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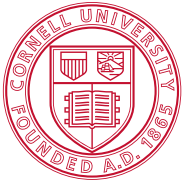
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Agenda of the Thursday, April 13th, 2017 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in WSH Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Minutes of the March 23rd Meeting
- III. Announcement from 2017 Convocation Chair- Chewy Baumel**
- IV. Open Microphone**
- V. Announcements and Reports**
 - a. Rep Valadez
 - b. President Berger
 - c. EVP Indimine
 - d. Rep Reichel
 - e. VP McBride
 - f. Rep Issur
- VI. Business of the Day**
 - a. Resolution 33: Prescribing Conflict-Free Resolution Texts
 - b. Resolution 34: Accessibility & Affordability of Cornell's Fitness Centers
- VII. New Business**
 - a. Resolution 36: Promoting University Action Against Pipeline Expansion
 - b. Resolution 37: Recommendations for College of Business Curriculum Review
 - c. Resolution 38: Special Projects: Slope Day

- d. Resolution 39: Creation of the Vice President of External Affairs
- e. Resolution 40: A Comprehensive Investigation into Cornell Exam Scheduling

VIII. Executive Session



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Originally Presented on:	2/16/2016
Type of Action:	Sense-of-the-Body
Status/Result:	New Business

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S.A. Resolution #33 Prescribing Conflict-Free University Contracts

ABSTRACT: This resolution urges Cornell to make verifiably conflict mineral-free purchasing decisions, a measure that other international institutions have taken in order to curb militia violence in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Sponsored by: Matthew Indimine '18

Whereas, the anti-genocide advocacy group *The Enough Project* defines “conflict minerals” as mined gold, tin, tantalum, and tungsten that provides income to armed groups operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a country whose eastern region has been gripped by the deadliest conflict since World War II;

Whereas, several peer higher-education institutions, including Duke University, Stanford University, Emory University, and the University of Pennsylvania have adopted measures to curb or eliminate their investments in companies that use conflict minerals;

Whereas, these conflict-free campus initiatives, as well as targeted financial actions undertaken by the U.S. federal government and other institutions, have been widely credited with depriving Congo-based militias of financial resources used to stage war crimes and other human rights abuses;

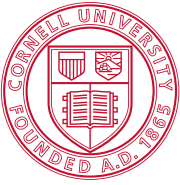
Whereas, President Trump’s administration has alarmingly signaled its intent to reverse a 2010 federal rule discouraging U.S.-based firms from purchasing conflict minerals, a reactionary measure that one human rights advocate called “a gift to predatory armed groups;”

Whereas, 101 Congo-based human rights organizations condemned the possible suspension of the federal government’s Conflict Minerals Rule (Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act), warning that such a measure would reactivate “terrorist and mafia networks” in their country’s eastern region that engage in illegal mineral extraction, human trafficking, widespread sexual violence, child exploitation, and other human rights abuses;

Whereas, in the midst of malfeasant government policies and human rights crises, universities have historically played a critical role in defending and upholding the public good;

Whereas, Cornell’s undergraduate student body has previously signaled its concern surrounding atrocities in the eastern Congo with the passage of AY 2010-11 Resolution 2: Conflict Free Campus, which called on the University to take decisive action to combat conflict minerals and favor verifiably conflict-free products in its purchasing decisions;

Whereas, student groups including the Association for International Human Rights, the Cornell Organization for Labor Action, and Amnesty International at Cornell University have renewed these calls;



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44 **Whereas**, as shown in Appendix A, the University conducted an August 2011 assessment finding that it
45 holds investments in at least six firms given negative scores under RAISE Hope for Congo's conflict
46 mineral rating system;

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48 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Cornell University shall clarify whether or not it modified its purchasing
49 practices in light of this 2011 review;

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51 **Be it further resolved**, that with the offered help of organizers from anti-genocide advocacy group *The*
52 *Enough Project*, Cornell University shall develop a new independent survey that allows it to assess firms
53 not covered by existing rating systems;

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55 **Be it further resolved**, that Cornell University shall commit to annually surveying its vendors and
56 investments for conflict-free verification purposes, beginning AY 2017-2018;

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58 **Be it further resolved**, that Cornell University shall publicly release the results of said annual surveys;

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60 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Office of University Investments shall use these surveys to confirm
61 companies' conflict-free statuses before renewing or finalizing contracts with them.

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64 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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66 **Christopher Hanna '18**

67 *Co-facilitator, Amnesty International at Cornell University*

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69 **Helen Shanahan '18**

70 *Co-facilitator, Amnesty International at Cornell University*

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72 **Matthew Indimine '18**

73 *EVP, Student Assembly*

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75 **Paul Russell '19**

76 *Co-chair, Student Assembly Policy Research and Planning Committee*

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78 **Kyla Chasalow '20**

79 *Member, Amnesty International at Cornell University*

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81 **Zach Aleksandur de Stefan '18**

82 *Secretary, Amnesty International at Cornell University*

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84 **Kristine Lister '18**

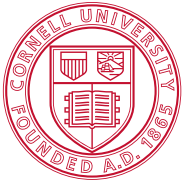
85 *Urgent Action Coordinator, Amnesty International at Cornell University*

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87 **Katie Reis '20**

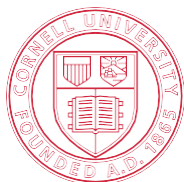
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- 90 **Emma Lester '20**
91 *Member, Amnesty International at Cornell University*
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94 *(Reviewed by: Executive Board, (6-0-0), 3/20/2017)*



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Table with 2 columns: Description and Value. Rows include: Originally Presented on: (03/23/17); Type of Action: Recommendation; Status/Result: New Business

S.A. Resolution #34 Accessibility & Affordability of Cornell's Fitness Centers

- 1-47 line numbers

ABSTRACT: This resolution calls for the administration to address student concerns facing the accessibility and affordability of the fitness centers on our campus.

