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Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

April 25, 2024

4:40 - 6:30 p.m.

Willard Straight Memorial Room

ZOOM

Meeting ID: 927 5625 4940 | Passcode: 411537

1. Call to Order
 2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
 3. Announcements
 4. Open Microphone
 5. [Approval of the Minutes](#)
 6. Presentations
 1. Panel Conversation on Interim Expressive Activity Policy with Provost Michael Kotlikoff, Vice Provost and General Counsel Donica Thomas Varner, and Dean of Students Marla Love
 7. Consent Calendar
 8. Reports
 9. Business of the Day
 10. Resolutions Calendar
 1. [Resolution 74: Implementing the Office of Ethics' Recommendation from the Spring 2024 Report](#)
 2. Resolution 75: Establishing the Student Assembly Campus Pulse Committee and Addressing Transparency Issues
 3. Resolution 76: Campus Transit Initiative
 11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
 12. Adjournment
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Minutes of the April 14th, 2023 Meeting

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Robert Purcell Community Center 218AB | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. A. Barry called the meeting to order at 4:12pm.
 1. *Members Present (24)*: A. Akpan, L. Balestrieri, L. Barrett, A. Barry, F. Berry, S. Chan, R. DeLorenzo, D. Diao, Z. deRham, K. Everett, N. Hite, K. Jordan, C. Kim, P. Kuehl, C. Lederman, F. Meng, Y. Moitra, S. Parikh, C. Platkin, I. Rezaka, D. Suarez, C. Ting, A. Vinson, A. Wang
 2. *Members Absent (5)*: D. Akkiraju, C. Flournoy, A. Helkowski, S. Son, B. Terhaar
 3. *Also Present (10)*: D. Almeida, A. Bangura, A. Coleman, N. Maggard, J. Swenson, L. Thomas, J. Wallen, J. Withers, J. Zhang
- II. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement
 - a. A. Barry stated the SA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Open Microphones
 - a. There were no speakers.
- IV. Consent Calendar
 - a. There were no items.
- V. Announcements
 - a. J. Swenson noted the continuation of the Home Plate Initiative through the first event hosted by the Employee Elected Trustee.
- VI. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Liaisons
 - a. Office of Ethics Spring 2024 Report
 1. A. Bangura gave a report concerning investigations into Student Assembly members.
 2. D. Diao asked for further elaboration.
 3. A. Bangura gave an overview on the outcomes of each individual investigation question the Office investigated.
 4. K. Everett questioned what the path to move forward would look like if the Assembly were to adopt the Office's recommendations.



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5. A. Bangura stated an overview and explanation of the final recommendations outlined in the Investigation Report, and the path to carry out these recommendations. A. Bangura noted prior punitive precedence that led the Committee to certain recommendations.
6. I. Rezaka questioned the timeline for implementation of recommendations.
7. N. Maggard clarified that after the conclusion of the presentation, the Assembly would move into consideration of Resolution 74.
8. S. Parikh asked for clarification on the effects of Resolution 74.
9. A. Bangura affirmed.
10. S. Parikh questioned why the recommendations distinguished removal from Vice President positions and removal from Assembly seats in general, and asked for further clarification on the thought process which went into these recommendations.
11. A. Bangura stated that the Office of Ethics interpreted with the interest of the student body.
12. S. Parikh asked for clarification if the Office of Ethics found enough evidence to recommend removal of members.
13. A. Bangura stated that, for offices on the Assembly such as Vice-Presidential positions, it felt more prudent to have positions voted by the Assembly be evaluated by the Assembly and to maintain possibility for flexibility.
14. J. Wallen asked for clarification on the effects of passing Resolution 74 in relation to implementing the recommendations.
15. A. Bangura stated that implementation would be up to the Assembly. A. Bangura emphasized that Resolution 74 is a call to action but doesn't determine how the action is carried out.
16. D. Almeida asked for clarification on Resolution 72.
17. A. Bangura clarified that Resolution 72 is referring to Resolution 74, and that there were numbering issues.
18. A. Wang questioned the organization of the Report and asked how questions corresponded to certain sections.
19. A. Bangura clarified the organization of the Report, which was sectioned to break up information. A. Bangura summarized the intention of each section.
20. F. Berry stated hopes for a layman's terms explanation of the Report. F. Berry questioned if, when Resolution 74 is voted on, members from the Office of Ethics will be present to answer questions.



