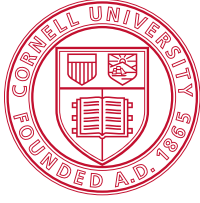


Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, August 30, 2018 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Open Microphone**
- III. Announcements and Reports**
 - a. EVP Anderson- SA Orientation
- IV. Business of the Day**
 - a. Resolution 4: Amending the Student Assembly Bylaws for Clarity, Efficiency, and Executive Committee Structure
- V. New Business**
 - a. Resolution 5: Ensuring Accessible Study Spaces for All Students
- VI. Executive Session**
 - a. Executive Archivist Appointment
- VII. Adjournment**



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Minutes of the Thursday, August 23, 2018 Meeting
4:46pm-6:21pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. V. Devatha called the meeting to order at 4:46 pm.
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present at Roll Call:* J. Anderson [0], D. Barbaria [0], V. Devatha [0], O. Din [0], J. Dominguez [0], O. Egharevba [0], A. Hailu [0], S. Harshvardhan [0], N. Hernandez [0], S. Iruvanti [0], K. Kebbeh [0], S. Lim [0], N. Matolka [0], D. Nyakaru [0], M. Peralta-Ochoa [0], E. Shapiro [0], M. Shovik [0], J. Sim [0], F. Uribe-Rheinbolt [0], I. Wallace [0], B. Weintraub [0]
 - ii. *Absent:* A. Jain [0]

II. President Pollack and VP Lombardi

- a. V. Devatha said that he would entertain a motion to amend the agenda such that Open Microphone would take place following President Pollack and VP Lombardi's presentation, as well as to conduct the Oath of Office.
- b. There was a motion to move Open Microphone to follow President Pollack's presentation, and to conduct the Oath of Office before the Open Microphone – approved.
- c. President Martha Pollack said that this past summer was a busy time on the Cornell campus, and that she wanted to give the Student Assembly updates in this regard.
 - i. M. Pollack said that she is currently sorting through the reports from the Presidential Task Force (henceforth PTF) and is considering courses of action. She added that an announcement will be released within the next few weeks that would go through the analysis and give recommendations. She also mentioned that this announcement would direct people to a website regarding the progress of the PTF.
 - ii. M. Pollack said that every single new freshman has been involved in an Intergroup Dialogue Program (henceforth IDP), and that there is validated evidence that those people who go through such a program are better able to communicate. She added that the IDP will be tweaked as needed, and that there is no single solution for the issues the IDP is trying to address but that this program is a big step.
 - iii. M. Pollack addressed comments that there is a desire for more support for professors and TAs to teach in a multicultural classroom.
 - iv. M. Pollack said that the former Psi Upsilon fraternity house has been converted into a Living and Learning Center focused on equity.

- v. M. Pollack said that new staff were introduced in the office of the Dean of Students, as well as new staff in the LGBTQ Support Center and the Asian & Asian American Center.
- vi. M. Pollack said that Cornell must work as a campus to make clear what its values are and what it ascribes to.
- d. J. Anderson said that, in an email sent earlier that morning, M. Pollack noted that one of Cornell's civic responsibilities is to protect freedom of speech. He added that such a commitment can lead to the protection of hate speech and harassment, and asked how this would be dealt with.
- e. M. Pollack said that she agreed with J. Anderson that there is a tension between free speech and hate speech, but that the issue is not black and white. She added that the subcommittee working on this issue made sensible recommendations that allow the university to protect free speech where people can debate ideas and avoid harassment and threatening behavior.
- f. D. Barbaria said that SA Resolution 1 is a resolution made to pass last semester's Appendix B resolution again, and that everything that M. Pollack returned or rejected has been removed from Appendix B. He added that he hopes M. Pollack will accept these changes as soon as possible so that byline organizations can have their guidelines.
- g. M. Pollack asked for clarification as to what Appendix B is.
- h. D. Barbaria said that Appendix B is the text that regulates byline organizations and how they are allowed to use the money they receive from the Student Activity Fee. He also said that M. Pollack returned or rejected four specific amendments to Appendix B, and because of the way the resolution was written, the entire resolution was rejected.
- i. M. Pollack said that she cannot categorically say yes to the new resolution, but that if the things she found problematic were in fact pulled out, then she would be able to. She added that she sometimes feels that the Assembly could be much more efficient if there were to be conversations between her office and the Assembly when thinking about resolutions such as this one.
- j. D. Barbaria said that he hopes to collaborate on the language of the returned portions of Appendix B so that they can be reincluded.
- k. O. Egharevba asked how M. Pollack plans to deal with the rapid influx of students trying to enter the Computer Science (henceforth CS) major. He added that he has seen students have a tough time with course pre-enrollment and professors having to change rooms to allow for a higher number of students. He also said that he is a CS major, and that he knows that it is not possible to enter certain courses in the major unless you're affiliated with the major.
- l. M. Pollack said that O. Egharevba's question was an important one, and it is a difficult problem on not only this but on other university campuses. She added that the provost has given the CS department the authority to hire as many faculty members as possible, but a similar clearance has been given to other CS departments at other universities, as well as at tech companies. She also said that she is sympathetic to the problem, but is unable to provide a simple solution to the problem.
- m. O. Egharevba said that he is aware that some schools do impose a cap on the number of students that can be in certain majors.

- n. M. Pollack said that some universities close the cap and then admit to the major based on GPA, which disincentivizes students from trying interesting courses that the administration would like students to take. She added that it may get to a point where such a course of action is the only one possible, but that it is certainly not an optimal choice.
- o. N. Hernandez said that she had a question regarding IDP, and said that she had heard informal comments from people involved in the discussions that the burden was placed on students from marginalized groups. She asked if this would be considered the gold standard for IDPs moving forward.
- p. M. Pollack said that the staff is cognizant of this issue, and this year's incarnation of the IDPs was an experiment to start to build something. She added that she will receive feedback and the program will be tweaked as needed.
- q. O. Din deferred to M. Peralta-Ochoa.
- r. M. Peralta-Ochoa referenced earlier comments made by M. Pollack regarding an increased presence of Cornell in New York City, and asked about Cornell in NYC's partnership with the Israeli organization Technion.
- s. M. Pollack said that the administration feels strongly that they should partner with faculty from around the world, and that they have a commitment to working with Technion.
- t. J. Anderson said that the hiring of three new CAPS therapists does not address the root problem of mental health on campus. He added that there is a lot of academic rigor and unforgiving faculty at Cornell, and asked why the university is not touching on the real problem, being that the work is too demanding and is therefore the result of the faculty and not the students.
- u. M. Pollack said that she has found that a great number of faculty are concerned with the state of mental health on campus in her conversations with them.
- v. Ryan Lombardi said that the administration would like to improve the climate on campus, especially in the classroom, and that some deans in the college have really stepped forward and made strides in this regard. He added that he knows that many faculty members are being told to acknowledge the stresses and issues of students.
- w. M. Pollack said that there is a monthly faculty lunch occurring soon that she will use to gain a sense of the opinions of other faculty members in this regard.
- x. A reporter from the Cornell Daily Sun asked whether or not there was a timeline yet for the LGBTQ+ and Asian/Asian-American program houses.
- y. R. Lombardi said that he accepted the proposals of the group from the Student Assembly regarding the LGBTQ+ house, and that the current aim is to have that program house open in the fall of 2019. He added that he has not yet received formal proposals regarding the Asian/Asian-American program house and therefore does not have a timeline for it, but that he is looking forward to hearing the proposals.
- z. B. Weintraub said that he has friends who are concerned with the athletic situation on campus being worsened in the near future, since Appel Fields and other North Campus athletic areas being removed to make way for the increased housing on North Campus.
- aa. R. Lombardi said that he would love to come back and discuss this matter further, and that the administration is very cognizant of taking away these fields. He added that those fields remaining will be updated (including but not limited to turfing),

- policies for Jessup Field will be updated, and that they are looking at opportunities on Central Campus for expanding athletic opportunities.
- bb. M. Pollack thanked the Assembly for giving their time.

