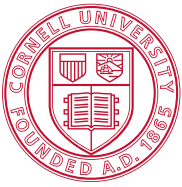


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Agenda of the Thursday, February 11 Meeting
4:45-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. ***Forum: Questions to the Provost - Financial Aid for International + Undocumented Students; 4:45-5:45pm***
- III. **Open Microphone**
- IV. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes**
 - a. [*Minutes of the February 4 Meeting*](#)
- V. **Announcements and Reports**
 - a. Transfer Representative Chessin - Hotel School
 - b. UA Representative Indimine
 - c. At-Large Representative Kaufman - Faculty Senate
- VI. **Initiatives**
 - a. *Breaking Bread: A Conversation Between the SA Members and the Minority Community:* VP of Outreach Chak and VP of Diversity & Inclusion Chaudhary
- VII. **Business of the Day**
 - a. [*Resolution 29*](#): Improving Academic Advising
 - b. [*Resolution 36*](#): Attendance Policy
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. [*Resolution 37*](#): Wishing a Speedy Recovery to President Garrett
 - b. [*Resolution 38*](#): Continuing to Promote Community Feedback on the College of Business



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Originally Presented on:	11/19/15
Type of Action:	Sense of the Body
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #29
2 Improving Academic Advising

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution recommends that the Faculty Senate work with the Student Assembly
5 to improve academic advising for undergraduates.

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7 Sponsors: Katie Zhu '18, Gabriel Kaufman '18

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9 **Whereas**, the relationship between faculty and students is an integral part of the Cornell experience;

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11 **Whereas**, faculty-student advising serves the function of fostering closer relationships between
12 faculty and undergraduates at an individual level;

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14 **Whereas**, according to the 2015 PULSE survey, 34% of overall students at Cornell were either
15 'Generally dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied' with academic advising;¹

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17 **Whereas**, overall student satisfaction with academic advising is 17% lower than Cornell's
18 overall student satisfaction;²

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20 **Whereas**, page 84 of the Faculty Handbook reads, "The precise form of this [student] advising
21 varies from one academic unit to another and is ordinarily established by the department chair or
22 dean in consultation with individual faculty members;"

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24 **Whereas**, the Faculty Senate's Educational Policy Committee is tasked with considering
25 revisions to the Faculty Handbook;

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27 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Student Assembly recommends that the Faculty Senate
28 Educational Policy Committee consider adding more specific language outlining the precise
29 obligations faculty advisors have to undergraduates to the faculty handbook, and that this
30 language be added at the broad discretion of the EPC.

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32 Respectfully Submitted,

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34 Katie Zhu '18

35 *CALS Representative, Student Assembly*

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37 Gabriel Kaufman '18

¹ See Appendix A

² Ibid.

Satisfaction with Cornell

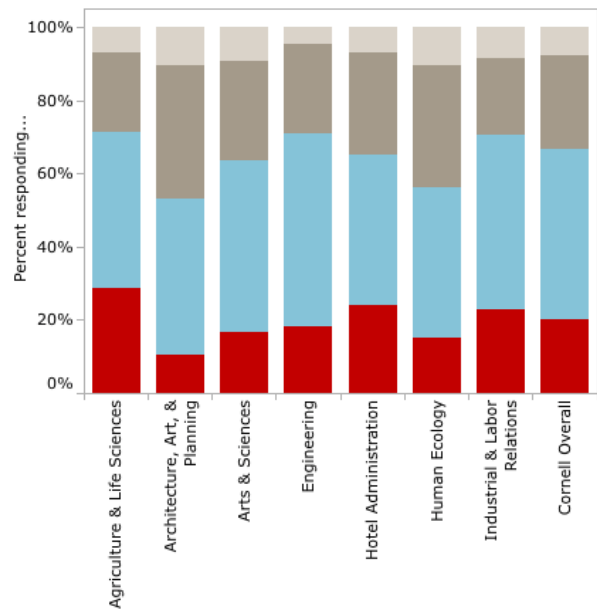
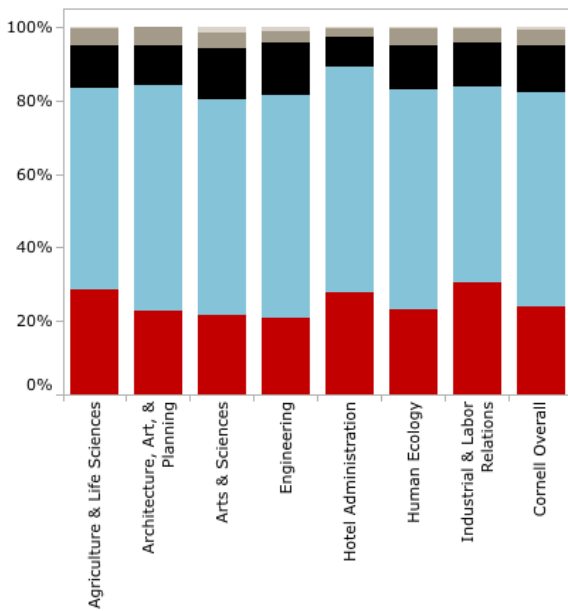
Overall, how satisfied have you been with your undergraduate education so far?

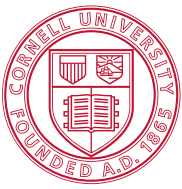
Satisfaction with:

Academic advising

Very satisfied
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Generally dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied

Very satisfied
Generally satisfied
Generally dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied





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Originally Presented on:	02/04/16
Type of Action:	Charter Change
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #36
2 Attendance Policy

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution amends the attendance policy in the Student Assembly Charter.

