

Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, September 2, 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. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
 - a. [August 26th, 2021](#)
- IV. Open Microphone
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Minutes of the Thursday, August 26, 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 4:50pm (EST).
- b. Roll Call
 - i. *Members Present:* A. Williams, A. Lampert, A. Gleiberman, A. Ononye, C. Tempelman, C. Leon, D. Ilango, D. Eisman, D. Cady, E. Bentolila, E. Yan, H. Wade, J. Bansah, J. Jiang, J. Mullen, K. Santacruz, L. Smith, M. Baker, N. Overton, N. Reddy, P. Gronemeyer, V. Valencia, Y. Logan
 - ii. *Members Absent:* K. Thakkar, M. Louis

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. Approval of the Minutes

- a. July 1, 2021
 - i. Motion to approve the July 1st minutes – **approved** by Unanimous Consent

IV. Open Microphone

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

V. Announcements and Presentations

- a. A. Ononye stated that there is a mandatory orientation is on Sunday, August 29, at 11:30am. Additionally, A. Ononye explained that the Sept. 16 meeting on the SA meeting schedule is a mistake and asked for the meeting to be removed from the schedule.
 - i. Motion to amend the Student Assembly meeting schedule – **amended** by Unanimous Consent

VI. New Business

- a. SA R2: Adding Two Reserved Seats for First-Year Students to the Appropriations Committee
 - i. Abstract: This resolution adds two reserved seats for first-year students to the Appropriations Committee. This addition will help to ensure the continued functions of the Appropriations Committee in the future.
 - ii. M. Baker stated that this resolution is intended to give opportunities for first year members to join the Appropriations Committee, especially because they are the future of committee.

- iii. D. Cady asked if this resolution created two seats on the committee or if it will take seats away from upperclassmen.
 - 1. M. Baker stated this resolution will add new spots and will not take away any seats.
 - 2. D. Cady asked for clarification on lines 43-47 in the resolution, in regard to why it specifies one seat for freshman and one seat for transfer students.
 - a. M. Baker clarified that at least one of the seats should be held by an actual freshman who can be on the committee for four years.
 - iv. Motion to approve Resolution #2 – **approved** by a vote of 20-1-1.
 - b. SA R3: Amendments to the Student Activities Funding Commission's Governing Documents 4
 - i. Abstract: This resolution affirms the changes that were made to the Student Activities Funding Commission's Governing Documents.
 - ii. M. Baker motioned to amend the resolution to add A. Gleiberman as a co-sponsor.
 - 1. Motion to amend Resolution #3 – **amended** by Unanimous Consent
 - iii. M. Baker explained that the SAFC documents were originally confusing, and these changes are designed to make the document more user friendly
 - iv. A. Gleiberman stated that this resolution will allow clubs more flexibility with how they spend their funds, one of the biggest changes is that clubs can use their funds for food and apparel. There is also a list of prohibited expenses in one place and there is a simplified list of four categories for permitted expenses.
 - v. N. Overton asked if food was allowed under COVID-19 guidelines.
 - 1. M. Baker stated that all clubs under SAFC funding must follow COVID-19 guidelines.
 - vi. A. Williams questioned if clubs have to comply with the behavioral compact
 - 1. M. Baker explained that clubs need to follow all university policies to receive SAFC funding.
 - 2. A. Williams asked if there are any repercussions if an organization does not.
 - 3. A. Ononye stated a point of information that there is no behavioral compact this year.
 - vii. A. Gleiberman stated that clubs have to be in good standing with the university to receive SAFC funding.
 - viii. L. Smith communicated that there is a reason why food has not been permitted in the past because funding is meant to be used on mission-specific items. It is undesirable for organizations to spend lots of money on food and not the organizations goal.
 - 1. A. Gleiberman stated that clubs have to submit their budgets by September 17 and why penalize clubs for spending money on food. The issue is the tier system that decides how much money an organization receives, not overspending. How much money an organization receives is based on how long an organization has been receiving money. There are already plans in place to address this issue.

- ix. D. Eisman asked that if the tier system is still in place, what will be stopping clubs from spending all the money on the system
 - 1. A. Gleiberman explained that the tiers have not change and there is significant surplus this year because many organizations did not need as much money in the last academic year.
 - 2. M. Baker clarified that money on food can only be spent for programs and event, not private meetings, it is intended to attract students to these events.
- x. P. Gronemeyer asked if were possible to add a definition for performance in the document.
 - 1. A. Gleiberman stated that performance is common terminology and clarification is not needed.
- xi. H. Wade asked where 75 came from for the number of publications.
 - 1. The SAFC co-chair, D. Glickman, explained that 75 has been used for a while, there is no scientific reasoning for the amount. It is intended to be enough so the publications can be distributed around all of campus.
- xii. J. Mullen asked why the chairs of the SAFC can suspend organizations unilaterally but needs the vote of the executive committee for full revocation. Additionally, J. Mullen asked if this the SA Executive Committee or the SAFC Executive Committee.
 - 1. M. Baker clarified it is the executive committee of the SAFC, not the SA.
 - 2. D. Glickman explained that this has not occurred during their time at the SAFC, but that if a club needs to be suspended, it typically has to be done very quickly and Co-chairs need to act swiftly. However, putting all the power into two people is scary, so full removal is decided by the executive committee.
- xiii. A. Williams questioned why apparel purchased can only go to club members and not eligible for use in marketing tactics.
 - 1. D. Glickman stated that it is tempting to spend money on food for club meetings, so it is not allowed. Clothing and apparel are more expensive, thus money for apparel can only be used for club members and not used for giveaway items. want it to be for members and not allowed to be just e board
- xiv. Motion to approve Resolution #3 – approved by Unanimous Consent
- c. SA R4: Amendments to the Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service's Governing Documents
 - i. Abstract: This resolution affirms the changes that were made to Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service's constitution to add the following new services/roles: EARS Peer Mentors, EARS Liaisons, and Empathy Chairs,
 - ii. M. Baker stated that EARS has been reorganized and reframed and the changes have been reflected in this resolution.
 - iii. P. Gronemeyer asked if A. Gleiberman needed to be added a co-sponsor to this resolution.
 - 1. A. Gleiberman stated they are not a co-sponsor of this resolution.
 - iv. Motion to approve Resolution #4 – approved by Unanimous Consent
- d. SA R5: Amendments to the Class Councils' Governing Documents

- i. Abstract: This resolution affirms the changes that were made to Class Councils' constitution to account for its separation from the Convocation Committee.
 - ii. M. Baker stated that the change convocation to something
 - iii. Motion to approve Resolution #5 – **approved** by Unanimous Consent
- e. SA R6: Amendments to the Convocation Committee's Appendix B Guidelines
 - i. Abstract: This resolution seeks to amend the Convocation Committee's Appendix B Guidelines to reduce the number of guaranteed Convocation Committee seats offered to senior Student Assembly members.
 - ii. Motion to table Resolution #6 indefinitely – **tabled** by Unanimous Consent
- f. SA R7: Amendments to the Interfaith Council at Cornell's Governing Documents
 - i. Abstract: This resolution affirms the changes that were made to the Interfaith Council at Cornell's constitution to account for the name change, the addition of three officers' positions, and the clarification of some of the responsibilities.
 - ii. M. Baker stated the only changes made is the name change, clarification of duties, and the addition of 3 officers.
 - iii. A. Williams asked if there was a reason for the name change.
 - 1. M. Baker explained they did not ask for reasoning for the name change.
 - iv. Motion to approve Resolution #7 – **approved** by Unanimous Consent.
- g. SA R8: Amendments to Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter
 - i. Abstract: This resolution seeks to amend Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter by updating outdated terms, adding mission statements, and changing methods of operation.
 - ii. A. Gleiberman informed the SA that the changes to Appendix B include language changes to reflect current names of organizations, the inclusion of a clause regarding umbrella organization, the movement of spending limitations text to its own clause, updated attendance tracking language, the first cause under every organization is their mission statement, every byline organization is now included in Section 4 and all dollar values were changed to percentages.
 - iii. M. Baker stated that members can follow along with changes in the meeting packet.
 - iv. A. Gleiberman explained one of the changes was codifying expectations about the main source of a club's spending. This is not a prominent issue, as in the last year, only seven clubs under umbrella organization spent SAFC money. The purpose of the formation of new umbrella organizations is to move clubs from under SAFC to umbrella organizations that will better understand their needs. Additionally, another amendment to Appendix B is to include language that encourages organizations to use new attendance features built into Campus Groups. Attendance is important for the Appropriations Committee to ensure organizations are using money wisely. Most of the changes in the document were submitted the organizations themselves.
 - v. A. Williams asked why there are still some dollar values in Appendix B and stated that some of the percentages are listed in a confusing manner.