III. Oath of Office

- a. The Oath of Office was conducted at 5:18 pm.

IV. Open Microphone

- a. No speakers at the open microphone.

V. Announcements and Reports

- a. J. Anderson said that SA Orientation will be on Saturday, September 8th, and that it is expected and mandatory that all members of the Assembly attend. He added that if anyone is unable to attend, he will sit down with them one-on-one to discuss what they missed.
- b. J. Anderson said that the North Campus expansion plan is being put into the works, and that the Residential Student Congress is having discussions in this regard.

VI. Business of the Day II

- a. Resolution 1: Approving Appendix B for the 2018-2020 Byline Cycle
- i. D. Barbaria said that returning members of the SA will find nothing new with this resolution, since it is the same one as from the previous semester. He added that the problem was that, since the whole resolution was a single “Be it therefore resolved,” clause, and some provisions of Appendix B were either returned or rejected, the whole resolution was rejected. He also said that this resolution is all the amendments passed by the previous SA without the rejected or returned clauses. He added that he will soon have revised versions of the returned clauses, but that this resolution must be approved as soon as possible.
 - ii. D. Nyakaru asked what was returned and revoked.
 - iii. D. Barbaria said that one rejected outright was regarding athletics, specifically that Appendix B would have set some guidelines regarding the use of funding that M. Pollack did not believe was in the purview of the Assembly. He added that another was that none of the money from the SAF could be used for salaries and wages, and M. Pollack did not agree with the limiting of organizations’ use of money in this regard.
 - iv. V. Devatha said that he forwarded M. Pollack’s response to the resolution to the rest of the Assembly.
 - v. Motion to vote on Resolution 1 – **approved** 21-0-1.

VII. New Business & Business of the Day II

- a. Resolution 2: Approval of the 2018-2019 Standing Rules
- i. J. Anderson said that this resolution is the approval of the standing rules that must be approved at the start of each semester. He added that the only changes are that it was made easier to contact J. Sim prior to meetings, and that everything regarding absences is a 24-hour advance email to J. Sim rather than the myriad rules set prior.

- ii. O. Din said that he knows that there are special rules in addition to the standing rules, and whether the two could be combined.
 - iii. J. Anderson said that the special rules are rare instances that come up far less than the standing rules. He added that each member of the Assembly gets three absences.
 - iv. There was a motion to move Resolution 2 to Business of the Day – approved by 2/3rds majority.
 - v. J. Sim moved to amend the resolution such that Line 49 of the standing rules would read “Operations,” and that line 58 of the standing rules would read “Rule 7” – amended.
 - vi. Motion to vote on Resolution 2 – approved 21-0-1.
- b. Resolution 3: Approval of the 2018-2019 Student Assembly Budget
- i. D. Barbaria said that this resolution is required by the standing rules, in that the Assembly must pass a budget by the second week of the semester. He added that the budget has historically been guidelines rather than absolute tenets, and that there was originally an intention to zero the Student Assembly last semester, but it was later decided that the Assembly would be funded \$0.87 per student. He also said that the SA should make sure to pass a resolution to ensure this if it is still the intention.
 - ii. D. Barbaria said that the SA currently has a \$93,000 surplus, and that he allocated \$32,000 of this to be used for the budget, committees, administrative costs, and the like, leaving roughly \$60,000 as a reserve. He said that having a reserve is new and it likely would not be touched. He added that if anyone has any amendments to the resolution, they can be discussed over email at a later time.
 - iii. B. Weintraub asked if the SA is comfortable reducing its reserves to the extent that it is, and if the SA typically has a reserve.
 - iv. D. Barbaria said that the SA has always had some surplus, and that surplus is so large right now because of work done by the SA two years ago. He added that the current plan is to go past 2020 with a smaller surplus.
 - v. V. Devatha said that he would entertain a motion to move Resolution 3 to Business of the Day.
 - vi. Motion to move Resolution 3 to Business of the Day – approved by a 2/3rds majority.
 - vii. Motion to vote on Resolution 3 – approved 21-0-1.
- c. Resolution 4: Amending the Student Assembly Bylaws for Clarity, Efficiency, and Executive Committee Structure
- i. J. Anderson said that this resolution cannot be passed today, but it can be presented. He added that this resolution proposes changes to the rules of the Tri-Council Representative due to a mismatch of how that position is elected versus how SA positions are elected, as well as creating a Vice President of Infrastructure role on the Executive Committee (henceforth Exec).
 - ii. D. Barbaria said that he was initially skeptical of creating a VP Infrastructure role, but that in looking at the Assembly over the past few years, the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Committee (henceforth SAIFC) has always in some ways been a failure since it did not have the prestige of other committees, and that making the chair a VP gives the notion that the

- committee is something more. He added that this is one small change that could make the committee successful now and moving into the future.
- iii. V. Devatha said that, as Executive Vice President, J. Anderson needs some sort of support system that reports directly to him, and that he will bring amendments next week in this regard.
 - iv. D. Nyakaru asked a clarifying question.
 - v. B. Weintraub asked if the people being appointed to offices are necessarily SA members.
 - vi. V. Devatha replied in the negative, saying that this has been done on an informal level in the past, but it will now be a formal process, giving increased access to the Assemblies.
 - vii. D. Barbaria said that he will be coming forward with an amendment next week, and that he will speak with SAFC to create an Appropriations Committee subcommittee that would deal with registration of organizations to Orgsync.
 - viii. Tirenolu Onabajo asked if there is a cap on returning members to committees.
 - ix. D. Barbaria said that, historically, no committee has had a cap with the exception of a few such as Exec, and that if there is someone who is approved that the outgoing chair, as well as the outgoing and incoming Internal Operations chairs believe should stay on, then they should. He added that he does not see excessive quantity as being a problem in the future, but if it is, then it would be a good problem to have.
 - x. T. Onabajo said that she acknowledges that D. Barbaria is speaking from experience, but she thinks that since this is a rulebook, the proponents of this resolution should be planning for the future. She added that it would be good to have a number set in place as a cap that would not take away from the autonomy of the new chair.
 - xi. D. Barbaria said that including the new chair in this regard might be better than adding a cap.
 - xii. O. Din had a further comment.
 - xiii. J. Sim expressed concern regarding the creation of a VP Infrastructure, saying that there is the aim to amend for clarity and efficiency, and that he thinks Exec should be a different part. He added that it would be better if the creation of this position were part of a different resolution, and that he thinks there is a difference between the existing roles of VPs on Exec, and that the Assembly needs to discuss this issue more in-depth.
 - xiv. J. Anderson said to separate the creation of this role into a different resolution would be wasting paper, but that J. Sim could call to divide the question next week. He added that the VP Infrastructure would be doing the same amount of work as the other VP positions on Exec, and that the SAIFC oversees a large sum of money that requires a lot of coordination with other organizations.
 - xv. D. Barbaria said that he is okay with the creation of a new VP position because it makes it easier to achieve quorum for Exec, in that four members must be present, but now out of seven instead of six.
 - xvi. V. Devatha **separated the discussion**, and asked if anyone had any further comments regarding the creation of a VP Infrastructure role.

