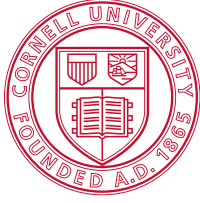


# Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting  
4:45-6:30pm in the Memorial Room of Willard Straight Hall

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Announcements & Presentations**
- III. Approval of the Minutes**
  - a. [2-13-20 Meeting Minutes](#)
- IV. Open Microphone**
- V. Business of the Day**
  - a. [S.A. Resolution #39: Approving Special Projects Request for Smart is Strong Foundation](#)
  - b. [S.A. Resolution #31: Amending the Student Assembly Charter to Create a Ticket System for the President and Executive Vice President Election](#)
  - c. [S.A Resolution #32: Support of the development and implementation of a Cornell Campus Circulator System](#)
- VI. New Business**
  - a. [S.A Resolution #43: Opposing Re-envisioning the College of Human Ecology to the College of Public Policy](#)
  - b. [S.A Resolution #44: Creating the Laundry Reform Task Force](#)
- VII. Adjournment**
- VIII. Executive Session**
  - i. 2 AppsComm Seats
  - ii. Housing Policy Review Committee Seats



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Minutes of the Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting  
4:46-6:34pm in the Memorial Room of Willard Straight Hall

### I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:46 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
  - i. Present: M. Adeghe, J. Anderson, M. Baker, C. Benedict, A. Cass, U. Chukwukere, M. Haddad, C. Huang, J. Kroll, Y. Li, G. Martin, N. Matolka, L. Ordonez, I. Pavlov, T. Reuning, P. Solovyeva, S. Sun, N. Watson, B. Weintraub, Y. Yuan
  - ii. Absent: J. Clancy (excused), L. Smith (unexcused), V. Xu (unexcused)
  - iii. Arrived After Roll Call: O. Egharevba (unexcused), J. Feit (unexcused), S. Xu (unexcused), J. Youngblood (excused)

### II. Announcements

- i. No announcements.

### III. Open Microphone

- a. No speakers at the open microphone.

### IV. Approval of the Minutes

- a. December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - i. B. Weintraub moved to amend the agenda to consider Resolution 33, followed by Resolution 35, followed by the remaining resolutions in their current order – **amended**.
  - ii. J. Anderson moved to amend the agenda to consider Resolution 30 before Resolutions 33 and 35 – **amended**.
  - iii. Motion to approve the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes – **approved**.

### V. New Business/Business of the Day I

- a. Resolution 27: Approving Special Projects Request for Ithaca Tenants Union
  - i. The presenters of Resolution 30 began setting up their presentation, and M. Adeghe began presenting Resolution 27 as technical issues persisted with the presenters of Resolution 30.
  - ii. K. Wondimu asked if the amount granted to Ithaca Tenants Union (hereinafter ITU) would be \$800 or \$801.
  - iii. M. Adeghe said that it would be \$800.
  - iv. Motion to move Resolution 27 to Business of the Day – **moved**.
  - v. Motion to approved Resolution 27 – **approved** 22-0-1.

- b. Resolution 30: Urging Cornell University to Contribute Financial Support for the Summer 2020 Student Contribution Pilot Program
- i. The two presenters introduced themselves and presented the resolution.
  - ii. B. Weintraub said that he thinks that it is fairly clear that the student contribution is not loved by any student at Cornell, and that he thinks that the claim by the administration that it gives people a stake in their education is more because they don't have the budget for it. He added that he thinks that at this time, Cornell is not willing to put up the money, and that it's great to hear about the potential fundraising, but that there is a big difference when President Pollack speaks to donors as opposed to students who have lived these experiences doing so. He asked if there are plans in place for donors to meet with students who are affected by this, rather than to hear it second- or third-hand, and said that he thinks that there is more power when it comes from the students themselves.
  - iii. One of the presenters said that in the talks that they've had with Vice Provost Jonathan Burdick, it's essential to the idea of fundraising, and that this is why they've included the student words, but in terms of having actual donors meeting physically with students, they've mentioned it in meetings but found it inappropriate for students to essentially be begging for that financial aid. She added that it could be very painful for them, and that it is a difficult line to walk and that she thinks that the student testimonials are best.
  - iv. The other presenter said that J. Burdick has already started having those conversations with donors, and that the conversations they've had have been fruitful. She added that he is not yet at the \$1 million goal, but that he has had a lot of success speaking to donors about this.
  - v. M. Adeghe said that she thinks that this presentation reminded her of the classist nature of this student contribution, and that she urges everyone to think about intersectionality and how classism plays off of racism and sexism, and how the student contribution is detrimental to a lot of people like herself.
  - vi. J. Feit said that the student contribution fee is archaic and a callback to the days where only the wealthy would attend an Ivy League university, and that in today's world as students are trying to break down those institutions, it has no place on Cornell's or any other campus. He added that he thinks that it contributes as well to an institution of American government in which it is run by and for rich and powerful families. He also said that he will personally help the presenters if he can get their contact information, and that he hopes that they can bring this fight with more force to get rid of the fee as quickly as possible.
  - vii. Y. Yuan asked if international students are eligible for the pilot program.
  - viii. One of the presenters said that they have not spoken to J. Burdick since they left campus prior to break, and that the proposal was a draft, but that Y. Yuan's point is incredibly important and has not yet been fleshed out or discussed.
  - ix. Y. Yuan asked if they will at least argue in favor of international students being eligible.
  - x. One of the presenters replied in the affirmative.