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21. N. Maggard stated that this would be left up to A. Bangura's decisions.
22. F. Berry reiterated desire to hear from A. Bangura on the barebones of the recommendations and the violations which occurred through word of mouth.
23. A. Bangura stated that other members from the Office of Ethics will be available in the future to give further detail. A. Bangura emphasized that as Chair, the decisions and facts from the Report were not his own but rather reflective of the Office as a whole.
24. I. Rezaka asked for clarification on whether voting to adopt Resolution 74 would necessitate voting to pass the recommendations on another day.
25. A. Bangura clarified and highlighted that there are no stipulations on one specific timeline.
26. C. Lederman noted that he hasn't had a full chance to read over the full Report and asked for a summary on which specific violations he was found in violation of.
27. A. Bangura stated amenability to some options such as creation of an executive summary of the Report but emphasized desire not to mess up any specific facts of the Report through any sudden summarization.
28. D. Diao questioned where certain rules in the Report were referenced.
29. A. Bangura noted sections of the Code of Ethics and noted the Code's emphasis on intent. A. Bangura connected the Code to the investigation outcomes found in the Report for each individual question.
30. R. DeLorenzo asked for further details on some collection of testimony in relation to the Appropriations Committee.
31. A. Bangura stated that details surrounding certain evidence is confidential.
32. A. Wang questioned if there would be a date of release for certain documents with more updates.
33. A. Bangura stated that at the earliest, possibly next Thursday.
34. J. Wallen asked for clarification on outcomes and decisions regarding the formatting of the Report.
35. A. Bangura gave clarification and noted that the Report was formatted in conjunction with the progress of the investigation.
36. L. Thomas noted mention of a later release and noted concerns over the investigations having implications over the Elections.
37. A. Bangura acknowledged concerns and stated that the Elections were one of the reasons a meeting was called for Sunday.
38. J. Wallen recommended that voting on the recommendations occur today given the timeline of the Elections and stated that the Report is sufficient.



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39. A. Bangura noted the possibility that some members might want more time to review the Report.
40. A. Barry motioned to recess for 15 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
41. K. Everett motioned to end the presentation. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.

VII. Presentations

- a. There were no presentations.

VIII. Old Business Calendar

- a. There were no items.

IX. Resolutions Calendar

- a. Resolution 74: Implementing the Office of Ethics' Recommendation from the Spring 2024 Report
 1. A. Bangura introduced the overview of the Resolution's intent.
 2. I. Rezaka noted concerns over conflicts of interest affecting the voting for implementation of recommendations.
 3. I. Rezaka noted desire to amend the Resolution to include a be it therefore resolved clause stating that those implicated in the investigation shall abstain from voting.
 4. N. Maggard stated that the Charter doesn't allow restriction of a voting member on this Resolution.
 5. I. Rezaka stated belief it would be possible to suspend the rules to do so.
 6. A. Wang noted that, when sworn in, all members swore not to vote with conflict of interest.
 7. N. Maggard stated that it can be asked of the specific members, but they cannot be restricted through an amendment.
 8. R. DeLorenzo affirmed hope that all those implicated in investigation agree to abstain from voting.
 9. C. Ting affirmed that she would also recuse herself from voting.
 10. J. Wallen asked for clarification on the outcome of a specific question.
 11. A. Bangura clarified on the outcome of the question and the meaning of satisfying criteria.
 12. J. Wallen motioned to extend time until 6:30. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.



