it is highly encouraged that the aforementioned attend the meeting. In the event that the author of said legislation is uncomfortable contacting all interested parties, they may request that the Vice President of External Affairs does so on their behalf.
- K. Rule 11: A short descriptive abstract of approximately 25 words will be submitted by sponsors of resolutions before committee approval.
- L. Rule 12: Student Assembly Initiatives should be presented as reports to the Student Assembly with an opportunity for questions from Student Assembly Members and Community Members. A summary of



the initiative reports will be reported over the Actions Listserv bi-weekly. The following procedures will be followed for initiative reports:

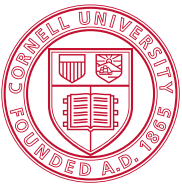
- i. The Chair announces the initiative and the sponsors have two minutes to present their initiative
 - ii. A moderated Q&A will follow the presentation, the questions can be argumentative in nature as Student Assembly Representatives and community members shall be empowered to express their approval or disapproval
 - iii. The Chair shall be empowered to determine to end the time when the allocated time has expired, conversation has become redundant, or the speaker's list has been exhausted
 - iv. The Executive Vice President shall be empowered to make the determination as to what will be presented as an initiative
- M. Rule 13: Following the Referenda protocol in Article III §8 of the Student Assembly Charter, the Executive Vice President will present an update on pro and con statements during the Promotional Period. The Executive Vice President will give this presentation at the first regularly scheduled SA meeting after the Office of the Assemblies posts the community statements anonymously to the Assemblies website.

Section 4: Abstentions and Proxy Voting

- A. Rule 1: As per the Cornell University Student Assembly Oath of Office, members shall abstain from voting if a conflict of interest arises.
- B. Rule 2: SA members may abstain from voting at regularly scheduled or special meetings of the Assembly. However, if the total number of abstentions is greater than the total number of votes in favor of a resolution or motion, the resolution or motion fails.
- C. Rule 3: The tendering of proxy votes shall occur in accordance with the Special Rules or Order, but shall require that an excused absence be noted by the Vice President of Internal Operations.
- D. Rule 4: All members of the Appropriations Committee and the Student Assembly shall abstain from voting if they have a conflict of interest. A member shall be deemed to have a conflict of interest if they hold an executive board position in the organization. Additionally, a member shall be considered to have a conflict of interest if they have requested funding or financial co-sponsorship from the organization in the previous 3 months or intend to request in the next 3 months.
- E. Rule 5: The previous rule shall not apply to the Student Assembly's determination of the Student Assembly's Byline Funding Allocation; however, all representatives shall hold the Student Assembly to the same or higher standards as all other applicants.

Section 5: Committee Leadership and Oversight

- A. The committees of the Student Assembly are essential to the functioning of the shared governance system. Leaders of the Assembly committees are elected to effectively run the Assembly. As a result, members in such a position are charged with these obligations and are required to adhere by as such:
 - i. Rule 1: In accordance with Rules 5–8 and Articles 3 and 7 of the Student Assembly Charter, the SA Vice President of Internal Operations has the obligation to be in constant contact with the SA clerk, all committee chairs, and all bodies in which the SA sends representation to keep an accurate log of attendance. The SA Vice President of Internal Operations shall report any pressing matters regarding attendance, such as members in jeopardy of exceeding the allowed number of absences, to the Executive Committee at their weekly meeting.
 - ii. Rule 2: Each SA member must be a voting member of at least one SA committee, the University Assembly, or a UA committee. The Chair of each committee shall inform the SA VP of Internal Operations of any SA members who are in jeopardy of violating the committee's attendance policy.

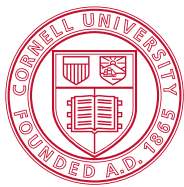


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- 177 Additionally, the committee chair shall inform the VP of Internal Operations if an SA member has
178 violated the committee's attendance policy and has been removed from the committee.
- 179 iii. Rule 3: The President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President of Internal Operations will be
180 ex-officio members of every committee, except the Elections Committee, and taskforce associated
181 with the Student Assembly and whose activities are delineated in the SA charter.
- 182 iv. Rule 4: Committee chairs will report updates as necessary regarding upcoming committee meeting
183 dates and times at regularly scheduled meetings, as well as post committee agendas and minutes to
184 the SA website, as appropriate.
- 185 v. Rule 5: All SA Committee members must be a member of their respective committee listservs.
186 Meeting dates, times, and agendas shall be sent to all committee members 24 hours prior to the
187 meeting via the appropriate committee listserv. By a two-thirds vote of committee members present,
188 the committee may amend their agenda.
- 189 vi. Rule 6: Each committee chair is responsible for reaching out to relevant student organizations in
190 order to solicit feedback on ideas and collaborate with student groups on initiatives that the
191 committee is working on.