- xi. C. Huang said that the qualifications for eligibility are in Appendix A of the meeting packet.
- xii. T. Reuning said that as someone who is first-generation, trans, Latino, and works three jobs on campus, he doesn't think that they have to put their trauma on display for something that Cornell should be doing. He asked if students would know that they're getting the money in the pilot program prior to the summer, and said that in his experience in other situations, he found out that he was receiving the money right before classes began, and then did not actually receive the money despite his grant aid being lowered because of the money.
- xiii. One of the presenters said that students would be told that they're eligible.
- xiv. The other presenter said that once the money is secure enough, she thinks that the plan was to have a preapproved list for places to apply for funding, and that she thinks that the deadline for that is tentatively March, with a follow-up prior to having to accept in April or May.
- xv. T. Reuning asked if LGBTQ students who aren't necessarily low-income but might otherwise be cut off from their families would be eligible.
- xvi. One of the presenters said that there will be a section where a person can lay out their case and their program that might not necessarily be on the preapproved list.
- xvii. A. Cass said that the finances of this university can only be somewhat transparent, and that they wonder in issues such as this whether the question is of the university not having the money or of what the university's priorities are. They added that this is a non-profit institution that happens to attract a lot of wealth, and that it's important to always be vigilant that this non-profit institution is carrying out its non-profit goals. They asked what the finances behind this look like and whether the presenters think that this is an issue of finances.
- xviii. One of the presenters said that it's interesting because they definitely have been doing a lot of learning about the bureaucratic processes of this university, and that when they started this campaign over a year ago, they had brought up there there is a \$7 billion endowment, but that they soon learned that things like this must be directly fundraised for. She added that this gave them a stronger argument, and that it is a question of priorities, and that it's good to see some initiative from the administration, but that this is why they're here today.
- xix. Motion to table Resolution 30 – **tabled** 23-0-2.
- c. Resolution 33: Changing the Name of the “LGBTQ+ Liaison At-Large” Position to “LGBTQIA+ Liaison At-Large”.
  - i. U. Chukwukere presented the resolution.
  - ii. A. Cass asked if this resolution needs to be voted on next week rather than this week.
  - iii. J. Anderson replied in the affirmative and said that this was due to the fact that it is a bylaws amendment.
  - iv. Motion to table Resolution 33 – **tabled** 23-0-1.
- d. Resolution 35: Support for the Ithaca Tenants' Union
  - i. J. Anderson and Liel Sterling presented the resolution.

- ii. M. Adeghe moved to amend line 8 of the resolution to read “student body” where it currently reads “study body” – amended 23-0-1.
- iii. J. Feit said that he doesn’t really have much to say and that L. Sterling summed up a lot of what he wanted to say, and that the housing situation in Ithaca is bad not only for students, but that it also feeds into their issues of Greek life, where people who aren’t really interested are forced to join for cheaper housing. He added that a lot of the landlords don’t even live in Ithaca or New York, and that they run these companies in different states and hike the prices of apartments up. He also said that he thinks that a tenants’ union would stand up against them and is entirely necessary.
- iv. A. Cass said that they are glad to see this happening, and that they think that it’s good to think about not only how this will be positive for Cornell student tenants, but for the general tenant community. They added that a lot of the issues that students face are faced by residents as well, and that they know that there have been concerns about residents’ ability to live in parts of Ithaca being affected by the generally-wealthy population of students.
- v. Motion to move Resolution 35 to Business of the Day – moved 23-0-1.
- vi. Motion to approve Resolution 35 – approved 23-0-1.
- e. Resolution 28: Approving Special Projects Request for Cornell Fashion Collective
  - i. M. Adeghe presented the resolution.
  - ii. Motion to move Resolution 28 to Business of the Day – moved 22-0-1.
  - iii. Motion to approve Resolution 28 – approved 22-0-1.
  - iv. C. Benedict asked if Resolution 27 was presented due to a standing rules provision, since it was only \$800.
  - v. There was discussion over whether a special projects request exceeding \$400 but under \$1500 needs to be presented as a resolution.
- f. Resolution 29: Approving Special Projects Request for Cornell American Institute for Architecture Students
  - i. M. Adeghe presented the resolution.
  - ii. Motion to move Resolution 29 to Business of the Day – moved 21-0-1.
  - iii. Motion to approve Resolution 29 – approved 21-0-1.
- g. Resolution 31: Amending the Student Assembly Charter to Create a Ticket System for the President and Executive Vice President Election
  - i. M. Adeghe presented the resolution.
  - ii. O. Egharevba said that he wanted to thank M. Adeghe for taking the time to think of new ways to innovate the SA, and that his concern about this is that currently, candidates are allowed to endorse up but cannot endorse down, and that by having this proposal, should it pass, there would be a system where someone running for President can run with another person for EVP, which is an implicit down-ballot endorsement.
  - iii. M. Adeghe said that this was accounted for in lines 65 and 68 of the resolution.
  - iv. Discussion continued in this regard.
  - v. M. Adeghe said that it is a ticket, rather than an endorsement, and that a President and EVP running together is a single group that is getting voted upon.
  - vi. O. Egharevba said that he thinks that one last concern with people getting voted in together is that there will be an incentive to choose more popular

candidates to get more popularity, and that a person running for EVP who is not popular can ballot with someone who is more popular.