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13. J. Wallen gave summary on understanding of outcomes for all the questions of the Report.
14. A. Bangura gave clarifications.
15. F. Berry stated thanks for details on what occurred, but asked for further elaboration on what was found to be a violation and not to be a violation.
16. A. Bangura gave a summary on the final outcomes. A. Bangura detailed the distinction between an ethical violation and an ethical concern.
17. K. Everett questioned how proceedings would occur for questions more in the purview of the Office of Elections.
18. A. Bangura stated that certain questions are referred to more pertinent offices.
19. I. Rezaka asked for clarification on if many ethically questionable actions which weren't technically violations occurred.
20. A. Bangura stated that this is not necessarily the case and noted some different outcomes. A. Bangura emphasized that the Office doesn't make moral judgements, and instead just notes instances of occurrences.
21. S. Parikh stated belief that given the different natures of findings against R. DeLorenzo and C. Lederman, it isn't appropriate to combine judgement against both into one resolution. S. Parikh motioned to amend the Resolution to strike paragraphs 2 and 4 from the 'be it therefore resolved' clause to have better discussions on each case. I. Rezaka dissented.
22. A. Barry noted that each clause will be discussed individually.
23. J. Wallen noted a document published which summarizes the outcomes of each question from the Report.
24. C. Lederman acknowledged time spent on the Assembly and acknowledged that he has made many mistakes. C. Lederman apologized for the distraction created from personal missteps and acknowledged the need for personal responsibility given some peoples' dissatisfaction during the Appropriations cycle.
25. I. Rezaka stated belief that the Resolution was written fairly and that the content S. Parikh wishes to strike is important and shouldn't be removed.
26. A. Bangura noted that the Report is confusing, but that given constraints such as the election timeline and such, it is a rarity.
27. D. Diao asked for clarification on the implications of passing the Resolution.
28. K. Everett motioned to end debate on the amendment. The motion **passed** through a vote of 9-6-5.



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29. D. Diao motioned to extend meeting time until 7:00. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
30. The motion to approve the amendment **failed** through a vote of 8-9-3.
31. J. Wallen questioned if a member on the Assembly who is a part of the Cornell Democrats could have a conflict of interest while voting.
32. N. Maggard stated that this is up to the discretion of the member but noted that voting members' voting power cannot be restricted.
33. I. Rezaka asked for those who are a part of Cornell Democrats.
34. R. DeLorenzo noted that having people disclose the membership of the organizations they are a part of goes against freedom of association.
35. I. Rezaka stated belief that this conflict of interest in an ethical investigation is an ethical concern.
36. F. Berry asked for clarification on the belief that conflict of interest is more of an honor system than a forced ask.
37. N. Maggard affirmed.
38. P. Kuehl referenced some of the violations he was found culpable of in the Report and highlighted that appointing members on the Assembly is in his purview through his role as President. P. Kuehl stated that there was large effort to try to make appointments as fair, diverse, and ethical as possible.
39. I. Rezaka asked for clarification on the specific reasoning behind the finding of P. Kuehl's violation and the appointment of seats.
40. A. Bangura highlighted the influence aspect of the appointment process that led to determination of violation.
41. C. Lederman stated context around the appointments and appointment process and stated belief that there is a need for more context given some findings in the Report such as the allegation of protecting greek life. C. Lederman stated details pertaining to his violations and expressed belief that the violations don't encompass the full story and that a narrative has been attempted to be written. C. Lederman pointed strong concern over the timing of the investigation in relation to the upcoming Elections.
42. A. Bangura stated details on the process of reviewing and evaluating materials and testimony during the investigation and emphasized the Office's desire not to overwhelm the Report with a lack of neutrality and represent all perspectives.
43. J. Wallen stated that while all members will have some level of bias, there is a need to vote based upon the documents.
44. J. Wallen motioned to end debate. F. Berry dissented. The motion **passed**.



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45. K. Everett motioned to extend time to 7:30. I. Rezaka dissented. The motion **passed**.
46. J. Withers noted that current attendance of members means that a 2/3 majority vote will not realistically occur.
47. F. Berry stated that the Elections timeline isn't relevant given those named in the Resolution aren't re-running.
48. F. Berry highlighted that passing the Resolution doesn't remove a member or confirm a violation occurred and just confirms that a debate on the topics of removal will occur.
49. I. Rezaka motioned to call the Resolution to question. The motion to approve the Resolution **passed** through a vote of 9-3-6.
50. R. DeLorenzo addressed the Report and highlighted intentions for fairness, accountability, and standardization during the Appropriations Committee meetings and processes. R. DeLorenzo stated apologies for those who felt slighted or demeaned through his behavior. R. DeLorenzo stated additional context and personal reasoning for actions taken surrounding events and violations highlighted in the Report.
51. C. Ting motioned to extend time by 5 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
52. C. Ting highlighted that she has encouraged those from marginalized communities to run for Assembly because of the experiences she has faced on the Executive Committee. C. Ting emphasized a lack of affiliation with Cornell Democrats and highlighted that participation in the deliberation of presidential succession was not for opportunistic gain but to help uplift survivors.
53. P. Kuehl motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.

X. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar

- a. There were no items.

XI. Adjournment

- a. This meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Zhang

Clerk of the Assembly



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Minutes of the April 18th, 2023 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:30 pm

Memorial Room Willard Straight Hall | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. P. Kuehl called the meeting to order at 4:47pm.
 1. *Members Present (23)*: D. Akkiraju, L. Balestrieri, A. Barry, F. Berry, S. Chan, D. Diao, Z. deRham, R. DeLorenzo, K. Everett, C. Flournoy, N. Hite, K. Jordan, P. Kuehl, C. Lederman, F. Meng, Y. Moitra, S. Parikh, C. Platkin, I. Rezaka, D. Suarez, C. Ting, A. Vinson, A. Wang
 2. *Members Absent (6)*: A. Akpan, L. Barrett, A. Helkowski, C. Kim, S. Son, B. Terhaar
 3. *Also Present (10)*: D. Almeida, A. Bangura, A. Coleman, E. Kalweit, N. Maggard, J. Swenson, L. Thomas, J. Wallen, J. Withers, J. Zhang
- II. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement
 - a. P. Kuehl stated the SA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Open Microphones
 - a. Community speakers gave statements on the Referenda Question.
 - b. K. Everett motioned to suspend the rules and reopen public comment. J. Swenson dissented. The motion **passed**.
 - c. J. Swenson motioned to set a speaking time of 10 minutes for additional public comments. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - d. Community speakers gave statements on the Referenda Question.
 - e. K. Everett highlighted that no members of the Assembly have made a motion to recall the referendum and stated belief that the referendum question is neutrally worded. K. Everett stated that the question of the neutrality of the referenda was already discussed.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Approval of the April 11 meeting minutes
 1. J. Swenson motioned to approve the minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - b. Approval of the April 18 meeting minutes
 1. Item was moved to the next agenda.



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- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. There were no items.

- VI. Announcements
 - a. J. Swenson noted that the Home Plate Initiative is currently restarting and noted an upcoming event alongside the Employee Elected Trustee.
 - b. S. Parikh noted an update on the Wages Report to discuss recommendations clarifying the job posting system and raising the student employee wage. S. Parikh encouraged the general body to vote in the upcoming Student Assembly Elections.
 - c. Y. Moitra noted the upcoming Meinig Scholars Final Presentation showcase.
 - d. L. Thomas noted details in respect to the election process.
 - e. I. Rezaka asked for clarification on the earlier Elections Committee Report regarding C. Ting's disqualification from the Elections and stated concerns over the integrity of the Report.
 - f. L. Thomas stated full confidence in respect to the Report and the Elections Committee and expressed hope that the Elections Committee be distanced away from the Assembly to maintain separation of powers.
 - g. Y. Moitra questioned if the Report and decision could be challenged.
 - h. N. Maggard clarified that the Elections Committee has its own separate dispute system.
 - i. L. Thomas echoed N. Maggard's statement.
 - j. A. Barry motioned to add discussion on the Elections Committee Report to the agenda. The motion **passed**.
 - k. I. Rezaka noted the recent publication of the Referenda question and encouraged participation.

- VII. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Liaisons
 - a. Office of Ethics Spring 2024 Report Executive Summary
 - b. Discussion on Elections Committee Report
 - 1. A. Barry questioned the kind of elements that went into the investigation.
 - 2. L. Thomas stated details on the investigation procedure.
 - 3. K. Everett questioned if there were rules constraining candidates that could affect candidacy in current discussion.
 - 4. L. Thomas stated clarification.
 - 5. K. Everett questioned why certain evaluations were made in the investigation.
 - 6. L. Thomas stated that this case was very specific and was thus evaluated to these specifics.