Sponsored by: Alex Iglesias '17, Justin Selig '17, Ashwin Viswanathan '20

Whereas, annual membership fees for the fitness centers total \$145 which is more expensive than most comparable universities peer institutions;

Whereas, even if the membership fee could be reduced, it wouldn't be feasible given the existing space concerns the existing facilities face;

Whereas, the existing facilities are operating at, or above, capacity during the times of the day where when most students go to the gym;

Whereas, renovation and expansion plans for Helen Newman Hall have been discussed in the past however, they have not been executed;

Whereas, the expansion of recreation facilities into Appel Community Center has resulted in a space which does not contain all the equipment students desire, and that this space is frequently used by physical education programs, so students end up going to Helen Newman that further exacerbates the problem;

Whereas, the existing fitness space in Appel Community Center could serve as a satellite facility for Cornell Health and this could be incredibly beneficial for students on North Campus;

Whereas, the proposed expansion of housing on North campus, per the housing master plan, would further exacerbate existing issues facing availability of recreation facilities for students as the existing facilities are not sufficient to meet the existing need from the Cornell community;

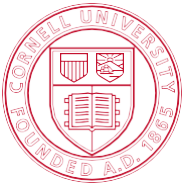
Whereas, many students residing in Collegetown do not have access to recreation facilities in their immediate community which forces them to traverse to Noyes on West Campus or Teagle which is a are distant walks and these facilities operate above capacity;

Whereas, recreation and fitness facilities have an essential role in supporting the health and wellbeing of the Cornell community;

Be it therefore resolved, we request that the administration Vice President Lombardi work with students, recreation staff members, and the community to address the accessibility and affordability of fitness centers and other recreational services on campus;

Be it further resolved, the Student Assembly recommends that the Division of Student and Campus Life immediately explore the feasibility of acquiring space, or using existing space, to develop a fitness center in Collegetown;

48 **Be it further resolved**, the Student Assembly requests that group exercise and recreation activities be
49 offered in the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts until a new space is developed;
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51 **Be it further resolved**, the Student Assembly asks that the administration plan to develop a community
52 center in Collegetown, or work with private developers to address such need, to include a fitness
53 center, recreation space, and dining unit, to improve the student experience;
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55 **Be it further resolved**, the Division of Student and Campus Life should establish plans to renovate and
56 expand Helen Newman, or construct a new recreation facility, to meet the growing needs of
57 North Campus, while taking into consideration Cornell University Sustainable Design’s proposal
58 for a “Beebe Lake Redevelopment”;
59
60 **Be it further resolved**, we ask that the Division of Student and Campus Life recognize that fitness
61 centers should serve, to some degree, as community centers as Noyes Community Center does
62 on West Campus and that centralized facilities are more conducive toward community-building
63 than satellite facilities;
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65 **Be it finally resolved**, we ask that this resolution be sent to President Hunter Rawlings, President-elect
66 Martha Pollack, Provost Michael Kotlikoff, Vice President for Student and Campus Life Ryan
67 Lombardi, Dean of Student Vijay Pendakur, and any others deemed appropriate.
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71 **Respectfully Submitted,**
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73 Alexander Iglesias '17
74 *Human Ecology Representative, Student Assembly*
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76 Justin Selig '17
77 *Engineering Representative, Student Assembly*
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79 Ashwin Viswanathan '20
80 *Freshman Representative, Student Assembly*
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83 *Reviewed by: Health & Wellness Committee, March 21, 2017*



Originally Presented on:	03/30/2017
Type of Action:	Investigation
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #36

2 Promoting University Action Against Pipeline Expansion

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4 **Abstract:** This resolution urges Cornell University to acknowledge the human rights and
5 environmental implications of pipelines, and to take strategic institutional actions to inhibit their
6 expansion.

7 **Sponsored by: Matt Indimine '18**

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9 **Whereas,** pipelines remain an integral part of the fossil fuel extraction industry, in which
10 extraction, transportation, and combustion of fossil fuels has a detrimental effect on human
11 health and the environment;

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13 **Whereas,** pipeline spills are responsible for extensive environmental damage and seriously
14 pollute clean water sources;

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16 **Whereas,** environmental damage due to pipelines, train transportation of oil, and emissions from
17 processing refineries all disproportionately threaten low-income communities of color and/or
18 sovereign Native American communities on lands guaranteed through nation-to-nation treaties
19 who often do not have the resources to recover from such incidents that may destroy vital ways
20 of life;

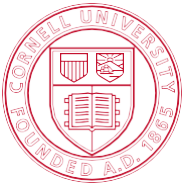
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22 **Whereas,** the average number of significant pipeline spills based on the past three years' data is
23 310, or nearly equivalent to one spill per day;

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25 **Whereas,** the average numbers of fatalities and injuries due to significant pipeline incidents in
26 the past three years have been 15 and 74, respectively, which does not include other pipeline-
27 related fatalities and injuries;

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29 **Whereas,** the costs of pipeline spills across the U.S. have exceeded \$4.7 billion since 2006,
30 footed by the pipelines' owners, though some environmental damage cannot be reversed with
31 money;

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33 **Whereas,** as of mid-March 2017, there have been 35 significant pipeline incidents resulting in
34 one fatality, five injuries, and \$28,000,000 in costs;

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36 **Whereas,** natural gas (methane) pipelines leaked around 13.2 billion cubic feet of the extremely
37 potent greenhouse gas methane into the atmosphere between 2010 and 2015, which is enough
38 methane to heat around 170,000 homes;



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40 **Whereas**, the total number of permanent jobs to be created by a large pipeline such as the
41 Keystone XL pipeline is only around 35, making it a poor investment in terms of job growth;

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43 **Whereas**, pipeline infrastructure also exists within the vicinity of Cornell University;

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45 **Whereas**, the New Market Project by Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI), is a proposed natural
46 gas pipeline through Central New York State, the Southern Tier, and Pennsylvania that has the
47 necessary regulatory approval to break ground;

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49 **Whereas**, this natural gas pipeline would impact wetlands, be an environmental hazard in the
50 likely event of a leakage, and decrease property values and homeowners' ability to obtain
51 insurance;

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53 **Whereas**, the consultation process used to obtain government approval of DTI's proposed
54 pipeline did not specify deadlines for community comments and dismissed comments that were
55 submitted past the unspecified deadlines or lacked legal representation;

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57 **Whereas**, this consultation process thus dismissed the voices of many New York State
58 communities and federally recognized Haudenosaunee Nations who will be impacted and may
59 have had strong reasons to oppose the project;

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61 **Whereas**, Cornell University is situated on the unceded homelands of the Cayuga Nation, one of
62 the six nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy;

63 **Whereas**, the Haudenosaunee have a strong commitment to sustainable stewardship of their
64 homelands and have brought their concerns over the pollution of Onondaga Lake before the
65 United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