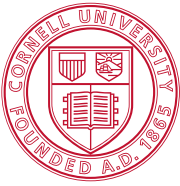
1. M. Baker stated that some organizations have not provided this information, but when they respond, the information will be updated.
- vi. N. Overton asked if this means the SA will be amending this Appendix B again.
 1. A. Gleiberman communicated that it will most likely be amended again by the end of the semester. There may be more modifications depending on the Appropriations Committee and the organizations.
 2. M. Baker stated that this process will be easier as it returns in in-person functioning.
- vii. D. Cady asked how many organizations they are waiting to hear back from.
 1. M. Baker stated about half of the organizations. Every organization has been emailed several times.
 2. We've already reached out many times
- viii. L. Smith suggested that the Club Sports Council be removed from the Appendix until it is approved.
- ix. Motion to amend the resolution to remove Section 4D from Appendix B – **amended** by Unanimous Consent
- x. D. Eisman asked for clarification on how fraternities lose SAFC funding.
 1. M. Baker stated that organizations under umbrella organizations have much more tailored guidelines for funding. They are subject to SA approval. If there is evidence of them misusing their funds, they are subject to suspension.
 2. D. Eisman asked if it were possible for one member in each of the organizations to be represented.
 3. A. Ononye stated a point of information that there is a president's council where all the presidents of the fraternities receive a vote.
- xi. L. Smith asked if there was a language change in Section 4W where it now states that the PFC will provide diversity statistics if available, where it used to be a requirement.
 1. A. Gleiberman explained that the PFC provided this themselves.
- xii. Motion to amend to remove "if provided" and "if available" from Section 4W subsection 3 of Appendix B – **amended** by Unanimous Consent
- xiii. A. Williams asked if there was any possibility this resolution could be tabled until it is complete and has the percentages from the organizations that have not submitted theirs yet. Here anyway we could table this to have a full extent of what this is when it is ready for.
 1. M. Baker stated the final documents will come in by September 17, but there are close estimates to the percentages. The resolution should be addressed today to avoid organizations being in violation of Appendix B.
- xiv. L. Smith stated that the mission statement of Students Helping Students is not the correct mission statement for the organization.
- xv. Motion to amend Appendix B Section 4BB Subsection 1 to include the mission statement of Students Helping Students Fund and Summer Experience Grants– **amended** by Unanimous Consent
- xvi. A. Williams explained that there are a few discrepancies in the document and suggested tabling the resolution to allow members to look through the document more closely.

- xvii. J. Bansah apologized for sending the meeting agenda late and will send the agendas and meeting packets earlier to allow members more time to review the documents.
- xviii. Motion to table Resolution #8 – **tabled** by a vote of 19-1-2.
- h. SA R9: Amendments to the Cornell Concert Commission's Governing Documents
 - i. Abstract: This resolution affirms the changes that were made to the Cornell Concert Commission's constitution charter, and bylaws to allow for co-executive directors of the organization
 - ii. M. Baker stated that the only change in these documents is removing the clause "only one person should serve one committee" is striking out clause that states that there is only one person. This document does not reflect this change and asked for a motion to amend.
 - iii. There was a motion to amend Article 4, Section 1, Part A of the Cornell Concert Commission's Governing Documents to remove "one person should serve one committee", as the Cornell Concert Commission does not have as many experienced members due to the pandemic.
 - 1. Motion to amend Resolution #9 – **amended** by a vote of 21-0-1.
 - iv. Motion to approve Resolution #9 – **approved** by Unanimous Consent
- i. P. Mehler stated that freshman and transfer student elections will be begin in September and there will not be a special election.

VII. Adjournment

- a. A. Ononye adjourned the meeting at 5:57pm (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,
Ciara Shanahan
Clerk of the Student Assembly



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Originally Presented on:	(09/02/2021)
Type of Action:	Resolution
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #10 Amendments to Election Rules for Fall 2021

ABSTRACT: This resolution updates the Student Assembly Election Rules for the Fall 2021 Election. This is necessitated by the ongoing public health restrictions related to COVID-19, and the ability to return to in-person elections, petition, and campaigning.

Sponsored by: Patrick J. Mehler '23, Director of Elections

Whereas, the Student Assembly Bylaws (§IV, 3, F, line 409) task the Elections Committee with coordinating and implementing the regular and special elections of the Student Assembly, and

Whereas, to appropriately coordinate and implement the Student Assembly Elections, the Election Rules must be updated, and

Whereas, the campus is still under some restrictions for in-person gathering, petitioning and campaigning related to COVID-19, and

Whereas, the Campus Code of Conduct has been reformed to incorporate less judicial procedures in the new Student Code of Conduct and in doing so removed the Judicial Codes Counselor, and

Whereas, the inclusion of definitions within the Election Rules establishes clearer procedures in challenge hearings, and

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly approves the Fall 2021 Student Assembly Election Rules attached as Appendix A to this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick J. Mehler '23
Director of Elections, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Elections Committee, 6-0-0, 08/27/2021)



Student Assembly Election Rules

Adopted on Thursday, December 3, 2009. Amended on Friday, December 3, 2010, Friday, December 2, 2011, Thursday, November 29, 2012, Friday, December 6, 2013, Thursday, May 1, 2014, Thursday, November 20, 2014, Thursday, March 26, 2015, Thursday, December 3, 2015, Thursday, May 5, 2016, Thursday, December 1, 2016, Tuesday, August 29, 2017, Friday, December 1, 2017, Monday, May 7, 2018, Thursday, November 29, 2018, Wednesday, September 2, 2020, Thursday, March 11, 2021, Thursday September 1, 2021.

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Article I: Election Guidelines

Elections are the foundation upon which representative governance rests. These rules are designed to protect the rights of all candidates, as well as all members of the University community, and to ensure that the election process takes place in an open and fair arena. Candidates must respect the rights and privileges of all members of the Cornell community, and follow all election guidelines outlined in this document. Election rules are subject to the approval of voting members of the Student Assembly each semester.

A. Voter Eligibility

To vote in an election for a seat in the Student Assembly (SA) or for the directly elected seats on the University Assembly (UA), a person must:

1. Be a full-time, matriculated undergraduate student enrolled in a degree-granting unit of the Ithaca campus of the University; and,
2. Be a member of the constituency for which the seat is designated, if it is designated for one of the following:
 - a. Specific to college of enrollment
 - b. Freshman
 - c. Transfer

B. Definitions

The following words throughout the Election Rules are defined as such:

1. Candidate: is any person who has successfully completed the outlined steps to become a candidate, as described in these Election Rules.
2. Classroom: is any space in which a professor, teaching assistant, or any other instructor holds prescribed class time. "Classroom" includes in-person, hybrid, and online courses.
3. Cyber Bullying: is the act of bullying in any online space. These election rules follow the same definition of bullying as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and applicable university policies or governmental laws.



- Individual or self-promoting publicity: is any outreach events, office hours, postings, or public facing events, whether in-person or virtual, in which interaction with, or promotion of, the candidate is a substantial reason for the act.
4. ~~JCC: Judicial Codes Counselor (PLACEHOLDER) will have full definition later~~
 5. Petitioner: is any person seeking signatures to become a candidate.
 6. Social Media: is any online service that allows users to share, create, or post content for social-networking purposes. Social media services include, but are not limited to: Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, Reddit, MySpace, Pinterest, YouTube, and CampusGroups.
 - a. Email, GroupMe, WhatsApp, Signal, and text messaging are not social media.

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C. Candidate Information

1. Eligibility and Requirements

To be a candidate, a person must, prior to the petitioning deadline specified in the election calendar:

1. Be eligible to vote in the election for the seat and plan to remain seated so for the full term for which they are seeking election.[†]
 - a. Candidates should not plan to pursue study abroad programs or internships that would require them to leave the Ithaca campus for any semester during their tenure.
2. Submit a completed candidate registration form and any associated materials required in that form. You may not register for more than one position on the candidate registration form.
3. Submit petitions endorsed by the required number of people who are eligible to vote in the election for that specific position, which is the lesser of 10% of those eligible to vote for that specific position or:
 - a. 300 for President and Executive Vice President
 - b. 75 for Womxn's Issues Representative At-Large, Minority Liaison At-Large, First Generation Student Representative At-Large, and International Students Liaison At-Large, LGBTQIA+ Students Liaison At-Large, Students With Disabilities Representative,
 - c. 150 for all other at-large seats
 - d. 100 for Arts and Sciences seats
 - e. 25 for Transfer seat
 - f. 75 for all other seats
4. Not already hold a directly-elected voting position on the SA and/or UA for the term for which they are seeking election.
5. Have never held or currently hold the role of Chair of the Research and Accountability Committee.

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[†] Candidates should not plan to pursue study abroad programs or internships that would require them to leave the Ithaca campus for any semester during their tenure.
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6. Have not resigned for a reason other than a Health Leave of Absence or been removed from the SA or from a directly elected UA seat during the Student Assembly term prior to the academic year of the term for the seat being elected.

To be a candidate, a person must, prior to the commencement of voting as specified in the elections calendar:

1. Apply online to serve on at least one committee of the SA.

The Office of the Assemblies, assisted by the Elections Committee, will review submitted materials for compliance with petitioning requirements as follows:

1. A sampling method may be used as long as at least 10% of required signatures are validated for all petitions and all required signatures are attempted to be validated for any petition found to be ineligible.
2. All petitions will be available for viewing only to members of the Cornell community and may be examined in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall after the announcement of candidates. Petitions may not be photocopied once submitted.
3. The Office of the Assemblies will notify the Director of Elections, who will then notify any necessary candidates who failed to meet petitioning requirements prior to the announcement of candidates.
4. Candidates who are listed on the ballot but found to have not fulfilled eligibility requirements prior to tabulation of results will be disqualified with vote counts untallied and discarded.

2. Petitioning

In order to demonstrate that they will be a respectable representative of the student body at large, and/or of the community they vie to represent, candidates are required to collect a certain number of petition signatures. The required number of petition signers is designated above. ~~For the Fall 2021 Election all petitioning will be completed using paper forms found on the elections website.~~ In accordance with university policies in place at the time, and at the direction of the Elections Committee, petition forms will either be "in-person" paper forms (available from the SA Elections website), or "virtual/remote" online forms (available by link from the SA elections website. Candidates are expected to maintain the highest standards of integrity when collecting petition signatures. In addition to the Early Campaigning rules detailed in Article 1, Section C(1) of these elections rules, the following restrictions are in place to ensure fairness during the petitioning period. Candidates may not:

1. Announce their candidacy on social media platforms under any circumstances
2. Announce their candidacy in front of a classroom, during class hours, or in interference of the learning environment in order to collect signatures

Supporters of potential candidates may collect petition signatures in accordance with the above rules. The names and netID of both the potential candidate and the individual who collected the signatures must be noted on the petition form.