- vii. M. Adeghe said that she would argue that the election is already a popularity contest.
- viii. O. Egharevba said that he doesn't want to make it more of a popularity contest than it already is.
- ix. J. Feit said that he thinks that this is a very interesting proposal, and that when he first came to Cornell, he was curious if combined ticketing existed here, and that he thinks that it raises both opportunities and impediments to making the SA diverse in all forms of that word. He added that he thinks that people will be selecting running mates who are of a similar mindset, but will also be selecting their friends and people who are like them, and that he thinks that there is a dangerous situation there. He also said that he thinks that this gives opportunities for unpopular candidates with good ideas, and that he thinks that they should continue discussing this.
- x. N. Matolka asked what M. Adeghe's inspiration was for this resolution.
- xi. M. Adeghe said that in reflecting on last year, she realized that a lot of the clashes that occurred can be fairly unproductive when the President and the EVP do things very differently, and that a case is to be made for ideological diversity, and that he felt like there was a lot of arguing in Exec last year due to that ideology clash. She added that in this system, there can be productive conversations without wasting time, and that as O. Egharevba said, bringing in someone less popular who has good ideas to run with someone who is more popular can balance things out for election season. She also said that President and EVP are the positions that work the most closely together, so having these people put together randomly is almost like an arranged marriage.
- xii. N. Matolka said that this is a great idea, but that he does not think that it will in practice create those opportunities for unpopular ideas.
- xiii. B. Weintraub said that he expresses similar concerns to N. Matolka, and that he thinks that they are in a situation where the SA is pretty homogenous with their viewpoints, or at least in the way that they vote. He added that he cannot remember the last time they had a resolution aside from BDS that was contentious.
- xiv. O. Egharevba said the Cornell Cinema proceedings were controversial.
- xv. G. Martin said the Julia Feliz statement was controversial.
- xvi. B. Weintraub said that there is an idea in the assembly that someone who disagrees with the general consensus is wrong in some way, and that in the past when they've seen a consolidation of one-party rule, the body loses the checks on that power. He added that it is important to have people on the assembly who disagree with each other, and that when they now end up with two people in charge of the SA that are most likely of a similar background, perspective, and agenda, a lot of potential for disagreement is lost. He also said that this loss scares him, and that the potential for disagreement must be present to make an assembly that runs well.
- xvii. M. Adeghe said that, as B. Weintraub noted, that already happens, and that in her mind, because she feels like their Exec right now is what B. Weintraub is talking about in being fairly like-minded, like-mindedness already happens

and so she doesn't see why they don't want to encourage productivity. She added that college students are already moving toward a liberal viewpoint, and that she thinks that B. Weintraub has noticed that they are likeminded on Exec specifically, but that she doesn't view people being liberal or being liberal together as an issue. She also said that she doesn't see why they need to purposefully encourage people to not be who they are in a sense.

- xviii. J. Anderson said that the assembly might not see disagreements behind the scenes, but that Exec does disagree, and that they do not have the same opinions on everything, and that their public agreement had disagreement behind the scenes. He added that it used to be that the President and EVP argued in public, but that this is an organization, and that they sometimes make decisions as an organization, and they agree to hold up those decisions in public.
- xix. M. Adeghe said that they are running a well-oiled machine now, and that she doesn't want to throw a wrench into it.
- xx. B. Weintraub said that he thinks that they are running fairly well and doing well in representing the student body, but that this has not always been the case, and that they don't have a great track record. He added that he doesn't think that they should expect this to continue, and that they know that, throughout history, having people that disagree with each other makes leadership, policy, and decisions better. He also said that he doesn't want to lose out on any opportunity for there to be lively and productive debate between the President and the EVP, and that he fears that if they go through with the ticketing system, they lose the ability for them to disagree with each other.
- xxi. Deborah Nyakaru said that they used to run tickets up until a few years before her time, and that M. Adeghe should talk to Ian Wallace about getting documents about that change. She added that most universities also have tickets for President and EVP.
- xxii. G. Martin said that M. Adeghe is well into doing this research and that she has reached out to the Office of Research and Accountability.
- xxiii. S. Sun said that she thinks there is definitely a problem that needs to be addressed, and that she thinks that there's a way to come to a middle ground. She added that they could allow for cross-endorsement between President and EVP, which would both give the choice to voters and allow that interaction. She also said that it's not necessarily a popularity contest as it is a marketing contest, and that if they are doing cross-endorsement between President and EVP, that should stay between them. She added that she would propose cross-endorsement between President and EVP, as well as cross-endorsement between other members of the SA.
- xxiv. M. Adeghe said that she has considered those things, and that the issue that she identifies in cross-endorsement is that the idea of factions or political parties takes root in that. She added that she didn't want there to be parties on the ticket system, but that she does think that when they think of cross-endorsing on a lower level when there are 28 seats and more running, it creates full political parties. She also said that she doesn't know if this would be S. Sun's intent, but that this is what she sees happening, and she is not