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67 **Whereas**, DTI's proposed pipeline would create only 10-12 permanent jobs;

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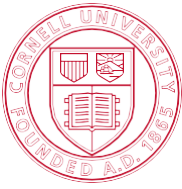
69 **Whereas**, NYSEG is concerned about the safety of the current state of natural gas infrastructure
70 in Tompkins County and has proposed to construct the West Dryden Road natural gas pipeline to
71 address this issue;

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73 **Whereas**, this puts Tompkins County residents at physical and economic risk if something were
74 to go wrong with the West Dryden Road pipeline;

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76 **Whereas**, the Tompkins County Energy and Economic Development Task Force has been
77 looking into alternatives to the West Dryden Road pipeline since its proposal in 2016;



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79 **Whereas**, Tompkins County has demonstrated its commitment towards environmental
80 sustainability through its stated goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 80% of 2008 levels
81 by 2050;

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83 **Whereas**, the Dryden Research Coalition estimates that natural gas leakages from a new pipeline
84 may increase greenhouse gas emissions in Tompkins County by 28% over the 2008 emissions
85 figure, undercutting the County's goal;

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87 **Whereas**, both of these local pipelines come with a set of serious environmental and health risks,
88 do not create job growth, may greatly increase greenhouse gas emissions, do not move towards
89 the region's renewable energy economy goals, and face local opposition from both individuals
90 and municipalities;

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92 **Whereas**, the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) has become a flashpoint for struggles against
93 pipelines and fossil fuels across the United States and around the world;

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95 **Whereas**, the Dakota Access Pipeline has been panned on an international level for its
96 unconstitutional violations of treaty obligations, desecrations of burial sites and sacred lands,
97 serious risks of environmental hazards, threats to the public water supply, and use of private
98 security violence, among other things;

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100 **Whereas**, the Dakota Access Pipeline has been spearheaded by the "Energy Transfer Family"
101 (Energy Transfer Partners, Energy Transfer Equity, Dakota Access, and Sunoco Logistics),
102 which is financed by major international banks;

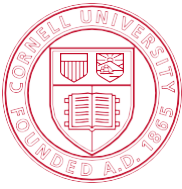
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104 **Whereas**, if completed, the Keystone XL pipeline projected resurrected by the Trump
105 administration will pose similar threats to communities and the planet;

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107 **Whereas**, Wells Fargo has committed over \$100 million directly to the Dakota Access Pipeline
108 through its financing of Energy Transfer entities;

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110 **Whereas**, Wells Fargo also holds substantial investments in private prison corporations, the
111 subprime mortgage crisis, and other grave injustices against working and oppressed peoples;

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113 **Whereas**, Cornell has an obligation to use its institutional power to fight social injustices and in
114 particular, to fulfill its obligation as a land grant college to benefit communities and the
115 environment;

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117 **Whereas**, Cornell's Ithaca campus is committed to reaching carbon neutrality by 2035 through
118 the Climate Action Plan (CAP);

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120 **Whereas**, the University's sustainability efforts have thus far earned a celebrated STARS Gold
121 rating and historically placed Cornell as AASHE's most "green" campus;

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123 **Whereas**, given Cornell University's history as a land grant institution situated on the homelands
124 of the Cayuga Nation who were forcibly removed by the Continental Army in 1779, Cornell
125 University ought to join institutions such as the University of California system in using its
126 institutional power to ensure the safety of the local communities it is pledged to serve and to give
127 a stronger voice to Indigenous Peoples;

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129 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Cornell University shall publicly condemn the Dominion, West
130 Dryden, Dakota Access, and Keystone XL pipelines;

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132 **Be it further resolved**, that Cornell University shall commit its resources as a land-grant
133 institution to fighting local pipeline expansion and aiding in the development of alternative
134 energy infrastructure;

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136 **Be it further resolved**, that Cornell University conduct and publish a review of its financial and
137 programmatic ties to Wells Fargo Bank, Energy Transfer Partners, Energy Transfer Equity,
138 Dakota Access, and Sunoco Logistics, entities closely associated with the Dakota Access
139 Pipeline;

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141 **Be it further resolved**, that the Office of University Investments shall consider establishing
142 financial ties to Native-owned banks such as F&M Bank and Lumbee Guaranty Bank, banks
143 owned by people of color, or local banks and credit unions.

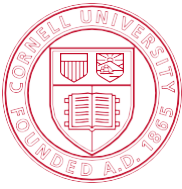
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145 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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148 *Co-Chair of Native American Students at Cornell (NASAC)*

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151 *Co-Facilitator of Amnesty International at Cornell University (AI@CU)*

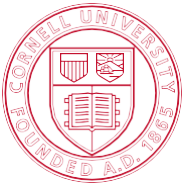
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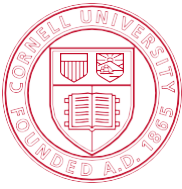
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159 Dylan Stevenson Ph.D '21 (Potawatomi)
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162 Alissa Jaquin '18 (Onondaga)
163 *Member of Native American Students at Cornell (NASAC)*
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165 Isis Encinas '20
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168 Emerson Shenandoah '20 (Onondaga, Snipe Clan)
169 *Member of NASAC*
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171 Hi'ilei Casco '18 (Native Hawaiian)
172 *Co-President, Cornell Hawai'i Club*
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174 Shannon Nakamoto J.D. '18 (Arikara)
175 *President, Cornell Law School's Native American Law Students Association (NALSA)*
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177 Zachary de Stefan '18
178 *Secretary of Amnesty International at Cornell University (AI@CU)*
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180 Alexandra Phelps '20
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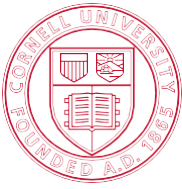
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196 *President of the ALANA Intercultural Board*
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200 *Executive Director of Cornell Lending Library*
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202 Leighton Fernando Cook '18
203 *Co-Chair of el Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (MEChA)*
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205 Arwa Awan '17
206 *Co-President of the Islamic Alliance for Justice (IAJ)*
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208 Kyla Chasalow '20
209 *Member of Amnesty International at Cornell University (AI@CU)*
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211 Samir Durvasula '17
212 *Vice President of South Asian Council (SAC)*
213 *President of Cornell Hindu Students Council (HSC)*
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215 Luis Verdi '19
216 *Vice President of Operations of First Generation Student Union*
217 *Chapter Development Chair of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)*
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219 Cole Norgaarden '17
220 *Director of Environmental Justice Initiatives, Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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222 Delmar Fears '19
223 *Political Action Chair of Black Students' United (BSU)*
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225 Jaylexia Clark '19
226 *Co-President of Black Students United (BSU)*
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228 Christopher Talavera '19
229 *President of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. - Chi Chapter*
230 *Campus Visit Co-Chair of CU IMAGE*
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232 Maria Chak '18
233 *Co-President of Minority Industrial and Labor Relations Student Organization (MILRSO)*



