

Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, January 25, 2018 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. Open Microphone**
- III. Announcements and Reports**
 - a. EVP Devatha – WSJ Update & Website Forms
- IV. Presentations**
 - a. CAPS
- V. Business of the Day**
 - a. Resolution 17: Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus
- VI. Adjournment**
- VII. Executive Session**
 - a. SAIFC Chair Nominations & Voting
 - b. CRPC Nominations & Voting
 - c. Net Print Task Force Staffing



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S.A. Resolution #17 Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus

ABSTRACT: This resolution details and declares support for the development of wind turbines on or near Cornell’s campus.

Sponsored by: Jesse Pollard '17 and Dale Barbaria '19

Whereas, the NYSERDA REV (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority – Reforming the Energy Vision) Campus Challenge administers the Energy to Lead 2017 competition, which awards \$250,000-\$1,000,000 to colleges and universities with leading solutions for increasing clean energy generation;

Whereas, Professor Rebecca Barthelmie of the Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering has signaled intent to submit a proposal for the development of small scale wind turbines on—or within close proximity of—campus;

Whereas, Weaver Wind Energy, a local wind developer with years of collaborative research experience with Cornell University, is an ideal candidate for partnership on this project;

Whereas, this project would not only generate clean energy but also provide invaluable, accessible research opportunities for undergraduate students in the development of high fidelity noise models, vibration models, icing and wake loss analyses, grid integration techniques, blade design optimization, socioeconomic policy research, and more;

Whereas, Climate Justice Cornell and Engineers for a Sustainable World have committed to actively participating in the development of a wind turbine(s) on campus;

Whereas, undergraduate student projects and collaboration with Weaver Wind Energy and Professor Barthelmie would assist in the pre-construction assessment of the project;

Whereas, the project stands as an innovative partnership between faculty, students, and Weaver Wind Energy;

Whereas, this project affirms Cornell’s commitment to carbon neutrality and sustainability integrated curricula;

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly affirms its support for Professor Barthelmie’s wind turbine project and increased interdisciplinary renewable energy research, collaboration, and engagement between students, faculty, and Weaver Wind Energy;

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly asks that this resolution be forwarded to the Dean of Faculty and the Faculty Senate.



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45 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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48 *College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative, Student Assembly*

49 *Chair, Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission*

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52 *President, Engineers for a Sustainable World*

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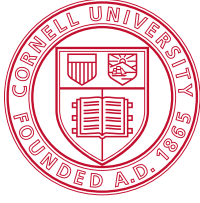
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Minutes of the Thursday, November 2, 2017 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:45pm
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present:* T. Ball, D. Barbaria, A. Chowdhury, O. Corn, R. Cornell, V. Devatha, O. Din, O. Egharevba, H. Hassan, R. Herz, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, S. Lim, L. Lipschutz, T. Magloire, A. Martinez, S. Park, M. Peralta-Ochoa, J. Pollard, S. Romero Zavala, J. Sanon, C. Schott, E. Shapiro, J. Sim, D. Tokunboh, M. Valdez, I. Wallace
 - ii. *Absent:* None

II. Open Microphone

- a. J. Kim said that no members of the Student Assembly were allowed to speak during Open Microphone.
- b. Rep. from Cornell Cinema shared her experience with the cinema and the impact it has had on her.
- c. J. Kim said Open Microphone is only open to discussions not involving Cornell Cinema, as there would be a discussion during Byline Reports.
- d. A sophomore from the College of Engineering said that she would like to see a playground built on the Engineering Quad because it is hard for engineering students to find outlets and ways to refuel themselves.

III. Announcements & Reports

- a. Dining Chair - Dining Update from Emma Bankier
 - i. SA Dining Services Committee Chair E. Bankier said that Willard Straight Dining would be opening up on Monday, November 6, 2017. Work is being done to secure more reusables in the dining halls, create menus on the GET app, and work on a nutritional system for students. She also said that student athletes have expressed their wish for Trillium to be open later.
- b. Motion to amend agenda – ~~withdrawn~~
- c. Rep Pollard – SAIFC, Consensual Relationships Policy, CSP Steering Committee updates
 - i. J. Pollard said that the application for membership to the Campus Infrastructure Committee will close soon. The Campus Sustainability and Infrastructure plan will be rewritten for the next five years, and that there will be a chance to share input on November 9, 2017 from 9am to 12pm at the workshop in Baker Portico.
- d. Rep Wallace – Queer Program Housing Update
 - i. I. Wallace said that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee is currently working on a program.

- e. Rep Valdez – Financial Aid Review Committee
 - i. M. Valdez said that the Financial Aid Review Committee will be hosting an event with the Office of Financial Aid, where there will be an FAQ section. She encouraged everyone to attend the event in Mallot 253 on Thursday next week.
- f. VP of External Affairs Park – Student Assembly Community Forum
 - i. S. Park reminded everyone of the upcoming community forum on Thursday, November 14, 2017. It is mandatory each SA member bring three community members. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The SA website will be up soon, and the Assembly needs to have a discussion about that agenda (if any) that will be pushed by the website.
- g. V. Devatha motioned to move Resolution 18: Expanding the CRP to top of the agenda - **passed** by unanimous consent.
- h. Resolution 18: Expanding the Collegiate Readership Program to include the Wall street Journal
 - i. V. Devatha said this resolution was to use the funds originally intended for the now-cancelled USA Today subscription to partner with the WSJ. The undergraduate-wide subscription of the WSJ would cost \$1.75/student/year.
 - ii. R. Herz asked why the CRP was not brought to the Appropriations Committee
 - 1. G. Kaufman said that the Appropriations Committee has been busy.
 - 2. D. Barbaria said it was delegated by G. Kaufman to V. Devatha.
 - iii. D. Barbaria made a motion to move this to business of the day
 - iv. S. Park made a motion to **call the question** – **passed** with a vote of 27-0-1.

