

Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, November 4, 2021 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
- III. Late Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - a. President Pollack's Decisions on Resolution 21 – 25
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - i. [21st October 2021](#)
 - ii. [28th October 2021](#)
- V. Open Microphone
- VI. Announcements and Reports
 - a. PSAC (Public Safety Advisory Committee) – Conor Hodges
 - b. Byline Announcement – Valeria Valencia '23
 - c. Byline Reports (Upcoming Week) – Valeria Valencia '23
 - d. Byline Reports (Previous Week) – Valeria Valencia '23
- VII. Initiatives
- VIII. Presentations and Forums
- IX. Business of the Day
- X. New Business
- XI. Adjournment

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Minutes of the Thursday, October 21, 2021 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. A. Ononye called the meeting to order at 4:45pm (EST).
- b. Roll Call
 - i. *Members Present:* M. Baker, J. Bansah, D. Cady, P. Da Silveira, D. Eisman, A. Gleiberman, P. Gronemeyer, D. Ilango, A. Juan, J. Kim, C. León, Y. Logan, M. Louis, L. Lu, J. Mullen, N. Overton, N. Reddy, K. Santacruz, L. Smith, M. Song, C. Tempelman, V. Valencia, H. Wade, A. Williams, E. Yan, A. Ononye
 - ii. *Members Absent:* A. Lampert, E. Bentolila, J. Jiang, K. Thakkar

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga Nation)

- a. Cornell University is located on the traditional homelands of the Gayogohó:nq' (the Cayuga Nation). The Gayogohó:nq' are members of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, an alliance of six sovereign Nations with a historic and contemporary presence on this land. The Confederacy precedes the establishment of Cornell University, New York State, and the United States of America. We acknowledge the painful history of Gayogohó:nq' dispossession and honor the ongoing connection of the Gayogohó:nq' people, past and present, to these lands and waters.

III. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. Motion to amend the agenda to have the presentation of the Office of Student Government Relations Advocacy Agenda before Announcements and Presentations – **amended** by Unanimous Consent
- b. Motion to add Resolution 31 to the agenda – **amended** by Unanimous Consent

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes – September 30, 2021
 - i. C. Tempelman stated that their last name was spelt wrong in both sets of minutes.
 1. Motion to amend the Sept. 30th and Oct. 7th minutes to replace 'Templeman' with 'Tempelman' – **amended** by Unanimous Consent
 - ii. Motion to approve the September 30th minutes – **approved** by Unanimous Consent
- b. Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2021
 - i. D. Cady explained that Section 6, Subpoint D states that P. Mehler became a representative on the City Council when P. Mehler became an Alderperson.
 1. Motion to amend the Oct. 7th minutes to stated that P. Mehler became an Alderperson on the Common Council – **amended** by Unanimous Consent
 - ii. Motion to approve the October 7th minutes – **approved** by Unanimous Consent

- c. A. Ononye stated Resolutions 10, 12 and 14 were acknowledged by the President, Resolutions 11 and 15 were submitted to the President and are awaiting a response, and Resolution 13 was tabled indefinitely by the assembly. Detailed comments from the President are available on the Office of the Assemblies website.

V. Open Microphone

- a. There were no speakers present at open microphone.

VI. Presentations and Forums

- a. Office of Student Government Relations Advocacy Agenda 2021-2022 by E. Rubin
 - i. The Office of Student Government Relations is a higher education advocacy that is an arm of the Student Assembly. It is compiled of three levels, the state, local, and federal levels and OSGR lobbies the higher education concerns of Cornell students. The advocacy agenda lays forth the groundward for initiatives for the rest of the year and the advocacy agenda will be posted on the OSGR website if approved at this meeting. The most work that can be done by OSGR is completed at the local, then state level, and then at the federal. The advocacy agenda for 2021-2022 builds off the agenda of previous years, as most initiatives are not things that can accomplished quickly. Several members of the SA are part of the OSGR, including L. Smith, A. Williams, and J. Mullen.
 - ii. Motion to approve the Office of Student Government Relations Advocacy Agenda – approved by a vote of 24-0-1