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7. I. Rezaka questioned why the Report stated that the CU Dispatch didn't have journalistic integrity.
8. L. Thomas stated that it was determined that the CU Dispatch writer had personal interest and motives involved in the case.
9. J. Wallen questioned if C. Lederman utilized his position to interfere with selection of the Director of Elections.
10. C. Lederman stated that every Assembly member was involved in the selection process for the Director of Elections. C. Lederman noted that at the time, P. Kuehl was soliciting for as many candidates as possible. C. Lederman stated that, while disagreeing with the results of the Report, he has not spent time attempting to pressure or accuse the investigative committee as not genuine.
11. A. Bangura stated clarifications on the ethical issues with the voting process for Director of Elections.
12. C. Ting stated concerns with certain sections of the Report.
13. L. Thomas stated that the Elections Committee is comprised of 11 impartial members and that the decision was a 10-0-0 decision. L. Thomas highlighted the diversity of backgrounds and opinions that was funneled into the final decision and noted that he did not vote or give his opinion as Director of Elections.
14. J. Swenson questioned if C. Ting was allowed to share her perspective.
15. L. Thomas stated agreement.
16. J. Swenson questioned the validity of why the current Report was being discussed if C. Ting was given an opportunity to give her opinion.
17. A. Barry stated disagreement with the idea that leaking images could be seen as whistleblowing and discouraged and stated belief that it sets a bad precedent.
18. Y. Moitra questioned if the Report being released to the Assembly was aligned to the Code over worry of setting precedence.
19. L. Thomas stated that he couldn't recall the line off the top of his head, but that he would contact and specify afterwards.
20. Y. Moitra questioned if the publication of messages from a work groupchat could be published.
21. L. Thomas stated that this decision was made in the context of the case and highlighted that C. Ting did not release the images earlier.
22. P. Kuehl highlighted that the Student Assembly shouldn't have power over the decisions of the Elections Committee.
23. D. Almeida echoed P. Kuehl's sentiments.



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24. I. Rezaka stated that this decision sets a bad precedent where people aren't encouraged to speak out when finding issues or corruption. I. Rezaka stated belief that A. Bangura's report was seen as impartial because he has no conflicts of interest in comparison to L. Thomas.
25. L. Thomas stated in response to concerns over his appointment that after his election, there was no further correspondence outside of specific duties of the Office.
26. K. Everett stated that the Office of Ethics needs to hold a secure place in the Student Assembly and should be protected. K. Everett stated hopes that staff from the CU Dispatch could get the chance to detail their investigation process and timeline.
27. P. Kuehl implemented a 1:30 speaking time. K. Everett dissented. The motion to overrule the speaking time **passed**.
28. Staff from the CU Dispatch emphasized that for all details in their article, facts were corroborated by multiple sources. Staff from the CU Dispatch emphasized that the article was not written with any timed intention in conjunction with the Elections.
29. J. Wallen stated, regarding concerns over the timing of the release of information, that this is due to the Student Assembly's environment of prioritizing certain voices over others.
30. N. Hite stated belief that transparency is important, but that the problem addressed by the report is not with the leak but the timing of the leak right before the election.
31. C. Ting stated that she didn't actively seek the CU Dispatch out intentionally and didn't factor the timing of the elections into her decision to leak.
32. Staff from the CU Dispatch stated that investigations into the case began after previous President De Silveira gave a tip. Staff from the CU Dispatch noted that rather than just go with De Silveira's tip, they reached out to other members close to the case.
33. Staff from the CU Dispatch noted that the release of the article coincided with the release from the Daily Sun.
34. F. Berry highlighted that the Assembly has no direct power over the Office of Elections and motioned to end discussion. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.

VIII. Presentations

- a. There were no presentations.



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IX. Old Business Calendar

- a. There were no items.

