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.
      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.
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,
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