IV. Byline Reports

- a. International Students Union
 - i. G. Kaufman said the Appropriations Committee recommendation was to increase funding to \$0.80/student.
 - ii. Motion to approve – funding **approved** by a vote of 27-0-1
- b. Multicultural Greek Letter Council
 - i. G. Kaufman said the MGLC is currently funded at \$0.50/student and the Appropriations Committee recommends an increase to \$0.67/student, which is a 33% increase.
 - ii. Motion to approve – funding **approved** by a vote of 27-0-1
- c. Slope Media
 - i. G. Kaufman said Slope Media is currently funded at \$0.86/student and the Appropriations Committee recommends a decrease to \$0.50/student. The organization had a large surplus and has not submitted a request for an appeal.
 - ii. Motion to approve – funding **approved** by a vote of 26-1-0
- d. Haven
 - i. G. Kaufman said they will not be voting on this today. Haven requested an increase from \$3.50 to \$3.80.
 - ii. **Tabeled** by unanimous consent
- e. EARS
 - i. G. Kaufman said the Appropriations Committee unanimously decided to give the Empathy, Assistance and Referral Service the full amount of funding it requested, along with an offer to increase funding if needed.
 - ii. **Tabeled** by unanimous consent.
- f. Cornell Cinema

- i. G. Kaufman said the Appropriations Committee unanimously rejected the request for \$8.50. However, the committee does support the Arts and is asking the administration to pick up the costs, as well as support in helping obtain funding from the administration.
- ii. G. Kaufman read a statement from Matthew Stefanko, previous Chair of the Appropriations Committee in AY 14-15 and AY 15-16 to express his support for the funding decision.
- iii. Cornell Cinema Director Mary Fessenden said there is erroneous information in the Appropriations Committee rationale. Regarding a statement M. Stefanko wrote in 2014, M. Fessenden suggested perhaps M. Stefanko is holding a grudge. She said nothing suggested funding should be cut, and there were no restrictions in the charter stating that small portions of staff wages couldn't be covered. There have been efforts to cut costs. She predicts that in two years, the Cinema is likely to be in a better place of funding and the university will not respond well to this action.
- iv. Community member Steven Torres said the Appropriations Committee misunderstandings are complex and far reaching, but can be corrected. S. Torres calls up bureaucratic apathy and asks the SA to work with them instead of against them.
- v. Kevin Fitzpatrick from the Appropriations Committee disagreed with the committee decision and said the process was not done correctly. Many members left before the discussion ended so the validity of the vote can be called into question.
- vi. G. Kaufman said he was not allowed to divulge the specifics of the voting. Some members left and sent their votes in. The vote was close. To work with the administration, he suggested getting every SA member to help and using all the resources the SA has to make sure the provost knows this is a priority.
- vii. M. Fessenden said there is no way the university will fund Cornell Cinema as it currently exists. It will need to be restructured and that takes time.
- viii. O. Corn said she voted to defund the Cinema. It is one of the most poorly run organizations she has ever seen and the student activity fee should not be used for staff wages.
- ix. Cornell Cinema student advisory board president Yuji Yang said they are working on providing better transparency and there will soon be replacement funding for the staff wages.
- g. S. Park made a motion to extend by a minute – passed
 - i. A Cornell Cinema house manager said having a safe free space on this campus is crucial, referring to a “game of chicken” as there is no evidence or will power to get the administration to sign on.
 - ii. Annie Lewandowski from the Dept. of Music testified to M. Fessenden’s character. As a faculty member, A. Lewandowski knows how slow the funding process is.
 - iii. Jaewon Sim said the cinema has been an important part of student lives.
 - iv. G. Kaufman said the implications that the cinema will go away is not true.
- h. R. Herz made a motion to extend by a minute – dissent from V. Devatha
 - i. Paul Monaghan from the Appropriations Committee said every two years, the cinema asks for two more. Him and G. Kaufman reached out to audit the account, but G. Kaufman as Vice President of Finance was not even able to look into the account. There is no oversight to where the money goes.
- i. Motion to extend by a minute - passed

- i. Community member said it is clear the Cinema has mismanaged funds and it is unsustainable. The cinema is one of the most highly funded organizations. The burden should be on the administration and not the students.
- j. Motion to extend by a minute – **passed**
 - i. Community member asked the SA to listen to the people they represent.
 - ii. R. Herz asked what the average ticket price was per student.
 - iii. G. Kaufman said it depends on how it is calculated. If you take the total expenditures divided by the total tickets, it is \$27.90 plus \$5.50.
 - iv. R. Herz said older members, such as graduates, do frequent the Cinema as well.
- k. O. Egharevba made a motion to extend by a minute – **passed**
 - i. G. Kaufman said the Cinema has promised to draw the money for wages from a different account, but it can't be true economically.
- l. Motion to extend by a minute – Dissent from V. Devatha
- m. D. Barbaria made a motion to move M. Fessenden up on the speakers list – **passed**
 - i. M. Fessenden said it is not true that \$300,000 is being spent. It is actually \$27,000. The general activity fee guidelines do not prohibit use for staff wages and it has not been disproved. The Cinema has always been transparent in its funding.
- n. Motion to extend by a minute – **passed**
 - i. J. Sanon said she views the Cinema as a public good for Ithaca, so the university, as a tax-exempt institution, should fund the Cinema.
- o. V. Devatha made a motion to extend speaking time to 1 minute 30 seconds, and G. Kaufman would not be allowed to speak – dissent and **withdrawn**
 - i. Community member said the risk of the cinema closing outweigh the funding that will be given for another year.
 - ii. Community member questioned G. Kaufman's professionalism.

V. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 16: Median Grade Reporting
 - i. **Tabled** by unanimous consent

VI. New Business

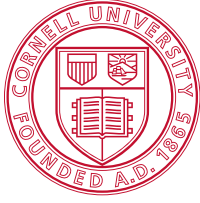
- a. Resolution 17: Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus
 - i. **Tabled** by unanimous consent
- b. Resolution 19: Preventing the Use of University Resources for Political Purposes
 - i. **Tabled** by unanimous consent

VII. Adjournment

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm

VIII. Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted,
Terrill Malone and Catherine Tran
 Clerks of the Assembly



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Minutes of the Thursday, November 9, 2017 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:47pm
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present:* T. Ball, D. Barbaria, A. Chowdhury, O. Corn, R. Cornell, V. Devatha, O. Din, O. Egharevba, H. Hassan, R. Herz, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, S. Lim, L. Lipschutz, T. Magloire, A. Martinez, S. Park, M. Peralta-Ochoa, S. Romero Zavala, J. Sanon, C. Schott, E. Shapiro, J. Sim, D. Tokunboh, M. Valdez, I. Wallace
 - ii. *Absent:* J. Pollard (excused)

II. Open Microphone

- a. V. Devatha said open mic would be for community members to speak about anything other than Cornell Cinema.
- b. No speakers for open mic.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. August 31st, September 7th, September 14th, October 12th, October 19th, October 26th
- b. D. Barbaria made a motion to approve all minutes – **approved** with no dissent

IV. Byline Reports – G. Kaufman

- a. Haven
 - i. \$0.30 funding increase **approved** by a vote of 25-0-1.
- b. EARS
 - i. Funding **approved** at \$1.50/student by a vote of 25-0-1.
- c. Cornell Cinema
 - i. G. Kaufman apologized for the statement he read from Matthew Stefanko, previous Chair of the Appropriations Committee, at the last SA meeting on November 2, 2017.
 - ii. G. Kaufman apologized and acknowledged the attack on mental health.
 - iii. G. Kaufman apologized to the members of the SA and community members who have been impacted by this decision.
 - iv. G. Kaufman read a statement from the office of Provost Michael Kotlikoff. The provost acknowledged the valuable contribution of the Cinema and supports the effort to table the resolution to allow more time for discussion.
 - v. G. Kaufman made a motion to table – **tabled** with a vote of 24-0-1.
 - vi. J. Kim said this entire process would be done by the end of the semester. He allotted 30 minutes for comments on the issue, with each speaker allowed 1 minute 30 seconds.
 - vii. O. Corn apologized for unprofessionalism during the last meeting.

- viii. Community members spoke on their feelings in support of Cornell Cinema.
- ix. J. Sanon said they were never debating the benefits of the cinema, but rather discussing about fairness and funding.
- x. T. Cabbell said there will be an SA community forum next Tuesday from 7-9pm in WSH Memorial Room for people to voice opinions and speak to elected representatives.
- xi. J. Kim closed the discussion on Cornell Cinema.
 - 1. R. Herz – dissent
 - 2. J. Kim – dissent to dissent
- d. Convocation
 - i. G. Kaufman said Convocation is currently funded at \$14.50 and there is a request to increase by \$2.00 to \$16.50. It is one of the highest funded organizations.
 - ii. O. Corn made a motion to table – **tabeled** with a vote of 14-0-1.
- e. WSH Student Union Board
 - i. G. Kaufman said the WSH Student Union Board is currently funded \$2.14 and initially requested \$1.89, but after meeting with the board members about a rollover account, they came to a mutual understanding that it would be appropriate for them to receive \$0.50/student.
 - ii. O. Din made a motion to table – **tabeled** with a vote of 23-0-2.
- f. CUPB (Cornell University Program Board)
 - i. G. Kaufman said the CUPB is currently funded at \$7.50 and requested an increase. The Appropriations Committee recommended giving them most, but not all, of the increase. The Committee hopes they will look into their price structure.
 - ii. O. Corn made a motion to table – **tabeled** with a vote of 23-0-2.

V. Business of the Day

- a. V. Devatha made a motion to move Resolution 20 forward on the agenda.
- b. Resolution 20: Equality in Undergraduate Access to the Breazzano Family Center for Business
 - i. T. Ball said this resolution requests that the Breazzano Family Center for Business be made accessible to undergrads after 5:00pm to address the limited amount of study spaces in Collegetown. Right now, eHub is the only real study center in area.
 - ii. T. Ball made a motion to strike line 37 and 38 because it is arbitrary – **amended** by unanimous consent
 - iii. T. Ball made a motion to move resolution to Business of the Day – **passed** by a vote of 2/3.
 - iv. C. Schott questioned if they have looked at peer institutions, or have spoken with the administration and GPSA to see their view on this.
 - v. T. Ball said since the restructuring of the AEM school, SC Johnson school, and Hotel school, there have not been many efforts to improve undergraduate access to additional resources and experiences.
 - vi. V. Devatha said accessibility to one new building does not create collaboration.
 - vii. T. Ball said C. Schott has fair criticisms and they will be considered moving forward.

- viii. J. Anderson echoed reaching out to the community, including the UA and the building care management, especially if their hours may be extended. He would like to see something in the resolution regarding employees.
 - ix. D. Barbara asked T. Ball if he has spoken to leadership in the colleges.
 - 1. T. Ball said he has not spoken with them yet and wanted to get student input.
 - x. M. Indamine made a motion to table the resolution – **withdrawn**
 - xi. S. Romero Zavala said graduate students are different from undergraduate students. Logistics for regulation and staffing needs more consideration.
 - xii. O. Din said the concerns of undergraduates should be voiced.
 - xiii. R. Herz suggested adding a clause stating graduate students would get priority for upper-level conference rooms.
 - xiv. G. Kaufman made a motion to table until next week – **tabled** with a majority and no dissent
- c. Resolution 14: Increasing the Transparency of WCM-Q
 - i. J. Anderson made a motion to table – **tabled** with no dissent
 - d. Resolution 16: Median Grade Reporting
 - i. C. Schott introduced this resolution two weeks ago. Most concerns were addressed through email.
 - ii. O. Egharevba said this resolution seeks to recommend that the Registrar report median grades on transcripts by section.
 - iii. C. Schott said this has been looked favorably by the faculty.
 - iv. J. Anderson said this resolution does not address multiple sections with one TA. He does not think it looks to address the student, and may even hurt some, citing courses in which it is not the TA grading.
 - v. G. Kaufman said it should be by lecture and not by section because it is more reasonable and likely to be accepted.
 - vi. G. Kaufman made a motion to amend line 30 to strike “Faculty senate to direct the” and strike on line 31 “to” – **amended** with a vote of 22-0-1.
 - vii. Community member suggested that classes should be curved so that the median of one class or course average is reflected on all student transcripts.
 - viii. S. Romero Zavala said a concern would be relating teaching ability to grading distribution. This may be hard to implement.
 - ix. G. Kaufman made a motion to refer to the Academic Policy Committee – **passed** with a simple majority and no dissent

