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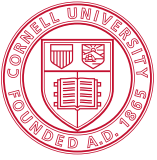
Cornell University's Student Assembly

Minutes of the August 31st, 2023 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:30 pm

Memorial Room Willard Straight Hall | Zoom

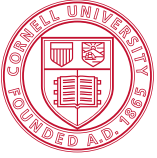
- I. Call to Order
 - a. P. Kuehl called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.
 - i. *Members Present (18)*: M. Bakri, L. Balestrieri, A. Barry, R. DeLorenzo, K. Everett, C. Lederman, E. Ononye, S. Parikh, C. Platkin, I. Rezaka, A. Richmond, N. Son, A. Talone, B. Terhaar, C. Ting, A. Vinson, A. Wang, P. Kuehl
 - ii. *Members Absent (2)*: L. Barrett, N. Hite
 - iii. *Also Present (7)*: A. Bangura, N. Courtney, G. Restrepo, J. Swenson, S. Williams, J. Withers, J. Zhang
- II. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement
 - a. P. Kuehl stated the SA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.
- III. Open Microphone
 - a. A speaker questioned opportunities to include freshman voices and further connect with them through social media communications.
 - i. P. Kuehl thanked noted the prescience of freshman seats on the assembly.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Approval of the August 24, 2023 meeting minutes
 - i. L. Balestrieri motioned to amend the minutes name spelling. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - ii. A. Wang motioned to amend the minutes name spelling. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
 - iii. The motion to approve the minutes **passed** through unanimous consent.
- V. Consent Calendar
 - i. There were no new items.
- VI. Announcements
 - a. President Pollack's Welcome Reception
 - i. P. Kuehl noted the welcome reception in collaboration with other assemblies.



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- ii. C. Ting expressed her excitement for the opportunity to network with other representatives.
 - b. Bi-weekly Committee Check-in
 - i. C. Ting stated that check-ins with Committees would occur on a bi-weekly cadence.
 - c. Trustee Swenson
 - i. J. Swenson introduced himself as the elected Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees and gave an overview of the role.

- VII. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Liaisons
 - a. Academic Policy
 - i. The Committee had not yet met.
 - b. Appropriations
 - i. The Committee had not yet met.
 - c. City and Local Affairs
 - i. The Committee had not yet met.
 - d. Communications
 - i. S. Parikh stated that the discussion on updates to the newsletter and bulletin board occurred.
 - e. Diversity
 - i. A. Barry stated that Committee times were being decided upon.
 - f. Environmental
 - i. The Committee had not yet met.
 - g. Financial Aid Review
 - i. The Committee had not yet met.
 - h. SAIFC
 - i. The Committee had not yet met.
 - i. Internal Operations
 - i. C. Lederman stated that the Committee is working to review bylaws and the charter.
 - j. International Students
 - i. The Committee had not yet met.
 - k. Student Health Advisory
 - i. The Committee had not yet met.
 - l. Office of Student Government Relations
 - i. The executive director of the Office of Student Government Relations gave an introduction stating the role of the Office in working on the local, state,



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and federal level together, and noted hopes to collaborate with the Student Assembly.

VIII. Presentations

- a. C. Lederman stated desires to increase engagement between the Assembly and different byline groups that service the student body through liaisons that could sit in different meetings and relay information back.
 - i. N. Son noted her role with the International Student Union.
- b. C. Ting noted that the Faculty Senate has been discussing the theme of Freedom of Expression at length.
- c. P. Kuehl noted that the hope would be for representatives to serve as liaisons by submitting a full report to the entire Assembly body to improve transparency and communication.

IX. Old Business Calendar

- a. There were no new items.

X. Resolutions Calendar

- a. There were no new items.

XI. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar

- a. C. Lederman motioned to appoint Agnes Coleman to the Internal Operations Committee.
- b. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.

XII. Adjournment

- a. This meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Zhang
Clerk of the Assembly