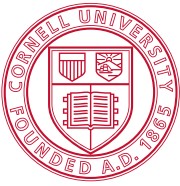
- xvii. I. Wallace said that he believes this position is a good idea because it is a structural addition to the SA which says that the SA cares about the environment and infrastructure. He added that no one on the SA will be present in 2030 when the administration's goal of carbon neutrality is projected to be reached.
- xviii. J. Dominguez said that he shares J. Sim's concerns and thinks there should be more discussion regarding a VP Infrastructure position, and asked whether the SAIFC would be considered a spending arm.
- xix. D. Barbaria said that it is, but with money from endowment, rather than from the SAF.
- xx. J. Dominguez said that, when he thinks of Exec, he thinks of the branches of what SA structure should be, and that when he thinks of a spending arm, he thinks of the VP Finance position. He also said that he does not believe that this position works on Exec, and would give it two spending branches.
- xxi. J. Anderson said that VP Finance and VP Infrastructure have fundamentally different roles and functions, and that the SA needs to find ways to positively impact students in different ways, and show that the Assembly can actually do things that improve students' lives.
- xxii. D. Barbaria said that he does not disagree philosophically with J. Dominguez's point, but that the areas in question are two fundamentally different areas.
- xxiii. J. Sim outlined his concerns in regard to how the role would overlap with other present roles.
- xxiv. J. Anderson said that one of these concerns is the result of an error that was yet to be remedied.
- xxv. O. Din moved to have a strawpoll to gauge whether people want this position.
 - 1. D. Barbaria dissented, saying that this strawpoll might affect how people think other people are thinking.
 - 2. Motion to have a strawpoll – approved with a majority of 13.
- xxvi. The strawpoll was conducted, with 11 votes of "Yes," 7 votes of "No," and 4 votes of "Unsure" as to the creation of a VP Infrastructure position.
- xxvii. D. Barbaria said that all changes to bylaws require a 2/3rds majority, and that the nays would have the victory at this moment.
- xxviii. J. Anderson said that he would be willing to speak offline with people in regard to this position.
- xxix. V. Devatha asked what J. Anderson feels makes this a more relevant and necessary member of Exec than the chair of a committee such as the Financial Aid Review Committee.
- xxx. J. Anderson said that there are a couple of differences. He said that SAIFC oversees a large sum of money, and that FARC can oversee itself and has the Financial Aid Committee to fall back on, whereas SAIFC has no staff member for guidance. He added that M. Pollack has plans for the future of this campus, and that this position will ultimately, internally and externally, take this role more seriously, and that there is not a lot of institutionalized support for this role.
- xxxi. I. Wallace said that SAIFC can be such a force for good on this campus and does not receive the love that it deserves.

- xxxii. F. Uribe-Rheinbolt said that he agrees that the SA should prioritize infrastructure and the Assembly's ability to shape campus for the future, but that he is concerned as to why this position would look so different from all the other Exec positions. He added that the other positions on Exec seem to all have to do with how the Student Assembly runs, and whether this position is the best way to prioritize infrastructure.
- xxxiii. O. Egharevba said that he agrees that infrastructure should get the prominence that it deserves, but that he is wondering what makes this more important than other committees that don't get Exec positions.
- xxxiv. J. Anderson said that infrastructure makes sense for this position because it has a massive surplus to deal with, as well as being a way for the SA to partner with Cornell to help push students forward in the best way possible. He also said that this is the most permanent way for the Assembly to make positive change on this campus. He asked F. Uribe-Rheinbolt to clarify his question.
- xxxv. F. Uribe-Rheinbolt obliged.
- xxxvi. J. Anderson said that there are things within the purview of a lot of Exec positions that falls off the radar sometimes, and that this permanent seat allows the proposed changes to be realized. He added, as an example, that the VP Finance sits on SAIFC, but that last year's VP Finance went to only two SAIFC meetings. He also said that it is important to show students that the SA cares, and that it may not look substantial in writing, but the VP Infrastructure's responsibilities are very broad in practice.
- xxxvii. D. Barbaria said that it is desirable for SAIFC to be effective and for its chair to have the same access and prestige that the other VP positions have.
- xxxviii. There was a motion to table this discussion – **tabled** with a majority.
- xxxix. There was a motion to table the resolution.
 - 1. There was dissent.
 - 2. The motion to table was **withdrawn**.
- xl. Shivani Parikh said that Line 470 does not reflect an understanding of the listed positions, that the Einaudi Center is an academic organization, and that many of the administrative items present must be changed.
- xli. N. Hernandez said that the issues can be removed.
- xlii. J. Anderson added that since a better diversity portfolio is being built, the Assembly can go back and work on things such as this.
- xliii. S. Lim proposed an amendment.
- xliv. D. Barbaria said that the resolution cannot be amended this week, and that the First Generation Students' Liaison should definitely be listed in the Diversity Committee but was not added.
- xlv. There was a motion to table the resolution – **tabled**.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. V. Devatha adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Hannan
 Clerk of the Assembly



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Originally Presented on:	8/23/2018
Type of Action:	Internal Policy
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #4
2 Amending the Student Assembly Bylaws For Clarity, Efficiency, and Executive
3 Committee Structure
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5 ABSTRACT: These amendments to the Student Assembly Bylaws seek to add a Vice President of
6 Infrastructure and a Subcommittee of Student Organization Registration to Appropriations
7 Committee and clarifies the role of the Greek Tri-Council Representative
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9 **Sponsored by: Joe Anderson '20 and Dale Barbaria '18**

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11 **Whereas**, Article X of the Student Assembly Bylaws state, “These bylaws may be amended at any
12 regular meeting of the assembly by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that
13 the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting. Amendments
14 may be presented to the assembly by voting members and by community petition with at
15 least 100 Cornell undergraduate student signatures;”
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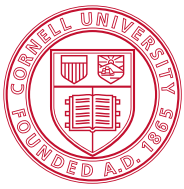
17 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly approve and adopt the attached Bylaw
18 Amendments.
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20 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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22 Joe Anderson '20
23 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*
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25 Dale Barbaria '18
26 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*
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28 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-0, 08/21/2018)*



Bylaws

Cornell University Student Assembly

As amended on March 19, 2017

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

5 **Section 1: Ex-officio Membership**

6 Ex-officio membership grants members of the Cornell community (student, alumni, faculty, staff, administrator, etc.)
7 full-debating privileges but not voting privileges. These positions are granted to community members to either
8 provide a perspective from another governing body or to enhance the overall operations of the Student Assembly.

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

- 10 A. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell community to serve as the
11 Executive Archivist.
12 B. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell community to serve as the
13 Parliamentarian.
14 C. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to serve as Director
15 of Elections.

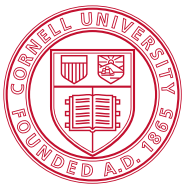
16 **Section 3: Organizational Liaisons**

- 17 A. The SA shall grant one member chosen by the Greek Tri-Councils an ex-officio position as an
18 organizational liaison. The liaison chosen by the Tri-Councils shall be selected on a rotating basis from
19 the three councils, beginning with a representative of InterFraternity Council, following with Panhellenic
20 Association, and finishing with Multicultural Greek Letter Council. *Each liaison will serve for one
21 semester, and a liaison from the next council in the rotation will be granted membership at the beginning
22 of the following semester.*
23 B. The SA will grant one executive member from Residential Student Congress an ex-officio position as an
24 organizational liaison.

25 **Section 4: Shared Governance Liaisons**

- 26 A. Student Trustees. The SA will grant the Student Trustees ex-officio positions as shared governance
27 liaisons for the duration of their terms.
28 B. Undergraduate University Assembly Members. The SA will grant both student-elected University
29 Assembly members ex-officio positions for the duration of their terms.

30 **ARTICLE II: OFFICERS**



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31 **Section 1: Officers**

32 The officers of the SA shall be a President, an Executive Vice President, a Vice President of Internal Operations, a
33 Vice President for Finance, a Vice President of External ~~Operations~~ **Affairs**, a Vice President of Diversity and
34 Inclusion, a Director of Elections, a Parliamentarian, and an Executive Archivist. These officers shall perform the
35 duties prescribed by this Charter and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the SA.