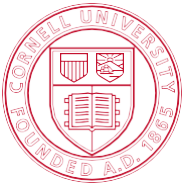
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244 Santiago Uhlmann '19
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247 Elizabeth Chi '18
248 *Ex Campaign Coordinator, Climate Justice Cornell*
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250 Amy Li '20
251 *Member of Climate Justice Cornell at Cornell University*
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253 Helen Kuo '20
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256 Lavannya Pulluveetil Barrera
257 *Co-Chair of el Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA)*
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259 Brendon Brown '18
260 *Outreach Chair, Climate Justice Cornell*
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262 Erin Holbrook '19
263 *Education Chair, Climate Justice Cornell*
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265 Nathaniel Allan-Rahill '18
266 *Campaign Coordinator, Climate Justice Cornell*
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268 Keshara Senanayake '18
269 *Vice President of Promotions for the Class of 2018*
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271 Allison Considine '17
272 *Chancellor of Agitation for the Cornell Organization for Labor Action*



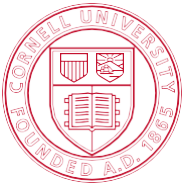
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274 Emily Dong '18
275 *Director of Advocacy, Cornell Asian Pacific Islander Student Union (CAPSU) & Member of*
276 *Asian Pacific Americans for Action (APAA)*
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278 Travis Ghirdharie '17
279 *President, Cornell University's First Generation Student Union (FGSU)*
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281 Katy Habr '18
282 *Treasurer, Cornell Organization for Labor Action*
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284 Xiao Yin Ma '18
285 *Member of Asian Pacific Americans for Action (APAA)*
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287 Annie Fernández '17
288 *Chair, Cornell IvyQ LGBTQ Conference*
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290 Simone Smith '20
291 *Logistics Chair, Women of Color Coalition*
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293 Jennifer Juliano '17
294 *Co-Facilitator, Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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296 Leilani Peralta '20
297 *Member of Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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299 Christopher Galantino '19
300 *Community Development Committee, Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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302 Emma Hoarty '19
303 *VP of Communications, Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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305 Audrey Stanton '19
306 *President of Society for Natural Resources Conservation of Cornell University (SNRC)*
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308 Mitchell Lee '19
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311 Fauna Mahootian '19



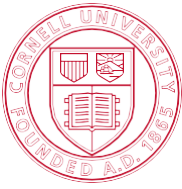
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- 312 *Member of Design Committee, Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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314 Jessica Biggott '20
315 *Member of Society for Natural Resource Conservation of Cornell University (SNRC)*
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317 Sophia May '20
318 *Member of Cornell Organization for Labor Action (COLA)*
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320 Gabriela Vega '19
321 *General Body Secretary, Climate Justice Cornell (CJC)*
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323 Simran J. Khosla '20
324 *Member of Amnesty International at Cornell University (AI @ CU)*
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326 Gwyn Sofka '19
327 *Vice President and Secretary of Society for Natural Resources Conservation of Cornell*
328 *University (SNRC)*
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330 Sukanya Dayal '19
331 *Member of Society for Natural Resources Conservation of Cornell University (SNRC)*
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333 Maya Chang Matunis '20
334 *Member of Climate Justice Cornell (CJC), Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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336 Briana Joan Binkerd-Dale '17
337 *Member of Climate Justice Cornell (CJC), Non-Traditional Student Organization Cornell*
338 *University (NSOCU)*
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340 Elizabeth Villedrouin '19
341 *Public Relations Coordinator of Society for Natural Resources Conservation of Cornell*
342 *University (SNRC)*
343 *Philanthropy Chair of Les Femmes de Substance*
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345 Amy Gonzalez '20
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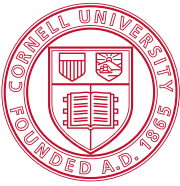
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352 *Member of Society for Natural Resources Conservation of Cornell University (SNRC)*
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354 Emma Badini '20
355 *Member of Climate Justice Cornell (CJC) at Cornell University*
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357 Keanna Chang '18
358 *Member of Society for Natural Resources Conservation of Cornell University (SNRC) and*
359 *Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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361 Hassan Saleem '20
362 *Member of Cornell Organization for Labor Action*
363
364 Julie Kapuvari '19
365 *Community Retention Coordinator of Climate Justice Cornell (CJC) and Member of Cornell*
366 *Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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368 Yorda Girmay '19
369 *Member of Climate Justice Cornell (CJC) and Society for Natural Resources Conservation of*
370 *Cornell University (SNRC)*
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372 Amairani Marin Tovar '20
373 *Member of Society for Natural Resources Conservation of Cornell University (SNRC)*
374
375 Adam High '20
376 *Member of Society for Natural Resources Conservation of Cornell University (SNRC)*
377
378 Read Barbee '20
379 *Member of Project Greenhouse, Cornell Wildlife Society and Cornell Beekeeping Club*
380
381 Sam Schultz '18
382 *Co-president of Project Greenhouse, Member of Friends of the Gorge (FOG) and Ecology*
383 *House*
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385 Taylor Hughes '18
386 *Director of Waste Not, Co-Director of Cornell Thrift*
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388 Marlene Berke '19
389 *Member of Society for Natural Resources Conservation of Cornell University (SNRC)*



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- 390
391 Cynthia Chu '20
392 *Member of Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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394 Chelsea Peterson '19
395 *Member Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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397 Venus Dulani '19
398 *Co-President of Big Red Bikes and Member of the International Student Union (ISU)*
399
400 Brittney Thompson '18
401 *Member of Cornell Waste Council (CWC)*
402
403 Nadine Fuller '19
404 *Member of Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO)*
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406 Gunnar Glover '19
407 *Member of Cornell Waste Council (CWC)*
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409 Matt Indimine '18
410 *EVP, Student Assembly*
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412 Ana Yu '17
413 *Vice Facilitator, Cornell Asian Pacific Islander Student Union*
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415 Alanna Salwen '19
416 *Co-Chair, Young Democratic Socialists at Cornell*
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418 Eli Corning '20
419 *SA Env. Committee Member, Young Democratic Socialists at Cornell Member*
420
421 Janet Back '19
422 *Public Affairs Chair of Amnesty International at Cornell University (AI@CU)*
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424 Kelly McClure '17
425
426 *Passed by: Executive Committee*



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Originally Presented on:	03/30/2017
Type of Action:	Investigation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #37

Recommendations for College of Business Curriculum Review

ABSTRACT: This resolution requests an investigation the curriculum of the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, as well as curriculum discrepancies between the two undergraduate schools in the S.C. Johnson College of Business.