3. Written Statements



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1. Each candidate is asked to submit a short statement, which may be no more than 1,250 characters, including spaces (NOT word count) via the online Candidate Profile portal. Submissions must be plain text.
2. Statements will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections Committee.
3. Statements may not include names of any political coalitions.
4. If a candidate's statement does not conform to these guidelines, the statement will not be posted.

4. Pictures

Photos will be displayed in informational materials published by the Elections Committee. Candidates may submit a photograph of themselves that conforms to the specifications noted in the online candidate registration form, or have their photo taken by a staff member in the Office of the Assemblies.

5. Candidate Forum

All candidates are encouraged to participate in the Candidates' Forums held by the Elections Committee during the campaign period. The Elections Committee will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and marketing these forums. At the forum, candidates are encouraged to discuss their experience, platforms, and more. Candidates are also encouraged to use the forum as an opportunity specifically to discuss why they are more qualified for the contested position than their opponent(s). The Director of Elections shall reach out to student organizations that receive funding from the Student Assembly, encouraging them to use the candidate forum as an opportunity to consider candidates for endorsements.

D. Election Guidelines

1. Early Campaigning Prohibition

Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must not participate in the following campaign activities until campaigning **officially begins**:

1. Distribution of online campaign materials to the public.
2. Making speeches or statements to student organizations.
3. Promoting their candidacy through email, social networking tools, or other digital media

The Elections Committee may challenge or disqualify a candidate if a violation is found to compromise the fairness of the election.

2. Restrictions for Current SA Members

Current SA members seeking reelection:

1. Must refrain from any form of individual or self-promoting publicity during the petitioning period.
2. Must not host constituency outreach events that are meant to fulfill an outreach requirement from the deadline for election materials through the last day of voting.



173 **3. Compliance with University Policies and Student Code of Conduct**

174 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf must be aware of and comply with all applicable
175 policies and provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, including but not limited to:

- 176 1. Use of Cornell Name, Logo & Artwork policy
177 2. Event Registration policies
178 3. Facilities reservation policies, including Willard Straight Hall area reservation policies
179 4. University Postering & Chalking policies
180 5. Residential & New Students Programs' policy for postering in residence halls
181 6. Dining hall policies, including a prohibition of distributing printed campaign materials in dining
182 halls without permission from authorized staff, and as designated in the Student Code of
183 Conduct.²
184 a. Please note that it is against the University Postering and Chalking Policy to chalk on any
185 vertical surface, regardless of the location.
186 7. Intimidation tactics and cyber-bullying online is strictly prohibited.

187 A violation of any University policy is a violation of these rules and therefore grounds for a challenge if
188 it compromises the fairness of the election. It is the candidate's responsibility to read the referenced
189 documents and be familiar with the rules and regulations established within them. The Director of
190 Elections may also refer any reported violations to the Office of Student Conduct and Community
191 Standards (OSCCS) or any other appropriate office, which may impose disciplinary remedies and
192 penalties according to its own rules and procedures.

193 **4. Campus Mail**

194 Candidates and their supporters acting on their behalf may not use Campus Mail for campaigning
195 purposes.

196 **5. Electronic Communications and Social Media**

197 Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:

- 198 1. Cannot receive campaign support through a Cornell Administered list-serv. E.g. The Cornell
199 Athletics Department
200 2. Must comply with Cornell University IT policies

201 **6. Campaign Finance**

202 Candidates or supporters acting on their behalf must submit all receipts and/or proof of fair market value
203 with the signed expense report to the Office of the Assemblies by the deadline specified in the election
204 calendar. Candidates who do not submit receipts and/or proof of fair market value will be presumed to
205 have spent \$0 on their campaign.

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1. Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not exceed the \$25 limit for out-of-pocket expenses and fair market value of donations of materials, professional services, and/or money
 - a. Fair market value is the value at which something is to be obtained normally if documentation of its dollar value is not provided.
 - b. If there is a supporting receipt for goods used in a candidate's campaign, then the value of that good is the dollar value on the supporting receipt as long as the transaction was conducted at arm's length.
 - c. For donated materials, professional services, or other goods for which no official receipt is provided, candidates must seek the most plausible assessment of the fair market value of the good. Professional services will be defined as any work for which the given individual/donor is typically compensated. Volunteer time donated by full-time students, who are not professionals (have received payment for service) in the area of their volunteer effort, will not be considered professional services.
 - d. Paid advertisements and related costs on social networking sites or other websites must also be accounted for at fair market value.
2. Candidates will be eligible for up to \$25 in reimbursements to cover out-of-pocket expenses from the campaigning period that can be used towards the following expenses: website expenses (web hosting, domain names, and online advertising) or any other promotional materials approved by the Director of Elections that are not a violation of these election rules.
3. Candidates may use any platforms at their disposable, granted they are free. If these platforms require purchasing, candidates are required to report this in their expense report form.

7. Endorsements

All registered student organizations receiving funds from the Student Assembly are encouraged to endorse candidates. If an organization chooses to endorse a candidate, it is expected to abide by the guidelines below.

1. Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) funded and Student Activity Fee (SAF) byline funded organizations may endorse candidates. All groups must act in a way that is fair and balanced when deciding on the endorsement of candidates.
2. The Elections Committee may recommend that the SA impose fines on or revoke allocated funds from organizations failing to comply.
3. If a member of the Elections Committee sits on the Executive Board or governing body of an organization, that organization is prohibited from endorsing candidates.

All registered students, except candidates, are encouraged to individually endorse candidates once the campaign period officially begins.

8. Campaign Ethics

Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf:

1. May not, at any time before, during or after the elections, harass, threaten, or coerce others.



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2. May not provide anything of material value to a member of the Cornell community to further themselves in the election or to promote their candidacy.
3. May not compel any person to endorse their candidacy, assist their campaign, or act as supporter as an explicit or implicit condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in a group or organization.

E. Restrictions on Ticketing and Slates

1. General Rules

Candidates and supporters acting on their behalf may not:

1. Include any other candidate's name, a common "ticket" name, or a shared slogan and/or symbol on any promotional materials or within any form of electronic communication and/or media.
2. Share or pool campaign finances with any other candidates or supporters acting on their behalf.
3. Distribute any promotional materials, send any electronic communication, or utilize any other form of electronic media on behalf of any other candidate except if the candidate does so for another candidate in the President and/or Executive Vice President races.
4. Campaign with or on behalf of each other or engage in any coordination of campaigning activities except if the candidate does so for another candidate in the President or Executive Vice President races.

2. Special circumstance for the President and Executive Vice President elections

Candidates in any race, besides those running for the position of President or Executive Vice President, will be given the freedom to distribute promotional material, send electronic communications, campaign on behalf of, and speak for candidates in the President or Executive Vice President races. Candidates who choose to do so are considered supporters and are held accountable to all clauses in these rules that pertain to candidates and their supporters. The President and Executive Vice President candidates are strictly prohibited from coordinating activities. Candidates are strictly prohibited from performing the actions above for candidates not in the President or Executive Vice President races.

3. Plagiarism

Candidates may not disseminate written statements, promotional materials, or electronic communications that are plagiarized or substantially copied from any such items created or distributed by any current or former candidate. Materials distributed by the Director of Elections, Elections Committee, and the Office of the Assemblies may be used as templates.

Article II: Direct Election of President and Executive Vice President

A. President and Executive Vice President (EVP) Designation and eligibility

1. Two of the six Undesignated At-Large Representative seats are for the directly elected seats of President and Executive Vice-President.



~~All candidates running for any Undesignated At Large seat, including those running for President and Executive Vice President, will be listed as Undesignated At Large candidates on the ballot in the Undesignated At Large race. Candidates who win President and Executive Vice President will be removed from the Undesignated At Large seat race and their votes will be transferred to the next highest ranked candidates. Candidates running for President and Executive Vice President who do not win their race will automatically be entered into two races for two Undesignated At Large seats, separate from the Undesignated At Large race. The candidates in each race, one for Presidential candidates and a separate one for Executive Vice Presidential candidates, will run for one available seat per race. In the event that there are no other candidates for a particular race, regardless of reason as to why, the seat shall go to the next highest voted candidate in the original Undesignated At Large race. No voting shall occur for these two races and the votes shall be tallied from the original counts for President and Executive Vice President.~~

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Article III: Election Procedures

A. The Election Calendar

1. The Director of Elections, in consultation with the Office of the Assemblies, will draft the election calendar prior to the semester of the election, and will be approved by the Elections Committee at a meeting in the prior semester if possible³.
2. Consideration shall be given to any religious holidays that may fall during the election period, guaranteeing that the right to free religious observance is afforded to all potential candidates.

B. The Elections Committee

1. The Director of Elections shall serve as chair and a designated representative of the Office of the Assemblies shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of this Committee.
- ~~2. Members of the Elections Committee may not seek SA or UA office for the academic year semester following their term of service on the Committee.~~
- ~~3.2.~~ The Director of Elections shall publish a list of Assembly seats to be filled, in accordance with Student Assembly Charter.
- ~~4.3.~~ During a Challenge Review Meeting, the interpretation of the Elections Rules will lie with the sitting Elections Committee. ~~The JCC's~~ A third party's, to be determined by the Office of the Assemblies, decision making process may only override the Committee's decision if and only if the Elections Committee did not follow the procedure outlined in the Election Rules. ~~The JCC~~ third party may not overturn the Committee's decision unless a procedural error occurred.
- ~~5.4.~~ Elections Committee members are expected to abide by the highest standards of personal conduct and integrity. Students are mandated to excuse themselves from serving on the Elections Committee if they plan to take part in a campaign. Therefore, members should not be involved in the campaigning process. All conflicts should be considered and resolved before the election

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³ The Director of Elections should coordinate the schedule of the Student Assembly elections with other campus elections, such as those of the Student-Elected Trustee and Class Councils.



cycle begins. Elections Committee members may not sit on the Executive Board of an organization that endorses candidates in an SA election. If an Elections Committee member sits on the Executive Board of an organization or sat on that Executive Board at any time during the same semester of a particular SA election, that organization may not endorse candidates in that SA election, or that Elections Committee member must resign from the Elections Committee.

