

Cornell University

Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

March 28, 2024

4:45 - 6:30 p.m.

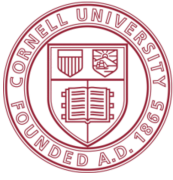
Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall/Zoom

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1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
3. Announcements
4. Open Microphone
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. Consent Calendar
7. Presentations
8. Reports
9. Business of the Day
 1. [Resolution 69: Authorizing the Transfer of Reserve Funds to OSGR](#)
 2. [Resolution 70: To Amend the Elections Calendar](#)
 3. Resolution 71: Collaboration with the GPSA on CSR and ESG
10. Resolutions Calendar
11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
12. Adjournment

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Resolution XX: To Amend the Elections Calendar

Abstract: This resolution amends the Elections Calendar to have the campaign and voting period begin on Monday, April 15, and end on Sunday, April 21. All other calendar deadlines—excluding the registration period—will be moved back by one week. The registration period will remain unchanged.

Sponsored By: Luke Thomas '27, Alhassan Bangura '25

Reviewed By: Elections Committee, 03/26/24, 10-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 02/28/24

Current Status: Pending Approval by Assembly

Whereas, the current Elections Calendar's voting and campaigning period will take place prior to the presentation of the Office of Ethics' report

Whereas, students have a right to know the findings of the report prior to voting in the Election

Whereas, the Office of Ethics is currently scheduled to present its report publicly to the Student Assembly on Thursday, April 11.

Be it therefore resolved, the campaign and voting period will be moved to begin on Monday, April 15, and end on Sunday, April 21.

Resolved, every other deadline—not including registration—will be moved back by the period of one week

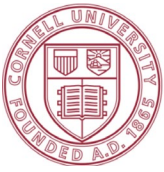
Respectfully submitted,

Luke Thomas, '27

Director of Elections, Student Assembly

Alhassan Bangura, '25

Chairman, Office of Ethics



Resolution 72: Funding the Global Action and Impact Association (GAIA)

Abstract: This resolution funds the entry of several students into the GAIA competition. This competition was created last year by Cornell alumni, and tasks teams of five engineers to create a piece of technology that will help solve an environmental problem. This year the issue is renewable energy in rural Peru.

Sponsored by: Adam Vinson '25, Erick Muriungi '27, Flora Meng '27, Lydia Blum '27, Allison Dew '27, Daniel Shi '25

Reviewed by: *Student Assembly Environmental Policy and Planning Commission*

Type of Action: *Special Funding Project*

Originally Presented: 3/28/24

Current Status: *Passed Committee 5-0-0*

Whereas, approximately 15% of rural Peruvians do not have access to electricity.

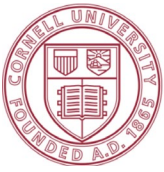
Whereas, the Cornell chapter of the Global Action and Impact Association (GAIA) aims at promoting individual and group exploration into sustainable technologies to maximize positive impact for communities in need.

Whereas, GAIA empowers college teams to conceive, design, prototype, and execute high-impact solutions for global sustainability through practical experience, such as the Engineering Leadership Certification Program at Cornell University.

Whereas, WindAid is an Peruvian educational institute that was founded in 2006 and provides sustainable engineering solutions for communities without access to electricity.

Whereas, WindAid has three ongoing projects that are affecting 75 households in Peru and 5 ambassadors across 5 countries.

Whereas, GAIA hopes to collaborate with WindAid for its expertise. The collaboration would send a team of Cornell students to rural Peru to install a turbine generator prototype for the local village.



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Whereas, GAIA's own funding is not sufficient to cover the expense of the wind turbine project.

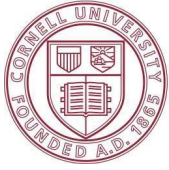
Be it therefore resolved that, the Student Assembly shall provide GAIA with \$10,000, or a stipend of \$2000 per student. The money shall be used solely for the purchase of travel expenses.

Be it further resolved, that GAIA would be returning any unused funds to the assembly after the trip.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Vinson '25,

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative, Student Assembly
Chair, Student Assembly Environmental Policy and Planning Commission



Resolution : Authorizing the Transfer of Reserve Funds to OSGR

Abstract: This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$4,750 from the Student Assembly’s reserve account to the Office of Student Government Relations (OSGR) to fund their annual trip to Washington, DC.

Sponsored by: Akshey Mulpuri ‘25

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 03/28/2024

Current Status: Pending Suspension of Rules for Adoption

Whereas, the Student Assembly has an obligation to allocate funds in the best interest of the Cornell University student body.

Whereas, the Student Assembly Reserve Fund maintains significant rollover funds in its reserve account.

Whereas, OSGR is planning a trip to the Washington D.C. area from April 25rd, 2024 to April 27th, 2024 for 16 members.

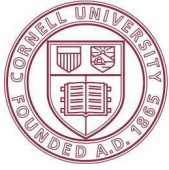
Whereas, OSGR attempted to plan this trip event last year, but ran into political issues due to the threat of a government shutdown.

Whereas, OSGR has planned this trip to adhere to the various travel Policies or Procedures in order to ensure this event can occur in the Spring 2024 semester.

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly authorizes that \$4,750 be transferred from the Assembly’s reserve account to the Office of Student Government Relations account, to be earmarked for usage towards the transportation, lodging, and other expenses for OSGR’s trip to Washington, DC.

Be it therefore resolved, OSGR shall adhere to all Cornell University Policies and Procedures related to travel guidelines, including registering travel with Campus Groups and including a Student Organization Travel Addendum, and connecting with the Office of Risk Management and Insurance for proper travel waivers.

Be it further resolved, should this planned bus trip be canceled or otherwise not occur, or total expenses be less than the expenses outlined in their proposed budget, OSGR shall be required to give back to the Student Assembly all the unspent allocated monies allocated for this trip.



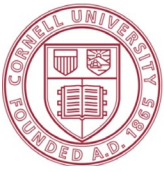
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32 **Respectfully Submitted,**

33 Akshey Mulpuri '25

34 Director of the Office of Student Government Relations, *Student Assembly*



Resolution : Collaboration with the GPSA on CSR and ESG

Abstract: This resolution expands the Ad Hoc Committee on Cornell University's Corporate and Social Responsibility and Environmental and Social Governance Policies into a joint committee with the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly.

Sponsored by: Adam Vinson '25

Reviewed by: *Executive Committee*

Type of Action:

Originally Presented:

Current Status:

Whereas, The undergraduate Student Assembly created the Ad Hoc Committee on Cornell University's CSR and ESG Policies in resolution 50.

Whereas, The Committee has been tasked with creating a report to be presented by the president of the Student Assembly to the Board of Trustees.

Whereas, the Committee, which is accepting applications from the undergraduate student body, feels that many graduate and professional students have expertise that will be useful in achieving our goals.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Ad Hoc Committee on Cornell University's CSR and ESG Policies be made a joint committee in collaboration with the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Vinson '25,

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative, Student Assembly