VII. Announcements and Reports

- a. Byline Reports
 - i. EARS: Empathy, Assistance & Referral Services
 - 1. M. Baker stated that the Appropriations Committee revoted on their recommendation for EARS after receiving their appeal and the committee now recommends \$1.30.
 - 2. B. Lederman, co-president of EARS, stated that EARS is still looking to receive \$1.60 funding. One of the issues that the Appropriations Committee brought up is that EARS does not prioritize training undergraduate students; however, after receiving this feedback, EARS made a unanimous decision to have undergraduate students completing prioritized. EARS is working hard to reorganize their funds so that less of it goes towards marketing and staff and more goes towards training. The expected participation in training is expected to go up in the next few years and it is currently in discussion of making EARS training a project structure for course credit. That cannot go forwards without official Cornell approval, the \$1.60 allocation is important for the success of EARS.
 - 3. B. Feldman, the Reimagine Task Force Chair of EARS, explained that it is imperative that EARS is fully funded at this time and EARS has ambitious goals for expanding their presence on campus with undergraduate students. Additionally, EARS needs to be able to communicate their change from peer counseling to peer mentoring and their location changes from the old mode. Students need as much mental health support in these unprecedented times and EARS just reimaged their services and restructured due to the pandemic. EARS is looking for support from the SA.

4. B. Lederman stated that EARS is the only organization offering this service. B. Lederman asked for the SA to allow EARS to be a fully funded mental health organization.
5. D. Cady stated that in their understanding, in accordance with the charter and the bylaws, that the appeals letter EARS submitted is to come to the full assembly.
 - a. M. Baker stated they will put it in the Box so that everyone can see it.
6. J. Mullen seconded EARS leadership's statement and explained that many representatives ran for the SA on the platform of supporting student mental health. EARS is one of the most necessary organizations on campus.
7. C. Tempelman asked if EARS could share their new budget that considers the restructuring or do they need more time to prepare that.
 - a. B. Lederman explained that they are still waiting from a response from the university and will keep the SA informed.
8. H. Wade stated the letter the Appropriations Committee received was filled with many promises, but not many actions. H. Wade asked how EARS plans to increase support for these peer mentoring services, as the reason that the Appropriations Committee originally did not recommend \$1.60 because EARS was spending money on things like hand sanitizer at disproportionate amounts.
 - a. B. Lederman explained that their hands are tired in terms of where EARS is supposed to spend their money. In terms of promises, B. Lederman explained that they and F. Li are constantly in collaboration with other students and organizations and did not want to make false promises on the budget.
9. L. Smith asked if EARS would be open to sharing their byline application with the entire assembly, as only those on the Appropriations Committee can see their application.
 - a. B. Lederman stated that they are okay with and explained that after they submitted their initial budget application, the only feedback they got was that the committee was impressed by it. After they learned that the Appropriations Committee only recommended \$1.30, they were very surprised.
 - b. M. Baker stated that they will put EARS byline application in the Box.
10. A. Ononye communicated that SA members cannot make specific comments and questions about the budget.
11. A. Williams voiced disappointment that the lowering of the allocation was meant to encourage EARS to restructure better, but EARS probably needs money in order to properly restructure.
12. N. Overton thanked EARS for access to their byline application and stated that the appeals letter fully explained why EARS needs the \$1.60 allocation and encouraged all members to read the appeals letter.

13. M. Song echoed previous sentiments and stated that the appeals letter sufficiently responded to the issues brought up. Supporting our peers, as well as their mental health, should be an utmost priority of the SA.
14. D. Cady stated that all members should read the appeals letter and reminded the assembly that they will only know too late how much an extra 20 cents will go to support students in a moment of crisis.
15. C. León explained that they have had friends who have recently been turned away from their CAPS counselors because they are over capacity. Taking money away from the only organization dedicated to peer-to-peer support would be the worst decision the SA could make.
16. A. Juan thanked EARS for coming the meeting and echoed support for continued to fund mental health services.
17. Motion to appeal the Appropriations Committee recommendation of \$1.40 for EARS – **appealed** by a vote of 20-2-3.
18. Motion to allocate EARS \$1.60 for the 2022-2024 Byline Cycle – **approved** by vote of 18-3-5.
- ii. Multicultural Greek and Fraternity Council (MGFC)
 1. M. Baker explained that MGFC requested \$1.07 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$1. This is because MGFC has a \$10,000 rollover. MGFC is not appealing this recommendation.
 2. Motion to approve – **approved** by a vote of 20-0-2.
- iii. Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board (WSHSUB)
 1. M. Baker stated that WSHSUB requested \$3.30 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$3.30. Previously, they received \$0.50, but they have merged with the Welcome Weekend Committee, which had been allocate \$2.40 in the 2020-2022 byline cycle.
 2. Motion to table – **tabled** by Unanimous Consent
- iv. M. Baker explained that they did have a Cornell Minds Matter byline hearing, but they did not have a presentation. The SA has to wait until they get that information to the committee.
- v. Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)
 1. A. Gleiberman explained that SAFC organizations are currently going under major reforms with what they can their money on. They are streamlining the processes and the tier system to make it more equitable for all clubs. They are currently putting together a committee of key stakeholders and club leaders from all different areas to look at this and they are working with other byline organizations to help them transition to be able to fully fund the clubs under them. This is large project, and the Committee commended their work to reimagine funding for all clubs.
 2. Motion to table – **tabled** by Unanimous Consent
- vi. M. Baker announced that there will be a byline hearing for CUEMS, the Convocation Committee, and GJAC in 1245 McGraw Hall on Monday, October 25, at 5:15pm.