36 **Section 2: Election and Appointment of Officers, Time of Election/Appointment**

37 The SA will, as soon as possible after the spring election, hold an organizational and planning meeting in executive
38 session. At this meeting, the voting members will elect from among themselves the offices of Vice President of
39 Internal Operations, Vice President for Finance, a Vice President of External ~~Operations~~ **Affairs**, a Vice President of
40 Diversity and Inclusion. **At this meeting or a meeting soon after**, ~~the~~ the voting members will elect from the Cornell
41 community (student, employee, faculty, alumnus living in Ithaca) the office of Director of Elections. Self-nomination
42 will be in order in each of the elected offices. Elected officers should be approved by a majority vote of SA members
43 present at organizational meeting. Additionally, at this meeting **or a meeting soon after** the members will affirm the
44 appointments of Parliamentarian and Executive Archivist. The offices of Parliamentarian and Executive Archivist will
45 be appointed by the SA President. Each nominee for the respective offices shall be subject to majority approval of the
46 SA voting members. The newly elected officers will undertake the responsibilities of their position at the start of their
47 term on the SA. Elections for officers shall be by secret ballots. SA voting members may have one vote for each
48 position to be filled but may not vote for any one individual twice on any ballot.

49 **Section 3: Terms of office**

50 Officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and is administered the oath of office or
51 until the first of June of the year following the incumbent officer's election, whichever occurs first.

52 **Section 4: Recalling officers**

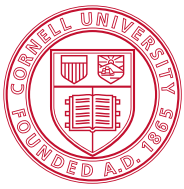
53 Two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the SA may vote to recall any officer of the SA from his or her office.

54 **ARTICLE III: OFFICER DUTIES**

55 **Section 1: President**

56 The responsibilities of the President are as follows:

- 57 1. Attend and chair all SA meetings.
- 58 2. Attend all Assemblies' leadership meetings and meetings with Executive staff.
- 59 3. Submit agenda items for leadership meetings after soliciting topics from Assembly members.
- 60 4. Serve as the primary Assembly correspondent with the administration, the media, and the student body.



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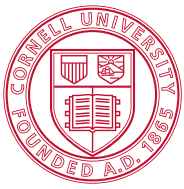
- 61 5. Correspond with the University President following each Assembly meeting enumerating all actions that are
62 passed and are under the University President's purview and to solicit his or her response.
- 63 6. Correspond with the Deans of the College of Agriculture and Life Science; College of Architecture, Art, and
64 Planning; College of Arts and Sciences; College of Engineering; School of Hotel Administration; College of
65 Human Ecology; School of Industrial and Labor Relations, [College of Business](#); following each Assembly
66 meeting enumerating all resolutions that are passed and under the purview of each individual college and
67 school and to solicit their responses.
- 68 7. Supervise all elected officers and ensure they are discharging their responsibilities.
- 69 8. Attend all open sessions of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Trustees Executive Committee held in
70 Ithaca and report back to the Assembly on said meetings.
- 71 9. Appoint Assembly Parliamentarian and Executive Archivist.
- 72 10. Write and present annual SA report by the end of the term.
- 73 11. Consult with the Director of Elections regarding elections' advertising as long as the President is not eligible
74 for reelection.

75 **Section 2: Executive Vice President**

76 The responsibilities of the Executive Vice President are as follows:

- 77 1. Attend all SA meetings and act as Chair in the absence of the President.
- 78 2. Chair the Executive Committee
- 79 3. Assume the office of President should a vacancy arise.
- 80 4. Serve as Assembly correspondent in the absence of or on behalf of the President.
- 81 5. Attend all Assemblies' leadership meetings and meetings with Executive Staff.
- 82 6. Submit agenda items for leadership meetings after soliciting topics from Assembly members and be
83 responsible for the creation of the weekly agenda for Assembly meetings.
- 84 7. Coordinate and assist the undergraduate student UA delegation.
- 85 8. Supervise and assist all ad-hoc committees.
- 86 9. Track actions of the Assembly to ensure final disposition and confirm correspondence with appropriate units
87 when Assembly actions impact them.
- 88 10. Help initiate and organize lobby efforts at both the state and federal levels.
- 89 11. Be responsible for responding to questions or comments made during Open Microphone. Issues can be
90 delegated to other members of the Assembly.
- 91 12. Be responsible for keeping contact with University Relations and reporting on a regular basis to the SA on
92 issues that concern the student body.
- 93 13. Oversee the Committees on Health and Wellness, Academic Affairs, the Environment, and Residential Life
94 by assisting and advising the committee chairs, attending meetings as necessary, and holding monthly
95 executive sessions with all committee chairs.
- 96 14. Plan fall retreat for committee chairs with the Vice President of Internal Operations.
- 97 15. Coordinate and supervise new member orientation with the Vice President of Internal Operations.

98 **Section 3: Vice President of Internal Operations**



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99 The responsibilities of the Vice President of Internal Operations are as follows:

- 100 1. Attend all SA meetings and act as Chair in the absence of the President and Executive Vice President.
- 101 2. Assume the office of Executive Vice President should a vacancy arise.
- 102 3. Chair the SA when the Assembly is in executive session.
- 103 4. Chair the ~~Staffing Committee~~ Executive Cabinet.
- 104 5. Monitor committee membership.
- 105 6. Coordinate and supervise all aspects of the SA-office cabinet in Willard Straight Hall.
- 106 7. Maintain and monitor SA attendance records and send warning notices to members who are in jeopardy of
- 107 violating the Assembly attendance policy.
- 108 8. Oversee all SA committees by assisting and advising the committee chairs, attending meetings as necessary,
- 109 and ensuring that any vacancies are filled
- 110 9. Enforce committee attendance and outreach requirements for all voting SA members.
- 111 10. Coordinate and supervise new member orientation with the Executive Vice President.
- 112 11. Supervise SA Liaisons.
- 113 12. Maintain relations with intercollegiate student organizations of which the SA is a member — e.g. Ivy Council,
- 114 SUNY Student Assembly.
- 115 13. Plan fall retreat for committee chairs with the Executive Vice President.

116 Section 4: Vice President for Finance

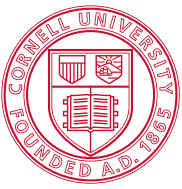
117 The responsibilities of the Vice President for Finance are as follows:

- 118 1. Serve as SA treasurer and report to the Assembly regarding Assembly balances in December and May.
- 119 2. Chair the Appropriations Committee.
- 120 3. Propose the Student Assembly's budget in the form of a resolution by one of the first two general assembly
- 121 meetings of each SA term.
- 122 4. Coordinate and chair meetings of Student Activity Fee recipients and draft proposal to SA regarding
- 123 establishing new fee, biannually.
- 124 5. Meet with GPSA members to discuss the Student Activity Fee Guidelines, which appear as Charter
- 125 appendices, at least once per semester.
- 126 6. Oversee the Financial Aid Review Committee and the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission by
- 127 assisting and advising the committee chairs and attending meetings as necessary.

128 Section 5: Vice President for External Operations

129 The responsibilities of the Vice President of External Affairs are as follows:

- 130 1. Coordinate constituency representatives' community outreach efforts (including, but not limited to,
- 131 community forums, meetings with Deans, internal school governments, etc.)
- 132 2. Invite all relevant stakeholders to Student Assembly meetings, when the weekly agenda is released
- 133 3. Devise mechanisms for student organizations to become active members in the decision making process of
- 134 the SA; most importantly, committees.



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- 135 4. Oversee the City and Local Affairs Committee and the Technology Committee by assisting and advising the
136 committee chair and attending meetings as necessary.
- 137 5. Chair the Communications and Outreach Committee
- 138 6. Consult with the Director of Elections regarding elections' advertising.
- 139 7. Arrange all advertising, postering, banners, social media, etc.
- 140 8. Serve as a liaison to relevant news sources
- 141 9. Serve as editor of SA newsletter to be sent over email to the entire undergraduate student body at least two
142 times/semester. The newsletter should include the current month's accomplishments and next month's plans,
143 accompanied by the name of a contact person to whom comments and questions may be addressed. Maintain
144 contact with Student Assembly alumni through distribution of the biannual Student Assembly newsletter to
145 any interested alumni.
- 146 10. Monitor and maintain all aspects of the Student Assembly website at <http://cornellsa.com>.