- comfortable with that. She added that she would not have interest in putting the provision for lower-level cross-endorsement into the resolution.
- xxv. S. Sun said that M. Adeghe's point is valid, but that she should give the student body some credit, and that she does not think that the student body will necessarily vote for a person solely due to an endorsement.
  - xxvi. M. Adeghe asked S. Sun what the point of cross-endorsement would be if people wouldn't act in that way.
  - xxvii. S. Sun said that it would still be a way to make the assembly more efficient, and that it can also be used as an opportunity to expand access to people not already on the assembly, and so it has an ability in a way to level the playing field and make things more efficient, while still leaving things up to the voters. She added that she thinks that it is important for the President and EVP to be able to cross-endorse in this situation.
  - xxviii. M. Adeghe said that this isn't cross-endorsement but is rather a ticket that she is proposing.
  - xxix. K. Wondimu said that his biggest concern is echoing what O. Egharevba was saying about the lack of diversity, and that he thinks that if they were to make it one ticket, the voters might want one person for President and another person for EVP, and that in a ticket, they might not get their respective choices. He added that going off of how their presidential races go isn't the best way to do things because it's not like how the SA runs, and that U.S. presidents choose vice presidents in a different way because it's different than the EVP role.
  - xxx. M. Adeghe said that the reference to the U.S. presidency was just an example, and that other universities such as UChicago do this as well, and that she is not mimicking the SA around the president, and that they know that this isn't what Congress looks like.
  - xxxi. K. Wondimu said that his biggest concern in that case would be that they as assembly members might want to endorse one candidate for President and another for EVP, and that the ticket takes away their choice for that, and that this problem can also be extended to the student body as a whole.
  - xxxii. M. Adeghe said that she does understand that, but that in her mind, if this were to happen, a person would be left with a choice of how to vote based on what they've been presented with. She added that a person might wish they could vote for one President and another EVP, but that if they have chosen each other as running mates, that's what they chose.
  - xxxiii. K. Wondimu said he would suppose that it would be good for those two particular candidates to have chosen each other in such a situation, but not for everyone else.
  - xxxiv. M. Adeghe asked K. Wondimu why he or anyone else would be better to make that decision than they would be.
  - xxxv. Motion to table Resolution 31 – **tabled** 23-0-1.
  - xxxvi. M. Adeghe said that she does hold office hours for anyone who wants to talk to her about this.
- h. Resolution 32: Support of the development and implementation of a Cornell Campus Circulator System
- i. J. Youngblood presented the resolution.



- ii. A. Cass asked if J. Youngblood had any vision for what this system would look like, and said that they did some research and found something about the transportation master plan, which has a map of a proposed circulator. They also asked if J. Youngblood had any specifics in mind and what its connection with TCAT would be.
- iii. J. Youngblood said that he believes that the master plan is included in the references, and that there are no design recommendations yet, but that it would allow for a liberal plan for what would work best. He added that he does have things that he wants to see, but that that is apart from this. He also said that, in regard to TCAT, there would most likely be some kind of connection with them, but that would also be up to transportation services to decide.
- iv. J. Feit said that he thinks the TCAT system definitely needs some reform in terms of cost and accessibility, and that the app is seldom reliable. He added that he doesn't trust TCAT anymore, and that he knows that it is out of their jurisdiction, but asked how this will affect commerce in the city of Ithaca. He also said that he is curious as to how the university's costs will change with this new plan, and that they still have a big portion of riders who have nothing to do with the university. He added that he would like to hear some research that was done into this, and that the TCAT is partially run by the city.
- v. J. Youngblood said that an amendment could be added regarding J. Feit's point about commerce, and that he doesn't want to see this come at an expense to students' connection to the rest of the city, and that he would expect of the routes separate from the university would remain the same.
- vi. J. Feit asked if this would increase the amount of buses on campus and doing routes within the streets of Cornell.
- vii. J. Youngblood replied in the affirmative and said that there would be new routes just on campus.
- viii. J. Feit asked if operating costs would be increased due to this, and said that he would not be opposed to such a thing, but that they might face backlash for it.
- ix. J. Youngblood said that it would be up to transportation services to come up with something that's workable, and that with regard to the other assemblies, this is going to all of them now, and will come back with everyone's feedback.
- x. Motion to table Resolution 32 – **tabled** 23-0-1.
- i. Resolution 34: In Determining University Weather-Related Operating Status: Requesting Equitable Student Representation in the Recommended use of University Policy No. 8.2- Inclement Weather—as a Necessity to Maintain the Nature of Shared Governance and Overall Safety of Students
  - i. G. Martin presented the resolution.
  - ii. D. Nyakaru said that this is a good idea because keeping the university open during snow days is classist and ableist, and asked why the proponents of the resolution don't consider a policy wherein a certain amount of inches of snow or a certain windchill causes the university to close automatically.

- iii. G. Martin said that he doesn't think that that can happen given how unpredictable weather is, and that he would rather have that be on the university than on mother nature.
- iv. M. Adeghe said that she thinks that the students should have a say in this process, and that the pushback from the administration is that they would say that students just want class cancelled no matter what, and that this might be something to think about.
- v. G. Martin said that his understanding is that the convening only happens when the university already feels like something is going to happen, and so a cost-benefit analysis would have already happened, and that they are adults and part of shared governance, and that they will have a seat at the table or make one otherwise.
- vi. M. Haddad asked if the proponents of the resolution would think that it would be more reasonable for them to send J. Anderson, C. Huang, or other people who are on Exec, rather than other SA members.
- vii. G. Martin said that he has no issue with that, but that he thinks that the one thing that might make that an issue is putting it onto their schedule, which is why he wanted it to be appointed, such that people with fewer liaison duties could do it.
- viii. A. Cass said that they don't want to put words into the administration's mouth before the conversation gets to them, but that going off of what has already been said, students are adults, and if the university does not trust them to value class time and make responsible decisions, then that is condescending and then would also make them question their commitment to shared governance. They added that they think that they have a pretty reasonable argument that if they want to take them seriously as mature adult decisionmakers, they are not just there to enjoy themselves, and that whoever is representing students in this matter can be trusted by and large to make informed and responsible decisions.
- ix. G. Martin said that he is sure that members of the assembly have received Snapchats from people trying to climb up the slope and do other things in the inclement weather, and that he thinks that they have the most evidence on how this impacts students.
- x. T. Reuning asked if there could be language included about notification of the closing of campus being sent at a reasonable time, rather than at 10:03 am. He said that they should also reach out to workers and staff on campus since this matter affects them as well, and that there should also be language about looking at other area schools cancelling, since both Ithaca College and Ithaca High School closed before Cornell did, and that he does not know what information Cornell lacked that these other institutions had.
- xi. G. Martin said that he agrees with T. Reuning, and that he thinks that that would have to be a different resolution and so he will type that up tonight.
- xii. A. Cass said that they did notice staff being put into ridiculous situations, and that they got an email from a TA from an optional section that said section was still on, but that he was stuck on the bus. They added that they also saw staff being stuck on campus as essential personnel, which seemed rude to them, and that they hope that they can include those voices especially.