- b. A. Ononye stated that President Pollack will be coming to a SA meeting in November and reminded representatives to reach out to their constituents for any questions or concerns.
- c. K. Santacruz stated that they are working on a resolution with D. Cady revolving around reviewing and modifying subtitles in recording lectures to accurately represent the information in these lectures. If anyone is interested in this resolution, helping, or giving any input, it would be very much appreciated.
- d. A. Ononye stated that sprint meetings are going to be starting soon, which are opportunities for members to collaborate on resolutions together and check in on what other representatives are working on.
- e. J. Bansah communicated that they are planning the next social, which will be a casual game night, and they are looking for recommendations for locations.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. SA R32: Calling on Cornell University to Appropriately Recognize and Honor Veterans Day
 - i. Abstract: This resolution calls on University Administration to establish Veterans Day as a University-holiday where courses are canceled, and veteran staff are not required to work.
 - ii. D. Cady explained that this a part of a larger collective of resolutions, one of which has passed in the GPSA and another was introduced in the UA. The goal is to pass the resolution through every assembly.
 - iii. R. Molina, president of the Undergraduate Veterans Association, explained that Cornell is home to over 400 veterans, 93 of which are undergraduate students. Without official university recognition, veterans have to use either vacation days or personal time-off to participate in Veterans Day events. Veterans should be afforded the time and opportunity to celebrate a day that honors them. Additionally, it would give those that many have any military affiliation a day of rest.
 - iv. J. Feit explained they are trying to pass the exact same resolution in every assembly in order bypass President Pollack to send it right to the Board of Trustees.
 - v. Motion to amend line 5 of the resolution to replace “staff” with staff “university affiliates” – amended by Unanimous Consent
 - vi. A. Ononye thanked the co-sponsors for their work.
 - vii. L. Smith stated that calendar stuff tends to be tricky in that the Faculty Senate controls the academic calendar and the process of setting the academic calendar is five years is out. L. Smith asked how this factors into the resolution.
 - 1. J. Feit stated that the UA have brought many of the same points regarding calendar issues. The New York State legislation will be increasing the number of days mandated by accredited university in New York, so there is very little leeway there. Moving forward, we will have to decide whether to treat this as a religious holiday, where certain folks would be exempt from class, or like national holiday, where everyone is given the day off. We really believe it is important that this is treated as a national holiday, because you would still have to make up work even if you are exempt from class. One idea was splitting up the two days of fall break.

