

Cornell University Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

August 24, 2023

4:45 - 6:30 p.m.

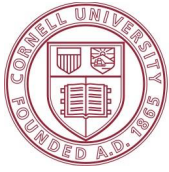
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1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
3. Open Microphone
4. Announcements
 1. Legislative Agenda for 2023-2024 Term
5. Consent Calendar
6. Reports of Officers, Committees and Liaisons
7. Presentations
8. Old Business Calendar
 1. [Resolution 7](#): Community Engagement
9. Resolutions Calendar
10. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
11. Adjournment

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Resolution 7: Student Assembly Transparency Initiative One (S.A.T.I)

Promoting Community Engagement With The Student Assembly

Abstract: This resolution promotes community engagement through organizational collaboration on future resolutions passed by the Student Assembly.

Sponsored by: Suraj Parikh '26

Reviewed by: Executive Committee 4-0-2, 07/10/2023

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 07/16/2023

Current Status: Old Business

Whereas, the Charter of the Student Assembly in Article II charges the Student Assembly with the responsibility to “examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community and to make proposals concerning those issues to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University;”

Whereas, collaboration with the broader student body, including with community members and student organizations, is critical to supporting the passage and implementation of SA resolutions;

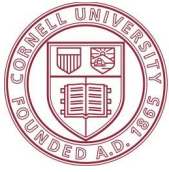
Whereas, members of the SA ought to work towards the University’s successful implementation of their resolutions, including through mobilizing supportive community members;

Be it therefore resolved, all future SA resolutions, save for Internal Policy Resolutions, must have a listed Community Sponsor.

Be it further resolved, that the Standing Rules of the Cornell University Student Assembly be amended to include the following:

RULE 13 – *Community Engagement*

- A. ~~No~~ Assembly resolutions, except considered internal policy as defined in Article III, Section 2 of the Cornell University Student Assembly Charter, shall ~~be in order for consideration at a regular meeting of the Assembly without the sponsorship of at least one~~ **have a Community Sponsor.**
- B. For the purposes of this rule, a *Community Sponsor* shall be defined as ~~a campus or community organization with a mission or activities relevant to the sponsored resolution and/or a legitimate interest in the passage of the resolution, along with~~



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- 31 ~~an individual representing the organization.~~ organization at Cornell or in the
32 broader Ithaca/Tompkins County community with a mission or activities relevant
33 to the sponsored resolution and/or an individual legitimate interest in the passage
34 of the resolution, along with an individual representing the organization.
35 C. ~~Two thirds of members present may suspend this rule for the consideration of a~~
36 ~~particular resolution; however, such a suspension shall remain in force only at the~~
37 ~~same meeting at which the suspension is adopted.~~
38 D. ~~A resolution passed unanimously by a vote of the Executive Committee may be~~
39 ~~exempted from this rule.~~
40 E. If a resolution fails to list a *Community Sponsor*, the Assembly sponsor(s) must
41 work with the Vice President of External Affairs to reasonably attempt to get a
42 *Community Sponsor*.

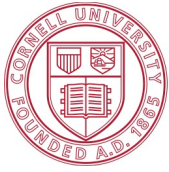
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44 **Respectfully Submitted,**

45 Suraj Parikh '26

46 *Vice-President of External Affairs, Student Assembly*

47 *Minority Students at Large Liaison, Student Assembly*



Resolution 10: Requiring the VP of Finance to be granted full Admin Access on Campus Groups

Abstract: This resolution reinstates the VP of Finance admin-level access on the CampusGroups platform to ensure efficient operations throughout the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

Sponsored by: Rocco DeLorenzo '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 08/23/2023, 4-0-2

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 08/24/2023

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, in the Fall of 2019, Cornell University switched from OrgSync to CampusGroups as the new Organization Management system moving forward.¹

Whereas, Cornell University, the Department of Student and Campus Life, and Campus Activities still utilize the Campus Groups as the primary platform to house information about organizations (IT, EO, and Department) on campus.²

Whereas, the CampusGroups platform houses important information about campus organizations such as emails, lists of membership, events schedules, surveys & forms, accounting books, website links, files uploaded, and revenue money.³

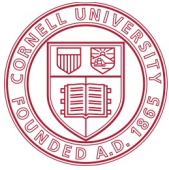
Whereas, on August 2nd, 2023, the current VP of Finance received an email from the CORE CampusGroups team at Cornell, indicating that after conducting their annual review of admin users, the VP of Finance would no longer have admin access to the platform effective immediately, despite the VP of Finance having admin access in the 2022-2023 AY.

Whereas, since all information related to campus organizations is housed in the CampusGroups platform, and an overwhelming number of these organizations are tied back to the Student Assembly in some way, the VP of Finance often needs to reference admin-level information to perform their role.