VI. New Business

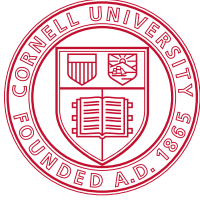
- a. Resolution 17: Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus
 - i. D. Barbara made a motion to table – **tabled** with no dissent
- b. Resolution 19: Preventing the Use of University Resources for Political Purposes
 - i. O. Egharevba made a motion to table – **tabled** with no dissent

VII. Adjournment

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.

VIII. Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted,
Terrill Malone and Catherine Tran
 Clerks of the Assembly



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Minutes of the Thursday, November 30, 2017 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:53pm.
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present:* T. Ball, D. Barbaria, A. Chowdhury, O. Corn, R. Cornell, V. Devatha, O. Din, O. Egharevba, R. Herz, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, S. Lim, L. Lipschutz, T. Magloire, A Martinez, S. Park, M. Peralta-Ochoa, S. Romero Zavala, J. Sanon, C. Schott, E. Shapiro, J. Sim, D. Tokunboh, M. Valdez, I. Wallace
 - ii. *Absent:* H. Hassan (excused), C. Schott (excused)

II. Open Microphone

- a. Vice President of Community Relations from La Asociación Latina requested that the resolution for Providing Financial Support for Visiting Students (Resolution 23) be pushed to the front of the meeting.
- b. Resident of the Latino Living Center also requested that the resolution be pushed forward.
- c. Representative from Cornell Cinema said that the cinema is happy to allow discussion to this resolution before the discussion on the cinema.
- d. Pastor Michael-Vincent Crea '77 said he comes here today because of the assault on the African American student and also pushes for equal respect. He has attempted requests to meet with President M. Pollack but never received a response. He has had hate crimes committed against him, as well as injustices committed against him on Cornell campus regarding his service dog.
- e. SA representative made a motion to move Resolution 23 before byline reports – **passed** with no dissent.

III. Announcements and Reports

- a. Rep Sim: NetPrint Task Force
 - i. J. Sim gave an update and will share a report at the beginning of next semester. He told SA members to contact him if they are interested.

IV. New Business

- a. Resolution 23: Providing Financial Support for Visiting Students from the Universidad de Puerto Rico
 - i. O. Din said he, along with M. Valadez and M. Peralta-Ochoa have been working on the language on the details of the resolution, so he requested to end the resolution as forth. However, he does have some amendments to present.

1. O. Din made a motion to amend line 49 to strike “finally” and replace it with “further,”
 2. strike “towards the university’s fundraising campaign in order to support the visiting students” and change to “the School of Continuing Education’s University of Puerto Rico support fund, and;”
 3. add “Be it further resolved, that those funds are earmarked to only be allocated to, and limited to, the visiting students from the Universidad de Puerto Rico for the spring 2018 semester, and;”
 4. add “Be it further resolved, that the University be charged with the responsibility of distributing the money from the University of Puerto Rico students support fund, as fairly as possible, taking into consideration the actual needs and interests of the University of Puerto Rico students themselves, and”
 5. add “Be it finally resolved, that the guidelines for granting the Student Assembly’s contribution to the aid be as follows:
‘Allowable expenses include (but are not limited to): books, school supplies, food, winter clothing, and moving and travel expenses. Prohibited usage of the grant includes (but is not limited to): substitution for income and transfer of funds to other students.’”
 6. Amendments **adopted** by unanimous consent.
- ii. O. Din made a motion to move this to Business of the Day because there is not another meeting to go over this – **passed** by a vote of 25-0-1.
 - iii. O. Din said the visiting students from the Universidad de Puerto Rico do not have financial aid. The university’s goal is to raise \$40,000, but many members of the community did not feel the amount divided among 58 students (averages about \$600/student) was adequate to cover the costs of moving to and living in Ithaca for a semester, especially when these are students are coming from a troubled time. The SA has a surplus of over \$150,000. O. Din wants to contribute \$10,000 of the surplus to the things items specified. He did not want this to go through FARC (SA Financial Aid Review Committee) because it is not actually part of the SA but rather in the Financial Aid Office, and the office follows rules it is given. Creating a separate fund would cause students to have to apply to both, doubling bureaucratic steps. He would like to put the money into the School of Continuing Education’s University of Puerto Rico support fund.
 - iv. R. Herz said each student should realistically be able to donate a dollar.
 - v. M. Peralta-Ochoa said they did reach out to the Puerto Rican Students Association and La Asociación Latina and has received positive feedback. Cornell does not know which students are being admitted yet. One concern is that some who will be admitted are not going to be facing such a financial struggle as others, but they have to take into consideration that everyone lost their home. Even if the \$10,000 is administered equally, it will not be enough, but will be a step of good faith. If more money is needed, he is hoping the SA or other organizations will help.
 - vi. M. Peralta-Ochoa said the SA is not doing all it can to help the students. He requests the community to continue putting pressure on the SA.
 - vii. Community member told the SA members to think more about the good they can do rather than their egos and re-elections.