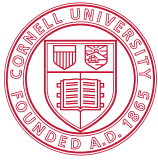
- viii. Motion to vote on Resolution #32 – approved by a vote of 24-0-1.
- b. SA R33: Confronting Cornell's Legacy in American Imperialism in the Philippines
 - i. Abstract: This resolution calls for acknowledgement of Cornell President Jacob Gould Schurman's role in the colonization and conquest of the Philippines.
 - ii. J. Mullen thanked the Cornell Filipino Association for attending the meeting. This resolution is directly addressing Cornell's third president, Jacob Gould Schurman, who decided the structure of American imperial rule in the Philippines. He was directly inspired by Kipling's "White Man's Burden" and was outwardly a patronizing imperialist. Over 20,000 Filipinos were directly killed in this brutal conquest and over 200,000 from disease. After the war ended, the Philippines was ruled directly as a colony, with its resources and its people exploited for the US's benefits. The long-term effects still linger today with the US still being an imperial force in the Philippines. The US still controls military bases in the Philippines and used COVID-19 vaccines to place pressure on the President of the Philippines to extend VFA. None of Cornell's biographical information on Schurman on official websites makes any reference to his viewpoints and comment on Filipinos or any reference to Schurman's role in Filipino colonization on campus. Cornell has never officially apologized for Schurman's words and actions. The resolution demands include Cornell formally apologizing for Schurman's role in American imperialism, establish corrective measures by dedicating a memorial in Schurman Hall, rename Schurman Hall, and expanding all Ethnic Studies programs, and addressing the history of military exploitation and continued military involvement in the Philippines.
 - iii. N. Overton asked if the memorial will still be in Schurman Hall if it is renamed.
 - 1. J. Mullen explained that renaming Schurman Hall will take a longtime, whereas adding a plaque would take less time. It gives Cornell more options to proceed.
 - iv. A. Juan expressed their support of the resolution and stated that other peer institutions have been addressing the leaders' names that are on buildings, such as Princeton and Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy.
 - v. H. Wade expressed disdain that J. Mullen was refusing to give minority students the chance to present in front of the SA and asked why J. Mullen refuses to give students of color the space to actually advocate, instead making them go through J. Mullen.
 - 1. J. Mullen explained that they asked the Cornell Filipino Association and they said it was fine.
 - 2. H. Wade asked why they were not the forefront of the situation and stated that J. Mullen is taking away voices from minority individuals.
 - a. Leadership from the Cornell Filipino Association stated that they don't really understand this criticism and allies play an important role in advocacy. This is not relevant to the discussion of Schurman's legacy of imperialism in the Philippines.

- vi. Leadership from the CFA clarified that J. Mullen is representing on behalf of the CFA since their cultural chair was not available due to conflicting schedules.
- vii. Motion to vote on Resolution #33 – approved by a vote of 22-0-2.
- c. A. Ononye announced that M. Baker has stepped down as the VP of Finance and V. Valencia will be the new VP of Finance.
 - i. E. Yan asked what the transition process if and if there will be an election to choose the new VP of Finance.
 - ii. A. Gleiberman echoed E. Yan about having an internal election to determine the VP of Finance.
 - iii. A. Ononye stated that the parliamentarian is not present at this meeting.
 - iv. A. Gleiberman stated that the government documents, in the bylaws, article 2, section 2, suggests an internal election.
 - v. L. Smith asked how this effects the byline process,
 - 1. A. Ononye explained that they did receive M. Baker's formal recognition and they are determined to continue the byline process.
 - vi. A. Gleiberman stated that line 46 in the bylaws only mentions electing the VP and does not mention dropping down to the runner-up in the assembly election.
 - vii. A. Ononye communicated that V. Valencia is the interim VP of Finance. The outgoing VP of Finance agreed with this and this is the process of how it was down in the past.
- d. SA R31: Amending and Ratifying the Student Assembly Bylaws of the Office of Student Advocate
 - i. Abstract: The resolution amends and ratifies the Student Assembly Office of Student Advocate Bylaws for the 2021-2022 academic year.
 - ii. L. Smith stated that a big part of this resolution is adding an International Student Affairs Director and asked if they have found someone for this position.
 - 1. D. Hernandez stated that they SA has to approve the changes to the bylaws before the director can be announced.
 - iii. Motion to vote on Resolution 31 – approved by a vote of 20-0-1.

IX. Adjournment

- a. A. Ononye adjourned the meeting at 6:09pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ciara Shanahan
 Clerk of the Student Assembly



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Minutes of the Thursday, October 28, 2021 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. A. Ononye called the meeting to order at 4:47pm (EST).
- b. Roll Call
 - i. *Members Present:* M. Baker, D. Cady, P. Da Silveira, D. Eisman, A. Gleiberman, P. Gronemeyer, J. Jiang, J. Kim, C. León, Y. Logan, M. Louis, J. Mullen, N. Overton, N. Reddy, K. Santacruz, L. Smith, M. Song, C. Tempelman, V. Valencia, H. Wade, A. Williams, E. Yan, A. Ononye
 - ii. *Members Absent:* J. Bansah, E. Bentolila, D. Ilango, A. Juan, A. Lampert, L. Lu

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:nq̓ (Cayuga Nation)

- a. Cornell University is located on the traditional homelands of the Gayogohó:nq̓ (the Cayuga Nation). The Gayogohó:nq̓ are members of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, an alliance of six sovereign Nations with a historic and contemporary presence on this land. The Confederacy precedes the establishment of Cornell University, New York State, and the United States of America. We acknowledge the painful history of Gayogohó:nq̓ dispossession and honor the ongoing connection of the Gayogohó:nq̓ people, past and present, to these lands and waters.