- xiii. G. Martin said that he agrees, and that he will be reaching out to the Employee Assembly and the Faculty Senate for the next resolution.
- xiv. Motion to move Resolution 34 to Business of the Day – moved 22-0-1.
- xv. Motion to approve Resolution 34 – approved 22-0-1.
- j. Resolution 36: Creating a Study Committee that would evaluate the ACT/SAT test requirement for Cornell Admissions
  - i. J. Anderson and D. Nyakaru presented the resolution.
  - ii. M. Haddad said she wanted to be completely honest, and that the only reason she applied to Human Ecology at Cornell as a transfer student is because she didn't need to submit the SAT or ACT, and that she took college-level classes in Jordan.
  - iii. O. Egharevba said that it always seems that whenever a person is in one level of education, they always have to prepare for the next level, and that he feels like if they can clear at least one barrier somewhere for the benefit of high school juniors and seniors who may not have the time because they're focusing on their classes, he definitely supports the research on that.
  - iv. A. Cass said that the concern that they have regarding standardized testing is that the SAT and ACT have a complete duopoly on college entry standardized testing. He added that they're administered by private unregulated institutions, which gives power to private unregulated bodies that have a lot of impact on student admissions.
  - v. J. Feit said that if they look at Cornell as being truly "any person, any study," then they have to live up to that, and that they have a value as a land-grant institution and an obligation to better the state of New York.
  - vi. Y. Yuan said that the presenters seem to have brought up the question about making them optional, and asked if they considered making tests like TOEFL optional as well, considering that they are also fairly expensive.
  - vii. J. Anderson replied in the negative, and said that the SAT and ACT have skewed effects as to what creates what score, and that he also doesn't know much about the TOEFL.
  - viii. M. Haddad said that TOEFL also can sometimes help students get a visa, and asked why a student who cannot speak English would want to study at an English-speaking institution.
  - ix. D. Nyakaru said that it is supposed to be a litmus for a person's English proficiency, and that if they cannot pass it, then they might not be able to understand what is going on here, since they speak English here. She added that she is unsure about the accuracy of the test.
  - x. Y. Yuan said that TOEFL is actually extremely skewed in China to high-income individuals, and that they need a measurement that students are capable of thriving in an English-speaking community, but that he believes that there are better options.
  - xi. L. Ordonez asked a question.
  - xii. J. Anderson said that he thinks they would come to the SA first, but that not every SA student can speak to the expertise of this campus, and that the SA usually gets asked and they can do what they want with the appointments. He added that he would love for this to be optional because he thinks that it would mark a culture shift, and that the last thing he would want to hear is new students asking what people got on their SAT or ACT. He also said that

he doesn't know why that is a phenomenon, and that everyone on campus got into Cornell, and that this might move the culture to stop being so competitive.

- xiii. Motion to move Resolution 36 to Business of the Day – moved.
- xiv. Motion to approve Resolution 36 – approved 21-0-3.

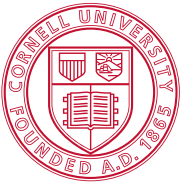
## **VI. Business of the Day II**

- a. Joint Resolution 1: Changing the “Women’s Issues Representative At-Large” position to the “Womxn’s Issues Representative At-Large”
  - i. G. Martin presented the resolution.
  - ii. There was a motion to vote on Joint Resolution 1 by roll call.
  - iii. Motion to approve Joint Resolution 1 – approved 23-0-0.
    - 1. M. Adeghe – yes.
    - 2. J. Anderson – yes.
    - 3. M. Baker – yes.
    - 4. C. Benedict – yes.
    - 5. A. Cass – yes.
    - 6. U. Chukwukere – yes.
    - 7. O. Egharevba – yes.
    - 8. J. Feit – yes.
    - 9. M. Haddad – yes.
    - 10. C. Huang – yes.
    - 11. J. Kroll – yes.
    - 12. Y. Li – yes.
    - 13. G. Martin – yes.
    - 14. N. Matolka – yes.
    - 15. L. Ordonez – yes.
    - 16. I. Pavlov – yes.
    - 17. T. Reuning – yes.
    - 18. S. Sun – yes.
    - 19. N. Watson – yes.
    - 20. B. Weintraub – yes.
    - 21. S. Xu – yes.
    - 22. J. Youngblood – yes.
    - 23. Y. Yuan – yes.

## **VII. Adjournment**

- a. J. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Hannan*  
Clerk of the Assembly



Originally Presented on:	2/17/2020
Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #39  
2 Approving Special Projects Request for Smart is Strong Foundation  
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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution approves \$500 of Special Projects funding to the Smart is Strong  
5 Foundation in assisting with the funding for the International Women’s Day Conference.  
6

7 **Sponsored by: Moriah Adeghe ‘21**  
8

9 **Whereas**, according to the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Special Project “requests over \$400  
10 and under \$1500 by a majority vote. The SA, at large, may reverse an Appropriations  
11 Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should be  
12 presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.  
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14 **Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee, by a majority vote, recommended \$500 in Special Projects  
15 Funding to the Smart is Strong Foundation for their International Women’s Day  
16 Conference;  
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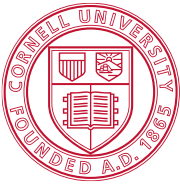
18 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover the  
19 cost of room reservations and custodial fees, decorations and promotional materials;  
20