- viii. Chris Arce, Co-President of Puerto Rican Student Association, emphasized the importance of helping Puerto Rico and Puerto Rican students. Puerto Rico receives no care from the federal government, but the SA has the opportunity to show compassion to a group of people who have been historically oppressed.
- ix. Community member urged people to push the Board of Trustees to step in and help with the costs.
- x. Motion to move to the question – dissent from M. Valadez as she has an amendment.
- xi. J. Kim said he is limiting the speakers on the speakers list to one minute.
- xii. M. Valadez, Chair of Financial Aid Review Committee and Chair of Diversity Committee, was concerned about the resolution passing through the SA, specifically how they were going to follow the money and how it will be allocated by the School of Continuing Education. They still do not know, but it is time-sensitive that they pass this.
 - 1. Motion to extend – **passed**
- xiii. M. Valadez made a motion to add “Be it further resolved that the School of Co School of Continuing Education will report back to the Student Assembly at the end of the spring semester regarding the number of students who have been served through the Student Assembly's contribution.”
 - 1. O. Din suggested adding this at the very end as a “Be it finally resolved” clause. M. Valadez agreed.
 - 2. Motion to vote on the amendment – **passed** with a clear majority
- b. Motion to vote on the resolution – **passed** with a vote of 25-0-1.

V. Byline Reports

- a. Cornell Cinema
 - i. J. Kim said he is not confident he can maintain partiality in good conscience, so he will be stepping down as Chair for the discussion regarding Cornell Cinema. Executive Vice President V. Devatha is also not impartial and so Vice President of Internal Operations D. Barbaria will be stepping up as chair.
 - ii. D. Barbaria clarified that the majority of the SA, or 15 members, will have to vote in the affirmative to approve the Appropriations Committee funding decision that will allow the SA to fund the cinema at an amount other than \$0.00/student. To overturn the funding decision, they would need a 2/3 approval in the room, which is 18 votes.
 - iii. G. Kaufman said the primary issue is that salaries and compensation for the cinema is currently paid out of the earned income from the programming that the SA is being asked to be paid for. They have stated this is not an appropriate arrangement and the provost’s office was not able or willing cover the cost. The SA has been forced in a situation to make human resource management decisions as 18-21 year olds facing public scrutiny as many in this room have direct financial interest in this vote. He pushes for a complete divesture from byline funding for Cornell Cinema.
 - iv. Cornell Cinema student advisory board and undergraduate staff said the provost has agreed to provide \$40,000 and additional funding which would cover the portion for the student activity fee that provides for staff wages. Cornell Cinema is a significant student activity and should be funded with a requested \$8.50/student to make sure the program continues the way it

currently does. Many students have supported Cornell cinema these past few weeks. This appeal process has been demoralizing and made it nearly impossible for professional and student staff members to do their jobs. A restructuring will take time, in which we can jointly work towards a mutually acceptable funding structure. It is evident the university will not provide more funds than already specified and so it is up to the SA to decide whether or not the cinema should continue to exist.

1. Motion to extend – passed
- v. R. Herz said her concern was that about 70% of the budget, or \$370,000, goes to salaries for 4 people, even with program cost cutting measures.
 - vi. A. Martinez said no other byline funded organizations uses student money to pay for full time staff.
 - vii. G. Kaufman said at the meeting to negotiate, he was negotiating in good faith. I told the administration if they were able to put in \$87,000 to fill the gap in addition to the \$40,000, the SA would be willing to put in enough to make undergraduate students ticket free.
 1. Motion to extend a minute – passed
 2. Motion to extend by another minute – D. Barbaria said he cannot recognize that motion
 - viii. Cornell Cinema member is upset at the attitude of the SA and Appropriations Committee. SA members are presented with empirical evidence against defunding the cinema but continue to maintain their misguided positions.
 1. Motion to extend by a minute – passed
 2. Motion to extend by another minute – passed
 - ix. G. Kaufman said they ask almost all byline organizations to prepare for a 10%, 22%, 35% cut and for an organization whose programming is based entirely off of the income from the activity fee, this would represent this cut. A 22% cut is not a death blow.
 - x. Cornell Cinema representative said that they are a nonprofit organization and break even every year. This cut is a huge and it would not just be a cut to programs, but also staff. He would like to defer his time to Vice President for Budget and Planning Paul Streeter.
 - xi. VP Streeter explained the rationale behind the provost's decision. After meeting with the Director of Cornell Cinema, they concluded that roughly at least 57%, and arguably 80%, of programming is direct student entertainment related, and not academically based. The current funding level is reasonable and fair.
 - xii. J. Kim said the provost believes that in fair funding, the school pays for academic films while students pay for entertainment films. The university pays its own employees. The SA's understanding was that they would have several meetings over the next few weeks, but there were no meetings. The SA had no input and there was no transparency on how the decisions on which programs were academic and which were entertainment were made between the cinema and the provost's office. The SA did not agree this was their definition of fair funding.
 1. Motion to extend – passed
 - xiii. Cornell Cinema said concerns about staff wages were brought up last semester and they did make attempts to cut costs to cover staff wages.