III. Consent Agenda

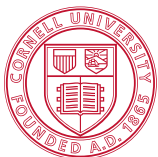
- a. A. Ononye stated that Resolutions 16, 17, and 20 were acknowledged by the President, Resolution 18 was submitted to the President, and Resolution 19 was accepted by the President. Detailed responses from the President are available on the Office of Assemblies website.
- b. Approval of the Minutes
 - i. October 14, 2021
 1. Motion to approve the Oct. 14th minutes – **approved** by Unanimous Consent

IV. Open Microphone

- a. There were no speakers present at open microphone.

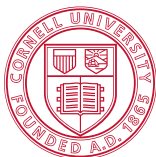
V. Announcements and Reports

- a. Byline Reports
 - i. Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board (WSHSUB)
 1. V. Valencia explained that this byline report was discussed at the previous meeting.
 2. E. Yan stated that under the bylaws, the VP of Finance must be successfully elected. There has not been an election.
 - a. A. Ononye stated that this will be discussed later in the meeting.
 3. Motion to approve – **approved** by a vote of 19-0-2
 - ii. Convocation Committee



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1. V. Valencia explained that the Convocation Committee requested \$18 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$18. In the past, they have fully and effectively used their funding.
2. P. Gronemeyer asked if the Convocation Committee appealed.
 - a. V. Valencia stated that they did not.
3. Motion to table – **tabled** by Unanimous Consent
- iii. Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition (GJAC)
 1. V. Valencia explained that in the 2020-2022 byline cycle, GJAC asked for \$4.80. In this byline cycle, they requested \$3.45. This is because they used to fund the Big Red Shuttle, which was a bus services that provided free late-night transportation. However, it was shut down due to the COVID-19 and GJAC asked for a lower allocation. The Appropriations Committee recommended \$3.45.
 2. D. Cady asked what they are no longer funding.
 - a. V. Valencia answered that the Big Red Shuttle was like a TCAT for the weekend and it has not been reactivated.
 - b. D. Cady asked if it was simply just the Big Red Shuttle not being funded.
 - i. V. Valencia confirmed that is the only thing changing.
 - ii. D. Cady asked if the shuttle will be coming back in the future.
 1. V. Valencia stated they do not have a direct answer, but they hope so.
 3. P. Gronemeyer asked if they do decide to reactivate in the future, would they be able to get funding even if the funding cycle is 2022-2024.
 - a. V. Valencia stated that the \$3.45 would be set for the byline funding. If the service is reinstated, it would have to be through other funding.
 4. Motion to table – **tabled** by Unanimous Consent
- iv. Cornell University Emergency Medical Service (CUEMS)
 1. V. Valencia stated that CUEMS's 2020-2022 allocation was \$4.30. They requested \$4.70 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$4.70. This recognizes the extra work that CUEMS put in during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 2. Members of the CUEMA states that they were grateful for the SA for their continued support and expressed hope to continuing working together in the future.
 - a. A. Ononye thanked them for all of their work.
 3. Motion to table – **tabled** by Unanimous Consent
- v. V. Valencia announced there will be byline hearings for ALANA, Orientation Steering Committee, and the Preprofessional Fraternity Council on Monday, Nov. 1, in 145 McGraw Hall at 5:15pm. There will be byline hearings for Athletics and Physical Education, HAVEN, and the Community



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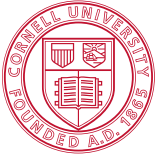
Partnership Funding Board on Wednesday, Nov. 3, in 366 McGraw Hall at 5:45pm.

