

Cornell University Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

February 15, 2024

4:45 - 6:30 p.m.

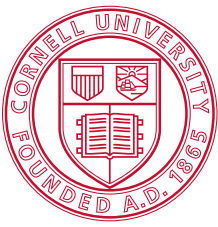
Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall/Zoom

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1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
3. Announcements
 1. Call for Social Chair Nominations
 2. Office of Ethics
 3. External Communications Update
4. Open Microphone
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. Consent Calendar
7. Presentations
8. Reports
9. Old Business Calendar
10. Resolutions Calendar
 1. [Resolution 52: Approving Special Projects Funding Request for Chinese Students and Scholars Association at Cornell](#)
 2. Resolution 53: Funding for Ornithological Conservation Projects
 3. [Resolution 54: Creating an Ad-Hoc Committee to Enrich Professional Resource Access](#)
11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
12. Adjournment

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1 **Resolution 52: Approving Special Projects** 2 **Funding Request for Chinese Students and Scholars** 3 **Association at Cornell**

4 *Abstract:* This resolution approves \$1,500.00 of Special Projects Funding to the Chinese
5 Students and Scholars Association at Cornell to partially fund their Spring Festival Gala.

6 *Sponsored by:* George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

7 *Reviewed by:* Executive Committee, 02/12/24, 5-0-1

8 *Type of Action:* Recommendation

9 *Originally Presented:* 02/15/2024

10 *Current Status:* New Business
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12 **Whereas,** the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Rule 12: Spending Guidelines, Part B: Special
13 Projects Funding outlines the purpose of Special Projects Funding and the process of approving
14 funding requests.

15 **Whereas,** Part B: Special Projects Funding, section a, of the Student Assembly Standing Rules
16 explains the purpose of Special Projects Funding as follows:

17 section a: The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service
18 through SA Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student
19 life or to further the goals of the SA. Special Projects funding is a type of category
20 spending.

21 **Whereas,** Part B: Special Projects Funding, section d, of the Student Assembly Standing Rules
22 describes the approval process of Special Projects Funding as follows:

23 section d: The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over
24 \$400 and under \$1,500 by a majority vote. The Assembly, at large, may reverse an
25 Executive Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The
26 request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

27 **Whereas,** The Spring Festival Gala is one of the largest annual events held by Cornell CSSA.
28 The organization invites different guests and organizations such as Breakfree and Cornell
29 ProYos to participate in this grand celebration. This year, they are excited to host the gala at the
30 upgraded Bailey Hall, expecting 900-1000 attendees. In addition to a diverse range of 12

31 programs such as dance, songs, skits, and traditional musical instrument performances, the gala
32 also includes various interactive activities for the audience, such as games and lottery events.
33 The gala offers a unique platform for Asian Cornellians to showcase their cultural heritage while
34 providing an educational experience about Asian traditions to students globally, thereby
35 enriching our campus's diversity and inclusivity.

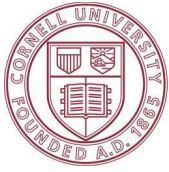
36 **Be it further resolved,** that the Student Assembly approves the \$1,500.00 Special Projects
37 Funding disbursement to the Chinese Students and Scholars Association.

38 **Be it finally resolved,** that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover
39 the cost of the CSSA Spring Festival Gala.

40 Respectfully Submitted,

41 George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

42 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*



Resolution 54: Creating an *Ad-Hoc* Committee to Enrich Professional Resource Access

Abstract: This resolution establishes an *ad-hoc* committee to enrich and improve the resources relating to professional development currently provided by Cornell University to its students.

Sponsored by: Yash Moitra, '27; Jordan Velte, '27; Kaden Priebe '27, Meet Baani Kaur '27, Vansh Kakra '27

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 02/12/2024, 6-0-3

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 02/15/2024

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the Charter of the Student Assembly grants the Assembly the “authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community”;

Whereas, colleges across the university vary widely in the quality resources that students are provided access to with respect to separate career fields and many specialize in directing their students to particular industries;

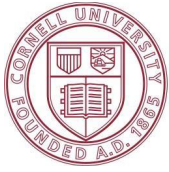
Whereas, students across the university may not have access to resources in a desired industry of choice given their current college of enrolment;

Whereas, there is little centralization of the many resources circulated amongst students and staff, such as lists of diversity programs;

Whereas, there is no formal, university-driven way for students to access information including member lists, website links, coffee chat form links, application form links, and deadlines for desired pre-professional and development organizations all through one readily available and digitally accessible avenue;

Whereas, there is no formal, university-driven way for student organizations and other non-employer parties to collaborate in the mutual development and dissemination of resources such as open-to-all resume review sessions;

Whereas, students from historically oppressed backgrounds may have fewer career development opportunities outside of what is provided to them by Cornell University;



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30 **Whereas**, the mitigation and resolution of these shortcomings could allow students access to
31 otherwise inaccessible opportunities for growth and significantly improve career outcomes;

32 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly shall create an *ad-hoc* committee, which
33 shall be charged with enriching professional access and therefore enabling ‘any student’ to
34 pursue ‘any path’, regardless of their background, declared major, or college of enrolment;

35 **Be it further resolved**, that this committee shall be referred to formally as the “Council for
36 Professional Resources”, or the “CPR” for short;

37 **Be it further resolved**, that the Council for Professional Resources shall—at all times, including
38 at the time of founding— be composed of various stakeholders in the Cornell University
39 community, including, but not limited to, Assembly members, *ex-officio* members from no fewer
40 than three distinct colleges, of which no fewer than two shall be first-year or transfer students,
41 and Student Assembly Representatives of no fewer than three distinct colleges;

42 **Be it further resolved**, that the Council for Professional Resources shall actively work with the
43 university’s career services office, colleges’ career services offices, student-led organizations,
44 non-Committee students, and other stakeholders on an *ad-hoc* basis to carry out its purpose;

45 **Be it further resolved**, that an amount of \$20,000 in the Student Assembly Reserve Account
46 shall be ‘earmarked’ for use by the Council for Professional Resources, and that this amount
47 shall be eligible to be utilized for and only for creating, streamlining, improving, or providing
48 resources to the Cornell community;

49 **Be it further resolved**, that the Council for Professional Resources may, alongside its own
50 initiatives, make recommendations to the Student Assembly and any other organizations or
51 entities it may deem fit in line with its purpose and mandate;

52 **Be it further resolved**, that the Council for Professional Resources shall issue a memorandum
53 summarizing its discussions to all members of the Student Assembly and to any other parties that
54 request it within no more than forty-eight hours from the conclusion of a meeting or before the
55 next Student Assembly meeting, whichever is earlier.

56 **Respectfully Submitted,**

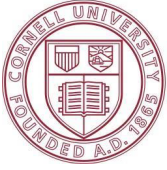
57 Yash Moitra '27

58 *Representative of the Dyson School of Business, Student Assembly*

59 Jordan Velte '27

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- 62 *Student*, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University
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