21 **Be it finally resolved**, the Student Assembly encourages all undergraduate students to attend the  
22 International Women’s Day Conference.  
23

24 **Respectfully Submitted,**  
25

26 Moriah Adeghe ‘21  
27 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*  
28

29 *(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 9-0-2, 2/17/2020)*  
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Originally Presented on:	02/11/2020
Type of Action:	Internal Policy
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #31  
2 Amending the Student Assembly Charter to Create a Ticket System For the President  
3 and Executive Vice President Election  
4

5 ABSTRACT: These amendments to the Student Assembly Charter  
6

7 **Sponsored by: Moriah Adeghe '21**  
8

9 **Whereas**, Article V Section 2 of the Student Assembly Charter state, “This charter may be amended  
10 at any regular meeting of the assembly by a two-thirds vote of the members present,  
11 provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.  
12 Amendments may be presented to the assembly by voting members and by community  
13 petition with at least 100 Cornell undergraduate student signatures;”  
14

15 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly approve and adopt the attached Charter  
16 Amendments.  
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18 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly approve and adopt the attached Election Rules  
19 Amendments.  
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21 **Respectfully Submitted,**  
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23 Moriah Adeghe '21

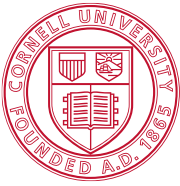
24 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*

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26 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-0, 02/11/2020)*  
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28

29 **Charter:**

30 **Section 2: Election of Voting Members**

31 A candidate for the office of President shall run in conjunction with a candidate for the Executive  
32 Vice President; the two candidates shall comprise a unitary and indivisible slate of candidates. Votes  
33 shall be cast for such a slate of candidates, not for the individual candidates.



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34 The **President/Executive Vice President**, and other Undesignated at Large representatives will be elected by a  
35 single transferable voting system.

36 Voters may rank all **slates** on the ballot for the **President/Executive Vice President race**. All  
37 other representatives shall be elected by a plurality voting system. Voters will cast one vote per available seat,  
38 (e.g. if three Arts and Sciences representatives are to be elected, the voter will vote for three candidates).

39 Voters may rank all candidates on the ballot for the Undesignated at Large representatives. All  
40 other representatives shall be elected by a plurality voting system. Voters will cast one vote per available seat,  
41 (e.g. if three Arts and Sciences representatives are to be elected, the voter will vote for three candidates).

42

## 43 **Election Rules:**

### 44 **B. Candidate Information**

#### 45 **1. Eligibility and Requirements**

46 To be a candidate, a person must, prior to the petitioning deadline specified in the election calendar:

47 1. Be eligible to vote in the election for the seat and plan to remain seated so for the full term for  
48 which they are seeking election<sup>1</sup>.

49 2. Submit a completed candidate registration form and any associated materials required in that  
50 form. You may not register for more than one position on the candidate registration form.

51 3. Submit petitions endorsed by the required number of people who are eligible to vote in the  
52 election for that specific position, which is the lesser of 10% of those eligible to vote for that  
53 specific position or:

54 a. **650 for President/Executive Vice President Combined Ticket**

55 b. 150 for all other at-large seats

56 c. 100 for Arts and Sciences seats

57 d. 25 for Transfer seat

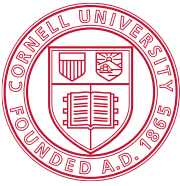
58 e. 75 for all other seats

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### 60 **D. Restrictions on Ticketing and Slates**

#### 61 **1. General Rules**

62 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not:



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63 1. Include any other candidate's name, a common "ticket" name, or a shared slogan and/or  
64 symbol on any promotional materials or within any form of electronic communication  
65 and/or media. *With the exception of the President/Executive Vice President slate.*

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67 2. Share or pool campaign finances with any other candidates or supporters acting on their  
68 behalf. *With the exception of the President/Executive Vice President slate.*

69 3. Distribute any promotional materials, send any electronic communication, or utilize any  
70 other form of electronic media on behalf of any other candidate except if the candidate does  
71 so for another candidate in the President and/or Executive Vice President races.

72 4. Campaign with or on behalf of each other or engage in any coordination of campaigning  
73 activities except if the candidate does so for another candidate in the President or Executive  
74 Vice President races.

## 75 **2. Special circumstance for the President and Executive Vice President elections**

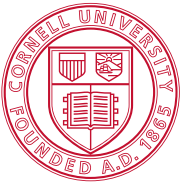
76 Candidates in any race, besides those running for the position of President of Executive Vice  
77 President, will be given the freedom to distribute promotional material, send electronic  
78 communications, campaign on behalf of, and speak for candidates in the President/Executive Vice  
79 President races. Candidates who choose to do so are considered supporters and are held accountable  
80 to all clauses in these rules that pertain to candidates and their supporters. **The President and**  
81 **Executive Vice President candidates are strictly prohibited from coordinating activities.** Candidates  
82 are strictly prohibited from performing the actions above for candidates not in the  
83 President/Executive Vice President races.

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Originally Presented on:	02/13/2020
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	Business of the Day

1 S.A. Resolution #32

2 Support of the development and implementation of a Cornell Campus Circulator  
3 System

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5 ABSTRACT: For the past eleven years, a Cornell Campus Circulator System of transportation has  
6 been under discussion as a way to improve access to many university functions and to address the  
7 continual challenges related to transportation and parking that Cornellians face every day. We  
8 propose that this project become a priority for Cornell and be realized within the period of the next  
9 five years.

