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Minutes of the Thursday, April 29, 2021 Meeting
4:45pm via Zoom

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. C. Huang called the meeting to order at 4:47pm (EST).
- b. Roll Call
 - i. *Members Present:* L. Abd Elmagid, M. Baker, J. Bansah, C. Castillo, U. Chukwukere, L. Contreras, S. Kapoor, A. Miramontes Serrano, E. Perez, T. Reuning, K. Santacruz, M. Shardow, L. Smith, C. Tempelman, V. Valencia, S. Woldai, V. Xu, Y. Yuan, R. Zohar, S. Zverev, C. Huang
 - ii. *Members Absent:* K. Butler, A. Gleiberman, A. Lampert, N. Watson, L. Zumpano

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga Nation)

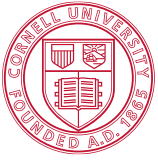
- a. Cornell University is located on the traditional homelands of the Gayogohó:nq' (the Cayuga Nation). The Gayogohó:nq' are members of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, an alliance of six sovereign Nations with a historic and contemporary presence on this land. The Confederacy precedes the establishment of Cornell University, New York State, and the United States of America. We acknowledge the painful history of Gayogohó:nq' dispossession and honor the ongoing connection of the Gayogohó:nq' people, past and present, to these lands and waters.

III. Announcements and Presentations

- a. L. Smith shared that the OSGR is hosting a rent relief town hall tonight, April 29, at 6pm and encouraged members to attend.
- b. M. Baker shared three surveys, one is a mental health survey put together by OSGR, one is a financial aid winter/summer term survey, and the third survey is for Dyson students regarding gender neutral bathrooms.

IV. Open Microphone

- a. A. Miramontes Serrano stated that one of their constituents expressed concern over median grades showing up on transcripts and if it would be possible to consider removing them.
 - i. C. Huang stated having median grades on transcripts was actually an SA initiative a few years ago.
 - ii. T. Reuning stated that median grades are actually very helpful in terms of applications for graduate school or medical school. Cornell University is



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pretty widely known for grade deflation, so having these median grades as a benchmark is really helpful.

- iii. M. Shardow stated they were concerned about this as well, but it is actually really important for STEM students and for classes that are known for grade deflation.
- iv. A. Miramontes Serrano stated the concern came from different professors in the same class, as different professors can grade very differently.
- b. C. Tempelman stated that incoming freshmen, class of 2025, have said their only option for meal plans is the unlimited meal plan and asked if any SA members have heard of this and why administration is changing the policy.
 - i. C. Huang stated that that shouldn't be the case, unless they're living on West Campus and encouraged C. Templeman to reach out to the Dining Committee Chair.

V. Adjournment

- a. C. Huang adjourned the meeting at 4:57pm (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,

Ciara Shanahan

Clerk of the Student Assembly