



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the March 9, 2023 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

407 Willard Straight Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. President V. Valencia called the meeting to order at 4:57pm

II. Roll Call

- a. *Members Present [19]: D. Cady, R. Chatterji, P. Da Silveira, R. DeLorenzo, K. Everett, J. Kalinski, B. Mehretu, C. Newell, A. Richmond, N. Son, S. Williams, Y. Yuan, V. Valencia, J. Mayen, D. Nachman, M. Song, J.P. Swenson, C. Ting, S. Bhardwaj*
- b. *Members Excused: M. Baker, S. Ali, E. D'Angelo, G. Dong B. Koth, A. Lewis, P. Kuehl, A. Lampert, K. Liu, L. Lu*

III. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohó:nq (Cayuga Nation)

- a. President V. Valencia stated the land acknowledgment

IV. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. None

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the March 2, 2023 meeting minutes
 - i. S. Williams motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent

VI. Open Microphone

- a. None

VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. V. Valencia states we shouldn't be making late additions for Resolutions unless it's absolutely necessary and Resolutions should be seen by at least one committee first
 - i. J. Kalinski asks if there's a formal number of days stated in the standing rules that a Resolution must be submitted before a meeting
 - ii. C. Taylor reads the relevant section from the standing rules

VIII. Initiatives

- a. None



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IX. Presentation and Forums

- a. None

X. Business of the Day

- a. None

XI. New Business

- a. Resolution 26 is presented by R. DeLorenzo
 - i. R. DeLorenzo reads the Resolution aloud
 - ii. J. Kalinski asks what amount of Special Projects Funding is left if both resolutions presented today are approved?
 - iii. R. DeLorenzo responds there will be \$9,179 if both resolutions today are approved
 - iv. B. Mehretu motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
 - v. Resolution 26 is approved
- b. Resolution 27 is presented by R. DeLorenzo
 - i. R. DeLorenzo reads the Resolution aloud
 - ii. B. Mehretu asks if there is a cheaper alternative for the TedxCornell letters
 - iii. TedxCornell member responds that it's a tradition to have the letters, but they will be used every year
 - iv. Continues that this is the cheaper option and they're smaller than the usual option
 - v. J.P. Swenson asks why Cornell won't let them use the Statler Auditorium for free?
 - vi. R. DeLorenzo responds that's one of the few spaces that requires that fee because of its popularity and for the upkeep and cleaning of it
 - vii. J. Kalinski asks if the number of tickets they're predicting to be sold is a conservative estimate
 - viii. TedxCornell member responds that ticket sales were lower last year, but they were higher than their estimate in pre-covid years
 - ix. Continues that the money from ticket sales goes towards next year's event, so they would be ok this year, but need to find more money for next year if they undersell
 - x. C. Lederman asks who the speakers are
 - xi. TedxCornell member responds there's one Cornell student, one Cornell faculty member, 3 alumni, and 1 person who works for National Geographic



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- xii. S. Bhardwaj motions to end debate, J. Kalinski dissents, S. Bhardwaj withdraws the motion
- xiii. J. Kalinski asks what their plan is to get the rest of their funding?
- xiv. R. DeLorenzo states they get SAIFC funding and they got more funding from Public Events fund that will cover it. If it gets closer to the event and they still need more, Special Projects Funding could help out
- xv. J.P. Swenson asks if more people want to come than their estimate if they could get a bigger auditorium?
- xvi. TedxCornell member responds they can still expand since the Statler holds 715
- xvii. C. Lederman motions to end debate, passed by unanimous consent
- xviii. In a vote of 15-0-3, Resolution 27 passes

XII. Adjournment

- a. S. Bhardwaj motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent
 - i. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Birmingham
Clerk of the Assembly