Sponsored by: Varun Devatha '19

Whereas, the recent implementation of the S.C. Johnson College of Business has resulted in increased overlap between the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management and;

Whereas, the School of Hotel Administration will soon conduct a curriculum review and;

Whereas, a review of the mean grade differences between the business minor courses has been conducted by the S.C. Johnson College of Business and;

Whereas, there is reasonable suspicion that there is a mean grade difference in equivalent coursework between Hotel and Dyson and;

Whereas, there are curriculum concerns in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and management, such as there being only one lecturer in the management department at a school of management,

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly requests a curriculum review of the Dyson College of Applied Economics and Management and;

Be it further resolved, that in these curriculum reviews an examination of course discrepancies and mean grade differences should be carried out;

Be it finally resolved, that a copy of this resolution be made available to the Dean of the S.C. Johnson College of Business, all deputy deans thereof, and to all other persons deemed appropriate;

Respectfully Submitted,

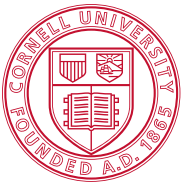
Caleb Sturman '19

Member, Student Assembly Academic Policy Committee

Varun Devatha '19

Vice President of Outreach, Student Assembly

Reviewed by: Academic Policy Committee, 14-0-1, 03/26/2017



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Originally Presented on:	04/13/2017
Type of Action:	TYPE: Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #38 Special Projects: Slope Day

ABSTRACT: This resolution gives the Slope Day Programming Board \$12,000 as SA Special Projects funding.

Sponsored by: Weihong Rong '18, Gabe Kaufman '18, Diana Li '17

Whereas, Article II of the Charter of the Student Assembly states that the Student Assembly has “the authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community and to make proposals concerning those issues to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University;” and

Whereas, the Slope Day Programming Board (SDPB) is tasked with coordinating and planning Slope Day in a manner consistent with the health and safety of the student body; and

Whereas, the Student Assembly has reserved money through SA Special Projects for the sake of financing student initiatives that improve the quality of undergraduate student life; and

Whereas, the SDPB submitted a SA Special Projects funding request¹, intending:

1. To “provide free breakfast related sandwiches to students prior to the event to reduce alcohol related emergencies”
2. To offer “an event for students who may not wish to attend the crowded, alcohol-influenced concert on the slope” (Alternative Slope Day); and

Whereas, the SDPB requested \$10,000 to cover the cost of the breakfast sandwiches and \$2,000 to cover the cost of Alternative Slope Day for a total funding request of \$12,000; and

Whereas, the SDPB has sought out other sources of funding to cover the aforementioned costs to the greatest extent possible; and

Whereas, the Appropriations Committee has approved, by a vote of 8-0-2, the \$12,000 disbursement at its March 27, 2017 meeting; and

Whereas, Section 8, sub-section B, rule 9 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules reads that “[SA Special Projects funding] requests \$1500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Appropriations Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The SA, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$1500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution;” then

Be it Therefore Resolved, the Student Assembly formally approves this SA Special Projects request, effective immediately; and

Be it Finally Resolved, that the Student Assembly disburses \$12,000 to the Slope Day Programming Board.

¹ See Appendix A: Slope Day: Special Projects Funding Request

48 **Respectfully Submitted,**
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50 Gabe Kaufman '18
51 *Ex-officio Member, Student Assembly*
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53 Weihong Rong '18
54 *College of Arts and Sciences Representative, Student Assembly*
55 *Member, Appropriations Committee*
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57 Diana Li '17
58 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*
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60 *Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 8-0-2, March 27, 2017*

Slope Day Special Projects Funding Request

Name and NetID of Requestor: August Larmer DiFilippo – ajl349

ii. Name of Sponsoring Organizations: Slope Day Programming Board

iii. Title of Event or Project: Slope Day Breakfast & Alternative Slope Day

iv. Detailed Summary of Event or Project: Last year, Slope Day Programming Board developed an initiative to provide free breakfast sandwiches to students prior to the event to reduce alcohol related emergencies. Slope Day is a day where students participate in high risk drinking and this risk is exacerbated when students do not eat prior to drinking alcohol. Given the success of the program in 2016, we are seeking funds to repeat the event.

We are also seeking funds to support Alternative Slope Day. Alternative Slope Day is meant to serve as an event for students who may not wish to attend the crowded, alcohol-influenced concert on the Slope. Students would be taken to the Hoffman Challenge Course where they will participate in various activities on the ropes course. This event also promotes the health and wellbeing of students as it gives students, who may otherwise participate in high risk behaviors, an opportunity to do something different on May 11th.

v. Date(s) of Event or Project: Slope Day 2017 – May 11, 2017

vi. Location(s) of Event or Project, including any information about whether any specific spaces have been reserved (if applicable): There will be two stations strategically placed to increase the impact of the breakfast. One will be in front of the Thurston Ave. Bridge and the other will be in college town (*likely in front of the Schwartz Center*). It has also brought up by Gannett to explore ‘mobile packs’ where volunteers can take the sandwiches, fruit, and water and widely distribute them which will also be explored as an option.