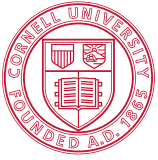
X. Resolutions Calendar

- a. Resolution 74: Implementing the Office of Ethics' Recommendation from the Spring 2024 Report
 1. P. Kuehl ceded chairship to N. Maggard.
 2. C. Lederman questioned if the Assembly should move to Executive Session.
 3. I. Rezaka questioned how to move forward given that so many members are implicated in the investigation.
 4. P. Kuehl stated possibilities for proceeding.
 5. C. Flournoy questioned if an online form could be sent out.
 6. N. Maggard stated that this could be feasible through a suspension of the rules.
 7. J. Wallen made clarifications on what possibilities for voting existed.
 8. C. Flournoy stated desire to vote on recommendations 1-4 in the Resolution.
 9. I. Rezaka motioned to extend meeting time by 20 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 10. J. Swenson agreed with C. Flournoy's sentiments.
 11. J. Withers highlighted the importance of a 2/3 seated membership vote and highlighted that utilizing Google Forms, the integrity of the form could be called into question.
 12. A. Barry stated hopes that the questions should be voted on next week with higher attendance.
 13. K. Everett motioned to recess for 5 minutes and extend time by 15 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 14. K. Everett noted that constituents were concerned due to having cast votes for C. Ting and not wanting their votes to go to waste. K. Everett questioned if constituents could vote again.
 15. E. Kalweit stated that the system used for counting ballots would not allow this to occur.
 16. L. Thomas concurred.
 17. P. Kuehl stated further clarification.



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18. I. Rezaka questioned how the appeals process for the disqualification of candidacy would affect the Election. I. Rezaka motioned to extend meeting time by 15 minutes. The motion **passed**.
19. C. Flournoy rescinded the motion.
20. K. Jordan motioned to debate questions 1-4 of the Resolution.
21. R. DeLorenzo motioned to move to executive session.
22. F. Berry questioned the reasoning behind the desire to move to executive session.
23. R. DeLorenzo stated a desire to protect himself and others.
24. I. Rezaka motioned to amend the motion to include ex-officio members and members of the press.
25. C. Lederman stated that, as much of the discussion pertains to members of the press, it would be pertinent to close the session to just members.
26. Y. Moitra stated hopes that members might trust in DeLorenzo's desire to maintain a level of privacy.
27. J. Withers highlighted that adding members of the press to Executive Session negates the intention of executive session.
28. I. Rezaka rescinded the motion to amend to include members of the press. The motion to approve the amendment **passed** through unanimous consent.
29. The assembly entered Executive Session.
30. The assembly exited Executive Session.
31. R. DeLorenzo resigned from the position of Vice President of Finance.
32. The assembly entered Executive Session.
33. The assembly exited Executive Session.
34. I. Rezaka motioned to suspend the rules to consider recommendation 3 from the Resolution. The motion **passed**.
35. R. DeLorenzo resigned from the position of representative to the Student Assembly.
36. I. Rezaka noted violations made by C. Lederman found in the Office of Ethics.
37. D. Akkiraju stated belief that the nature and scope of C. Lederman's violations in comparison to R. DeLorenzo's aren't comparable.
38. S. Parikh highlighted that the removal of De Silveira should not be an ethical concern and is a ridiculous incident to continue to cite.
39. A. Bangura stated that no part of the Report found the removal of De Silveira to be unethical, but rather that the call of an Executive Session and the lack of transparency was unethical.



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40. The motion to implement recommendations 2 and 4 **failed** through a vote of 11-6-10 (*Yays*: D. Akkiraju, L. Balestrieri, L. Barrett, S. Chan, K. Everett, A. Helkowski, K. Jordan, F. Meng, I. Rezaka, D. Suarez, A. Wang; *Nays*: F. Berry, Z. deRham, Y. Moitra, S. Parikh, C. Platkin, B. Terhaar; *Abstains*: A. Akpan, A. Barry, D. Diao, C. Flournoy, N. Hite, C. Kim, C. Lederman, C. Ting, A. Vinson, P Kuehl)

XI. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar

- a. There were no items.