- b. C. Tempelman stated that they met with the Dean of Human Ecology and spoke about the School of Public Policy and what that means for students currently studying policy. Additionally, they discussed the COVID-19 vaccine booster, and all Cornell students are eligible for the booster. They also talked about the Dean of Undergraduate Council and the fashion closet. If anyone has any questions regarding this, please feel free to reach out.
- c. J. Jiang stated that they had recently read the news about the Cornell endowment growing from \$7 billion to \$10 billion and explained that they would like to see that used for reducing financial pressure; especially as it is difficult for international students to get financial aid. J. Jiang asked if any members would like to work together and with members of the UA that are also discussing this, to relieve financial pressure.
- d. D. Cady explained that they are working with K. Santacruz to addressing bettering subtitles in recorded lectures and said many members have already expressed interest. If anyone else is interested, reach out and they will find a time that everyone can meet. Additionally, the UA is meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2, to discuss the veterans' resolution that was passed in the SA last week. D. Cady asked for members to come to the meeting and show support for the resolution; the UA meeting is on Zoom.
- e. J. Mullen reiterated the attendance policy and explained that that an absence is only excused if it something you cannot get out of, such as a job interview, a health emergency, or being out of state. You have to be excused with 24 hours of the meeting, which can be done by sending J. Mullen an email, but they are going to be creating a Google Form for people to submit their absences to make it more organized.
- f. A. Ononye announced that sprint meetings will be 1pm on Sundays. They are not required, but strongly recommended.
 - i. J. Jiang asked if there are sprint meetings on Saturday and Sunday.
 - 1. A. Ononye explained that Saturday is an orientation for new members and those that missed the first orientation. The sprint meetings will be on Sunday at 1pm.
- g. A. Ononye stated that all excused absences are listed in the governing documents and does not include meetings for other activities. It is a very short list that includes things like academic conflict, traveling out of state, or a health emergency.
- h. P. Gronemeyer asked if they email J. Mullen for an excused absence.
 - i. J. Mullen explained that you can email, message on Slack, or text them to be excused. They are going to create a Google form that people can submit excused absences and that link will be very accessible.
- i. N. Overton asked if class is an academic conflict.
 - i. J. Mullen said to talk to them if they have a class at the time of the SA meetings, but since it is halfway through the semester, it doesn't seem to be a problem. For preenrollment for the next semester, try to choose classes that are not at the time of the SA meeting.



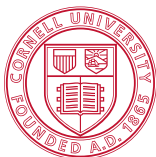
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- ii. N. Overton asked if the class is on Saturday.
 - 1. A. Ononye stated to message them.
- j. L. Smith explained that announcements during meetings are typically submitted ahead of time, so that constituents' time is not being wasted.
- k. A. Williams stated that the OSGR meets at the same time on Sunday.
 - i. A. Ononye communicated that the time on Sunday was the most voted time that members could go.
- l. N. Overton asked if there is going to be office hours with constituents.
 - i. J. Mullen explained that they are trying to organize having a room on Tuesdays or Thursdays where at least two members are present so that constituents can bring up their concerns. This is still being figured out.
- m. A Ononye communicated that the bylaws are unclear of how the next VP of Finance is chosen; in the past, sometimes vacancies were filling through elections and other times through appointing the next highest vote getter in the election. It is recommended in the GPSA bylaws that the VP of Finance be someone who has served on that committee at least one semester prior to election. A. Ononye recommended that the SA elects someone who has served on the committee before, especially since there is only about two weeks left to move forward in the byline process.
 - i. A. Gleiberman stated that it is pretty clear in the bylaws that officers serve until their successor is elected.
 - 1. A. Ononye explained that in the past that has been interpreted and other times, the vacancies were filled through the runner-up in the previous election.
 - ii. D. Eisman asked who is in charge of appointing vacant position, no one is granted that power.
 - 1. A. Ononye explained that the current interim VP of Finance was the runner-up in a previous election. The outgoing VP of Finance agreed with this process.
 - iii. There was a motion to move into executive session.
 - 1. W. Treat explained that business cannot occur in executive session.
 - 2. A. Gleiberman stated that internal elections are allowed in executive sessions, according to the bylaws.
 - 3. D. Cady stated that the SA should not move into executive session, because the parliamentarian cannot be there.
 - 4. J. Mullen objected and stated that V. Valencia is the VP of Finance and there is no need for a new election.
 - 5. Motion to move to executive session – **failed** by a vote of 10-8-3.
 - iv. N. Overton asked why the parliamentarian has to be present for the discussion.
 - 1. A. Ononye stated that there is no official reason for them to be present, but it would be much preferred.
 - v. E. Yan asked if an election can be held outside of executive session.
 - vi. L. Smith asked if it would be possible to make the microphone systems better, there is a lot of issues of people being able to hear on Zoom.