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7 Sponsored by: Matthew Stefanko '16

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9 Whereas, the current policy on absences grants the Executive Committee of the Student Assembly the
10 ability to avert a vacancy by a unanimous vote;

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12 Whereas, given the political nature of the body, a unanimous vote allows any member of the Executive
13 Committee to vacate a representative for political reasons such as an upcoming election or
14 differing viewpoint;

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16 Be it therefore resolved, that Article IV Section 5 of the Student Assembly charter be amended as
17 follows:

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19 **Section 5: Absentees**

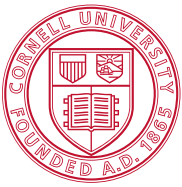
20 Any voting members who are absent for three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings or for six
21 regularly scheduled meetings cumulatively during their term will have their position vacated. The
22 Executive Committee may avert such a vacancy by a ~~unanimous~~ two-thirds vote of all voting members
23 of the Executive Committee. The vote would be conducted by secret ballot. The Executive Committee
24 should consider the reasoning for past absences, the likelihood of future absences, and the
25 representative's supplemental actions to represent their respective constituency in making their decision.
26 The same action must be taken if the Executive Committee wishes to avert a vacancy whenever the three
27 consecutive absences or the six cumulative absences mark is exceeded. **The Director of Elections will**
28 **serve as Chair for these meetings.**

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31 Respectfully Submitted,

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33 Matthew Stefanko '16
34 *Vice President of Finance, Student Assembly*

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36 Jordan Berger '17
37 *Parliamentarian, Student Assembly*

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40 *(Reviewed by: EXEC, 2/2/2016)*



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Originally Presented on:	2/11/2016
Type of Action:	Sense of the Body
Status/Result:	New Business

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S.A. Resolution #37
Wishing a Speedy Recovery to President Garrett

ABSTRACT: The Student Assembly and the Student Assembly Health and Wellness Committee wish President Garrett a speedy recovery.

Sponsored by: Dustin Liu '19 on behalf of the Student Assembly Health and Wellness Committee

Whereas, President Garrett was inaugurated as the 13th President of Cornell University on September 18, 2015;

Whereas, the Student Assembly is elected by, and representative of, the student body,

Whereas, the students of Cornell University are concerned for the well being of President Garrett.

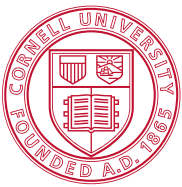
Whereas, President Garrett will be receiving the best possible care from a team of doctors at Weill Cornell Medicine;

Be it therefore resolved, the Cornell Student Assembly, the Health and Wellness Committee, and the entire undergraduate student body are supportive of President Garrett through her treatment and wish her a speedy recovery.

Respectfully Submitted,

- Lavanya Aprameya '19;
- Akua A. Asare '17
- Jordan Berger '17
- Carolina Bieri '16
- Hope Craig '16
- Malvika Dahiya '19
- Cristina Dan '17
- Aislyn DiRisio '16
- Rythika Francis '19
- Alex Iglesias '17, *Physical Subcommittee Chair, Student Assembly*
- Matt Indimine '18, *Chair of Health and Wellness Committee, Student Assembly*
- Matthew Jirsa '19
- Ryan Kim '19
- Dustin Liu '19, *Freshman Representative, Student Assembly*
- Cambra Lee-Shapiro '18
- Alexandra Miles '19
- Claudia Steck '16
- Jacqueline Weiss '19

(Reviewed by: Health and Wellness Committee, 2/9/16)



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Originally Presented on:	2/11/2016
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #38

Continuing to Promote Community Feedback on the College of Business

ABSTRACT: This resolution requests that President Garrett and Provost Kotlikoff grant the SA the ability to appoint student representatives to serve on the recently formed committees that will advise them in successfully implementing the new College of Business with as much community feedback as possible.

Sponsored by: Gabe Kaufman'18

Whereas, neither the Student Assembly nor any student was consulted before the College of Business was announced during finals week in December 2015; and

Whereas, in the past, it has been customary for the President and Provost to consult with members of shared governance bodies before making decisions that impact those constituencies in substantial ways; and

Whereas, previous resolutions passed by the UA, SA, and Faculty Senate urging the Trustees to table the college to allow time for community feedback were ignored; and

Whereas, President Garrett and Provost Kotlikoff wrote in their announcement of the College of Business's approval that, "The creation of the College of Business is an ongoing, inclusive process that will unfold over the next several months. With the intention of launching the College of Business in the 2016-17 academic year, faculty and academic leaders will work together to develop the many details of the new integrated structure. Additionally, advisory committees consisting of students, faculty, staff, and alumni representatives have been formed to ensure that the decisions reached on academic organization, governance, and other important elements are broadly informed and address the concerns of the entire community."

Whereas, there are presently no members of shared governance on any of the committees aforementioned;

Whereas, Provost Kotlikoff proclaimed that he would welcome shared governance liaisons to the recently created committees;

Be it therefore resolved, that President accept two students appointed by the Student Assembly to serve as members of the Undergraduate Student Synergy Group; and

Be it further resolved, that the President accept one student appointed by the Student Assembly to represent student interests on each of the search committees for the new dean of the Hotel School and dean of the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management.

Be it finally resolved that no sponsor of this resolution may hold one of the aforementioned appointed positions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabe Kaufman '18

Undesignated at Large, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 2/9/2016)