147 Section 6: Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion

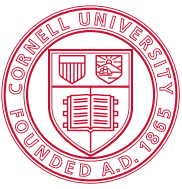
148 The responsibilities of the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion are as follows:

- 149 1. [Chair the Diversity and Inclusion Committee](#)
- 150 2. Serve as a direct link between the SA and the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, as well as the Center
151 for Intercultural Dialogue;
- 152 3. Undergo a diversity training session provided by Human Resources and/or OADI;
- 153 4. Prepare training sessions for the SA on addressing issues of diversity along with the Vice President of
154 External Affairs;
- 155 5. Meet at least monthly with the Associate Vice Provost (OADI) and the Associate Dean of Students/Director
156 of Intercultural Programs;
- 157 6. Meet on an as-needed basis with other administrators and staff concerning diversity initiatives;
- 158 7. Attend the Diversity Community meetings on a semesterly basis;
- 159 8. Maintain communication with the individual diversity councils of the colleges;
- 160 9. Ensure that legislative acts of the SA are culturally inclusive;
- 161 10. Provide updates on the state of diversity at Cornell and work to align the SA with University initiatives;
- 162 11. Work with University-sponsored programs such as the Pre-freshmen Summer Program and Diversity
163 Hosting Month to introduce new students to the governance system of Cornell.
- 164 12. ~~Chair the Diversity and Inclusion committee in conjunction with the leaders of the two task forces.~~
- 165 13. Coordinate with the Vice President of External Affairs to effectively communicate with groups that advocate
166 for underrepresented students on campus.

167 Section 7: Vice President of Infrastructure

168 The responsibilities of the Vice President of Infrastructure are as follows:

- 169 1. [Chair the Infrastructure Fund Commission](#)
- 170 2. [Serve as a direct link between the SA and all relevant Cornell offices relating to planning and infrastructure;](#)
- 171 3. [Meet at least monthly with the Campus Planner;](#)



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- 172 4. Meet on an as-needed basis with other administrators and staff concerning infrastructure initiatives;
- 173 5. Maintain communication with the individual infrastructure;
- 174 6. Provide updates on the state of diversity at Cornell and work to align the SA with University initiatives;
- 175 7. Coordinate with the Vice President of External Affairs to effectively communicate with groups the progress
- 176 of various infrastructural projects.

177 Section 7 8: Director of Elections

178 The responsibilities of the Director of Elections are as follows:

- 179 1. Chair the Elections Committee and report all the activities of said committee to the general SA.
- 180 2. Assume responsibility for all aspects of the Fall and Spring elections and coordinate all efforts with the
- 181 Director of the Office of the Assemblies, the VP of External ~~Operations~~ Affairs, and the President.
- 182 3. Serve as SA correspondent for election matters.
- 183 4. Ensure that the Elections Committee is successfully completing the following tasks:
- 184 a. Making every effort to ensure the greatest number of candidates for each available position,
- 185 b. Ensuring all candidates are aware of and abiding by elections, campaigning, postering, and other
- 186 Assembly and University policies,
- 187 c. Coordinating and advertising an informal “Meet the Candidates Forum”,
- 188 d. Coordinating and advertising opportunities for candidates to make public appearances,
- 189 e. Coordinating and advertising public forums specifically for candidates to discuss any ballot referenda, if
- 190 such forums are deemed necessary by the Executive Board,
- 191 f. Contacting student organizations and informing them of the elections process and encouraging them to
- 192 send delegates to elections activities in order to report candidates’ stances on relevant issues to their
- 193 organizations,
- 194 g. Ensuring that candidates have submitted pictures and statements
- 195 h. Making every effort to achieve the highest possible voter turnout by advertising and assisting the Office
- 196 of the Assemblies in the coordination of elections days.
- 197 5. Make sure, in conjunction with the VP of External Operations, that there are a substantial number of
- 198 potential ballot referenda to be considered for approval by the SA, and that all approved referenda are
- 199 advertised along with all elections activities described in #5 above (especially c. and e.).

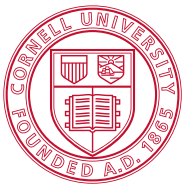
200 Section 9 10: Parliamentarian

201 The Parliamentarian need not be an SA member. The office of Parliamentarian holds no special voting privileges. The

202 Parliamentarian also may not hold the President or Executive Vice President positions. The responsibilities of the

203 Parliamentarian are as follows:

- 204 1. Advise the President and committee chairs on questions of parliamentary procedure.
- 205 2. Classify new actions brought before the SA into the categories specified in Article III, Section 2, Item A of
- 206 [the SA Charter](#)
- 207 3. Upon a specific request by an SA voting member, the Parliamentarian shall give the Assembly his/her
- 208 recommendation on a parliamentary inquiry.



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- 209 4. The Parliamentarian shall present a workshop on parliamentary procedure and this charter to the incoming
210 assembly, preferably before the end of the spring semester but no later than the fourth week of the fall
211 semester.
212 5. The Parliamentarian shall count a hand vote to discern simple majority from the gallery, where all eligible
213 voters sit in a designated area.
214 6. The Parliamentarian shall coordinate with the Office of Assemblies to ensure that the SA governing
215 documents are public and reflect the changes made by the SA.

216 **Section 10 11: Executive Archivist**

217 The Executive Archivist need not be an SA member. The office of Executive Archivist holds no special voting
218 privileges. The Executive Archivist also may not hold the President or Executive Vice President positions. The
219 Executive Archivist shall be responsible for verifying the novelty or precedence of any proposed action or legislation
220 with Assembly members, or others, bring before the Executive Board.

221 **Section 12: Offices of Officers**

222 The President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President of Internal Operations will each have independent
223 offices titled respectively: "The Office of the President, The Office of the Executive Vice President, The Office of the
224 Vice President of Internal Operations." Members of each office will aid their respective officer in the execution of any
225 requested tasks and duties. Members of each Office will be appointed by the respective officer's discretion and will
226 not require further Student Assembly approval. Members of each Office will be included in both the general Student
227 Assembly Listserv and the Executive Board Listserv.

228 **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

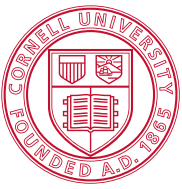
229 **Section 1: Regular Meetings**

230 Regular meeting times and places will be publicly announced at least 72 hours-prior to the scheduled meeting date.

231 **Section 2: Special Meetings**

- 232 A. The President may convene special meetings of the SA to consider issues of immediate and pressing concern.
233 The President will also call a special meeting after being instructed to do so by six of the voting members of
234 the SA.
235 B. Conflicts- If there is a major conflict that affects a significant portion of the undergraduate student body,
236 such as a religious conflict, any member may direct the SA president to call a special meeting in lieu of the
237 regularly scheduled meeting. The request must be made 2 weeks in advance of the regularly scheduled
238 meeting at issue.

239 **Section 3: Organizational Meeting**



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240 The first meeting of the academic year shall be known as the Organizational Meeting and shall be for the purpose of
241 adopting the schedule for regular meetings and approving the standing rules.

242 **Section 4: Informal meetings**

243 The SA shall hold an informal meeting as events warrant at the discretion of the Executive Board. This meeting will
244 be reserved for informal discussions between SA members and other interested parties, to set goals and priorities for
245 the upcoming weeks. No legislation can be decided upon during these informal sessions. The attendance policy will
246 remain in effect during the meeting.

247 **Section 5: Executive Session**

248 With the concurrence of two-thirds of the voting members in attendance, the SA or any of its committees may go into
249 executive session during a regularly scheduled meeting only to discuss confidential matters as defined by this Charter.
250 No policy determinations will be made in executive session. The Student Assembly may also hold executive sessions
251 for internal elections and planning purposes. Executive session shall be closed to non-voting, non-executive members
252 of the assembly. Community members may be invited by the assembly to participate in an executive session. Secret
253 ballot votes shall be reserved for executive sessions.