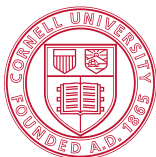
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1. A. Ononye stated that there are new microphones coming soon.
- vii. E. Yan explained that it is poor practice to have an interim VP of Finance, as that has never happened before.
- viii. There was a motion to move into executive session.
 1. N. Overton asked if the parliamentarian can be invited to the executive session.
 - a. A. Gleiberman explained that any community member can be invited to executive session.
 2. Motion to move into executive session – **failed** by a vote of 11-6-4.
- ix. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 1. A. Gleiberman asked C. Taylor if an election can be held outside of the meeting.
 - a. C. Taylor explained that the SA can appeal the ruling of the chair by a two-thirds vote and anything else is passed by the SA.
 2. A. Gleiberman stated that the meeting should not be adjourned to give time for members to digest what C. Taylor explained.
 3. Motion to adjourn the meeting – **failed** by a vote of 8-10-3.
- x. K. Santacruz asked if the SA has to approve V. Valencia as the VP of Finance.
 1. A. Ononye explained that V. Valencia is currently the interim VP and is currently carrying on the byline process and there is no limit to their interim status.
- xi. There was a motion to vote on the next VP of Finance.
 1. There was to make V. Valencia that next VP of Finance,
 - a. E. Yan dissented and asked if the assembly could move into executive session.
 - b. J. Jiang asked what is the different between voting during the meeting and voting during executive session.
 - i. A. Ononye explained that if the assembly moves in executive session, every community member will leave the room and the election will be off public record.
 - ii. C. Taylor explained that an internal election can occur in both executive session and during the meeting.
 - iii. J. Jiang asked if the election would be secret ballot if it was during the meeting.
 1. A. Ononye explained that it would not be secret ballot.
 - c. There was a vote to vote – **approved** by a vote of 17-2-3.
- xii. V. Valencia was nominated to be the next VP of Finance.
 1. The nomination was seconded.
 2. V. Valencia accepted the nomination.
- xiii. A. Gleiberman was nominated to be the next VP of Finance.
 1. The nomination was seconded.



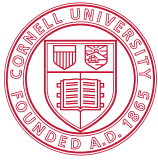
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2. A. Gleiberman asked if they had to step down from their current position of VP of External Affairs before accepting the nomination.
 - a. A. Ononye stated that they have to step down first.
3. A. Gleiberman resigned from their position as VP of External Affairs.
4. A. Ononye accepted the nomination.
- xiv. N. Overton asked if that means there are going to be two elections and stated that no one has had time to prepare for that.
 1. A. Ononye explained that there would have to be two election.
- xv. E. Yan asked if they could motion to recess to give time for people to think about the election.
 1. C. Taylor explained that they could motion to recess with a specific time.
- xvi. Motion to recess for 5 minutes – **passed** by a vote of 12-9-1.
- xvii. The assembly recessed for 5 minutes.
- xviii. A. Ononye stated that there are currently two nominations on the floor for VP of Finance.
- xix. A. Gleiberman stated that they would like to appeal the decision by the chair of A. Gleiberman's resignation from VP of External Affairs, as they were under the impression that they could not accept the nomination for VP of Finance while being the VP of External Affairs; however, that is inaccurate information.
 1. J. Mullen stated that the resignation was stated on the record and is binding.
 2. Motion to appeal the resignation of A. Gleiberman – **appealed** by a vote of 13-4-4.
- xx. D. Eisman was nominated as the next VP of Finance.
 1. The nomination was seconded.
 2. D. Eisman accepted the nomination.
- xxi. A. Gleiberman withdrew their nomination.
- xxii. A. Ononye explained that there is only two weeks left to decide on the byline process and this should be taken very seriously. The VP of Finance is a difficult job, with an additional two-to-three-hour meetings during the week and they have to meet with multiple organization. The assembly should take this discussion very seriously.
- xxiii. J. Jiang asked if it were possible for the candidates to give speeches or to ask the candidates questions.
 1. A. Ononye stated that could be motion and a speaker's list could be started to allow the candidates to speak.
- xxiv. There was a motion to end debate.
 1. J. Mullen dissented.
 2. C. Taylor stated that the assembly could allow the candidates to speak or the assembly could vote on these candidates immediately.
 3. Motion to end debate – **failed** by a vote of 4-16-1.