6.5. The Elections Committee should be prepared to meet immediately following the challenge deadline to rule on all pertinent challenges. The Elections Committee shall use Robert's Rules of Order to consider challenges, in addition to the election rules. In the event of conflict, these election rules supersede Robert's Rules of Order. The Elections Committee has no power to overrule the election rules under any circumstances.

7.6. The Director of Elections shall give a final report on the results of the election when there are no remaining unresolved matters.

~~For the benefit of the students, the Elections Committee shall establish voting booths across campus on the days of the election. Committee members will ensure that no campaigning occurs within 25 feet of a voting booth.~~

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C. Independence of the Elections Committee

1. While members of the Elections Committee are expected to abide by the highest standards of integrity, they also enjoy independence from undue interference. Hence, students may not falsely accuse, harass, threaten or coerce any member of the Elections Committee for actions taken in their official capacity.
2. Subject to the determination of the Elections Committee, any violation of this section can result in temporary or permanent disqualification from contesting elections to the SA or UA.
3. Members of the Elections Committee cannot personally endorse any candidates. However, members of the Committee may still privately vote in the elections themselves.

D. Voting and Tabulation

1. The order in which names appear on the ballot shall be randomly selected.
2. Uncontested candidates will not be listed for a vote on the ballot and will be deemed victorious pending the resolution of challenges.
3. Results for challenged races will be posted after the Elections Committee has ruled on those challenges and all challenges have been fully resolved, including the JCC third party's decision if present.
4. The Elections Committee will not have access to the results prior to and during challenge deliberations. The Office of Assemblies will release election results after the Director of Elections or the Elections Committee has validated the election results.
5. A printout of election results for qualifying candidates shall be posted on line on the relevant webpages of the election. ~~be available in the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, for one year following the election.~~ Disqualified candidates will not have their vote tallies made available.
5. ~~The Student Assembly election results will be sent out to the entire student body via email using the Assembly's monthly email.~~



354 E. Challenges

355 1. Eligibility to Challenge

- 356 1. Any member of the Cornell community may submit a challenge.
- 357 2. The Director of Elections may submit a challenge.
- 358 3. The Elections Committee as a body may submit a challenge by majority vote.
- 359 4. Individual Committee members, except the Director of Elections, may not submit a challenge.

360 2. Challenge Deadlines

- 361 1. Election challenges must be submitted by the election challenge deadline specified in the
- 362 elections calendar.
- 363 2. The Director of Elections or the Elections Committee by a majority vote can submit a challenge
- 364 at any time before the declaration of results.
- 365 3. No challenges will be accepted after these deadlines.
- 366 4. Once submitted, a challenge becomes part of the formal record, and may not be withdrawn
- 367 except by the explicit permission of the Director of Elections for any reason or by any person.

368 3. Format of Challenges

369 Challenges must be in writing, submitted on the signed Challenge Form, and accompanied by the
370 following supporting documentation:

- 371 1. Challenger's name
- 372 2. Candidate's name
- 373 3. Date of challenge
- 374 4. Reason for challenge and supporting evidence

375 Challenges that fail to provide all required documentation will not be reviewed by the Elections
376 Committee.

377 4. Notification of Election Challenges

378 The Office of the Assemblies will notify the Director of Elections who will send an email notifying
379 anyone who is named in an election challenge. The email will contain a scanned copy of the challenge.

380 5. Response to Election Challenges

381 A challenged candidate may request to review challenges to which they are a party in the Office of the
382 Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, who will share the challenges in a confidential setting. The challenged
383 candidate may then address written statements in response to the Committee. The challenged candidate
384 may request a hearing ~~in person~~ with the Committee.

385 6. Challenge Review Meeting



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386 The Committee will schedule a meeting to review challenges in Executive Session. The Committee, less
387 temporarily recused members, will provide an opportunity for the challenged candidate to respond in
388 person if requested by the challenged candidate or a member of the Committee. The Director of
389 Elections reserves the right to recuse any member of the Committee in the event of a conflict of interest.
390 Members may either recuse themselves prior to challenge hearings or at the discretion of the Director of
391 Elections. For each challenge, the Committee will determine:

- 392 1. Whether a preponderance of evidence substantiates each alleged violation. This vote will be
393 taken for each violation individually, and a majority of the members present of the Elections
394 Committee is required to declare that a preponderance of evidence substantiates each violation;
- 395 2. Which, if any, substantiated violations or combination thereof compromised the fairness of the
396 election and constituted a material advantage to the extent the challenged candidate should be
397 disqualified. If the Committee finds either that a single substantiated violation or that a
398 combination of substantiated violations should require the disqualification of a candidate, with at
399 least two-thirds of the members present of the Elections Committee in the affirmative, may
400 disqualify the candidate.

401 7. Written Report

- 402 1. For each rule violation, the Director of Elections or a member of the Elections Committee as
403 delegated by the Director will create a written report thoroughly detailing the challenge(s), listing
404 the tallies of all votes taken by the Committee including the bifurcated voting process, the
405 decision made, and how the decision was reached.
- 406 2. The report is kept confidential and only released to the challenged candidate and the
407 challenger(s).
- 408 3. A copy, with all names other than the challenged candidate redacted, is kept in the Office of the
409 Assemblies, 109 Day Hall.
- 410 4. For each challenge, the Committee will report to the challenger(s) and the challenged candidate
411 all evidence received/found, any violations substantiated, and any decisions to disqualify the
412 challenged candidate.

413 8. Reconsideration

- 414 1. If the Committee determines a candidate should be disqualified, the candidate may request
415 reconsideration within twenty-four hours of receiving the written report. To be reconsidered, the
416 candidate seeking such reconsideration must submit a request in writing to the Office of the
417 Assemblies, via email to assembly@cornell.edu, and the Director of Elections within twenty-
418 four hours of receiving the disqualification email from the Director of Elections. The statement
419 should address the specific findings in the written report to be reconsidered and should detail the
420 specific points where the Elections Committee failed to correctly enforce the challenge
421 procedure outlined in the Elections Rules Failure to submit all necessary documentation within
422 twenty-four hours will restrict the seeking for reconsideration and the Elections Committee's
423 decision will be final.
- 424 2. The Committee will convene in response to such a request. The Committee, after evaluating each
425 request for reconsideration, will take a vote requiring a simple majority to determine if the



previous decision to disqualify should be overturned. Email voting may be used by Committee members.

3. If a disqualified candidate believes that the Elections Committee failed to correctly follow or enforce the challenge procedure outlined in the Elections Rules after the Elections Committee's reconsideration, they may request a review by ~~the Judicial Codes Counselor (JCC)~~ a third party, ~~selected by the Office of the Assemblies,~~ within 24 hours after the Election's Committee's Reconsideration vote.

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4. The challenged candidate will submit to the ~~JCC~~ third party, the Office of the Assemblies, and the Director of Elections all original appeal materials that were previously submitted to the Elections Committee as well as any additional materials that detail failures of the Elections Committee to follow and enforce these Elections Rules within twenty-four hours.

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5. The Elections Committee will submit all challenge reports pertaining to the candidate's appeal as well as any additional materials refuting or agreeing with claims made by the challenged candidate to the ~~JCC~~ third party within forty-eight hours after the candidate appeals to the ~~JCC~~ third party. If the Elections Committee agrees with the candidate's appeal, a vote with a simple majority of the seated membership of the Elections Committee in the affirmative may overturn their decision before the ~~JCC~~ third party completes a full review.

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6. After a review of all materials sent by the candidate and the Elections Committee, the ~~JCC~~ third party will determine whether or not to take the case within twenty-four hours. If the ~~JCC~~ third party deems that the appealed case does not merit consideration, then the decision of the Elections Committee will be final. If the ~~JCC~~ third party takes on the case and finds that the Elections Committee did not correctly follow and enforce the challenge procedure outlined in the Elections Rules, the ~~JCC~~ third party has the power to overturn the decision of the Elections Committee.

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9. Confidentiality

1. Members of the Elections Committee and parties to a challenge may not share the contents of challenges, evidence, or decisions submitted to or received from the Committee, except when explicitly permitted by these rules or by the Director of Elections. When publicly releasing confidential information, the Director of Elections must redact the names of all individuals who are not the challenged candidate.
2. A review of the Challenges may take place in coordination with the Office of the Assemblies, 109 Day Hall, by any member of the Cornell community. Challenges may not be photocopied, screen-shared, photographed, digitally recorded or removed from the Office of Assemblies.