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11 **Sponsored by: Jakob Youngblood '20**

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13 **Whereas**, the need for a Campus Circulator was identified in the 2008 Campus Master Plan as  
14 essential to the efficiency and productivity of Cornell campus which depends on how well Cornell  
15 students, faculty, employees, and alumni, as well as guests and visitors can move about the campus;  
16 and

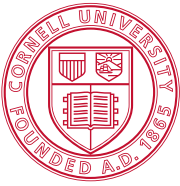
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18 **Whereas**, the 2013 Cornell Climate Action Plan calls for the reduction of fossil-fuel consumption of  
19 the Cornell Fleet through alternative-fueled vehicle purchasing and the increased use of mass  
20 transportation, leading to the fulfillment of the Carbon Neutrality 2035 goal approved by the Board  
21 of Trustees; and

22  
23 **Whereas**, the 2015 Game Farm Road Athletic Complex Facilities Master Plan requires the  
24 improvement and expansion of Cornell's current transportation system to make that complex more  
25 accessible to student athletes, coaches, and staff in a timely and safe fashion throughout the day; and

26  
27 **Whereas**, the need for a Campus Circulator was identified in Cornell's 2018 Parking Optimization  
28 Study, as a way to reduce the reliance on TCAT large bus traffic through the center of campus; to  
29 provide more frequent transit to more locations across campus; to increase connectivity and reduce  
30 the confusion inherent in current transit options; to reduce the anxiety and challenges around  
31 current parking proximity to destination; to reduce the amount of car traffic on campus; and to  
32 increase the use of existing available perimeter parking options; and encourage the use of sustainable  
33 intra-campus mobility options when on campus; and

34  
35 **Whereas**, only students in their first year at Cornell have free access to TCAT and there is an  
36 opportunity to provide and encourage the use of barrier free, sustainable, mass transportation for all  
37 students; and

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39 **Whereas**, pedestrian and bike safety are a priority and this is another step towards Vision Zero by  
40 reducing car traffic, parking hunting, and bus traffic on campus; and



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42 **Whereas**, it is important to continue to protect Cornell's natural landscapes, green spaces, and  
43 maintain our campus aesthetics (which are among the most beautiful in the world) for all future  
44 Cornellians; and

45  
46 **Whereas**, efficient mass-transit supports the One Cornell vision, including the ease of access and  
47 utilization of the Martin Y. Tang Welcome Center, and allowing students, faculty, guests, and staff to  
48 move across campus easily to cross collaborate more often between schools and disciplines and to  
49 attend meetings and campus events more frequently; and

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51 **Whereas**, TCAT is committed to working with Cornell to improve their service and pilot new  
52 sustainable initiatives to better meet Cornell's needs and goals; and

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54 **Whereas**, our 2019 Drafted Core Values statement outlines Changing Lives through Engagement  
55 by applying knowledge that we and others create for the benefit of society and engagement with our  
56 community, state, and the broader world; as well as our Respect for the Natural Environment and  
57 the need to live and work for a sustainable environment.

58  
59 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Cornell Administration support, prioritize, and assign ownership  
60 to the development of an innovative and sustainable Campus Circulator System;

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62 **Be it further resolved** that the Cornell Administration secure funding, develop a pilot system, and  
63 implement and fully realize such a Campus Circulator System over the period of the next 5 years.

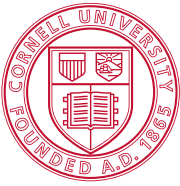
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65 **Be it finally resolved**, a copy of this resolution be presented to Martha Pollack, President; Mary  
66 Opperman, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer; Joel Malina, Vice President for  
67 University Relations

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69 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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71 Jakob Youngblood  
72 *Environmental Policy and Planning Committee Chair, College of Engineering Representative, Student Assembly*

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74 *(Reviewed by: Environmental Policy and Planning Committee, 8-0-0, 02/10/2020)*

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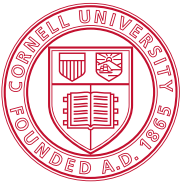
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Originally Presented on:	02/27/2020
Type of Action:	Sense of the Body
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #43  
2 Opposing Re-envisioning the College of Human Ecology to the College of Public  
3 Policy  
4

5 ABSTRACT: This resolution expresses the student body’s disapproval of the proposed re-  
6 envisioning of the College of Human Ecology to a College of Public Policy,  
7

8 **Sponsored by: Masa Haddad '21**  
9

10 **Whereas,** the Social Sciences Implementation Committee was tasked with establishing a “world  
11 class” entity for public policy at Cornell<sup>1</sup>;  
12

13 **Whereas,** the Social Sciences Implementation Committee proposed two models for establishing a  
14 public policy school: a cross-college School of Public Policy between the College of Arts and  
15 Sciences and a proposed “College of Public Policy” (CPP), which would fully rebrand the  
16 College of Human Ecology<sup>2</sup>;  
17

18 **Whereas,** the Social Sciences Implementation Committee offered its recommendation in a final  
19 report submitted to President Martha E. Pollack and Provost Michael I. Kotlikoff and  
20 released publicly Jan. 16;  
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22 **Whereas,** the final report included several recommendations on how to “enhance the visibility and  
23 impact of the social sciences at Cornell”;  
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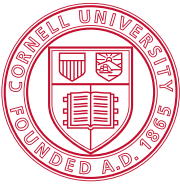
25 **Whereas,** the majority of the committee (6 members) concluded that re-envisioning the College of  
26 Human Ecology into a College of Public Policy is the best way to elevate public policy at  
27 Cornell, and 4 members were in support of creating a shared school of public policy instead<sup>3</sup>;  
28

29 **Whereas,** the final report makes a recommendation on the establishment of a public policy entity  
30 and strengthening social sciences departments across the university;  
31