- xiv. V. Devatha read a statement to show it was inaccurate that concerns were introduced the previous semester. In 2009, the university's executive sent an email to the SA about the previous decade's concerns. There is a lot of information about the cinema which had an activity fee allocation as of 1999. The list outlines the lack of student involvement in cinema administration and the issue of staff salaries had been brought up multiple years. The allocation has been appealed and debated nearly every funding cycle with the cinema always pointing out a significant deficit should its request not be fully fulfilled.
- xv. Cornell cinema member asked why there have there been no legislative change. This is the first time in 20 years the cinema has asked for a decrease in funding, which is a sign of good faith.
- xvi. V. Devatha said there is institutional knowledge, such as staff that have been here for decades, and have had plenty of time to address this. It is unrealistic to pass and enforce this legislation as the process is difficult.
- xvii. G. Kaufman said this is the first time the cinema provided staff salary information and found that the activity fee was used for wages.
- xviii. M. Fessenden said Cornell Cinema started with full understanding that there would be professional staff running the program and have always provided wage information. None of the recommendations from the Appropriations Committee said we could no longer use a small portion of the activity fee to cover a small portion of staff wages. Our budgets show we will no longer need to use any of the activity fee at \$8.50/student to cover staff wages. The first she has heard of concerns about the use of ticket income to cover staff wages was on Tuesday with VP Streeter and representatives from the SA. Cornell Cinema is completely different from other byline groups, as we only receive 30% of our budget from the SA.
- xix. M. Valadez said having a sober space on campus is vital for student safety. The cinema proves a lower cost alternative to low-income students. The question of whether or not someone gets to keep their job should not be the responsibility of this assembly. She does not agree funding the full \$8.50, but disagrees more strongly with the decision to fully defund.
 - 1. Motion to extend – passed
- xx. J. Sanon, the SA First-Generation Student Representative At-Large and member of Appropriations Committee, said she voted to fund the cinema from \$5.20 down. The SA should focus more on the role of the administration.
 - 1. Motion to extend – passed
 - 2. Motion to extend – passed
- xxi. V. Devatha made a motion to vote – dissent from S. Park who pushed for continuing along the speakers list.
 - 1. V. Devatha maintains his motion
 - 2. D. Barbaria asked the assembly to hold up placards to count attendance. There are 27 members present.
 - 3. D. Baabaria said on the speakers list is O. Egharevba, S. Romero-Zavala, K. Early, S. Park, Director Bell, T. Ball, R. Herz.
 - 4. D. Barbaria asked for a vote to vote – failed to pass
 - 5. D. Barbaria said they will continue with the speakers list.
 - 6. Motion to overturn Appropriations Committee decision – dissent

7. D. Barbaria said a motion to overturn would require 2/3rds of the assembly voting in favor. A vote to overturn could allow funding at another value.
8. SA member had a point of order about approving the appropriations committee recommendation – D. Barbaria said in order to approve we need 15 votes. If it constantly falls short, we will keep discussing.
9. Motion to extend the meeting until 7pm – **passed** with no dissent.
10. Motion to overturn the Appropriations Committee decision that will allow for funding consideration at a value between \$0.50 and \$8.50.
11. V. Devatha made a motion to go into voting to approve the Appropriations Committee decision – dissent from T. Ball
 - a. V. Devatha maintains his position – **fails** with a vote of 16-7-2.
 - b. G. Kaufman made a motion for an attendance roll call.
- xxii. VP Streeter said there are revenues from the operations on campus that pay staff. They do not pay every staff dollars out of university resources. Cornell Cinema is an enterprise and the consideration now is rather of the amount of activity that is benefitted by the students and the academic program. They never really asked the question of whether they are paying staff or not.
- xxiii. SA member said there is a difference with the Cornell Cinema enterprise in that students are subsidizing the cinema. They are giving money for programming, not staff wages. Does not think this argument is really fair, the cinema is a byline funded organization, so it is different than other enterprises on campus and the university's responsibility.
- xxiv. Motion to vote – dissent from S. Park
- xxv. Motion to vote – **passes** with a vote of 19-7-1. Assembly is going into voting on the Appropriations Committee recommendation.
 1. Motion to approve the Appropriations Committee decision to fund the Cornell Cinema at \$0.00 – **approved** with a vote of 19-5-3.
- xxvi. Community member Noelle LaDue said this was the most disrespectful process she has ever been a part of and pointed out G. Kaufman for personal insults.
- xxvii. M. Peralta-Ochoa said the moment they are elected, there is so much more scrutiny and pressure. He apologizes for G. Kaufman.
- xxviii. Community member Nathan David Chazan interrupts and says he is going to lose his job and blames the SA for taking away a safe space.
- xxix. J. Kim asks for decorum.
- xxx. M. Peralta-Ochoa apologizes that their job security was on the line. The Provost should be paying their salaries, not the SA.
- xxxi. J. Kim said because this is an extraordinary circumstance, even though the vote has passed, they will continue a short discussion.
- xxxii. T. Cabbell said he has not heard a single solution on how to move forward.
- xxxiii. Community member said they cannot keep pointing at the administration. The SA is the last line of defense to maintain its cultural relevance to the student body. The SA should be uniting with Cornell Cinema.
- xxxiv. Community member urged the SA to undo the vote.
- xxxv. Community members shared their disappointment.
- b. Outdoor Odyssey
- c. Alternative Breaks
- d. Club Insurance

- e. Slope Day Programming Board
- f. Senior Days
- g. CU Tonight Commission
- h. SAFC
- i. Athletics & Physical Education
- j. Cornell Concert Commission
- k. Collegiate Readership Program
- l. Student Assembly

VI. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 14: Increasing the Transparency of WCM-Q
- b. Resolution 17: Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus
- c. Resolution 22: Spring 2018 Election Rules
 - i. Rules Attachment

VII. New Business

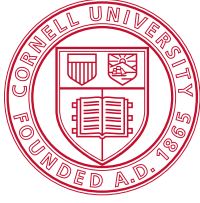
VIII. Adjournment

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at

IX. Executive Session

- a. SAIFC Chair Nominations & Voting
- b. CRPC Nominations & Voting

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Tran
Clerk of the Assembly



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Friday, December 1, 2017 Meeting
5:30pm-8:00pm in 401 Physical Sciences Building

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 5:41pm.
- b. Roll Call:
 - i. *Present:* T. Ball, D. Barbaria, O. Corn, V. Devatha, O. Egharevba, M. Indimine, G. Kaufman, J. Kim, S. Lim, L. Lipschutz, S. Park, J. Pollard, S. Romero Zavala, J. Sanon, C. Schott, J. Sim, D. Tokunboh, M. Valdez
 - ii. *Absent:* A. Chowdhury, R. Cornell (excused), O. Din (excused), H. Hassan, R. Herz, T. Magloire, A. Martinez, M. Peralta-Ochoa, E. Shapiro, I. Wallace

II. Open Microphone

- a. Motion to amend the agenda and move Byline Reports before the Approval of Minutes – **withdrawn**

III. Approval of Minutess

- a. August 24, 2017
- b. September 21, 2017
- c. September 28, 2017
- d. October 5, 2017
- e. J. Kim said by unanimous consent all minutes listed above are **approved**.