As for Alternative Slope Day, this opportunity will be widely advertised to the Cornell community and any undergraduate student is offered the chance to attend this event. However, space for this event is limited so only a finite number of students will be able to attend. In the past, roughly 150 students attended the event throughout the day.

vii. Total amount requested from the Student Assembly special projects funding: \$12,000

viii. Itemized list of expenses related to the Event or Project:

Cornell Catering: \$10,000
Alternative Slope Day: \$2,000

ix. Itemized list of other income sources (if any) related to the Event or Project:

N/A

x. Itemized list of co-sponsors and their contributions (if any):

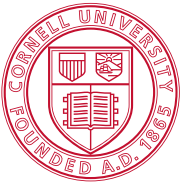
Bartel's Co-Sponsorship: \$500

xi. Expected attendance or size of potential for impact of Project or Event: 4,000+

xii. Plan for how this project or event will be accessible by all undergraduate students:

Naturally, these initiatives aim to reach as many undergraduate students as possible. By setting up the breakfast in commonly passed locations and widely advertising both events with both social media and flyers, these events should be accessible to every undergraduate student.

xiii. Organizations receiving SAFC funding must detail why SAFC cannot be applied: N/A



Originally Presented on:	04/13/2017
Type of Action:	Internal Policy
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #39
2 Creation of the Vice President of External Affairs

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution combines the Vice President of Public Relations and the Vice
5 President of Outreach role into the single position of the Vice President of External Affairs.

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7 **Sponsored by: Matt Indimine '18 and Edem Dzodzomenyo '20**

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9 **Whereas**, the Vice President of Outreach and the Vice President for Public Relations have overlapping
10 roles and responsibilities;

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12 **Whereas**, the overlapping roles and responsibilities often cause confusion for members of the executive
13 committee and the assembly as to who is responsible for completing a particular task;

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15 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Vice President of Outreach and the Vice President for Public
16 Relations roles be combined into the Vice President of External Affairs beginning in the 2017-
17 2018 academic year;

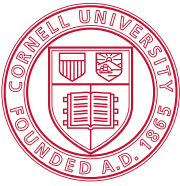
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19 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly Bylaws be amended as follows:

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21 **Article II Section 1: Officers (lines 30-33) will be amended to read:**

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23 The officers of the SA shall be a President, an Executive Vice President, a Vice President of
24 Internal Operations, a Vice President for Finance, ~~a Vice President for Public Relations~~, a Vice
25 President of External Affairs, a Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, ~~a Vice President of~~
26 ~~Outreach~~, a Director of Elections, a Parliamentarian, and an Executive Archivist. These officers
27 shall perform the duties prescribed by this Charter and by the parliamentary authority adopted
28 by the SA.

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30 **Article II Section 2: Election and Appointment of Officers, Time of**
31 **Election/Appointment (lines 35-46) will be amended to read:**

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33 The SA will, as soon as possible after the spring election, hold an organizational and planning
34 meeting in executive session. At this meeting, the voting members will elect from among
35 themselves the offices of Vice President of Internal Operations, Vice President for Finance, ~~Vice~~
36 ~~President for Public Relations~~, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Diversity
37 and Inclusion, ~~Vice President of Outreach~~. The voting members will elect from the Cornell
38 community (student, employee, faculty, alumnus living in Ithaca) the office of Director of
39 Elections. Self-nomination will be in order in each of the elected offices. Elected officers should
40 be approved by a majority vote of SA members present at organizational meeting. Additionally,
41 at this meeting the members will affirm the appointments of Parliamentarian and Executive
42 Archivist. The offices of Parliamentarian and Executive Archivist will be appointed by the SA
43 President. Each nominee for the respective offices shall be subject to majority approval of the
44 SA voting members. The newly elected officers will undertake the responsibilities of their
45 position at the start of their term on the SA. Elections for officers shall be by secret ballots. SA



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46 voting members may have one vote for each position to be filled, but may not vote for any one
47 individual twice on any ballot.
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49 **Article III: OFFICER DUTIES Section 5: Vice President for Public Relations (lines 121-**
50 **139) will be removed and the Vice President of External Affairs will be created:**

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52 **Section 5: Vice President for Public Relations**

53 The responsibilities of the Vice President for Public Relations are as follows:

- 54 1. ~~Prepare a weekly email to be sent over email to the entire undergraduate student~~
55 ~~body each week with the agenda. (Undergraduates may choose to opt-out of this~~
56 ~~email listserv.) In addition, the Vice President of Public Relations is responsible for~~
57 ~~up to two additional communications with the undergraduate student body per~~
58 ~~month when information must be disseminated in a timely manner.~~
- 59 2. ~~Consult with the Director of Elections regarding elections' advertising.~~
- 60 3. ~~Co-Chair Communications and Outreach Committee. Propose communication~~
61 ~~yearly budget by last meeting in September.~~
- 62 4. ~~Arrange all advertising, postering, banners, etc.~~

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64 **Section 5: Vice President of External Affairs**

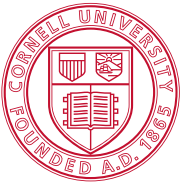
65 The responsibilities of the Vice President of External Affairs are as follows:

- 66 1. Coordinate constituency representatives' community outreach efforts (including, but not
67 limited to, community forums, meetings with Deans, internal school governments, etc.)
- 68 2. Invite all relevant stakeholders to Student Assembly meetings, when the weekly agenda is
69 released
- 70 3. Devise mechanisms for student organizations to become active members in the decision
71 making process of the SA; most importantly, committees.
- 72 4. Oversee the City and Local Affairs Committee and the Technology Committee by assisting
73 and advising the committee chair and attending meetings as necessary.
- 74 5. Chair the Communications and Outreach Committee
- 75 6. Consult with the Director of Elections regarding elections' advertising.
- 76 7. Arrange all advertising, postering, banners, social media, etc.
- 77 8. Serve as a liaison to relevant news sources
- 78 9. Serve as editor of SA newsletter to be sent over email to the entire undergraduate student
79 body at least two times/semester. The newsletter should include the current month's
80 accomplishments and next month's plans, accompanied by the name of a contact person to
81 whom comments and questions may be addressed. Maintain contact with Student Assembly
82 alumni through distribution of the biannual Student Assembly newsletter to any interested
83 alumni.

