



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Thursday, October 10th, 2019 Meeting,
4:54-5:08 pm in Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
 - a. J. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:54 pm.
 - b. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: M. Adeghe, J. Anderson, M. Baker, C. Benedict, A. Cass, U. Chukwukere, J. Clancy, O. Egharevba, J. Feit, M. Haddad, J. Kroll, Y. Li, N. Matolka, I. Pavlov, L. Smith, P. Solovyeva, N. Watson, K. Wondimu, S. Xu, J. Youngblood, Y. Yuan
 - ii. Absent: C. Huang (excused), G. Martin (unexcused), L. Ordonez (excused), T. Reuning (excused), S. Sun (unexcused), B. Weintraub (unexcused), V. Xu (excused),
- II. Announcements and Reports**
 - a. M. Adeghe said that Exec voted on Tuesday to approve \$2325 in funding for Big Red Thon to cover fees including custodian fees, electrical set up, an inflatable obstacle course, and others for an event. She added that they will be voting on this next Thursday.
- III. Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. October 3rd, 2019
 - i. Motion to approve the October 3rd minutes – **approved** 19-0-1.
- IV. Swearing in New Members**
 - a. The new members of the Student Assembly were sworn in at 5:00 pm.
- V. Open Microphone**
 - a. No speakers at the open microphone.
- VI. Byline Reports**
 - a. Haven
 - i. M. Adeghe said that Haven had previously been funded at \$3.80 but requested \$4.20, and that they have goals to expand their core programming and the programming that they do as an organization. She added that they felt that they did a good job with the money that they already had, and that there weren't very many comments on this during the meeting.
 - ii. J. Anderson said for the information of the new members that this is a byline funding year, which means that they are funding the organizations that get direct money from the SA. He added that organizations seeking this funding go to AppsCom which oversees the SA's money, and AppsCom makes recommendations to the assembly which they either approve with a majority or overturn with a 2/3rd majority.
 - iii. Motion to approve Haven's byline funding – **approved** 19-0-1.

- b. ALANA
 - i. M. Adeghe said that ALANA had been previously funded at \$8.05 but are now at \$15.00, and that this is a big increase, but that the rationale is that they had been operating on a large surplus due to organizational issues in the past, and they had previously been operating on more money than what they received from the SAF, and that this \$15.00 reflects the money that they operate on on a regular basis now that the surplus is gone.
 - ii. Motion to approve ALANA's byline funding – approved 19-0-1.
- c. Cornell Interfaith Council (CIC)
 - i. M. Adeghe said that CIC had never been on byline before, and that they are requesting \$3.75, and that AppsCom unanimously voted to give them that. She added that they have existed for several years but were not receiving institutionalized financial support, but that the committee felt that they deserved it, and that they do a lot of programming to bring a lot of people together on campus regardless of their faith background. She also said that they supported their mission and everything they brought to the meeting on Monday, and that their presentation was very sound.
 - ii. J. Anderson said that this is the first of the new organizations coming onto byline, and that it's exciting that there are new organizations coming on. He added that this has historically been a not-talked-about community on campus, and that he thinks this is a wonderful first step, and that the administration could be doing more to support religious organizations on campus.
 - iii. Motion to approve CIC's byline funding – approved 19-0-1.

VII. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 8: Improving Representation for MGFC on the Student Assembly
 - i. U. Chukwukere said that this was discussed last week, and explained the details of the resolution.
 - ii. Motion to vote on Resolution 8 – approved 18-0-2.

VIII. Executive Session

- a. J. Anderson moved the meeting to executive session at 5:08 pm.

IX. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
John Hannan
Clerk of the Assembly