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- xxv. A. Ononye explained that the best course of action now is to discuss the candidates.
- xxvi. J. Mullen explained that members should only be abstaining from voting in the case where they have a conflict of interest and members should try to avoid abstaining from voting.
- xxvii. N. Overton asked if the SA is discussing candidates and stated that there the whole assembly is not at this meeting. N. Overton also reiterated that the VP of Finance should ideally have been on the committee a semester prior.
 - 1. A. Ononye explained that notion comes from the GPSA bylaws.
- xxviii. D. Cady stated, that given an interest in time and a general lack of information, this should be discussed next week, given the importance of the position. D. Cady looked to motion to table this election.
- xxix. Motion to table the election – **tabled** by a vote of 10-9-3.
- n. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. A. Gleiberman dissented and made a point of order that there should an election to find the next VP of Finance, as dictated in the bylaws.
- o. There was a motion to appeal the chair's decision to appoint V. Valencia as the interim VP of Finance.
 - i. P. Da Silveira asked if this means that there would not be a VP of Finance.
 - ii. C. León dissented and stated that if the chair's decision is appeal, there would not be a VP of Finance. The VP of Finance is deciding a huge budget with a short timeline.
 - iii. N. Overton reiterated C. León sentiments and stated that the election has already been tabled and this would just leave the assembly without a VP of Finance. This shows a lack of respect for constituents.
 - iv. A. Ononye echoed N. Overton and communicated that the SA cannot go a week without a VP of Finance.
 - v. C. Taylor explained that the basic rule is that the meeting cannot adjourn if there is a pressing matter; if V. Valencia was adjourned, that would be a pressing matter.
 - vi. E. Yan asked if the tabling of the election was out of order.
 - 1. A. Ononye explained that the assembly has already voted on the tabling.
 - 2. E. Yan stated it would be a disservice to go a week without a VP of Finance.
 - 3. C. Taylor explained that in Robert's Rule, nothing is out of order unless you say it is order. You cannot motion to raise a point of order if the matter has already been decided.
 - vii. K. Santacruz asked if they can suspend the rules to vote for the VP of Finance.
 - 1. C. Taylor explained that they would have to reintroduce a motion to vote, which is allowed.
 - 2. A. Ononye asked the assembly not to do this.
 - viii. H. Wade stated that there has been a lot of interesting talk about the Appropriations Committee, especially when there was a forced resignation of



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the current chair. If this isn't settled now, they will just have to talk about it next week.

1. A. Ononye explained that there was no forced removal of the previous VP of Finance.
- ix. J. Jiang asked if it was possible to suspend having a VP of Finance until next week.
 1. A. Ononye explained that that cannot happen, as there is not enough time. There are six organizations coming within the next week for their byline hearings.
- x. D. Eisman stated that the work the Appropriations Committee is extremely important, and this issue should be resolved at this meeting. The committee is already behind and it is important to have someone in this position consistently.
- xi. A. Ononye clarified that the assembly is currently debating their appointment of V. Valencia, much of this discussion is not related.
- xii. J. Mullen stated that the SA should not appeal this decision and explained that there are 9 members absent from this meeting.
- xiii. N. Overton moved the previous question.
 1. A. Williams asked for clarification on what is being voted on.
 - a. A. Ononye explained that they are voting on whether to rescind the appointment of V. Valeria.
 - b. C. Taylor explained that voting yes is voting to invalidate the chair's decision.
 - c. E. Yan asked if moving the previous question requires a two-third vote.
 - i. C. Taylor explained that it does need a two-third vote.
 - d. A. Ononye clarified that the assembly is currently voting to end debate.
 2. Motion to end debate – **approved** with a vote of 16-5-1.
- xiv. Motion to appeal A. Ononye appointment of V. Valencia – **failed** by a vote of 9-10-2
- p. Motion to adjourn the meeting – **approved** by a vote of 16-4-2

VI. Adjournment

- a. A. Ononye adjourned the meeting at 6:29pm (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,
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Clerk of the Student Assembly