¹ Cornell Daily Sun Article: <https://cornellsun.com/2019/09/04/cornell-switches-organization-management-system-from-orgsync-to-campusgroups/#:~:text=As%20the%20new%20semester%20started,contract%20expired%20on%20June%202014.>

² Big Red Guidebook: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vTJ7pOkabClwoaF3qm7HbeFMWr98DemZs_aaVuEAfzSPGPsbYtaj0Ocl39B3G3UTTnKuvu0c77cMY4H/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.p

³ Cornell Campus Groups: https://cornell.campusgroups.com/web_app?id=24335&menu_id=55594&if=0&



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31 **Whereas**, since the 2024-2026 Student Activity Fee (SAF) allocation cycle will be completed in
32 the Fall 2023 semester, the VP of Finance will need to use their admin-level access on the
33 platform to perform the following;

- 34 a) access updated rosters of byline organization officers to contact the correct students,
- 35 b) email officers or members of campus organizations to provide updates on their
36 application status,
- 37 c) verify if emails sent via the CampusGroups platform have been opened by the
38 recipients,
- 39 d) review a byline organization's previous year's accounting books to verify the validity
40 of their reporting in the SAF application,
- 41 e) quickly access updated governing documents of byline organization
- 42 f) send out the SAF Final Application (housed as a CampusGroups form) and relevant
43 materials to byline organizations so they have adequate time to complete it by the
44 September 8th deadline,
- 45 g) access SAF Final Application form responses from byline organizations, and,
- 46 h) provide updates on meeting locations, times, and topics to be discussed with the
47 relevant byline organization recipients.

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49 **Whereas**, due to the tight and fast-paced timeline of the 2024-2026 SAF Allocation cycle in Fall
50 2023, the VP of Finance is becoming concerned that their ability to effectively oversee the
51 allocation cycle will be significantly hindered if admin-level access is not granted back to them.

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53 **Whereas**, if the VP of Finance is not granted their admin-level access back, they have identified
54 on numerous occasions that there will be a significant delay in sending out the 2024-2026 SAF
55 Final Application to relevant officers of byline organizations.

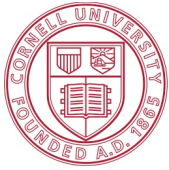
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57 **Whereas**, due to a large number of byline organizations the Appropriations Committee is
58 required to meet with, and other timeline elements for the Student Assembly to approve the
59 Appropriations Committees recommendations, the 2024-2026 SAF Final Application deadline of
60 September 8th, 2023, cannot be moved to a later date.

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62 **Whereas**, after reaching out to the relevant individuals within Campus Activities, they refuse to
63 grant admin-level access back to the VP of Finance for the 2023-2024 AY.

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65 **Whereas**, within Cornell University, the Campus Activities office is housed under the
66 Department of Student and Campus Life.⁴

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⁴ The Department of Student and Campus Life: <https://scl.cornell.edu/>



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70 **Whereas**, Article III, Section 1, lines 18-20 of the Student Assembly Charter states that the
71 Student Assembly will have legislative authority over the policies of the Department of Campus
72 Life.

73 "The SA will have legislative authority over the policies of the Department of Campus
74 Life and the Office of the Dean of Students, and will have the authority to review the
75 budgets and actions of said departments. Additionally, the SA will have authority over its
76 own policies and operations."
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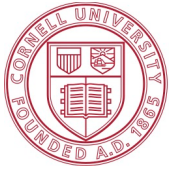
78 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly will exercise its right to have legislative
79 authority over the policies of the Department of Campus Life, and by extension, the Campus
80 Activities office, to reinstate the current VP of Finances admin-level access on the
81 CampusGroups platform effective immediately.

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83 **Be it finally resolved**, the Student Assembly recognizes the stress of the SAF Allocation process
84 and is doing everything in its power to ensure students and advisors have adequate time to
85 complete the Final Application before the September 8th, 2023, deadline.
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87 **Respectfully Submitted,**

88 Rocco DeLorenzo '24

89 *VP Finance*, Student Assembly



Resolution 11: Approving the 2023-2024 Student Assembly Budget

Abstract: This resolution approves the Student Assembly Operating Budget for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

Sponsored by: Rocco DeLorenzo '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 08/23/2023, 5-0-1

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented: 08/24/2023

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, “Sub-Section A: Category Spending” of “Rule 12 – Spending Guidelines” of the Student Assembly Standing read as follows:

a. In order for a disbursement of budgeted funds to be made, either the President or the Vice President for Finance must approve it. The Vice President for Finance is responsible for classifying the expenditure into a budget category.

b. The Assembly’s budget must be reviewed and approved by the Assembly by the conclusion of the second meeting of the academic year.

c. Any reallocation of funds between categories of the budget or spending of the budget surplus must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Appropriations Committee followed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly.