254 **Section 6: Quorum**

255 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the SA.

256 **Section 7: Community Votes**

- 257 A. Should there only be one undergraduate ex-officio non-elected member in attendance, he or she will only be
258 allocated one vote.
- 259 B. The community clause may only be exercised on final votes of sense-of-body resolutions, which excludes (1)
260 funding and budgetary decisions, (2) amendments to the SA Charter and Standing Rules, (3) the ability to
261 make motions, (4) creation/dissolution of committees (5) selection of officers, committee members, and
262 liaisons from the popularly elected SA (i.e. allocation of the Student Activity Fee, approval of Parliamentarian,
263 Liaison to the Provost, etc.).
- 264 C. Prior to the final vote of a resolution, qualifying undergraduate members of the community will be permitted
265 to cast their vote. The President will announce to the Assembly the collective vote of the gallery and liaisons
266 prior to the casting of popularly elected members' votes on any given sense-of-the-body resolution. Both
267 community votes will be allocated to the side that has a simple majority.
- 268 D. Any member of the undergraduate student body can request, at the beginning of a meeting, that the current
269 status of all students wishing to participate in a community vote be validated. Each member of the
270 community must then present their Cornell IDs to the Parliamentarian, who will subsequently validate their
271 status as undergraduates via the Cornell website.

272 **Section 8: Regularly Scheduled Meetings for Purposes of the Student Assembly** 273 **Attendance Policy**



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- 274 A. Attendance at all organizational and specially scheduled meetings is required, when the Executive Committee
275 provides SA members at least 72-hours prior notice of the meeting.
276 B. Any member who fails to attend a required meeting or event shall be considered absent. Any late arrival or
277 early departure from a required meeting will result in a half-absence. This includes Executive Sessions.

278 **ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

279 **Section 1: Composition**

280 The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers of the SA. The Executive Archivist, the Director of Elections
281 and the Parliamentarian serve as non-voting members of the Executive Board.

282 **Section 2: Duties**

283 The Executive Board of the SA shall coordinate the actions of the SA to ensure its smooth operation, set the agenda
284 for the Regular Meetings of the SA and inform all relevant parties of ~~Staffing Committee~~ Executive Cabinet decisions.
285 Additionally, the board shall send its minutes to all representatives within 24 hours of its meeting.

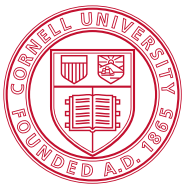
286 **Section 3: Meetings**

287 The Executive Board shall hold meetings at least once a week during the academic year. Special meetings of the Board
288 may be called by the Executive Vice President and shall be called upon the written request of four members of the
289 board.

290 **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

291 **Section 1: Creation and Maintenance of Committees**

- 292 A. Committees will be established with the adoption of a committee charge to be included in these bylaws. A
293 committee's charge must be adopted and placed in ~~the charter~~ these Bylaws before its bylaws are to be
294 considered. Committee bylaws shall be adopted with a majority vote.
295 B. Any member of any SA committee or commission (except for the Appropriations committee, Executive
296 Committee, and Elections committee) who will be an undergraduate for the entirety of the following SA term
297 and who requests to maintain their membership during the transition from one SA term to the next may do
298 so at the discretion of the committee's outgoing chair. The chair of the committee or commission will
299 transmit the names of any returning members or commissioners to both the outgoing and newly elected Vice
300 Presidents of Internal Operations by the last day of classes in May. The Vice President of Internal Operations
301 will ensure that all returning committee or commission members are staffed and included on the appropriate
302 listserv once the new SA term begins on June 1st and will inform each chair of any returning members or
303 commissioners.
304 C. For the purposes of communication and collaboration, the President and all Vice Presidents of the Student
305 Assembly will serve as ex-officio non-voting members of all Student Assembly committees and commissions

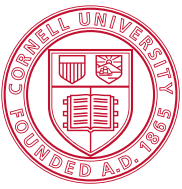


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306 on which they do not serve as voting members. This policy does not apply to the Appropriations Committee,
307 Infrastructure Fund Commission, and Elections Committee.

308 Section 2: Review Committees

- 309 D. Review Committees shall review all policies, programs, and actions and shall aid in the budget/program
310 planning process of sectors of the University that create policy directly affecting student life.
- 311 E. The Vice President for Student and ~~Academic Services~~ Campus Life shall appoint a staff member to work
312 with the chairperson of certain review committee to assure proper functioning of the committee.
- 313 F. Undergraduate members of the review committees will be designated by the appropriate constituency bodies
314 and by application. All non-Student Assembly members will be subject to the approval of the SA.
- 315 G. Review committees will discuss program assessment/planning documents with the SA during the fall
316 semester as part of the committee's responsibility for the areas under their jurisdiction.
- 317 H. Review committees will be convened in the beginning of the fall semester by the VP Internal Operations.
- 318 I. Furthermore, the Student Assembly review committees reserve, can, and should exercise at their discretion
319 legislative authority over residential life policies of the University (i.e. the Department of Campus Life and the
320 Office of the Dean of Students). When exercising this authority, review committees are recommended to
321 consult the Residential Student Congress of Cornell.
- 322 J. **Committee on Dining Services** – The Committee on Dining Services will work to represent student
323 interests in the Cornell food system. The committee will consist of at least one faculty member, two Dining
324 student workers and/or Dining Student Sustainability Coordinators, two voting SA members, one
325 graduate/professional student, and at least ten additional students. The VP of Internal Operations for the
326 Student Assembly will recommend additional students to both the committee Chair and the ~~Staffing~~
327 ~~Committee-Executive Cabinet~~ for their approval. Additionally, the Director of Dining (or a designee) and the
328 Budget Director of Dining shall serve ex-officio. The Chair, who does not have to be a SA member, will
329 work with the Director to select relevant administrators and staff to be present at meetings. Members will
330 collectively review the policies and initiatives of Dining Services, and make recommendations to Student
331 Assembly and Dining Services leadership for improving existing policies or integrating new ideas.
- 332 K. **Health and Wellness Committee** – The Committee will develop initiatives and plan events on campus that
333 promote student health, wellness, and safety. The committee will engage organizations relevant to the
334 committee's mission including Cornell police, Gannett Health Services, the Skorton Center, CUEMS, Minds
335 Matter and any other organizations deemed relevant by the committee chair or Executive Vice President. The
336 committee's chair in collaboration with the Executive Vice President will develop a functional structure for
337 the committee and any additional positions shall be filled by the chair and Executive Vice President. The
338 Health and Wellness Committee will also address student concerns with campus safety by coordinating with
339 the University Assembly when necessary. The chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell
340 undergraduate student population, and the committee will be under the supervision of the Executive Vice
341 President
- 342 L. **Environmental Policy and Planning Commission** – The commission will research issues affecting the
343 campus and its surrounding area, as well as provide recommendations for reducing Cornell's environmental
344 impact. The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will be charged with creating new legislation
345 and enforcing past environmental legislation. This commission is also charged with providing environmental
346 education and outreach in order to better inform students and the campus community about the campus's

