

Cornell University's Student Assembly

Minutes of the September 7th, 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.
 - *Members Present (18)*: M. Bakri, L. Balestrieri, L. Barrett, A. Barry, R.
 DeLorenzo, K. Everett, N. Hite, C. Lederman, E. Ononye, S. Parikh, I.
 Rezaka, A. Richmond, A. Talone, B. Terhaar, C. Ting, A. Vinson, A. Wang, P. Kuehl
 - ii. Members Absent (2): S. Son, C. Platkin
 - iii. *Also Present (8)*: A. Bangura, N. Courtney, N. Maggard, G. Restrepo, J. Swenson, J. Wallen, S. Williams, 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 August 31, 2023 meeting minutes
 - i. The motion to approve the minutes **passed** through unanimous consent.
- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. There were no new items.
- VI. Announcements
 - a. J. Swenson noted the amount of public attendance at the meeting. J. Swenson noted a meeting with Vice President Lombardi in the next day and encouraged communication if anyone had pressing topics they'd be interested in being shared.
 - b. A. Bangura introduced the Office of Ethics and its role in maintaining accountability. A. Bangura noted incoming tasks and topics the Office would be handling.
- VII. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Liaisons
 - a. Executive Board



- i. C. Lederman noted the survey for liaisons to bylines and encouraged responses. C. Lederman noted the upcoming Internal Operations meeting to review the charter.
- ii. C. Ting noted current issues with the Office of the Assemblies website and encouraged direct outreach if interested in participating.

b. Committee Chairs

- i. A. Barry noted the upcoming meeting of the Diversity Committee.
- ii. S. Parikh noted the upcoming meeting of the Communications Committee.
- iii. N. Hite noted the upcoming meeting of the Academic Policy Committee.
- iv. S. Parikh stated that the discussion on updates to the newsletter and bulletin board occurred.
- v. A. Wang encouraged outreach for anyone interested in the Student Health Advisory Committee.
- c. Offices
 - i. There were no new updates.
- d. Liaisons
 - i. J. Wallen stated that the University Assembly met and appointed student liaisons.
 - ii. N. Maggard noted the upcoming SAIFC meeting and encouraged participation for those interested in infrastructure projects.

VIII. Presentations

a. There were no presentations.

IX. Old Business Calendar

- a. There were no new items.
- X. Resolutions Calendar
 - a. Resolution 16: Student Assembly Allyship to the Cornell LGBTQ+ Community 1
 - i. K. Everett gave a personal introduction and emphasized the role of the Student Assembly in serving the student body and all constituent bodies, not just majorities.
 - P. Kohlenberger noted large concerns with the mandate that HAVEN, the Cornell LGBTQ+ Student Union, must share a full member list listing specific members. P. Kohlenberger stated ethical concerns in releasing gender identities that are shared without consent and emphasized the need for confidentiality.



- iii. N. Oke noted the influence of Civil Rights legislation on this resolution, highlighting the idea of adverse impact and the disproportionate adverse impact sharing the member list would have.
- iv. C. Ting noted the desire to create an opportunity to allow exemption for submission of certain personal details but noted that due to standards of ethical conduct there will be alternative standards for them to be held to. C. Ting noted that the topic would be revisited with the charter and bylaws later on.
- v. J. Kalinski stated a question on where member data will be coming from and how the Student Assembly can verify accuracy while maintaining confidentiality.
- vi. N. Oke stated that Campus Groups generates numeric member counts that could be internally verified without revealing specific first and last names.
- vii. A. Richmond stated his thanks for the introduction of the Resolution and noted an important piece of data of numbers by class year and questioned if this data point could be included for disclosure.
- viii. P. Kohlenberger stated that there is a data section in Campus Groups going into specifics on year that could be disclosed.
- ix. N. Courtney thanked the presenters for their time and questioned if the record of numbers would be done by a singular person, or if there were additional dual accountability measures built in.
- x. N. Oke stated that Haven has a multi-year hierarchy including advisors, a board, and liaison.
- xi. C. Lederman expressed his thanks and support for the Resolution.
- xii. C. Ting motioned to amend lines 22-24. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- xiii. C. Ting commented to add an additional clause to line 35.
- xiv. P. Kuehl stated that this would be a charter amendment that could not be voted on currently.
- xv. The motion to approve Resolution 16 **passed** with a vote of 16-0-1.
- b. Resolution 17: Student Assembly Allyship to the Cornell LGBTQ+ Community 2
 - i. C. Lederman motioned to suspend Resolution 17 indefinitely. The motion passed through unanimous consent.
 - ii. N. Maggard noted that as this year was a byline year, changes to the bylines cannot be completed in the current semester.
 - iii. P. Kuehl motioned to table Resolution 17 for the next meeting. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- c. Resolution 18: Student Assembly Advising Board