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Originally Presented on:	(08/26/2021)
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #11
2 Approving the 2021-2022 Student Assembly Budget
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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution approves the Student Assembly Operating Budget for the 2021-
5 2022 Academic Year.
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7 **Sponsored by: Morgan Baker '23**
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9 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly Vice President for Finance must propose an operating budget
10 for the Student Assembly each academic year;
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12 **Whereas**, “Sub-Section A: Category Spending” of “Section 8: Spending Guidelines” of the
13 Student Assembly Standing Rules lines 273-274 read as follows:
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15 ii. Rule 2: The Student Assembly budget must be reviewed and approved by the SA by
16 the conclusion of the second meeting of the academic year.
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18 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly approves and adopts the attached Operating
19 Budget and reserve allocations for the 2021-2022 Academic Year as outlined in Appendix A;
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21 **Respectfully Submitted,**
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23 Morgan Baker '23

24 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*
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26 *(Reviewed by: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PASSED, 08/31/2021)*

2021-2022 Operating Budget

FY22	Expense Categories	2021-2022 Budget
10000	Administrative	\$2,000.00
10001	Executive	\$5,000.00
10002	Communications	\$500.00
10003	Initiatives	\$2,000.00
10004	Appropriations	\$3,000.00
10005	Internal Operations	\$250.00
10006	Elections	\$1,750.00
20003	Dining	\$250.00
20005	Diversity	\$1,500.00
20012	Infrastructure Fund Commission	\$250.00
20013	Environmental	\$250.00
20014	Academic	\$50.00
20015	Health and Wellness	\$50.00
20016	City and Local Affairs	\$250.00
20017	Office of the Student Advocate	\$1,500.00
20018	Office of Student Government Relations	\$1,000.00
20022	Student Health Advisory	\$250.00
20023	Research and Accountability	\$0.00
30001	Special Projects (SP)	\$15,000.00
30005	Summer Experience Grant (SEG)	\$25,000.00
	Total Budget w/o SP and SEG, 20-21	\$19,850.00
	Total Budget w/SP but w/o SEG, 20-21	\$34,850.00
	TOTAL BUDGET FY22	\$59,850.00
	RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$91,979.48

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APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1: Preamble

Each organization that receives funding from the Student Assembly (SA) through the Student Activity Fee (SAF) is subject to Guidelines set by the Assembly in consultation with the Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GPSA), these organizations, and the Cornell student body.

Section 2: Student Assembly's Role and Obligations

- A. **SA Charge:** As the student-elected governing body at Cornell University, the SA shall seek out and voice effectively the interests and concerns of the student body.
- B. **Notice of Current Governing Documents:** The SA shall provide each by-line funded organization, the Director(s) [to Campus](#), Activities, Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students with a current copy of these Guidelines, as well as the SA Charter and the SA Appropriations Committee Charge and Guidelines each year.
- C. **Notice of Pending Legislation:** Each by-line funded organization, the Director(s) [to Campus](#), Activities, Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students shall be notified of any SA, SA Appropriations Committee, or other meeting in which legislation concerning or affecting Fee recipients is pending.
- D. **Outreach:** The SA Vice-President for Finance [or their designee](#) shall, wherever possible and as often as possible, attend meetings of each organization throughout the year.
- E. **Enforcement, Violations & Penalties**
 - i. The SA Vice-President for Finance shall be charged with investigation of all accusations regarding violations of these guidelines and will report such findings to the SA.
 - ii. If the SA determines that an organization has committed a violation, the SA may impose a fine, reduction or revocation of the organization's by-line funding allocation. In order for a fine, reduction, or revocation of funding to occur, a two-thirds majority of the SA must concur. Reasons for a fine, reduction, or revocation of funding include, but are not limited to, violation of these rules, violation of campus policies, or violation of contract. Any money garnered from a fine on an organization shall be placed in the Special Projects Fund of the Student Assembly. If a reduction or revocation of funding affecting the remainder of the funding cycle occurs, the University shall attempt to reduce the SAF to reflect the lower amount. Excepting that, the money shall revert to the Special Projects Fund.

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Section 3: General Guidelines

All recipients of the SAF shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- A. **Eligibility:** SAF allocations are to be used primarily for the benefit of undergraduate students. Organizations that have the capability to be student run and led shall be primarily student run and led.
- B. **Event Ticketing:** For all events (concerts, lectures, films, etc.) funded by the Fee allocations and for which admission is charged:
- Cornell students shall receive a reasonable discount per event to reflect their prior contribution via the SAF.
 - Cornell students shall receive the first opportunity to purchase tickets or (otherwise should have a substantial amount of tickets reserved for student use).
 - The Appropriations Committee or the Executive Committee shall have the ability to request that organizations publish a report to the SA on the amount of money received for an event, where that money has been allocated, total attendance, and how much money was spent on the event.
- C. **Attendance Tracking:** Each By-line Funded Organization ~~is expected to~~ provide accurate attendance figures. ~~Organizations shall conduct a review during each Byline Funding Cycle of the demographics of students who use and are impacted by their services and shall report to the SA Appropriations Committee the attendance figures, expenditures, and income generated from each event held during the two previous academic years. Organizations shall record the number of undergraduates who attend each program and event, utilizing the built-in system in Campus Groups that allows individuals to sign in for events.~~ Such figures may also be acquired through a number of measures including swiping Cornell ID's, using a ticketing system, keeping a sign in sheet, or having someone at the door count entrants. For events that are expected to exceed a capacity of 100 attendees, organizations are required to track attendance through a ticketing system or using Cornell ID Scanners. For organizations unable to purchase their own scanners, scanners will be available to rent through the Office of the Assemblies. For events where tracking attendance would provide an unnecessary burden to organizations, a brief written statement explaining why attendance was not taken is required.
- D. **Funds Reporting:** ~~Organizations shall operate using their accumulated surplus and the Student Activity Fee disbursement. During each Byline Funding Cycle, organizations are expected to report on the supplemented cost per student provided for by the SAF. Organizations shall track both undergraduate and graduate contributions to events and programming. Organizations shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance if they are expected to require more than their SAF allocation in a given year.~~
- E. **Public Promotion & Engagement:** Each organization shall regularly advertise its existence and encourage student participation at its meetings, which shall be open to the public. Each ~~byline-funded organization and its sub-organizations~~ will be required to include the SA logo or the following statement on all fliers, posters, promotions, programs, and literature "Funded in part by the Student Assembly".
- F. **Funds Partitioning:** SAF money will preferably be held in a separate University account for accounting and reporting purposes. Otherwise all expenditures from SAF money shall be authorized by the Organization in accordance with its governing documents. These requirements apply to all organizations unless explicitly exempted in this Appendix or waived by a two-thirds vote of both the Appropriations Committee and the Student Assembly. The waiver shall apply for one by-line funding cycle.

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- G. **Prohibition on Compensation:** No Advisor, President, Treasurer, staff member, other officer, or member of an organization may be compensated from an organization's SAF account or SAF earned income account.
- H. **SA Liaisons:** The SA shall have the option of appointing a Student Assembly member to serve as a non-voting liaison to each organization or, where appropriate, to its Executive Board. If an organization feels their liaison is failing in their duty, a new liaison may be appointed.
- I. **Off-Year Reporting:** During the fall of even-numbered calendar years each organization shall provide the Appropriations Committee with a written account of the use of its fee allocation and operations for the previous academic year, and an optional oral summary of its activities (unless mandated otherwise by the Appropriations Committee), including usage statistics and future programming plans. The SA Vice President for Finance will conduct an unofficial vote regarding the committee's recommendation on whether or not the organization should receive an increase in funding, a decrease in funding or maintenance of funding at its current level. The SA Vice President for Finance shall then provide a written summary report of these meetings to the SA.
- J. **New Organization Reporting:** Organizations receiving By-Line funding for the first time in the current funding cycle shall report each semester to the Appropriations Committee on their operations and finances.
- K. **Sub-Organizations:** All organizations that fall under a byline-funded umbrella organization must be registered. Byline-funded organizations shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under their umbrella. If applicable, each sub-organization shall receive funding from its umbrella organization for at least one event open to the public, every academic year. Byline-funded organizations shall provide a semesterly budget report for all events held by sub-organizations during the two previous academic years.
- L. **Conferences:** Organizations may send Executive Board member(s) to one annual conference, if desired. The Appropriations Committee must approve organizations' conference expenditures and each organization must demonstrate to the committee that conference attendance will benefit the Organization's ability to achieve its mission statement. Organizations shall request approval in their annual fall report to the SA. **Governing Document Approval:** All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations' bylaws, constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.
- M. **Spending Limitations:** All conferences, teambuilding, banquet, training, and other social expenditures for organization members, in sum, shall be no greater than \$4,000 or 10% of the organization's by-line allocation, whichever is less. This rule shall not apply to SAFC-funded organizations. Expenditures on food for programming and events shall not exceed 25% of the organization's by-line allocation.
- N. **Non-discrimination:** All organizations receiving Student Activity Fee funds directly or that receive such funds indirectly from a by-line funded organization shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived age, race, religion, creed color, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status, domestic violence victim status, or any combination of these factors when determining its membership and when determining the equal rights of all general members and executive board members, respectively, which shall include, but are not limited to, voting for, seeking, and holding positions within the organization. Additionally, all organizations receiving funding from the Student Activity Fee and that serve as a funding source for other organizations on campus shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived age, race, religion, creed, color,

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national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military violence victim status, or any combination of these factors when awarding funding.

- i. Notwithstanding these requirements, a club sport may make requirements based on competitive athletic skill which may result in a club sport of one or predominantly one gender. Organizations may also make requirements based on vocal range or quality which may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one gender. Organizations that participate in activities with governmental age restrictions may also make appropriate requirements on the basis of age.
- ii. Organizations may also enforce uniform standards of conduct as a prerequisite for obtaining some or all rights of general members and executive board members, respectively, so long as said standards are protected by the 1st Amendment of the United States Constitution in the context of a public university and do not impede enforcement of Appendix B, Section II, subsection E.
- iii. Each organization receiving Student Activity Fee funds directly from the Student Assembly shall include a "Non-discrimination Clause" section in its bylaws, constitution or other governing documents reflecting this policy.

Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines

Furthermore, individual organizations shall adhere to the following additional Guidelines:

A. ALANA Intercultural Board

- i. The ALANA Intercultural Board ("ALANA") is an umbrella student organization that strives to be the locus for racial and ethnic diversity and interculturalism at Cornell University while being cognizant of the intersectional identities its organizations and membership represents through ability, gender, sexuality, first-generation, and socioeconomic status. ALANA is committed to building bridges between diverse groups; developing understanding, appreciation, diversity, and coalitions of the members of the University community.
- ii. The ALANA sub-organizations are as follows:
 - i. BSU
 - ii. NAISAC
 - iii. CAPSU
 - iv. LAL
 - v. SAC
 - vi. MCFAB
- iii. 13.6% of ALANA's allocation shall be used to fund ALANA's member organizations as outlined in the ALANA constitution
- iv. 20% of the ALANA allocation per student per year shall be used to fund the MCFAB program each year.
- v. MCFAB shall seek to bring diverse programming to campus.
- vi. 12.6% of the ALANA allocation per student per year shall be contributed toward funding umbrella organizations as outlined in the ALANA constitution. Umbrella organizations shall not apply for SAFC funding.

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- vii. ~~7.3%~~ of the ALANA allocation ~~per student per year~~ shall be contributed towards ALANA's own administrative costs and programming needs such as general body meetings and other intercultural programming

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B. Athletics & Physical Education

- i. ~~Athletics & Physical Education is a university department that seeks to further students' athletic experience by offering Physical Education courses and admission to Cornell Athletic events.~~
- ii. The Athletics Department shall provide, at no cost, a Big Red Sports Pass (BRSP) to each undergraduate student. \$7.30 per student per year of the total annual Athletics allocation may be spent towards providing the BRSP. The BRSP shall provide free admission to all varsity sports excluding Men's Varsity Ice Hockey.
- iii. In collaboration with the Sports Marketing Group, the Athletics Department will promote Cornell Athletic events to the entire Cornell community. \$1.78 per student per year of the annual Athletics' allocation may be spent towards providing marketing and promotions.

C. Class Councils

- i. ~~The Cornell University Class Councils serves as a community-building organization focused on fostering a sense of unity and pride among the four University's undergraduate classes and varied student communities. The Class Councils aim to prioritize their relationship with other student organizations and use their resources to plan class events, collaborate with other student groups, and establish and execute traditions. The Class Councils also strengthen student ties to the University by providing services to Cornell students before and after graduation.~~
- ii. Provide a semesterly budget report for all Class Councils Events.
- iii. ~~The Class Councils allocation shall be divided between the four class years in proportions determined by the organization.~~
- iv. ~~An amount determined by the SA Appropriations Committee during the fall semester of a Byline Funding Year shall be allocated to Senior Days.~~
- i. ~~Senior Days intends to maintain a series of events that all Cornellians look forward to at the end of their four years at Cornell during Senior Week, one of the most looked forward to series of events for Cornellians. Due to the high demand for programs and events just for seniors, Senior Days fills that void by planning events throughout the month of May and the entirety of Senior Days to the last few days before Commencement.~~
- ii. ~~SAF-funded events offered by Senior Days will be open to all seniors and at least 90% of the SAF allocation will go towards free, non-ticketed events.~~

D. Collegiate Readership Program

- i. ~~The Collegiate Readership Program provides free New York Times and Wall Street Journal access for undergraduate students.~~
- ii. ~~The SA Vice President for Finance or a Student Assembly member appointed by the SA shall oversee the operations and finances of the Collegiate Readership Program and liaise with the Cornell Library.~~
- iii. The SA Vice President for Finance or a Student Assembly member appointed by the SA shall prepare and present a report to the Student Assembly at the end of each academic year with information regarding readership and an analysis of the current distribution locations.

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Any proposed changes in locations or proportions must be approved by a majority vote of the SA.

- iv. The SA Vice President for Finance shall report to the Student Assembly the amount allocated to the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

E. Community Partnership Funding Board

- i. The Community Partnership Funding Board (CPFEB), is a student-run board that seeks to foster student leadership and social responsibility by encouraging students to take action against social problems. The CPFEB assists students in developing grassroots community action projects and administers grants made possible by the Student Activities Fee via the Student Assembly.
- ii. The Board shall use Activity Fee money for the funding of projects. Administrative expenses shall be paid by the Board's parent body, the Public Service Center, or other non-activity fee sources of funding.
- iii. Projects funded are to be decided by the Board. Those projects are to be included in the annual report to the SA Appropriations Committee and the website.

F. Convocation Committee

- i. The Convocation Committee allows graduating seniors of Cornell University to work collectively to select a keynote speaker for the undergraduate Convocation ceremony who represents the values and ambitions of themselves and their peers.
- ii. At the time of the selection of Convocation Committee membership, the Convocation Committee Chair shall invite all voting members of the SA, directly-elected undergraduate members of the UA, and student-elected trustee(s) that belong to that class year to participate as full voting members of the Convocation Committee. SA members are expected to abide by the same attendance rules as all other Convocation Committee members. The SA Vice President for Finance shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee.

G. Cornell Alternative Spring Breaks

- i. Cornell Alternative Spring Breaks (ASB) is a student-led organization housed under the Public Service Center. ASB is made up of students who share a commitment to social justice, personal growth, and community engagement. Through educational opportunities, root cause analyses, reflection, and reciprocal engagement with community agencies, ASB demonstrates their commitment to addressing social justice issues using a racial lens. By examining racial disparities across all systems, ASB works to shift the societal narratives perpetuated by implicit biases, stereotypes, and institutional discrimination. Informed by the knowledge and expertise of our partner agencies, ASB seeks to raise awareness on systemic patterns disproportionately affecting disadvantaged communities.

H. Cornell Concert Commission

- i. The Cornell Concert Commission provides opportunities for students to select, promote, and produce all aspects of popular large-scale concerts at Cornell University. Its purpose is to provide the Cornell community with popular and diverse, contemporary musical entertainment which is both financially sound and responsive to the community's needs and desires.
- ii. The Concert Commission shall seek to produce at least one act each semester in Barton Hall, Lynah Rink, or similar venue.
- iii. The Concert Commission shall put on at least one free concert during the academic year.

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I. Cornell Environmental Collaborative

- i. Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO) is a student organization that works to unite student groups on-campus toward environmental sustainability. ECO commits fully to increasing dialogue amongst environmental organizations and all other interested organizations, launching and upholding meaningful venues for reducing negative environmental impact and upholding social justice and to provide opportunities for all students to gain knowledge and experience in relevant issues, providing support to and information for existing environmental initiatives, and fostering meaningful relationships with Cornell's administration and the Ithaca community.

J. Cornell Minds Matter

- i. Cornell Minds Matter (CMM) promotes mental health awareness and emotional well-being for all Cornell students by acting as a liaison between students, faculty, staff, and administration to advocate for the student perspective on mental health resources and campus policies. CMM works to reduce the stigma of mental illness by holding educational events and creating safe spaces to foster a healthy, balanced lifestyle

K. Cornell University Emergency Medical Service

- i. The Cornell University Emergency Medical Service (CUEMS) is a student-operated, first-response emergency medical services agency that serves the Ithaca campus of Cornell University, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week during the academic year. Working together with other emergency services from Cornell University and Tompkins County, CUEMS provides free emergency medical care to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of Cornell, as well as EMS coverage at university events and training for all members of the Cornell community in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.
- ii. CUEMS may save no more than \$30,000 per each two-year funding cycle toward the purchase of a new vehicle.
- iii. CUEMS will provide the Student Assembly statistics in terms of call responses, community education, and event standbys on an annual basis.

L. Cornell University Programming Board

- i. The Cornell University Program Board (CUPB) inspires and enriches the Cornell experience by bringing artists and events that involve, excite and entertain the community.
- ii. The Cornell University Program Board shall use its SAF allocation to bring widely known speakers to campus.

M. CU Tonight Commission

- i. The CU Tonight Commission seeks to create a welcoming atmosphere and enhance the quality of life on campus for students of all backgrounds by funding late night social events that build a strong sense of community.
- ii. CUTonight shall promote non-alcoholic, late night social programming, on campus, open to the entire Cornell community.
- iii. CUTonight shall send at least one representative to every funded event with the intention of reviewing the event
- iv. CUTonight shall not fund events held by other byline-funded organizations.
- v. CUTonight shall provide applicant organizations the opportunity to appeal the decisions of the Committee to the Appropriations Committee.

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- vi. CUTonight shall develop and adhere to a rubric and written hearing procedures off of which the commission will evaluate applicants. This rubric and these procedures shall be submitted to the SA Vice President for Finance for approval by the Appropriations Committee.
- vii. CUTonight shall forward the results of the rubric to the SA Vice President for Finance after each CUTonight funding cycle.

N. Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Services

- i. The Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service (EARS) is a student-led organization that provides peer mentoring, training, and outreach to promote mental health, well-being, and help-seeking among the Cornell campus community. EARS Peer Mentors offer free, private, drop-in conversations at select times and locations across campus to any Cornell student (i.e. undergraduate, graduate, or professional). EARS Training teaches active listening, empathy, and communication skills at 2 levels each semester and is open to anyone with a Cornell affiliation. Lastly, EARS outreach is conducted primarily through workshops that are available to any of Cornell's campus groups.

O. Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition

- i. The Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition (GJAC) is a byline-funded student organization committed to justice and advocacy for all genders. We operate out of an intersectional and global lens with a focus on gender-marginalized folks. We aim to encourage meaningful and critical conversations related to the gendered lived experiences of all people. We seek to foster relationships with campus partners in order to support and amplify the work of Cornell social justice organizations through funding, awareness raising, and advocacy.
- ii. The Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition shall collaborate with the Student Assembly Womxn's Liaison Representative on safety, health, and other topics pertinent to women on campus.
- iii. GJAC shall set a two-year budget for Feminism Food for Thought not to exceed \$10,000.
 - i. GJAC shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance of the total SAF spending on Feminism Food for Thought before the final Student Assembly meeting each May.
 - ii. When 50% of the two-year budget has been exhausted, GJAC shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance
 - iv. GJAC shall strive to maximize and strive to track attendance at this event.

P. Haven: The LGBTQ+ Student Union

- i. Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union serves to enhance the cultural and social climate at Cornell University and to improve and enrich the lives of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning (LGBTQ+) and Same Gender-Loving members of the community. This will be achieved through funding, training, and administrative support for the organizations represented by Haven so they may organize successful educational, social, and cultural programs and serve as effective supportive environments.
- ii. The Haven sub-organizations are as follows:
 - i. ACE
 - ii. Bicons
 - iii. Crunch
 - iv. Lavender
 - v. Lotus
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Q. [Interfaith Council at Cornell](#)

- i. [The Interfaith Council at Cornell \(ICC\) seeks to promote interfaith dialogue on campus, support religious life and underfunded religious groups on campus, encourage shared understanding of the values, experiences, and lives of our Cornell community and celebrate similarities and differences among us.](#)
- ii. [The Interfaith Council sub-organizations are as follows:](#)
 - i. [Cornell Catholic](#)
 - ii. [MECA](#)
 - iii. [Hillel](#)
 - iv. [Protestant Cooperative Ministry](#)
 - v. [Hindu Student Council Cornell](#)
 - vi. [Sikh Student Association](#)
- iii. [The Interfaith Council shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under their umbrella.](#)
- iv. [Each organization under The Interfaith Council shall receive funding for at least one event open to the public, every academic year.](#)

R. [International Students Union](#)

- i. [The International Students Union \(ISU\) discusses and executes ideas and suggestions concerning events or speakers they would like to see on campus. The International Students Union is also committed to student advocacy, focusing on issues that affect international and diverse students. These projects can be in response to long-term concerns, current global events, or changes in policies by the university's administration. The ISU does not take any political stance on issues but supports the right of student organizations to present these issues to the Cornell Community.](#)

S. [Multicultural Greek and Fraternity Council](#)

- i. [The Multicultural Greek and Fraternity Council \(MGFC\) positively promotes cultural Greek Life as it exists at Cornell University and beyond. The mission of MGFC is to operate as a united governing body for all organizations, dedicating themselves to promoting unity and serving as a support system. MGFC serves as a model for the underrepresented student community and operates as a united body to effectively advocate the issues and concerns of their organizations and the entire campus community that they serve.](#)

T. [Orientation Steering Committee](#)

- i. [The Orientation Steering Committee \(OSC\) seeks to foster a safe environment in which volunteers successfully plan and execute an inclusive, positive, and fun Orientation for new students.](#)
- ii. [The Assistant Director/Director in New Student Programs shall continue to supervise the planning and implementation of all August and January orientation activities.](#)
- iii. [By the last meeting of the Spring Semester, OSC shall present a tentative report about initial OSC student-led late-night programming planned for the upcoming Orientation week.](#)

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- iv. OSC shall continue to contribute funding and planned programming for new transfer students during August and January Orientation and new students during January Orientation.
- v. OSC shall submit the results of the Student Volunteer Feedback surveys to the Appropriations Committee.
- vi. OSC shall allocate an amount determined by the SA Appropriations Committee during the fall semester of a Byline Funding Year towards the costs of apparel for student volunteer uniforms for Orientation.

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U. Outdoor Odyssey

- i. Outdoor Odyssey is a completely student run organization designed to help incoming Cornell freshmen and transfer students adjust to a new college experience. The program offers a variety of outdoor pre-orientation programs, led by specially trained upperclassmen guides, each August. Odyssey strives to maintain inclusivity and welcomes participants of all levels of outdoor experience.
- ii. Outdoor Odyssey shall maintain their need-based financial aid program for students who apply for pre-orientation trips and shall dedicate no less than \$20,000 per year toward this program.
- iii. Outdoor Odyssey shall investigate creating trips accessible for the differently abled and shall report their findings to the Student Assembly before the final Student Assembly meeting in the fall of each even year.

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V. Professional Fraternity Council

- i. The Professional Fraternity Council (PFC) unites and aligns all fifteen Professional Fraternal Organizations at Cornell while simultaneously promoting equitable recruitment practices and fostering diverse environments within each PFO.
- ii. The PFC sub-organizations are as follows:
 - i. Alpha Iota Gamma
 - ii. Alpha Kappa Psi
 - iii. Delta Sigma Pi
 - iv. Kappa Alpha Pi
 - v. Phi Alpha Delta
 - vi. Phi Chi Theta
 - vii. Phi Delta Epsilon
 - viii. Phi Gamma Nu
 - ix. Pi Lambda Sigma
 - x. Pi Sigma Epsilon
 - xi. Theta Tau
 - xii. Rho Psi Eta
 - xiii. Epsilon Eta
 - xiv. Epsilon Nu Tau
 - xv. Delta Kappa Alpha
- iii. Professional fraternity organizations can choose to be a part of the PFC at the beginning of each academic year. If PFOs choose to participate in the PFC, then they must abide by the following guidelines:

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- i. PFC shall have a survey for potential new members of all PFOs regarding demographic data including but not limited to socioeconomic status, race, gender

- identity, sexual orientation, disability status, etc. A second survey will be given to members who accept their bid from a PFO.
- ii. By a deadline set by PFC, PFC shall send out a standardized form to PFOs regarding diversity statistics within the individual PFOs.
 - iii. PFC will publish diversity statistics of each PFO's active members on the PFC website.
 - iv. PFC shall institute Consent Ed training as a requirement for PFO membership in PFC. Each PFO chapter must schedule a Consent Ed presentation at least once every calendar year for their general body members. At least 80% of their new members must be in attendance at the presentation. PFC shall not disperse funds to any PFO that does not meet the 80% attendance requirement.
 - iv. PFC will request that chapter dues be disclosed by each PFO. This information shall be posted on the PFC website as well as the individual PFO applications.
- W. Slope Day Programming Board
- i. The Slope Day Programming Board (SDPB) will work with the Cornell community to plan and promote a Slope Day (occurring on the Thursdays after classes end in the spring) centered on the Cornell community and its celebration of the past year, working to break down social barriers, building a greater sense of tradition and community, and fostering an environment where students, staff, and faculty can come together as one Cornell. The Board shall promote a day that fosters a safe and healthy environment with multiple social and recreational options.
 - ii. The allocation for the SDPB shall be used exclusively for programming and publicity for an event at the end of the spring semester.
 - iii. The SDPB shall organize a non-alcoholic Slope Fest event concurrent to Slope Day.
 - iv. SDPB shall offer all undergraduate students free admission to Slope Day, unless expressly permitted by the SA.
 - v. The Slope Day Programming Board shall collect demographic information from all Slope Day entrants. These statistics shall be reported to the SA and GPSA the Fall Semester following Slope Day.
 - vi. The Slope Day Programming Board shall set a price floor for non-activity fee paying individuals approximately equal to the total activity fee disbursement divided by projected undergraduate attendance. The price paid by non-activity fee paying individuals shall be no less than the activity fee.
- X. Student Activities Funding Commission
- i. The Student Activities Funding Commission is responsible for allocating funding to more than five-hundred of Cornell's student organizations.
 - ii. SAFC shall publish and make publicly available a written account of the organizations requesting funding, the amount requested, the amount rewarded, and the amount spent.
 - iii. Criteria for funding of undergraduate student organizations may not be altered or waived without the explicit approval of the SA.
 - iv. SAFC shall annually review and amend its spending cap system guidelines to project expenditure growth of approximately 3% per year. SAFC is not required to have actually achieved 3% growth per year. SAFC shall report the outcome of this review to the SA Appropriations Committee.

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- v. An amount determined by the SA Appropriations Committee during the fall semester of a Byline Funding Year shall be allocated to the Acapella Advisory Council.
- Y. Student Assembly
 - i. The Student Assembly is charged with examining matters of interest to the undergraduate student community, and making proposals to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University.
- Z. Student Club Insurance
 - i. Student Club insurance is tasked with providing insurance for Cornell's student organizations.
- AA. Students Helping Students
 - i. Students Helping Students (SHS) serves to assist registered Cornell undergraduate students in financial need. The SHS fund provides assistance to students with necessary emergency expenses incurred during the fall or spring semesters that cannot be funded by other means. The SHS fund is administered by the Financial Aid Review Committee, whose members review the guidelines of the fund and make decisions regarding the approval of grants.
- BB. Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board
 - i. The Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board (WSH SUB) is an organization of and for Cornell University students, whose purpose is to foster the mission of Willard Straight Hall (WSH), bring life to the student union, and enrich the Cornell community through programming of events, co-sponsorship and collaboration.
 - ii. All events funded by WSH SUB must either take place in Willard Straight Hall or the surrounding environments and be directly associated with the purpose and mission of WSH. WSH SUB shall not purchase and dispense giveaways including but not limited to gold or silver plates and graduation gifts.
 - iii. An amount determined by the SA Appropriations Committee during the fall semester of a Byline Funding Year shall be allocated to the Welcome Weekend.
 - i. The Welcome Weekend Committee aims to change student culture on campus by welcoming all students back to Cornell University at the start of the Fall and Spring semester, and after major breaks including but not limited to Fall Break and Spring Break. A critical way to facilitate a change in student culture is to have the initiative come from students, be enacted by students, and be attractive enough that all students will be interested in participating. The Welcome Weekend Committee offers a safe and exciting alternative to the Collegetown block parties that currently attract thousands of students.
 - ii. Welcome Weekend shall seek to hold events during the first two weeks of each semester.
 - iii. Welcome Weekend shall offer the TGIF Midnight Breakfast, for free only to undergraduates, and shall record undergraduate attendance.
 - iv. Welcome Weekend shall seek out co-sponsorships where applicable.