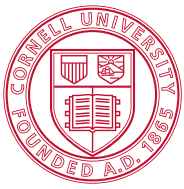


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- 347 environmental impact and sustainability issues. The Environmental Policy and Planning Commission will
348 work closely with students, administrators, student environmental organizations, the Cornell Sustainability
349 Office, the Campus Planning Committee, the Campus Infrastructure Committee, and the City and Town of
350 Ithaca Sustainability to better recognize and address the environmental concerns of the campus and its
351 community as well as to encourage collaboration in working toward the creation of a more sustainable
352 environment. The chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell undergraduate student population
353 and the committee will be under the supervision of the Executive Vice President.
- 354 M. **City and Local Affairs Committee** – This committee will advocate on behalf of students’ interest at the city
355 and county government levels. In addition to its advocacy work, the committee will organize events that
356 foster a sense of engagement in the Ithaca community for Cornell students. The chair position can be held
357 by any member of the Cornell undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the
358 supervision of the Vice President of External Operations.
- 359 N. **Academic Policy Committee** – The committee will advise the Student Assembly on all academic matters at
360 Cornell. Committee members will research, review, recommend, and develop projects to improve academic
361 life for the student body. This committee will work closely with the Dean of Students and the Faculty Senate
362 to ensure that students’ concerns related to academic policy are voiced effectively to university officials. The
363 chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell undergraduate student population and the
364 committee will be under the supervision of Executive Vice President.
- 365 O. **Financial Aid Review Committee** – The committee will examine the financial aid policies of Cornell
366 University. It shall also be responsible for the administration of the Student Helping Students grant. The
367 committee shall consist of a chair, up to two SA members, between five and ten undergraduate students, at
368 least four-fifths of whom receive some form of institutionalized financial aid. The Associate Vice Provost for
369 Enrollment, the Directors of Financial Aid, the Associate Director of Financial Aid for Customer Service and
370 Community Relations, a counselor from the Office of Financial Aid, two faculty members, and the Vice
371 President for Student and Academic Services shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members. This committee
372 will be under the supervision of the Vice President for Finance.

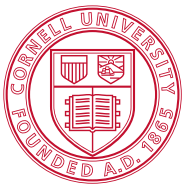
373 Section 3: Operational Committees

- 374 A. Operational Committees shall maintain the proper functioning of the internal organization of the SA, and
375 shall therefore facilitate the full expression of the SA’s responsibilities to the Cornell student body.
- 376 B. Operational committees shall be convened in the beginning of the fall semester, or when the committee’s
377 function prescribes, by the Committee on Committee Structure (or its successor body) in coordination with
378 interested SA voting members.
- 379 C. **Appropriations Committee** – The Appropriations Committee of the SA is the financial branch of the SA. It
380 reviews all requests for SA funding as well as the policies and guidelines regarding the Student Activity Fee
381 and those organizations, which receive funding from it. The Committee shall consist of 8 voting members of
382 the SA, to be selected by the Assembly at large during their organizational meetings; the VP Finance, who
383 shall serve as Chair; and 7 undergraduates at-large to be selected by the ~~Staffing Committee~~ **Executive**
384 **Cabinet**. The Director of the Office of the Assemblies or their designee shall serve as an ex-officio non-
385 voting member. No SAFC Commissioners shall serve as voting members of the Committee. Quorum shall be
386 defined as a simple majority of all voting members. A designee of the chair shall take minutes at all meetings.



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- a. Organizational Finance Review Committee** – The Financial Organization Review Committee (FORC) operates as a subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. The Committee will be responsible for working with the Student Activities Finance Commission (SAFC) to review all organizations receiving SAFC funding and all organizations that apply for first time SAFC funding. The Committee will consist of 3 members of the SA Appropriations Committee and 2 SAFC commissioners. FORC will meet regularly on an as needed basis but will hold at least one meeting each Spring semester that will include a full audit of all existing SAFC funded organizations. FORC will review new organizations applying for SAFC funding to determine (1) if there is an existing SAFC funded organization that fulfills the new organization’s purpose and mission, (2) if there is an existing club that has identical or overlapping officers and/or advisor, and (3) whether the organization needs funding from SAFC to function or can significantly benefit from access to SAFC funding. FORC will audit organizations currently funded by SAFC to check (1) if any organizations have identical or multiple overlapping officers and advisor, and (2) if there are any organizations that receive funding from multiple Orgsync profiles but represent the same group. If an organization is found to clearly fall into any of these categories, FORC can by majority vote declare that the organization in question is no longer in good standing with SAFC, making the organization not eligible for SAFC funding. Any FORC decisions can be appealed to the Appropriations Committee and overruled by a majority vote of the Appropriations Committee.
- D. Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission** – The SAIF Commission (SAIFC) of the SA is responsible for evaluating applications for funding through the SAIF. The rules governing the operation of the SAIFC are contained in Appendix C of the SA Charter. The Commission shall consist of at least 12 and no more than 17 commissioners. The commissioners must include five voting members of the SA, consisting of a Chair, who will be the Vice President of Infrastructure of the SA, three Assembly members elected during the Assembly’s Spring organizational meetings, and one New Student voting member of the SA, internally elected by the Assembly following the Fall election. The remaining commissioners will consist of at least seven and no more than twelve undergraduate students who are either returning commissioners or are selected from a pool of applicants and approved by the Executive Cabinet, with the exact number of commissioners to be set at the discretion of the Chair of the Commission and the Staffing Committee of the SA. ~~The Commission shall consist of 8 voting members of the SA, to be selected by the Assembly at large during their organizational meetings, which must include the Vice President for Finance, the Vice President of External Affairs of the Student Assembly and one new student, a chair, which cannot be either the Vice President for Finance or the President of the Assembly, and 7 undergraduate at large voting members to be selected by the Staffing Committee.~~ No SAFC Commissioners shall serve as voting members of the SAIFC (with the exception of the Vice President for Finance). No more than 2 of the voting Student Assembly members on the SAIFC may also be voting members of the Appropriations Committee and no more than 4 of the total voting members on the committee may be voting members of the Appropriations Committee. Quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of all staffed voting members. Upon request, a written summary of the meeting will be provided by the chair. ~~The Vice President for Finance and Vice President of External Affairs shall serve ex-officio as non-voting members of the Commission.~~ The Director of the Office of the Assemblies or their designee shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.
- E. Communications and Outreach Committee** – The Communications and Outreach Committee helps to bridge the disconnect between campus and the Student Assembly. The Assembly strives to foster collaborative student activities, as well as inform the student body about the Student Assembly initiatives,



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430 meetings, and resolutions. The committee will ensure a direct and ever present link between students active in
431 campus government, the administration, and students at-large and will relay student interest to the SA. The
432 committee will assist in furthering the outreach efforts of the assembly by aiding in the coordination of SA-
433 sponsored events including, but not limited to conducting polls, referenda, community outreach forums,
434 designated constituency events, and hearings. The committee will also assist in coordinating efforts and
435 devising strategies to involve more non-voting members in the decisions and events of the SA. The Assembly
436 plans recreational events for students. The SA Vice President of External Affairs will serve as Chair of the
437 Committee.

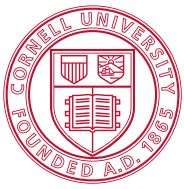
438 ~~F. **Technology Committee** – The Technology Committee will coordinate with Student Assembly~~
439 ~~representatives to create websites as needed for initiatives that improve campus life and require online~~
440 ~~platforms, and will work with CIT when possible to update existing websites for the benefit of the Cornell~~
441 ~~community. The chair or co-chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell undergraduate student~~
442 ~~population and the committee will be under the supervision of VP of External Affairs.~~

443 G. **Elections Committee** – The committee will coordinate and implement regularly scheduled and special
444 elections of the SA and directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA. The SA Director of
445 Elections shall serve as chair with a vote only in the event of a tie. The committee consists of ten voting
446 members, of whom less than half may also be members of the SA. At one of the first two SA meetings of
447 each academic year, the ~~Staffing Committee~~ **Executive Cabinet** will present a slate of proposed members to
448 the SA for confirmation, which the SA must approve or disapprove in its entirety. The ~~Staffing Committee~~
449 **Executive Cabinet** may fill any subsequent vacancies without confirmation by the SA. No person may be a
450 candidate in an election supervised by the committee in the same academic year when the person served as a
451 voting member of the committee. All committee meetings will be closed. Only voting members will be
452 permitted to attend the meetings unless specifically invited by the Director of Elections. This committee will
453 be chaired by the Director of Elections of the Student Assembly.