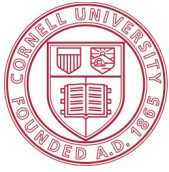
Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly approves and adopts the attached Operating Budget and reserve allocations for the 2023-2024 Academic Year as outlined in Appendix A;

Respectfully Submitted,

Rocco DeLorenzo '24

VP Finance, Student Assembly

FY24	Expense Categories	2023-2024 Budget	Proportion of Budget
10000	Administrative	\$ 1,000.00	1.46%
10001	Executive	\$ 3,750.00	5.47%
10002	Communications	\$ 550.00	0.80%
10003	Initiatives	\$ 1,500.00	2.19%
10004	Appropriations	\$ 2,000.00	2.92%
10005	Internal Operations	\$ 7,055.00	10.28%
10006	Elections	\$ 2,500.00	3.64%
20003	Dining	\$ 750.00	1.09%
20005	Diversity	\$ 1,000.00	1.46%
20012	Infrastructure Fund Commission	\$ 200.00	0.29%
20013	Environmental	\$ 1,000.00	1.46%
20014	Academic	\$ 50.00	0.07%
20017	Office of the Student Advocate	\$ 1,500.00	2.19%
20018	Office of Student Government Relations	\$ 1,000.00	1.46%
20022	Student Health Advisory	\$ 750.00	1.09%
30001	Special Projects (SP)	\$ 19,000.00	27.69%
30005	Summer Experience Grant (SEG)	\$ 25,000.00	36.44%
Total Budget w/o SP, and w/o SEG, 23-24		\$ 24,605.00	
Total Budget w/SP, but w/o SEG, 23-24		\$ 43,605.00	
TOTAL BUDGET FY23		\$ 68,605.00	



Resolution 12: Amendments to the Community Partnership Funding Board governing documents

Abstract: This resolution affirms the changes that were made to the Community Partnership Funding Board governing documents.

Sponsored by: Rocco DeLorenzo '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 08/23/2023, 4-0-2

Type of Action: Byline Report

Originally Presented: 08/24/2023

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the Community Partnership Funding Board has requested to change their governing documents;

Whereas, amendments to the governing documents of byline funded organizations must be approved by the Student Assembly;

Whereas, lines 702-703 under "Section 3: General Guidelines" of the Student Assembly Charter's Appendix B read as follows:

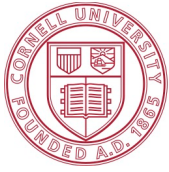
N. Governing Document Approval: All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations' bylaws, constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly approve the attached changes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rocco DeLorenzo '24

VP Finance, Student Assembly



Resolution 13: Amendments to the International Students Union governing documents

Abstract: This resolution affirms the changes that were made to the International Students Union governing documents.

Sponsored by: Rocco DeLorenzo '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 08/23/2023, 4-0-2

Type of Action: Byline Report

Originally Presented: 08/24/2023

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the International Students Union has requested to change their governing documents;

Whereas, amendments to the governing documents of byline funded organizations must be approved by the Student Assembly;

Whereas, lines 702-703 under “Section 3: General Guidelines” of the Student Assembly Charter’s Appendix B read as follows:

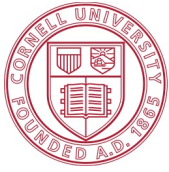
N. Governing Document Approval: All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations’ bylaws, constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly approve the attached changes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rocco DeLorenzo '24

VP Finance, Student Assembly



Resolution 14: Amendments to the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council governing documents

Abstract: This resolution affirms the changes that were made to the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council governing documents.

Sponsored by: Rocco DeLorenzo '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 08/23/2023, 4-0-2

Type of Action: Byline Report

Originally Presented: 08/24/2023

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the Multicultural Greek and Fraternal Council has requested to change their governing documents;

Whereas, amendments to the governing documents of byline funded organizations must be approved by the Student Assembly;

Whereas, lines 702-703 under "Section 3: General Guidelines" of the Student Assembly Charter's Appendix B read as follows:

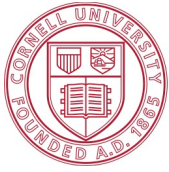
N. Governing Document Approval: All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations' bylaws, constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly approve the attached changes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rocco DeLorenzo '24

VP Finance, Student Assembly



Resolution 15: Amendments to the Slope Day Programming Board governing documents

Abstract: This resolution affirms the changes that were made to the Slope Day Programming Board governing documents.

Sponsored by: Rocco DeLorenzo '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 08/23/2023, 4-0-2

Type of Action: Byline Report

Originally Presented: 08/24/2023

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the Slope Day Programming Board has requested to change their governing documents;

Whereas, amendments to the governing documents of byline funded organizations must be approved by the Student Assembly;

Whereas, lines 702-703 under "Section 3: General Guidelines" of the Student Assembly Charter's Appendix B read as follows:

N. Governing Document Approval: All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations' bylaws, constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly approve the attached changes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rocco DeLorenzo '24

VP Finance, Student Assembly