192 Section 6: General Meeting Procedures

- 193 A. To “voice effectively” these interests which were mentioned above, strict rules must be adhered to when
194 conducting business as an assembly. These rules focus on the efficiency and organization of the tasks at hand:
- 195 i. Rule 1: Speakers will be recognized at the discretion of the Chair and placed on a speaker’s list
196 maintained by the Chair. Each speaker shall have a maximum of two minutes to speak, with the
197 option to yield the balance of his, her, or their time to another single individual at the meeting,
198 including the Chair. It is at the Chair’s discretion to place additional limitations on speaking time.
- 199 ii. Rule 2: All speakers shall address their remarks to the Chair.
- 200 iii. Rule 3: The Chair shall keep time at any point when such is required.
- 201 iv. Rule 4: Except for points of order, information, and questions of privilege, no person shall be
202 recognized by the Chair twice before all other members (voting, community, and ex-officio) have had
203 the opportunity to speak.
- 204 v. Rule 5: The Chair will recognize the members of the community who wish to speak on the question.
205 The Chair will have discretion as to when community members are recognized. Each speaker will
206 limit his, her, or their comments to no more than two minutes. If multiple speakers wish to address
207 the Student Assembly, equal opportunity will be given to those in favor of and those opposed to the
208 question, in such order, to speak.
- 209 vi. Rule 6: The Chair may call the question, without it requiring a second or vote, when he or she deems
210 that debate has exceeded its time limit or when discussion becomes repetitive.
- 211 vii. Rule 7: When the vote of the Chair may decide the outcome of a decision (i.e. to make or break a
212 tie), he or she shall be empowered to cast a vote, but shall do so only after all other voting members
213 of the Student Assembly have registered their votes.
- 214 viii. Rule 8: A voting Student Assembly member may appeal the decision of the Chair when he or she
215 disagrees with the Chair’s interpretation or application of the Standing Rules, Bylaws, or the Charter.
216 The motion shall require a simple majority to pass.
- 217 ix. Rule 9: Any voting SA member may attempt to overrule a decision by the Executive Committee by
218 submitting their challenge in the format of a resolution at the next regularly scheduled meeting. A
219 2/3 majority of the voting membership must be reached to overrule the Executive Committee at any
220 time.



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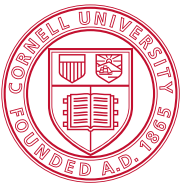
- x. Rule 10: The Parliamentarian shall administer a short examination on parliamentary procedure to all voting members of the SA within four meetings of a representative taking the oath of office. This examination will cover content from Robert's Rules of Order and the most recent version of the SA Charter, Bylaws, and Standing Rules. Any member who does not pass (a grade of 70% or higher) will be required to attend an additional review workshop and retake the exam.
- xi. Rule 11: Student Assembly members shall be permitted to withdraw a motion after it has been seconded and before a vote has been taken on it.
- xii. Rule 12: Ex-officio members as defined in the by-laws shall be permitted to make motions to amend.
- xiii. Rule 13: Ex-officio members as defined in the bylaws shall also be permitted to sponsor resolutions, without a voting SA member, if the content relates directly to their position.
- xiv. Rule 14: By a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of SA members present, Robert's Rules of Order can be suspended.
- xv. Rule 15: Discussion can be closed by a 60% vote of SA members present.
- xvi. Rule 16: All meeting attendees are expected to be respectful to other meeting attendees and to maintain proper meeting decorum.

Section 7: Outreach Guidelines & Member Responsibilities

- A. Rule 1: All voting representatives shall host at least one forum or outreach activity with individuals from their respective constituencies and report all outcomes to the SA at the next regularly-scheduled meeting following such an activity. The four undesignated at-large representatives shall plan at least one Cornell Caring Community, Lift Your Spirits, or large-scale outreach event per semester.
- B. Rule 2: All elected members must fulfill two assigned outreach requirements per two-week time frame. Such events will be designated by the Vice President of External Affairs. If the member does not document their outreach as specified by the VP of External Affairs, the member will be credited with one whole absence. Any conflicts in schedules or other special circumstances as references in Section 1, Rule 6 of this document must be brought to the attention of the VP of External Affairs.
- C. Rule 3: All voting representatives may communicate regularly with their constituents through e-mail mailing lists and listservs, which may be maintained by their respective college dean's office, the Department of Campus Life, the Office of the Dean of Students, or the Office of the Assemblies.
- D. Rule 4: Any Student Assembly member, including the Vice President for External Affairs, must submit a mass message (e-mail, advertisement, press release, etc.) to the Executive Board for approval. The Executive Board may approve a message by a majority vote and the vote may be conducted by email. The correspondence must be saved.
- E. Rule 5: The Vice President for External Affairs and the President will give final approval for the Student Assembly newsletter. No amendments or additions to the newsletter will be distributed without the approval of both officers.
- F. Rule 6: The Executive Vice President must monitor and respond to any inquiries on the SA website. Such inquiries can be forwarded to the appropriate Assembly member in order to ensure the most accurate answers.
- G. Rule 7: All ex-officio members acting in liaison positions should report relevant information to the Student Assembly about their respective organization and report relevant actions of the assembly to their respective organization as they see fit.