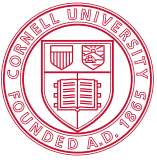
XII. Adjournment

- a. This meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Zhang

Clerk of the Assembly



Resolution 74: Implementing the Office of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring ’24 Report

Abstract: This resolution implements the recommendations from the Student Assembly Office of Ethics’ *Investigatory Report on Allegations Against Vice President of Finance Rocco DeLorenzo, Vice President of Internal Operations Clyde Lederman, President Patrick Kuehl, and Executive Vice President Claire Ting.*

Sponsored by: Alhassan Bangura ’25

Reviewed by: Office of Ethics, 04/11/2023; 3-0-2

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 04/14/2023

Current Status: New Business

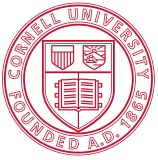
Whereas, in the early morning of March 22nd, 2024, several members of the Student Assembly and the undergraduate community contacted the Student Assembly Office of Ethics for comment and instructions on the filing of ethics reports in response to the Daily Sun’s article;

Whereas, on March 25th, 2024 at 6:05 PM, the Student Assembly Office of Ethics formally announced that it had voted to sustain its investigation, and defined it to encompass Vice President DeLorenzo, President Kuehl, Vice President Lederman, and any individuals currently or previously affiliated with either the Cornell Democrats or the Cornell Interfraternity Council from February 2023 onwards on allegations of “abuse of the SA brand by members, staff, and other parties to acquire additional benefits or privileges” and “engagement in unethical behaviors or practices in the Cornell community”;

Whereas, from March 26th, 2024 to April 9th, 2024, the Student Assembly Office of Ethics conducted extensive interviews with members of the Student Assembly and community members, obtained a wide variety of files, screenshots, and audio and video recordings, and convened numerous times to determine a timeline of events and draft appropriate recommendations;

Whereas, the Student Assembly Office of Ethics was created in the 2021-2022 academic year upon agreement between the Student Assembly and its membership that the Student Assembly, requires a structured system imbued with the authority to ensure accountability, ethical conduct, justice, and growth;

Whereas, the Office of Ethics has drafted the *Investigatory Report on Allegations Against Vice President of Finance Rocco DeLorenzo, Vice President of Internal Operations Clyde Lederman, President Patrick Kuehl, and Executive Vice President Claire Ting*, which shall be made available on the morning of Friday, May 19, 2023, which articulates the analysis, arguments, and historical timeline of the presidential succession.



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33 **Be it therefore resolved,** that the following recommendations from the Office of Ethics’
34 *Investigatory Report on Allegations Against Vice President of Finance Rocco DeLorenzo, Vice President of Internal*
35 *Operations Clyde Lederman, President Patrick Kuehl, and Executive Vice President Claire Ting,* be adopted by
36 this assembly.

37 The Office of Ethics holds that the Assembly considers the implementation of the following
38 recommendations based on the findings of the report:

- 39 1. The Student Assembly shall, upon passage of Resolution 74, titled “Implementing the Office
40 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
41 pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Student Assembly Bylaws, Rocco DeLorenzo from
42 the Office of the Vice President of Finance;
- 43 2. The Student Assembly shall, upon passage of Resolution 74, titled “Implementing the Office
44 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
45 pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Student Assembly Bylaws, Clyde Lederman from the
46 Office of the Vice President of Internal Operations;
- 47 3. The Student Assembly may, upon passage of Resolution 74, titled “Implementing the Office
48 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
49 pursuant to Article IV, Section 8 of the Student Assembly Charter, Rocco DeLorenzo from
50 the Undesignated Representative at-Large seat;
- 51 4. The Student Assembly may, upon passage of Resolution 74, titled “Implementing the Office
52 of Ethics’ Recommendations from the Spring 2024 Report” consider a motion to recall,
53 pursuant to Article IV, Section 8 of the Student Assembly Charter, Clyde Lederman from
54 the Undesignated Representative at-Large seat;
- 55 5. The Student Assembly shall commit to defining rules, either in the form of a governing
56 document amendment or a resolution, governing author transparency for resolutions by
57 October 1st, 2024;
- 58 6. The Student Assembly shall commit to strengthening rules on its impartial arms, the
59 Elections Committee, and the Office of Ethics, by October 1st, 2024;
- 60 7. The Student Assembly shall commit to expanding election rules on conflict of interest
61 between candidates and members of the Student Assembly and student organizations’ ability
62 to grant endorsements by October 1st, 2024.

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64 **Respectfully Submitted,**

65 Alhassan Bangura ’25

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