



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #43

Restructuring Committee Recommendations

ABSTRACT: The Restructuring Committee is proposing a tentative structure and a continuation of the restructuring committee.

Sponsored by: Jordan Berger '17

**Whereas**, the Student Assembly passed Resolution 11: Empowering All Students in the Restructuring of the Student Assembly and Charging an Ad-Hoc Committee with Investigating Student Assembly Membership Reform in October 2016;

**Whereas**, the Student Assembly Restructuring Committee conducted a survey with 181 respondents;

**Whereas**, the results of the survey suggest:

- All positions on the Executive Committee should be directly elected by the student body at large (57.42% of respondents)
- The Vice President of Finance should be directly elected by the student body at large (47.09% of respondents, 13.37% unsure)
- The Student Assembly should represent minority communities in the following way Gender Equity Representative, LGBTQ Representative, First Gen Representative, International Representative, Disability Representative, SES Representative, Non-Traditional Representative, 2 Minority Liaison Representatives (34.12% of respondents)
- To run for a minority representative position, a student must be active in an organization that represents that constituency (52.9% of respondents)
- The Student Assembly should have representatives for every class year (71.93% of respondents)

**Whereas**, the Student Assembly Restructuring Committee has been meeting weekly throughout the semester to discuss possible new structures for the Student Assembly;

**Whereas**, the Restructuring Committee does not believe that all of the problems with the Student Assembly will be solved by only creating a new structure;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly and the Restructuring Committee recommend that the 2017-2018 Student Assembly re-charge and staff a committee to investigate Student Assembly Membership Reform within the first 3 weeks of the fall semester. This committee should maintain a balance between current members of the Assembly and community members. Additionally, preference should be given to active members of the previous committee.

**Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly should institute a new structure before February 1, 2018 to allow the Elections Committee adequate time to prepare for the Spring Elections (if needed);

**Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly recommends that the Elections Committee should take steps to raise awareness about elections and the functions of the Student Assembly and to have more inclusive elections rules and practices;

48 **Be it finally resolved**, that the following proposals be strongly considered by the 2017-2018 Student  
49 Assembly:

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51 **Proposal 1:**

52 Executive Committee (Elected by The Student Body at Large in the Spring)

- 53 • President (Must have previously served as on the Assembly as a voting member,  
54 been an active member of a committee, or served as the Parliamentarian)
- 55 • EVP
- 56 • Vice President of External Affairs
- 57 • Vice President of Internal Affairs
- 58 • Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion
- 59 • Vice President of Finance- (Must have served at least one year previously on the  
60 Appropriations Committee or must demonstrate to the Appropriations Committee  
61 a thorough understanding of the Byline Funding Process)

62 Executive Committee (Appointed by the Student Assembly)

- 63 • Parliamentarian
- 64 • Director of Elections

65 Representatives (Elected by the Student Body at Large in the Fall)

- 66 • 1 Seat Per College (CALs, AAP, Arts, ILR, Hotel, Engineering, HE)
- 67 • 1 Seat Per Class Year (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)
- 68 • Gender Equity Representative
- 69 • Sexuality Representative
- 70 • First Generation Student Representative
- 71 • International Student Representative
- 72 • Disability Representative
- 73 • SES Representative
- 74 • Non-Traditional Student Representative
- 75 • 2 Minority Representatives

76 Spring Admit (February Election by New Spring Admits)

- 77 • Spring Transfer Seat
- 78 • FYSA Seat

79 Number of Voting Seats: 30

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81 **Proposal 2:**

82 Executive Committee (Elected at Large by The Student Body in the Spring Election)

- 83 • President (Must have previously served as on the Assembly as a voting member,  
84 been an active member of a committee, or served as the Parliamentarian)
- 85 • EVP
- 86 • Vice President of External Affairs
- 87 • Vice President of Internal Affairs
- 88 • Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion
- 89 • Vice President of Finance- (Must have served at least one year previously on the  
90 Appropriations Committee or must demonstrate to the Appropriations Committee  
91 a thorough understanding of the Byline Funding Process)

92 Representatives Elected in the Spring

- 93 • 1 Seat Per College (CALs, AAP, Arts, ILR, Hotel, Engineering, HE)

- 94 • 1 Seat Per Class Year (Sophomore, Junior, Senior)
- 95 • Gender Equity Representative
- 96 • Sexuality Representative
- 97 • First Generation Student Representative
- 98 • International Student Representative
- 99 • Disability Representative
- 100 • SES Representative
- 101 • Non-Traditional Student Representative
- 102 • 2 Minority Representatives
- 103 Appointed by the Student Assembly
- 104 • Parliamentarian
- 105 • Director of Elections
- 106 Representatives Elected in the Fall
- 107 • 4 Freshman Representatives
- 108 • 1 Transfer Representatives
- 109 Spring Admit (February Election by New Spring Admits)
- 110 • Spring Transfer Seat
- 111 • FYSA Seat

