

## Cornell University's Student Assembly

Minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting 4:45 pm – 6:30 pm Memorial Room Willard Straight Hall | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. P. Kuehl called the meeting to order at 4:46pm.
    - Members Present (25): D. Akkiraju, A. Akpan, M. Bakri, L. Balestrieri, A. Barry, F. Berry, S. Chan, R. DeLorenzo, D. Diao, K. Everett, C. Flournoy, A. Helkowski, N. Hite, K. Jordan, P. Kuehl, C. Lederman, F. Meng, S. Parikh, C. Platkin, I. Rezaka, S. Son, D. Suarez, B. Terhaar, C. Ting, A. Vinson
    - 2. Members Absent (7): L. Barrett, Z. deRham, C. Kim, Y. Moitra, E. Ononye, A. Wang, C. Ting
    - 3. *Also Present (9)*: A. Bangura, A. Coleman, N. Courtney, E. Kalweit, J. Kalinski, N. Maggard, J. Swenson, 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 speakers.

## IV. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Approval of the November 9, 2023 meeting minutes
  - 1. K. Everett 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. Vice President of Finance
    - 1. Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition (GJAC)



- 1. R. DeLorenzo gave a report on GJAC. I. Rezaka motioned to end debate. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 2. I. Rezaka motioned to accept the Appropriations Committee recommendation. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 2. Haven: The LGBTQ Union Board
  - 1. R. DeLorenzo gave a report on Haven. I. Rezaka motioned to end debate. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
  - 2. A. Barry motioned to accept the Appropriations Committee recommendation. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 3. Multicultural Greek & Fraternal Council
  - 1. R. DeLorenzo gave a report on the Multicultural Greek & Fraternal Council.
  - 2. N. Courtney questioned if there would be concerns of a large rollover due to the sudden allocation increase.
  - 3. R. DeLorenzo noted that there is a lot of internal work being done to educate on how to spend and utilize funds for all organizations in MGFC.
  - 4. A. Barry motioned to accept the Appropriations Committee recommendation. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 4. Empathy Assistance Referral Service (EARS)
  - 1. R. DeLorenzo gave a report on EARS.
  - 2. I. Rezaka stated concerns with the allocation reduction and questioned if the Assembly could offer any aid.
  - 3. A representative from EARS stated that monetary support isn't currently needed, but that outreach to the community is a priority.
  - 4. S. Parikh motioned to end debate. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
  - 5. A. Vinson motioned to accept the Appropriations Committee recommendation. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 5. Minds Matter at Cornell
  - 1. R. DeLorenzo gave a report on Minds Matter at Cornell.
  - 2. S. Parikh motioned to end debate. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
  - 3. J. Wallen motioned to accept the Appropriations Committee recommendation. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 6. ALANA Intercultural Board
  - 1. R. DeLorenzo gave a report on ALANA Intercultural Board.



- 2. I. Rezaka questioned how the umbrella structure of ALANA worked and how funding is distributed to the umbrella organizations.
- 3. R. DeLorenzo stated an overview of the ALANA funding structure.
- 4. J. Swenson motioned to end debate. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 5. J. Swenson motioned to accept the Appropriations Committee recommendation. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 7. Student Assembly
  - 1. R. DeLorenzo gave a report on Student Assembly.
  - 2. A representative from Student Assembly gave reasoning on the increase to the allocation.
  - 3. S. Parikh motioned to end debate. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
  - 4. S. Parikh motioned to accept the Appropriations Committee recommendation. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
  - 5. P. Kuehl motioned to suspend the rules and bring Resolution 39 to the agenda. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.

## VIII. Presentations

- a. There were no items.
- IX. Old Business Calendar
  - a. Resolution 34: OSGR Deputy Director
    - 1. Item was moved to the next agenda.
  - b. Resolution 35: Assembly Governance
    - 1. Item was moved to the next agenda.
  - c. Resolution 36: Ensuring Equity and Fairness in 2023-2024 Voting Seat Appointments
    - 1. Item was moved to the next agenda.
- X. Resolutions Calendar
  - a. Resolution 38: Valuing DEI in Congruence with Freedom of Expression1. Item was moved to the next agenda.
  - b. Resolution 39: Recommendation for the Student Activity Fee for 2024-2026
    - 1. I. Rezaka motioned to amend speaking time to 7 minutes. The motion **failed**.
    - 2. R. DeLorenzo presented an overview on the SAF for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.



- 3. I. Rezaka motioned to extend time by 5 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 4. J. Swenson questioned what contingency there would be should President Pollack not agree to the SAF recommendation.
- 5. R. DeLorenzo stated that should the recommendation be rejected, cuts would be applied proportionally for all organizations.
- 6. A. Barry motioned to extend time by 3 minutes. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- 7. C. Lederman stated thanks to R. DeLorenzo and the other Appropriations Committee members for all the work done on the Byline Organization allocations over the past semester.
- XI. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
  - a. Student Health Advisory Committee
    - 1. C. Flournoy and R. Kubofcik were appointed to the Student Health Advisory Committee.
- XII. Adjournment
  - a. This meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny Zhang Clerk of the Assembly