

Cornell University's Student Assembly

Minutes of the October 19th, 2023 Meeting 4:45 pm – 6:30 pm Memorial Room Willard Straight Hall | Zoom

I. Call to Order

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- a. P. Kuehl called the meeting to order at 4:52pm.
 - 1. *Members Present (17)*: M. Bakri, L. Balestrieri, L. Barrett, A. Barry, R. DeLorenzo, K. Everett, N. Hite, C. Lederman, E. Ononye, S. Parikh, C. Platkin, P. Kuehl, I. Rezaka, B. Terhaar, C. Ting, A. Vinson, A. Wang
 - 2. Members Absent (3): A. Richmond, S. Son, A. Talone
 - Also Present (21): A. Dkkiraju, A. Akpan, F. Berry, S. Chan, Z. deRham, D. Diao, C. Flournoy, A. Helkowski, K. Jordan, C. Kim, F. Meng, Y. Moltra, A. Bangura, A. Coleman, N. Courtney, E. Kalweit, N. Maggard, A. Mulpuri, J. Wallen, J. Zhang
- II. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement
 - a. P. Kuehl stated the SA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Open Microphone
 - a. There were no new items.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Approval of the October 12, 2023 meeting minutes
 - 1. J. Wallen motioned to amend the minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent. C. Lederman motioned to approve the minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. There were no items.
- VI. Announcements
 - a. There were no announcements.
- VII. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Liaisons
 - a. Committee Reports
 - 1. Executive Board
 - 1. P. Kuehl noted that the Board of Trustees meeting is upcoming.



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- 2. C. Ting noted the importance of submitting committee reports and increasing committee engagement. C. Ting noted the date of the next Coalition Against Sexual Violence meeting.
- 3. R. DeLorenzo noted the topics of the upcoming Appropriations Committee meeting.
- 4. C. Lederman noted pending approval on charter amendments by President Pollack and the upcoming Internal Operations Committee meeting. C. Lederman noted that standing rules will begin to be examined.
- 5. S. Parikh noted the upcoming External Communications meeting and work being done to redo the Instagram and work on the newsletter.
- 6. A. Barry noted the upcoming DEI Committee meeting.
- 2. Committee Chairs
 - 1. Committee Chairs each introduced their committees and their work.
- b. Vice President of Finance
 - 1. Students Helping Students
 - 1. K. Everett motioned to extend time by 5 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - 2. R. DeLorenzo gave a report on Students Helping Students.
 - 3. C. Lederman motioned to extend time by 10 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - 4. E. Ononye repeated the importance of the Financial Aid Review Committee.
 - 5. R. DeLorenzo noted Student Assembly members on the Financial Aid Review Committee who as such would not be eligible for the vote due to conflict of interest.
 - 6. K. Jordan motioned to open debate on the recommendation of the Appropriations Committee. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - 7. E. Ononye stated clarifications on the allocation.
 - 8. A. Vinson motioned to end debate. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - 9. The motion to adopt the recommendation of the Appropriations Committee **passed** through a vote of 15-0-0.
 - 10. K. Everett motioned to extend time by 15 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.



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- K. Everett motioned to suspend rules and move Resolution 32 up the agenda. F. Berry dissented. The motion **failed** through a vote of 5-15-1.
- 2. Outdoor Odyssey
 - 1. P. Kuehl motioned to postpone the report. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 3. CUEMS
 - 1. R. DeLorenzo gave a report on CUEMS.
 - 2. N. Courtney questioned if CUEMS made it clear the increase in appropriations was sufficient for continual growth.
 - 3. R. DeLorenzo confirmed, noting Committee willingness to increase the appropriation beyond the initial recommendation.
 - 4. K. Everett motioned to extend time by 10 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - C. Lederman motioned to adopt the recommendation of the Appropriations Committee. The motion **passed** through a vote of 20-0-1.
- VIII. Presentations
 - a. N. Maggard, A. Coleman, C. Lederman, A. Bangura, and R. DeLorenzo presented information for newly inducted Student Assembly members.
 - IX. Old Business Calendar
 - a. There were no items.
 - X. Resolutions Calendar
 - a. Resolution 30: Removing Median Grades
 - 1. J. Wallen motioned to postpone the Resolution to next week. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - b. Resolution 32: Amending the Student Assembly Charter in Allyship with HAVEN
 - 1. K. Everett introduced the intention of the Resolution and gave context.
 - 2. R. DeLorenzo motioned to enter debate. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - 3. R. DeLorenzo noted the necessity of membership lists to determine conflict of interest but stated the necessity of a neutral third-party mechanism to confirm a perceived conflict of interest.
 - 4. K. Everett questioned if Campus Groups access would be sufficient.



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- 5. R. DeLorenzo noted changes over the summer made to Campus Groups access where viewing access of membership lists was heavily restricted.
- 6. K. Everett clarified R. DeLorenzo's concerns and ask. K. Everett noted that in the future, the liaison role to HAVEN would probably not sit on the Student Assembly and should have the role of confirming conflicts of interest due to this trusted position.
- 7. C. Ting stated context surrounding the Resolution.
- 8. C. Lederman stated further context on what a charter amendment would entail.
- 9. S. Parikh motioned to extend time by 5 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 10. N. Courtney questioned the possibility of having a third party agent held under confidentiality.
- 11. K. Everett stated amenability, but noted a desire to have a third party agent who already has access.
- XI. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
 - a. Appointments
 - 1. I. Rezaka and C. Lederman were appointed to the Arts and Sciences seat and Undesignated seat.
 - 2. A. Richmond was appointed to the Appropriations Committee.
 - 3. D. Suarez and C. Kim were appointed to the Communications Committee.
 - b. New Member Appointments
 - 1. New representatives elect were sworn in.
- XII. Adjournment
 - a. This meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny Zhang Clerk of the Assembly