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86 **Article III: OFFICER DUTIES Section 6: Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion will**
87 **be amended to read (line 140-158):**

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89 **Section 6: Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion**

90 The responsibilities of the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion are as follows:



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- 91 1. Serve as a direct link between the SA and the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, as
- 92 well as the Center for Intercultural Dialogue;
- 93 2. Undergo a diversity training session provided by Human Resources and/or OADI;
- 94 3. Prepare training sessions for the SA on addressing issues of diversity along with the Vice
- 95 President of ~~Outreach~~ External Affairs;
- 96 4. Meet at least monthly with the Associate Vice Provost (OADI) and the Associate Dean of
- 97 Students/Director of Intercultural Programs;
- 98 5. Meet on an as-needed basis with other administrators and staff concerning diversity
- 99 initiatives;
- 100 6. Attend the Diversity Community meetings on a semesterly basis;
- 101 7. Maintain communication with the individual diversity councils of the colleges;
- 102 8. Ensure that legislative acts of the SA are culturally inclusive;
- 103 9. Provide updates on the state of diversity at Cornell and work to align the SA with University
- 104 initiatives;
- 105 10. Work with University-sponsored programs such as the Pre-freshmen Summer Program and
- 106 Diversity Hosting Month to introduce new students to the governance system of Cornell.
- 107 11. Chair the Diversity and Inclusion committee in conjunction with the leaders of the two task
- 108 forces.
- 109 12. Coordinate with the Vice President of ~~Outreach~~ External Affairs to effectively communicate
- 110 with groups that advocate for underrepresented students on campus.

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112 **Article III: OFFICER DUTIES Section 5: Vice President of Outreach (lines 159-168) will**
113 **be removed:**

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115 **~~Section 7: Vice President of Outreach~~**

116 ~~The responsibilities of the Vice President of Outreach are as follows:~~

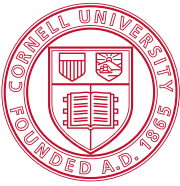
- 117 ~~1. Coordinate constituency representatives' community outreach efforts (including, but not~~
- 118 ~~limited to, community forums, meetings with Deans, internal school governments, etc.)~~
- 119 ~~2. Devise mechanisms for student organizations to become active members in the decision-~~
- 120 ~~making process of the SA; most importantly, committees.~~
- 121 ~~3. Maintain student organization outreach directory.~~
- 122 ~~4. Oversee the City and Local Affairs Committee by assisting and advising the committee chair~~
- 123 ~~and attending meetings as necessary.~~
- 124 ~~5. Co-168 chair the Communications and Outreach Committee.~~

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126 **Article III: OFFICER DUTIES Section 8: Director of Elections, responsibility 2 (lines**
127 **172-173) will be amended to read:**

- 128 2. Assume responsibility for all aspects of the Fall and Spring elections and coordinate all
- 129 efforts with the Director of the Office of the Assemblies, the VP ~~for Public Relations~~
- 130 External Affairs, and the President.

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132 **Article III: OFFICER DUTIES Section 8: Director of Elections, responsibility 5 (lines**
133 **189-191) will be amended to read:**

- 134 10. Make sure, in conjunction with the VP ~~for Public Relations~~ External Affairs, that there are a
- 135 substantial number of potential ballot referenda to be considered for approval by the SA,



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136 and that all approved referenda are advertised along with all elections activities described in
137 #5 above (especially c. and e.).
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139 **Article VI: COMMITTEES Section 2: Review Committees J. City and Local Affairs**
140 **Committee (lines 325-329) will be amended to read:**

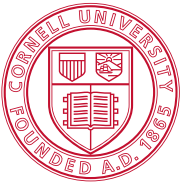
141 **City and Local Affairs Committee** – This committee will advocate on behalf of students’
142 interest at the city and county government levels. In addition to its advocacy work, the
143 committee will organize events that foster a sense of engagement in the Ithaca community for
144 Cornell students. The chair position can be held by any member of the Cornell undergraduate
145 student population and the committee will be under the supervision of the ~~VP of Outreach~~ **Vice**
146 **President of External Affairs**.
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148 **Article VI: COMMITTEES Section 3: Operational Committees D. Infrastructure Fund**
149 **Commission (lines 358-370) will be amended to read:**

150 **Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission** – The SAIF Commission (SAIFC) of
151 the SA is responsible for evaluating applications for funding through the SAIF. The Commission
152 shall consist of 8 voting members of the SA, to be selected by the Assembly at-large during their
153 organizational meetings, which must include the Vice President for Finance, ~~the Vice President~~
154 ~~of Public Relations~~ **External Affairs** of the Student Assembly and one new student, a chair,
155 which cannot be either the Vice President for Finance or the President of the Assembly, and 7
156 undergraduate at-large voting members to be selected by the Staffing Committee. No SAIFC
157 Commissioners shall serve as voting members of the SAIFC (with the exception of the Vice
158 President for Finance). No more than 2 of the voting Student Assembly members on the SAIFC
159 may also be voting members of the Appropriations Committee and no more than 4 of the total
160 voting members on the committee may be voting members of the Appropriations Committee.
161 Quorum shall be defined as a simple majority of all staffed voting members. Upon request, a
162 written summary of the meeting will be provided by the chair. The Director of the Office of the
163 Assemblies or their designee shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.
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165 **Article VI: COMMITTEES Section 3: Operational Committees E. Communications and**
166 **Outreach Committee (lines 371-381) will be amended to read:**

