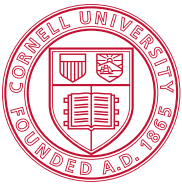


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Agenda of the Thursday, October 6th, 2016 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in WSH Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**
 - a. [Minutes](#) of the September 29th Meeting
- III. Open Microphone**
- IV. Announcements and Reports**
 - a. VP Finance Li
 - b. EVP Indimine
 - c. President Berger
- V. Business of the Day**
 - a. [Resolution 11: Charging and Ad-Hoc Committee with Investigating Student Assembly Membership](#)
- VI. Executive Session**



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Type of Action:	Investigation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #11

Charging an Ad-Hoc Committee with Investigating Student Assembly Membership Reform

ABSTRACT: This resolution charges an ad-hoc committee with the responsibility of studying and investigating the SA's current membership and operational structure and issuing a formal set of recommendations to the SA on how to improve representation.

Sponsored by: Gabe Kaufman '18, Akhilesh Issur '17

Whereas, the Student Assembly desires to evaluate its internal procedures and membership structure to better represent an increasingly diverse student body; and

Whereas, any changes to the fundamental structure of representative institutions should be made with serious, careful, and open public deliberation; and

Whereas, the Student Assembly wants to encourage dialogue across all student constituencies about the structure of the SA; and

Whereas, the Student Assembly wants to begin the aforementioned membership and operational self-evaluation process as soon as possible; and

Whereas, both prior experience with the SA and a new perspective on the SA are extremely valuable in studying our representative structure; and

Be it therefore resolved, that an ad-hoc investigatory committee titled "The Student Assembly Investigative Committee on Membership Reform" (hereafter: SAICMR) be established effective immediately; and

Be it further resolved, that SAICMR will be charged with the sole responsibility of compiling a set of unbiased recommendations to be presented to the Assembly by the final SA meeting of the current session of the Assembly on how the Student Assembly can better represent students; and

Be it further resolved, that all SAICMR meetings will be held **at least** once every month, will be accessible and open to the public, and will have an agenda and appended documentation forwarded to all SAICMR and Assembly members at least 24 hours before the date when committee meetings are held; and

Be it further resolved, that the nine members of SAICMR will be representative of the whole Assembly, will be undergraduate students, and will be defined as follows:

SAICMR Chair: Voting member elected by the Student Assembly

SAICMR Members:

- one voting member of the Assembly (other than the Vice President for Internal Operations) necessarily belonging to the Executive Committee

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- one candidate who ran in the Fall or Spring 2016 Student Assembly Elections but was not seated as a member of the Student Assembly
 - one former voting member of the Assembly who is no longer a member of the Assembly
 - one undergraduate student who has never run in an election or applied to a committee of the Student Assembly
 - two voting members of the Assembly who were elected in the Fall 2016 Student Assembly Elections
 - two voting members of the Assembly not belonging to the Executive Committee

57 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Assembly will appoint the SAICMR members as soon as possible, with
58 all SA members being eligible to make nominations from the floor.

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60 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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62 Gabe Kaufman '18

63 *Ex-Officio Member, Student Assembly*

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65 Akhilesh Issur '17

66 *International Student Liaison At-Large, Student Assembly*

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68 *(Reviewed by: SA Signature Petition, Date: valid upon the receipt of the signatures of a majority of SA members)*