454 H. ~~Staffing Committee~~ **Executive Cabinet** – The committee shall staff any vacant committee positions the
455 Student Assembly (SA) is empowered to staff during meetings in early fall. The committee shall re-evaluate
456 the committee application outreach plan at the end of every spring term. The committee shall also evaluate
457 SA committees' end of the year report; and determine if the SA committee and/or their composition need to
458 be changed. The committee shall be charged with creating and enforcing an attendance policy for all
459 committees. The membership of this committee shall include the SA's President, Executive Vice President,
460 Vice President for Finance, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Internal Operations, Vice
461 President of Diversity and Inclusion, and all SA committee chairs. Ex-officio membership shall be granted to
462 the Director of the Office of Assemblies. The VP Internal of Operations shall serve as chair. The VP of
463 Internal Operations shall be responsible for consulting with chairpersons of committees and recommending
464 candidates for vacant committee positions to the ~~Staffing Committee~~ **Executive Cabinet**. The **Executive**
465 **Cabinet shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Student Assembly Staffing Committee, as referred**
466 **to in other documents.**

467 Section 4: Diversity

468 A. **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** – The committee shall serve as the body through which the SA, the
469 diversity councils of the undergraduate schools and colleges, the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives
470 (OADI), and the Center for Intercultural Dialogue coordinate their efforts to promote awareness and

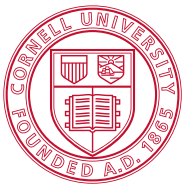


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- 471 understanding of the increasing importance of diversity and create an environment that brings together
472 diverse perspectives and fosters diversity of thought. The charge of the Diversity and Inclusion committee
473 will be to:
- 474 a. To be a meeting grounds for interested students to meet members of the administration to
475 brainstorm, formulate and lead implementable policies in the field of diversity and inclusion.
 - 476 b. To review the efforts of the Diversity Committee and diversity councils of the colleges.
 - 477 c. To provide a brief report of its progress to be presented by the Vice President of Diversity &
478 Inclusion to the SA General Body by the final meeting in the fall semester, as well as a full report to
479 include (but not limited to) the goals of the academic year, the strategies devised for achievement of
480 these goals, the progress of UDC initiatives, college- specific initiatives, obstacles, and potential goals
481 for the next academic year to be presented in the same manner at the final meeting of the spring
482 semester.
 - 483 d. Composition
 - 484 i. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee will aim to be a collective voice of the diversity of
485 backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities, gender identities, races, religions, and sexual orientations
486 represented at Cornell.
 - 487 ii. Non-SA student representation: student members of the committee may be recruited from
488 institutions and organizations such as the diversity councils of the colleges, Women’s
489 Resource Center, Center for Intercultural Dialogue, ALANA, Haven Executive board,
490 Cornell Outdoor Education, International Student Union and any member of the Cornell
491 student body who is interested in diversity initiatives.
 - 492 iii. Student Assembly representation: SA LGBT Liaison at-large, Women’s representative,
493 International representative, both Minority Liaisons, and the Vice President of External
494 Affairs are required to be members of the committee.
 - 495 iv. Administrative representation: this committee shall consist of at least one staff representative
496 from each of the diversity councils of the colleges; an OADI staff member; a staff
497 representative from the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies and a staff
498 representative of the Center for Intercultural Dialogue. The committee is required to meet
499 its staff representatives at least once every month in the academic year.
 - 500 e. Structure
 - 501 i. The Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion of the Student Assembly will chair the
502 Diversity and Inclusion committee in coordination with the Directors, who will head two
503 task forces: Initiatives Task Force and United Student Body Task Force. Ad-hoc task forces
504 and leadership positions can be created as the leadership of the committee sees fit. Task
505 forces will be encouraged to work together towards common goals.
 - 506 ii. Initiatives Task Force: this will be in-charge of collecting ideas, issues and concerns in the
507 area of diversity and inclusion; and working on implementable related policies.
 - 508 iii. United Student Body Task Force: this will be in-charge of implementing United Student
509 Body and subsequently reviewing it during the process of implementation.

510 **ARTICLE VII: COMMUNITY RIGHTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY**



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511 **Section 1: Community Rights**

512 The SA and its committees shall respect and protect the rights of individual members of the Cornell community. All
513 members of the community, who do not otherwise have an appointed or elected position on the student assembly,
514 have the right to add a resolution to the Student Assembly Agenda as a sponsor (without the requirement of having a
515 member of the assembly being a sponsor) after gaining the approval of a Student Assembly committee through a
516 majority vote or after procuring the written signature of at least a majority of seated SA members and presenting it to
517 the SA President or their designee for verification at least 48 hours before the meeting at which the resolution is to be
518 introduced. Resolutions that appear on the agenda using either of these methods may not have more than 3 sponsors
519 who are not Student Assembly members of Student Assembly committee chairs.

520 **Section 2: Confidentiality**

521 When a subject under discussion or examination requires the use of personal confidential information, all reasonable
522 efforts shall be made to safeguard the confidentiality of this information. Confidential information is meant to include
523 any and all information that, if publicly exposed, would endanger the privacy, safety, or security of any member of the
524 Cornell community (students, faculty, and staff), or constitute a breach of any individual right guaranteed by the
525 University, the State of New York, or the federal government.

526 **Section 3: Infringement of Confidentiality**

527 If any member or group of the University feels that any action of the SA or its committees is infringing upon that
528 person's or that group's rights under this Article, then that person or group may appeal to the Judicial Codes
529 Counselor (JCC) to determine whether probable grounds exist for a complaint. By majority vote, the SA may suspend
530 any actions related to an appeal to the JCC until the JCC makes a final ruling on the appeal.

531 **ARTICLE VIII: PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

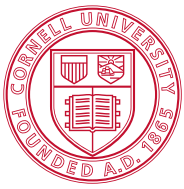
532 **Section 1: Public Events and Campus Forums**

533 The SA shall conduct at least one public event or forum per semester at alternating locations on campus. These
534 public events or forums shall include administrators related to a particular topic of current student interest.

535 **ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

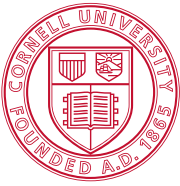
536 The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the SA in all cases to
537 which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Charter, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and any
538 special rules of order the SA may adopt.

539 **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS**



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540 These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the assembly by a two-thirds vote of the members present,
541 provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting. Amendments may be
542 presented to the assembly by voting members and by community petition with at least 100 Cornell undergraduate
543 student signatures.



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Originally Presented on:	(08/30/2018)
Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #5
2 Ensuring Accessible Study Spaces for All Students
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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to return eHub membership to their previous form.
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6 **Sponsored by: Natalia Hernandez '21, Joseph Anderson '20**
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8 **Whereas**, starting Fall 2018 Peter Cortle, the eHub Director, announced that the policy to be an
9 eHub member would change to ensure that every member is apart of an “entrepreneurial activity;”
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11 **Whereas**, Peter Cortle also noted that access would be restricted after 6 pm on weekdays and all day
12 on weekends to members only;
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14 **Whereas**, there was no definition of an “entrepreneurial activity” provided and therefore does not
15 allow every student to have equitable access to a Cornell sponsored study space;
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17 **Whereas**, this change in policy prevents a large part of the Cornell student population from
18 accessing a necessary study space in Collegetown,
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20 **Be it therefore resolved**, that membership guidelines be abandoned and that the director of Ehub
21 reasserts the previous guidelines;
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23 **Be it therefore resolved**, that these membership changes also apply to the eHub space in Kennedy
24 Hall;
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26 **Be it finally resolved**, that Cornell University should explore greater possibilities in providing more
27 student space in the Collegetown area.
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29 **Respectfully Submitted,**
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31 Natalia Hernandez '21
32 *Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Student Assembly*
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34 Joseph Anderson '20
35 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*
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37 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 6-0-0, 08/28/2018)*
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