IV. Byline Reports – G. Kaufman

- a. Outdoor Odyssey
 - i. Currently funded at \$1.25. The Appropriations Committee recommends an increase of \$0.50 to \$1.75.
 - ii. Motion to approve recommendation – **passed** with a vote of 16-0-1.
- b. Alternative Breaks
 - i. Currently funded at \$1.50. The Appropriations Committee recommends an increase to \$2.00.
 - ii. Motion to approve recommendation – **passed** with a vote of 16-0-1.
- c. Club Insurance
 - i. Currently funded at \$5.10 and requested to stay at that amount. This is not a person but rather the insurance the SA makes for all clubs in case of disaster.
 - ii. Motion to approve recommendation – **passed** with a vote of 16-0-1.
- d. Slope Day Programming Board
 - i. G. Kaufman said this organization has been funded at \$18 for over a decade. This is the first Appropriations Committee to increase funding for better concerts, something that the student body appreciates.
 - ii. Motion to approve the decision – dissent from V. Devatha
 - iii. G. Kaufman said this has been on the agenda for two weeks.

- iv. V. Devatha said in the future, he hopes they ask for a similar amount or an even larger amount, because it is a very different level of performers with a larger increase. It is a step system, not a linear line. This will take a large step in funding and he encourages them to apply for this jump in the future.
 - v. O. Corn said the Appropriations Committee decided on \$19 because they had an issue with the tickets. Ticket prices for those who are not at Cornell should be increased a little to offset the costs.
 - vi. S. Park said a lot of this increase is not actually going to the performer, but things they have been asking for. If the SA wants to give them enough money to spend on the performer, it has to give them \$20.
 - vii. G. Kaufman said the programming board is not appealing the funding.
 - viii. Motion to approve the decision – dissent from M. Valadez
 - ix. Motion to approve recommendation at \$19/student – passed with a vote of 16-0-1.
- e. Senior Days
- i. G. Kaufman was concerned that the University Business Service Center charged a \$30,000 expense to Senior Days' account for a different byline funded organization. The SA needs to work out why this expense is being reported, because Senior Days is being asked to pay. They do have a plan to fill this cost, but they should not have to.
 - ii. Motion to approve recommendation – passed with a vote of 16-0-1.
- f. CU Tonight Commission
- i. CU Tonight Commission has a large surplus and is working to spend more. They can continue to do the same level of programming with a slightly lower activity fee allocation. The commission is not appealing the decision.
 - ii. Motion to approve recommendation – passed with a vote of 16-0-1.
- g. SAFC
- i. G. Kaufman asked to table SAFC until after the Student Assembly, because the amount allocated is in part a function of what is allocated to other organizations.
 - ii. Motion to amend the agenda – tabled by unanimous consent.
- h. Athletics & Physical Education
- i. Currently funded at \$10.30 and requested an inflationary increase to \$10.57. Their marketing budget has been inappropriately used to prioritize men sports over women sports. They responded by saying they invest the marketing budget in the most business efficient manner. The Appropriations Committee encouraged them to prioritize women's sports and so they recommend a decrease for now, but perhaps in two years when they have a plan, they can get their funding back.
 - ii. S. Romero-Zavala said they seemed to spend on advertising without a strategy. In their packet, all the sports listed were male. When the Appropriations committee made recommendations, their feedback was completely ignoring the point, so she believes this is a qualifying decrease.
 - iii. V. Devatha made a motion to approve – revoked
 - iv. G. Kaufman said athletics isn't charging for women sports and would like their marketing outreach to be focused on women sports.
 - v. Motion to approve recommendation – passed with a vote of 16-0-1.
- i. Cornell Concert Commission
- i. G. Kaufman said this is the first time in over a decade the Appropriations Committee has voted to increase funding. They are sitting on a large surplus

as Barton was closed for renovations last year and they didn't have to spend that much money.

ii. Motion to approve recommendation – **passed** with a vote of 16-0-1.

j. Collegiate Readership Program

i. G. Kaufman said he did not chair this meeting. The CRP currently has a surplus of \$135,000 and it will be used in the next two years to continue subscriptions for the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times. The prices said now are essentially negotiated, so with a \$1 activity fee allocation, there could be a level of flexibility. This is run out of the SA account.

ii. D. Barbaria moved to asked the assembly to request G. Kaufman write a report by the end of next semester explaining to the incoming VP of Finance how to handle this program.

1. G. Kaufman said he will be doing this for all the organizations.

iii. Motion to approve by unanimous consent – **withdrawn**

iv. V. Devatha said the NYT still has physical distribution locations and they have to discuss in the future where they want those to be.

v. Motion to approve by unanimous consent – **withdrawn**

vi. Motion to approve recommendation – **passed** with a vote of 16-0-1.

k. Student Assembly

i. G. Kaufman said he did not chair this meeting.

ii. G. Kaufman said it is inappropriate for the SA to byline fund itself. It has a huge surplus and the SA has electoral incentives to spend the money.

iii. Motion to approve – dissent and **withdrawn**

iv. G. Kaufman said a motion to overturn this decision is a motion for the SA to use a byline setting funding process to give itself too much money.

v. M. Valadez said she has an issue with cutting the SA down to \$0. There have been conversations about how to allocate this and she has had conversations about giving the SA a few dollars for the financial aid review.

vi. G. Kaufman said the SA would still be giving its surplus to itself to spend on other projects.

vii. M. Valadez said she has no political incentive as she is a senior and graduating.

viii. J. Sanon said a lot of community groups need this money and pushed for \$0.50.