167 **Communications and Outreach Committee** – The Communications and Outreach
168 Committee helps to bridge the disconnect between campus and the Student Assembly. The
169 Assembly strives to foster collaborative student activities, as well as inform the student body
170 about the Student Assembly initiatives, meetings, and resolutions. The committee will ensure a
171 direct and ever present link between students active in campus government, the administration,
172 and students at-large and will relay student interest to the SA. The committee will assist in
173 furthering the outreach efforts of the assembly by aiding in the coordination of SA sponsored
174 events including, but not limited to conducting polls, referenda, community outreach forums,
175 designated constituency events, and hearings. The committee will also assist in coordinating
176 efforts and devising strategies to involve more non-voting members in the decisions and events
177 of the SA. The Assembly plans recreational events for students. The SA ~~VP Public Relations and~~
178 ~~VP Outreach will serve as the Co-Chairs~~ **Vice President of External Affairs will serve as Chair** of
179 the Committee.
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181 **Article VI: COMMITTEES Section 3: Operational Committees F. Technology**
182 **Committee (lines 382-386) will be amended to read:**
183 **Technology Committee** – The Technology Committee will coordinate with Student Assembly
184 representatives to create websites as needed for initiatives that improve campus life and require
185 online platforms, and will work with CIT when possible to update existing websites for the
186 benefit of the Cornell community. The chair or co-chair position can be held by any member of
187 the Cornell undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the supervision
188 of VP of ~~Public Relations~~ External Affairs.
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190 **Article VI: COMMITTEES Section 3: Operational Committees H. Staffing Committee**
191 **(lines 398-408) will be amended to read:**
192 **Staffing Committee** – The committee shall staff any vacant committee positions the Student
193 Assembly (SA) is empowered to staff during meetings in early fall. The committee shall re-
194 evaluate the committee application outreach plan at the end of every spring term. The committee
195 shall also evaluate SA committees' end of the year report, and determine if the SA committee
196 and/or their composition need to be changed. The committee shall be charged with creating and
197 enforcing an attendance policy for all committees. The membership of this committee shall
198 include the SA's President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Finance, ~~Vice President~~
199 ~~of Public Relations, and Vice President of External Affairs,~~ Vice President of Internal
200 Operations, ~~Vice President of Outreach,~~ Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, and all SA
201 committee chairs. Ex-officio membership shall be granted to the Director of the Office of
202 Assemblies. The VP Internal of Operations shall serve as chair. The VP of Internal Operations
203 shall be responsible for consulting with chairpersons of committees and recommending
204 candidates for vacant committee positions to the Staffing Committee.
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206 **Article VI: COMMITTEES Section 4: Diversity A. Diversity and Inclusion Committee**
207 **Subsection d.iii (lines 434-436) will be amended to read:**
208 iii. Student Assembly representation: SA LGBT Liaison at-large, Women's representative,
209 International representative, both Minority Liaisons, and the Vice President of ~~Outreach~~
210 External Affairs are required to be members of the committee.
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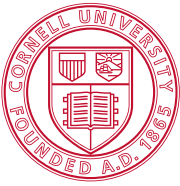
212 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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214 Matthew Indimine '18
215 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*

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217 Edem Dzodzomenyo '20
218 *Freshman Representative, Student Assembly*

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220 Dale Barbaria '19
221 *Parliamentarian, Student Assembly*

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223 *Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 03/27/2017*



Originally Presented on:	03/30/2017
Type of Action:	Investigation
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #40

2 A Comprehensive Investigation into Cornell Exam Scheduling

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution recommends the formation of an ad-hoc committee of faculty and
5 students, charged with exploring inter-departmental exam-scheduling coordination, increased
6 student consultation, increased faculty communication, a reconsideration of the 24-hour rule for
7 final exams, and general transparency concerning exam scheduling procedures.
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10 **Sponsored by: Justin Selig '17**

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12 **Whereas**, the process of exam scheduling has varied widely across departments, relying mostly on
13 discussion between faculty, students remain passive stakeholders in arguably the most important
14 component of their academic pursuits;
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16 **Whereas**, 'exams' shall be herein defined as Tuesday/Thursday registrar-scheduled prelims, registrar-
17 scheduled final exams, and in-class exams occurring at any other times determined by the course
18 instructor;
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20 **Whereas**, faculty whose exams are not scheduled by the university registrar generally consult directly
21 with their students to schedule alternative exam dates. These unilaterally-determined exam dates
22 are typically decided by majority vote without deference to the registrar;
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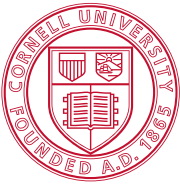
24 **Whereas**, while faculty may try to mitigate exam overlap by considering other courses in that faculty
25 member's major or department, students often take many courses across departments, schools,
26 and colleges of which individual faculty members cannot have extensive knowledge;
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28 **Whereas**, the faculty handbook currently contains language regulating only exam conflicts during finals
29 weeks - with the current maximum limit of three exams in a 24-hour period:
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31 "Evening examinations may be given on Tuesday and Thursday evenings after 7:30 p.m. Large
32 courses (over 30 [students]) may schedule evening exams only with prior permission from the
33 Office of the University Faculty. No permission is required for examinations or make- up
34 examinations involving small numbers of students (under 30 [students]) if given on Tuesday and
35 Thursday" (Faculty Handbook, pg. 77);
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37 **Whereas**, it is possible for students to have more than three final exams in a 48-hour, two-day period,
38 thereby negating the efficacy of the current 24-hour rule for final exams. For example:
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40 Exam 1: 9am, Day 1
41 Exam 2: 12pm, Day 1
42 Exam 3: 12pm, Day 2
43 Exam 4: 7pm, Day 2;
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45 **Whereas**, as a result of disjoint exam-scheduling methods, students are limited in their course choices as
46 they are discouraged from taking classes with conflicting exam times. These times are typically
47 released on syllabi in the first few days of a course;

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49 **Whereas**, students following similar course tracks who experience clustered exam schedules should be
50 easily identified by their respective departments;

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52 **Whereas**, prelim exam scheduling is handled by the registrar for T/TH exams based mostly on room-
53 availability, however, there is no explicit policy for rescheduling MWF exams or in-class exams;

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55 **Whereas**, the Academic Policy Committee performed an initial investigation into inter-departmental
56 procedures for exam scheduling, (including CHEM, ECE, CS, ILR, ECON, PSYCH, HDD,
57 MATH, PAM) and received responses by department chairs validating mixed procedures and
58 minimizing the negative mental health effects of exam-taking in favor of current procedures;

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60 **Whereas**, exams are arguably the broadest and most universal university-imposed source of mental
61 stress;

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63 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly recommends the Faculty Senate form a committee
64 with members of the faculty and undergraduate student body to investigate possible solutions to
65 the problems tied to exam-scheduling outlined above;

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67 **Be it further resolved**, that the proposed committee look into extending the 24-hour rule to a longer 30
68 or 36-hour rule that prevents the possibility of a student having more than three exams in a two-
69 day, 48-hour period;

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71 **Be it further resolved**, the Academic Policy Committee recommends other potential topics to be
72 investigated, including:

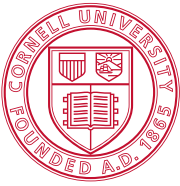
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- 74 • Scheduling of exams during religious holidays.
 - 75 • Exam conflicts with other forms of evaluation including group projects, essays, and labs;

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77 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly recommends the proposed committee look into the
78 feasibility of the following solutions:

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- 80 • Including language in the faculty handbook to suggest consulting students to set exam
81 dates.
 - 82 • Consulting the EPC on ideas for conflict mitigation;

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84 **Be it further resolved**, that solutions determined feasible by this committee be considered for
85 implementation across all undergraduate university departments;

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88 **Be it finally resolved**, that this resolution be forwarded to the Dean of Faculty, the Dean of Students,
89 and the Educational Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate;



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