112 Number of Voting Seats: 32

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114 **Proposal 3:**

115 Executive Committee Elected by The Student Body at Large in the Spring

- 116 • President (Must have previously served as on the Assembly as a voting member,
- 117 been an active member of a committee, or served as the Parliamentarian)

- 118 • Executive Vice President

119 Representatives Elected in the Spring

- 120 • 1 Seat Per College (CALs, AAP, Arts, ILR, Hotel, Engineering, HE)
- 121 • 1 Seat Per Class Year (Sophomore, Junior, Senior)
- 122 • Gender Equity Representative
- 123 • Sexuality Representative
- 124 • First Generation Student Representative
- 125 • International Student Representative
- 126 • Disability Representative
- 127 • SES Representative
- 128 • Non-Traditional Student Representative
- 129 • 2 Minority Representatives

130 Appointed by the Student Assembly

- 131 • Parliamentarian
- 132 • Director of Elections

133 Representatives Elected in the Fall

- 134 • 4 Freshman Representatives
- 135 • 1 Transfer Representatives

136 Executive Committee Internally Elected by The Student Assembly

- 137 • Vice President of External Affairs
- 138 • Vice President of Internal Affairs

- 139                                 • Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion
- 140                                 • Finance
- 141 Spring Admit (February Election by New Spring Admits)
- 142         • Spring Transfer Seat
- 143         • FYSA Seat
- 144 Number of Voting Seats: 28
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- 146 Proposal 4:
- 147         Executive Committee – Elected by the Student Body in the Spring
- 148                         • President (Must have previously served as on the Assembly as a voting member,
- 149   been an active member of a committee, or served as the Parliamentarian)
- 150                         • EVP
- 151         Executive Committee - Internally Elected by The Student Assembly
- 152                         • Vice President of External Affairs
- 153                         • Vice President of Internal Affairs
- 154                         • Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion
- 155                         • Vice President of Finance
- 156         Representatives Elected in the Spring
- 157                         • 1 Seat Per College (CALs, AAP, Arts, ILR, Hotel, Engineering, HE)
- 158                         • 1 Seat Per Class Year (Sophomore, Junior, Senior)
- 159                         • Gender Equity Representative
- 160                         • Sexuality Representative
- 161                         • First Generation Student Representative
- 162                         • International Student Representative
- 163                         • Disability Representative
- 164                         • SES Representative
- 165                         • Non-Traditional Student Representative
- 166                         • Race Equity Representative
- 167                         • 1 Minority Representative
- 168         Appointed by the Student Assembly
- 169                         • Parliamentarian
- 170                         • Director of Elections
- 171         Representatives Elected in the Fall
- 172                         • 4 Freshman Representatives
- 173                         • 1 Transfer Representatives
- 174         Spring Admit (February Election by New Spring Admits)
- 175                         • Spring Transfer Seat
- 176                         • FYSA Seat
- 177 Number of Voting Seats: 28
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180 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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 182 Jordan Berger '17  
 183 *President, Student Assembly*  
 184 *Chair, Restructuring Committee*

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187 Matthew Indimine '18  
188 *Vice President, Student Assembly*  
189 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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191 Tristan Magliore '20  
192 *Freshman Representative, Student Assembly*  
193 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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195 Austin McLaughlin '18  
196 *Director of Elections, Student Assembly*  
197 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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199 Jaelle Sanon '19  
200 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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202 John Pedro '17  
203 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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205 Ashwin Viswanathan '20  
206 *Freshman Representative, Student Assembly*  
207 *Ex-Officio Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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209 David Cox  
210 *CALS Representative, Student Assembly*  
211 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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213 Samir Durvasula  
214 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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216 Antonio Del Vecchio  
217 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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219 Lavanya Aprameya  
220 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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222 Noah Chovanec  
223 *ILR Representative, Student Assembly*  
224 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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226 Jung Won Kim  
227 *Undesignated at Large, Student Assembly*  
228 *President-Elect, Student Assembly*  
229 *Member, Restructuring Committee*  
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231 Mayra Valadez '18  
232 *First Generation Student Liaison at Large, Student Assembly*  
233 *Ex-Officio Member, Restructuring Committee*

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235 *(Reviewed by: Restructuring Committee, 7-0-2, 05/02/2017)*