ix. T. Cabbell yielded to M. Indimine.

x. M. Indimine said pushed for funding the SA to give to FARC.

xi. Motion to vote to overturn – revoked

xii. G. Kaufman said the SA has about \$53,000 in the rollover account and \$54,000 in special projects (surplus) from the Collegiate Readership Program. They normally spend \$20,000 of the \$30,000 they give themselves.

xiii. Motion to vote to vote – dissent from M. Valadez

xiv. V. Devatha made a motion to overturn – dissent and revoked

xv. O. Corn said the Appropriations Committee is consistently stringent with other organizations, but is allowing the SA to walk away with a surplus of over \$100,000.

xvi. V. Devatha pushed for the money going directly to the Students Helping Students Fund to avoid politicizing. The SA took so much money from this organization in the past that they haven't supported that amount moving forward. They should fund the max \$1.90 and put it towards the Students Helping Students fund.

- xvii. G. Kaufman said \$1.90 is too high. If the SA puts fiscal discipline on itself, it could probably reduce its operating budget to \$10,000 and use the extra \$10,000 to put towards the Students Helping Students Fund.
- xxviii. M. Valadez said FARC was told it could get back on byline funding without having to collect the 15,000 signatures. However, the VPF at the time said they could not and by the time she reached out to G. Kaufman, it was already too late.
- xix. D. Barbaria said FARC is fully stable. If more money is put in, it could potentially do more, but it is not a necessity.
- xx. J. Kim said because there is so much yielding, he is limiting speakers to one minute.
- xxi. G. Kaufman said if to increase the endowment, they could byline fund it. The university's endowment return is about \$0.07 on every dollar, which is not a good use of our funding.
- xxii. Motion to vote – dissent from J. Sanon said she has a different view
- xxiii. Motion to overturn with the understanding that all the money would go towards the Summer Experience grant rather than the Students Helping Students endowment to avoid the \$0.07 on a dollar – dissent from SA representative who does not feel comfortable with that
- xxiv. J. Kim made a motion to vote to close discussion and vote to overturn – **failed**
- xxv. M. Indimine yields to J. Sanon.
- xxvi. J. Sanon says it is not a surplus up in the air. FARC is severely underfunded as well as a bunch of other organizations and programs.
- xxvii. D. Barbaria said he has been upset since the money has been removed from FARC. However, he does not trust this process.
- xxviii. Motion to vote to vote on recommendation – **passed** with a vote of 9-5-1.
- xxix. S. Romero-Zavala said she does not want to rush this because it is important. They should hear some numbers and justifications.
- xxx. C. Schott, as someone who benefitted from the Summer Experience grant, did not support putting the grant in the same bucket as any student activity.
- xxxi. Motion to overturn funding decision – dissent from V. Devatha
- xxxii. V. Devatha motions to overturn and fund at \$0.72. They could utilize \$10,000 from the special projects fund to go towards the Summer Experience Grant. They could use \$10,000 from the \$0.72 in addition to also go towards the grant.
- xxxiii. Motion to vote on \$0.72 – dissent on the basis of how future student assemblies will comply with this.
- xxxiv. Motion to vote to vote – **passed** with a vote of 10-5-1.
- xxxv. Motion to vote to overturn to \$0.72 – **failed** with a vote of 9-6-1.
- xxxvi. G. Kaufman made a motion to fund at \$0.50 – **failed** with a vote of 7-8-1.
- xxxvii. O. Corn made a motion to fund at \$0.61 – dissent on the basis it is an arbitrary number
- xxxviii. Motion to vote to vote on \$0.61 – **withdrawn**
- xxxix. G. Kaufman suggested funding an amount such that SAFC would be at an even number, which would be \$0.69.
- 1. J. Kim called for a three-minute recess so SA members could have time to calculate the exact number.
 - i. G. Kaufman said because the total activity fee has to be a whole number, they increase SAFC at the end of the year to make it a whole number. If they

were to give the SA \$0.87 and give SAFC \$0.50 this goes up to \$234.00 activity fee total.

- ii. Motion to vote on \$0.87 – passed with a vote of 15-0-0 with J. Kim voting in favor.
- m. SAFC
 - i. G. Kaufman said SAFC requested \$100 and the Appropriations Committee gave them a \$3.50/student increase. Because they went to \$0.87, they need \$0.50 for SAFC to make the total activity fee a full number.
 - ii. G. Kaufman made a motion to fund SAFC at \$98 – passed with a vote of 13-1-1.

V. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 22: Spring 2018 Election Rules
 - i. Rules Attachment
 - ii. Motion to approve the election rules – passed with a vote of 13-0-1.
 - iii. D. Barbaria made a point of order to redo the election vote.
 - iv. Motion to approve the election rules – passed with a vote of 14-0-1.
- b. Motion to vote on total activity fee of \$234 – passed with a vote of 11-2-1.
 - i. D. Barbaria called for a division of the house and vote by standing.
- c. O. Corn made a motion to roll call vote – J. Kim did not recognize the motion as there was a motion already announced to vote by standing.
- d. Motion to vote on total activity fee of \$234 – passed with a vote of 12-2-1.
- e. Resolution 14: Increasing the Transparency of WCM-Q
 - i. J. Pollard motioned to make an amendment to add on line 28 “Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the Vice President of University Relations”
 - ii. Add on line 25 “be made publically available on the WCM-Q Governance and Leadership website.”
- f. Motion to refer all the resolutions to the Executive Committee – passed with a vote of 10-4-1.
- g. Resolution 17: Declaring Support for Wind Development on Campus
- h. Resolution 19: Preventing the Use of University Resources for Political Purposes
- i. Resolution 24: Allocating Part of the Student Assembly Surplus

VI. Adjournment

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.

VII. Executive Session

- a. SAIFC Chair Nominations & Voting
- b. CRPC Nominations & Voting

Respectfully Submitted,
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Clerks of the Assembly