32 **Whereas,** approximately 70 percent of current College of Human Ecology students are not in  
33 policy-related majors<sup>4</sup>, and approximately 72 percent of the College of Human Ecology’s  
34 faculty are not in the Policy Analysis and Management department<sup>5</sup>;  
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- 36 **Whereas**, the College of Human Ecology has a century-long record of being the center of  
37 interdisciplinary, community engaged and diverse research excellence<sup>6</sup>;
- 38 **Whereas**, the College of Human Ecology has constructed their own set of academic policies and  
39 multi- and inter-disciplinary programs that best serves its unique student population;  
40
- 41 **Whereas**, the committee recognized in their report that “the coexistence of policy and non-policy  
42 elements within the CPP obviously creates significant tension and uncertainty about what  
43 CPP would look like and when and how it would best serve policy over time”<sup>7</sup>;  
44
- 45 **Whereas**, the report states that “the feedback from non-policy College of Human Ecology faculty,  
46 staff, students, and alumni toward the idea of transforming CHE into CPP was mostly  
47 negative, with a non-negligible share of stakeholders vehemently opposed to the “college”  
48 option”<sup>8</sup>;
- 49
- 50 **Whereas**, the committee did not include any undergraduate, graduate, or professional students nor  
51 did it include any employees;  
52
- 53 **Whereas**, the College of Human Ecology has strong alumni who would oppose this change and  
54 cease their support of a new school, which was shown through multiple Cornell Daily Sun  
55 articles and op-eds<sup>9</sup>;
- 56
- 57 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Student Assembly strongly rejects the notion of re-envisioning the  
58 College of Human Ecology as a College of Public Policy;  
59
- 60 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Provost Kotlikoff and President Pollack adopt the opinion of the  
61 Student Assembly on re-envisioning the College of Human Ecology as a College of Public  
62 Policy and review the suggestion of creating a shared school of public policy deeply;  
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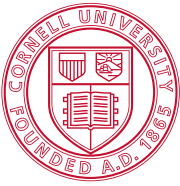
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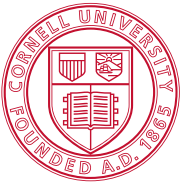
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64 **Be it finally resolved,** that Cornell University continue to solicit community feedback, engage with  
65 all shared governance organizations, and set up at least three town-hall forums so that all  
66 University constituencies may comment on the set of suggestions from the initial report.  
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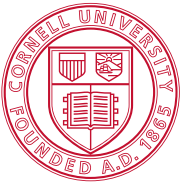
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99 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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101 Masa Haddad ‘21  
102 *College of Human Ecology Representative, Student Assembly*  
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104 Cat Huang ‘21  
105 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*  
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1 S.A. Resolution #44  
2 Creating the Laundry Reform Task Force  
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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution creates an ad-hoc committee whose charge is to review current laundry  
5 policies, recommend changes to such policies, and establish long-term and sustainable access for  
6 student input.  
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8 **Sponsored by: Noah Watson '22, Moriah Adeghe '21**  
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10 **Whereas**, “The fundamental mission of the Assemblies is to obtain extensive involvement of  
11 community members in the formulation and review of non-academic policies,  
12 recommendations and decisions impacting daily lives on campus;”<sup>i</sup>  
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14 **Whereas**, laundry prices and policies impact the daily lives of all undergraduate Cornell students  
15 living on-campus, yet fail to include such student voices when written and implemented;  
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17 **Whereas**, in conversations that pertain to policies affecting undergraduate students, students should  
18 be represented, by students;  
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20 **Whereas**, “The assemblies formally advise the administration and recommend changes to policies  
21 through legislative processes articulated in their respective charters;”<sup>ii</sup>  
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23 **Whereas**, Article III, Section I, lines 18-19 of the Cornell University Student Assembly Charter read:  
24 “The SA will have legislative authority over the policies of the Department of Campus Life  
25 and the Office of the Dean of Students, and will have the authority to review the budgets  
26 and actions of said departments;”  
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28 **Whereas**, laundry services fall under Residential Life, and thus the Department of Campus Life;  
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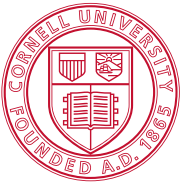
30 **Whereas**, the Cornell University Student Assembly unanimously passed Resolution #41, creating  
31 the ad-hoc Housing Policy Review committee;<sup>iii</sup>  
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33 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly will create an ad-hoc committee that is comprised  
34 of two co-chairs and six members—two of which will be from the Student Assembly, two of  
35 which will be from the community, and two of which will be from the Residential Student  
36 Congress;  
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38 **Be it further resolved**, this ad-hoc committee will be known as the Laundry Reform Task Force;  
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40 **Be it further resolved**, the charge of this ad-hoc committee will be to work with administration to  
41 gain access to data, statistics, and other relevant information regarding on-campus laundry  
42 services, evaluate such information, and then collaboratively propose and implement laundry  
43 policies that are deemed fair and equitable by students;





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44 **Be it further resolved**, this committee will report its findings to the greater Student Assembly  
45 before the last meeting of the year;

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47 **Be it finally resolved**, this committee will be absolved by the end of this academic year, and is  
48 subject to being reinstated pending the confirmation of the next Student Assembly.

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50 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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52 Noah Watson '22  
53 *Transfer Representative, Student Assembly*

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55 Moriah Adeghe '21  
56 *Vice President of Finance, Student Assembly*

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59 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*

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61 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-2, 02/26/2020)*

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<sup>i</sup> <https://assembly.cornell.edu>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://assembly.cornell.edu>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://assembly.cornell.edu/resolutions/sa-r41-creating-ad-hoc-committee-comprehensive-housing-policy-review>