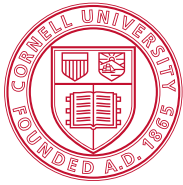
Section 8: Spending Guidelines

- A. Category Spending:



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- 263 i. Rule 1: In order for a disbursement of budgeted funds to be made, either the SA President or the
264 Vice President for Finance must approve it. The Vice President for Finance is responsible for
265 classifying the expenditure into a budget category.
266 ii. Rule 2: The Student Assembly budget must be reviewed and approved by the SA by the conclusion
267 of the second meeting of the academic year.
268 iii. Rule 3: Any reallocation of funds between categories of the budget or spending of the budget surplus
269 must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Appropriations Committee followed by a majority vote
270 of the Student Assembly, at large.
271 iv. Rule 4: The Vice President for Finance will maintain a record of all expenses of their committee. At
272 the end of each semester, he or she will make public the amount left in the committee's account.
273 B. Special Projects Funding:
274 i. Rule 5: The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through SA
275 Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life or to further the
276 goals of the SA. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending.
277 ii. Rule 6: Special Projects funding may be requested by any of the following, but not limited to:
278 i. Any Cornell registered student organization
279 ii. SA committee chairs that seek funding for expenditures that exceed their committee's budgeted
280 allocation
281 iii. Rule 7: The SA President and Vice President for Finance together may approve any special projects
282 funding request up to \$400 without consultation with the Appropriations Committee. Amounts up
283 to \$400 may also be funded by a majority vote of the Appropriations Committee. Request must be
284 made public at a Student Assembly meeting in the form of an "Announcement/Report" before
285 being approved. Any SA voting member can motion for the request to be sent to the Appropriations
286 Committee if they feel necessary.
287 iv. Rule 8: The Appropriations Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$400 and
288 under \$1500 by a majority vote. The SA, at large, may reverse an Appropriations Committee decision
289 to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should be presented to the Student
290 Assembly in the form of a resolution.
291 v. Rule 9: Requests \$1500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Appropriations
292 Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The SA, at large, is
293 only required to confirm requests of \$1500 or greater. The request should be presented to the
294 Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.
295 vi. Rule 10: The Vice President for Finance shall present a written or oral report to the SA at large, each
296 time a special projects disbursement is made.



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S.A. Resolution #23

Providing Cornellians with Disabilities Better Representation by Establishing an Organizational Liaison to the Student Assembly

ABSTRACT: This resolution aims to provide better representation for Cornellians with disabilities in university governance by establishing an organizational liaison to the Student Assembly.

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Whereas, during a Fall, 2018 conversation with the Cornell Union for Disability Awareness (CUDA) leadership, the organization identified issues that negatively affect the day-to-day lives of students with disabilities such as but not limited to the accessibility of certain buildings, wheelchair use, career-oriented services, or that of academic resources posted on online learning management systems,

Whereas, Cornell-provided support for students with disabilities also makes career search difficult due to reasons such as but not limited to the lack of knowledge about business opportunities, medical school admissions processes specific to students with disabilities, and career development processes,

Whereas, while Cornell has established Student Disability Services (SDS), the office is intended to provide mainly accommodations for students with disabilities including services such as but not limited to “provision of auxiliary aids, assistive technology, and reasonable accommodations for all qualified students with documented disabilities,” not to promote disability as a positive cultural identity, nor can the office go beyond the role of overseeing campus-only logistics,

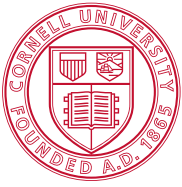
Whereas, Cornell has not yet established a resource center for students with disabilities, leaving them with no adequate organization for addressing the aforementioned issues of disability as a cultural identity, and the continuity in advocacy for such students when members of CUDA graduate or leave the Union for other reasons,

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly establishes an ex-officio position titled the “Students with Disabilities Representative” through the amendment of the Student Assembly Bylaws to add the following as Article I, Section 3, Clause D (after line 26):

D. The Student Assembly will grant one organizational liaison from the Cornell Union for Disability Awareness an ex-officio position titled “Students with Disabilities Representative”.

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