- i. P. Kuehl gave an overview on the intent of the Resolution to create a 12member alumni and external assembly member advising board to help oversee the functions of the Assembly.
- d. Resolution 19: Rollover Funds
 - P. Kuehl introduced the Resolution to create a process of reallocation of funds from the reserve account. P. Kuehl noted current guidelines for rollover funds that limit distribution and movement of funds across different organizations or accounts.
 - ii. A. Barry questioned what would happen to funds not moved from the reserve account.
 - iii. P. Kuehl stated that funds would remain in the reserve account.
 - iv. A. Wang questioned if Student Activities could spend the money in their reserve in the next year.
 - v. P. Kuehl stated that they could and noted that the Resolution is supported by Campus Activities.
 - vi. P. Kuehl noted that as this is a charter amendment, it cannot be voted on in the same week it was introduced.
 - vii. I. Rezaka questioned if the bar of 30% appropriations could be raised, especially if the organization would be planning to utilize the funds for a large undertaking spanning multiple years.
 - viii. R. DeLorenzo explained that the reason the limit is 30% is that there is an incentive to spend all money allocated.
 - ix. P. Kuehl noted that 30% is very standard across many universities.
 - x. A. Talone questioned if there were organizations which historically haven't used budgets to their fullest extent.
 - xi. R. DeLorenzo stated that from the data, there is over 3 million in reserves.
 - xii. A. Wang questioned if there were channels for student organizations to contact the Student Assembly to utilize reserve funds.
 - xiii. P. Kuehl stated that there are stipulations outlined in the amendment to counter this concern.
 - xiv. C. Lederman stated that the intent of the Resolution was just to ensure that large sums of money wouldn't just be sitting around without the chance for use to keep the money students are paying from the Activity Fee to good use.
 - xv. P. Kuehl noted the thoughts on amending to allow bylines to transfer between each other but felt that it was important to be included in these interactions to ensure that the Assembly is engaging with the organizations as well on a financial level.



- xvi. R. DeLorenzo stated that in the past there have been transfers occurring without the awareness of the Student Assembly, so this Resolution allows greater Assembly interaction.
- xvii. I. Rezaka asked for verification on their understanding of the timelines for reallocation and questioned how quickly a byline organization in need of funds could receive them.
- xviii. P. Kuehl stated that the process would take 21 days and noted that this reallocation of funding would be intended for large sums of funding that couldn't be covered through special projects.
- xix. J. Wallen motioned to end debate. The motion **passed** through unanimous consent.
- XI. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
 - a. Appointment of Deputy Parliamentarian
 - i. A. Coleman was appointed as Deputy Parliamentarian.
 - b. External Liaison and Committee Appointments
 - i. L. Barrett was appointed as Liaison to the Slope Day Programming Board.
 - ii. L. Balestrieri was appointed as Liaison to Outdoor Odyssey.
 - iii. P. Kuehl was appointed as Liaison to CUEMS.
 - iv. A. Bangura was appointed as Liaison to Minds Matter.
 - v. S. Son was appointed as Liaison to International Students Union.
 - vi. N. Maggard was appointed as Liaison to Student Activities Funding Commission.
 - vii. C. Ting was appointed as Liaison to Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition.
 - viii. C. Lederman was appointed as Liaison to the Provost and Dean of Faculty.
 - ix. K. Schechter, O. Holloway, S. Chan, M. Gao, and H. Shin were appointed as members of the External Communications Committee.
 - x. E. Egeghy was appointed as Chair of the Dining Committee.
 - xi. R. DeLorenzo, C. Lederman, and N. Maggard were appointed as members of the University Assembly Codes and Conduct Committee.
 - xii. A. Bangura and N. Hite were appointed as members of the University Assembly Transportation Hearing and Review Board.

XII. Adjournment

a. This meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny Zhang



Clerk of the Assembly