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- A. These Funding Guidelines require a two-thirds majority of SA members present to be amended.

- B. These Funding Guidelines supersede all previous legislation of the SA and its predecessor bodies, as well as all charters, constitutions, bylaws, and other legislation of all SAF recipients and other student organizations.
- C. Guidelines for organizations that also receive funding from the GPSA may be amended only after consultation with the GPSA.

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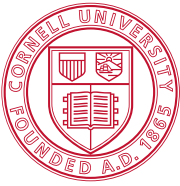
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S.A. Resolution #12

Amendments to the Convocation Committee's Appendix B Guidelines

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to amend the Convocation Committee's Appendix B Guidelines to reduce the number of guaranteed Convocation Committee seats offered to senior Student Assembly members.

Sponsored by: Morgan Baker '23

Whereas, Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter outlines the guidelines that byline-funded organizations must adhere to in order to receive funding;

Whereas, the Convocation Committee has historically been required to invite all voting members of the Student Assembly that belong to that class year to participate as full voting members of the Convocation Committee;

Whereas, it has been determined that inviting *all* voting members of the Student Assembly to serve on the Convocation Committee has the potential to flood the committee and make it inefficient;

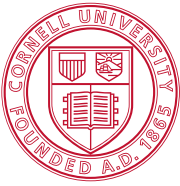
Be it therefore resolved, the Convocation Committee's Appendix B Guidelines will be amended to reduce the number of guaranteed Convocation Committee seats offered to senior Student Assembly members from *all* to *three*;

Be it further resolved, lines 715-723 under "Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines" of the Student Assembly Charter's Appendix B will be amended to read as follows:

F. Convocation

- i. At the time of the selection of Convocation Committee membership, the Convocation Committee Chair shall invite ~~all~~ **at least three** voting members of the SA, ~~directly-elected undergraduate members of the UA, and student-elected trustee(s)~~ that belong to that class year to participate as full voting members of the Convocation Committee. The SA Vice President for Finance shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee.
- ii. Convocation shall announce speaker selection first at a Student Assembly meeting.
- iii. Convocation Committee shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance if the Committee is expected to require more than its SAF allocation to support Convocation.

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly will observe the impact of this change and further



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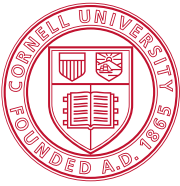
reduce the number of guaranteed Convocation Committee seats offered to senior Student Assembly members in Spring 2021 if it deems further reductions necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Baker '23

Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PASSES, 08/31/2021)



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S.A. Resolution #13 Dissolving the Research and Accountability Committee

ABSTRACT: This resolution is intended to dissolve the Research & Accountability Committee.

Sponsored by: Morgan Baker '23

Whereas, the Vice President of Research and Accountability position and its respective committee were created in January 2020 in an effort to increase accountability amongst members of the Student Assembly and its committees;

Whereas, the Vice President of Research and Accountability and the Research and Accountability Committee served necessary and important roles at the time of their creation, as they created an unbiased arm of the Student Assembly tasked with handling matters of internal Student Assembly affairs and general representative accountability;

Whereas, the Vice President of Research and Accountability position was dissolved in December 2020, and the Research and Accountability Chair position was thereafter reserved for a community member;

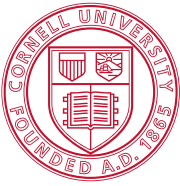
Whereas, the Research and Accountability Committee fulfilled its purpose of holding Student Assembly members accountable during its first few months of existence, directly preceding the onslaught of the pandemic;

Whereas, though the Research and Accountability Committee had its purpose in time, its recent dysfunction should not be overlooked;

Whereas, the Research and Accountability Committee represents another level of bureaucracy that impedes meaningful Student Assembly work;

Whereas, there is no longer a shared sense amongst current Student Assembly members that this committee must continue to exist, as the culture and membership of the Student Assembly has undoubtedly changed from the committee's creation to the present day;

Whereas, current Student Assembly members have largely adopted a new guided philosophy to refrain from outsourcing research to a committee;



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Whereas, Student Assembly members have the Executive Archivist as a resource to research historic Student Assembly legislation to support current legislative efforts;

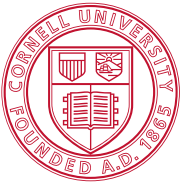
Whereas, each committee and Student Assembly member practices research and accountability individually or in collective ways;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Research and Accountability Committee will be dissolved effective immediately;

Be it further resolved, that the Research and Accountability Committee will be reinstated in full if the Student Assembly deems it necessary to formalize a research and accountability process in the future;

Be it finally resolved, that “Section 3: Operational Committees” of “Article VI: Committees” lines 435-459 of the Student Assembly Bylaws be amended as follows:

~~H. Research & Accountability Committee—The committee will pursue any necessary accountability and research concerns of SA members and directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA. Research and accountability concerns consist of, but are not limited to: general body attendance, resolution voting, liaison role accountability, committee attendance, committee conduct, and general representative accountability. The committee will also evaluate all requests submitted by community members that are against any SA member, SA committees, or directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA. The Chair position can be held by any non-Student Assembly member of the Cornell undergraduate student population and the committee will be under the supervision of Executive Vice President. The committee shall consist of ten voting members, two of which are current SA members and/or directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA and eight undergraduate community members. The chair shall only vote in the event of a tie. The composition of the committee can change for specific meeting types in which members of the SA Executive Committee or other student representatives can be given an ex-officio status—this is to be voted on by the RE committee as a whole and only when initially decided on by the Chair. The committee has the obligation, if decided upon, to conference any SA member, directly elected undergraduate representative to the UA, SA-affiliated committees, or Committee Chair if they have received a notice from any member of the Cornell Community. The committee is restricted from passing resolutions due to the necessary impartial nature of the committee. However, after a full inquiry or fact finding action—a written report may be presented to the SA, which will include a brief summary of the situation being investigated and any necessary actions the committee recommends. The requester’s name~~



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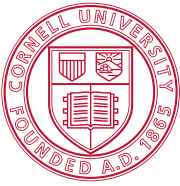
~~and others who are not SA members or directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA shall be redacted from the report if permission from any of the individual(s) is not given. Adoption of the (possible) recommendation(s) requires a three quarters majority vote of SA voting members. Rejection of the (possible) recommendation(s) require three quarters of SA voting members. If recommendation or report are not approved or rejected, it will be tabled indefinitely. The committee chair shall present reports to the SA at both the requestor(s), RA Committee's, and Chair's discretion.~~

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Baker '23

Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PASSED, 08/31/2021)



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Originally Presented on:	(08/26/2021)
Type of Action:	Byline Report
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #14

Amendments to the Convocation Committee's Governing Documents

ABSTRACT: This resolution affirms changes that were made to the Convocation Committee's constitution to account for its separation from Class Councils and removes Article III, Section 4, Part C from the Convocation Committee's constitution.

Sponsored by: Morgan Baker '23

Whereas, the Convocation Committee has requested to change their constitution;

Whereas, amendments to the governing documents of byline-funded organizations must be approved by the Student Assembly;

Whereas, lines 645-646 under "Section 3: General Guidelines" of the Student Assembly Charter's Appendix B read as follows:

K. Governing Document Approval: All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations' bylaws, constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.

Whereas, the Student Assembly will approve the proposed changes conditional on amending Article III – Membership Requirements and Limitations, Section 4 to be read as follows:

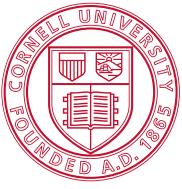
- a. Violation of rules and regulations set forth in the Cornell Student Handbook and/or Campus Code of Conduct.
- b. Failure to uphold the provisions of the constitution and bylaws.
- ~~c. Does not act in the best interests of the organization and/or is engaged in activity jeopardizing the existence of the organization.~~
- d. Unexcused absences for a minimum of 4 required events.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly approve the attached changes conditional on the removal of Article III, Section 4, Part C.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly



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Convocation Committee

CONSTITUTION

LAST REVISED [August 2022]

Article I – Convocation Committee

Section 1. The official name of this organization is **Convocation Committee**.

Article II – Purpose, Aims of Organization

Section 1. The purpose of the Convocation Committee shall be to select a keynote speaker for the graduating class' convocation ceremony.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization is to allow members of the graduating class to select a speaker that represents them as a whole.

Article III – Membership Requirements and Limitations

Section 1. Membership eligibility.

- a. The organization shall consist of undergraduate students in the senior class of Cornell University who are interested in the purpose of the Convocation Committee and who shall be approved by the chair.
- b. Approval results through the completion of the application process, which consists of written responses and group interviews.
- c. The Convocation Committee complies with anti-discrimination policies 6.4 of Cornell University, titled Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct, which can be found in [the Student Handbook at this link](#).

Section 2. General membership expectations.

- a. Members are expected to attend meetings held each week.
- b. Members are expected to maintain confidentiality throughout the process.
- c. Members are expected to adhere to community guidelines.

Section 3. New member recruitment.

- a. Recruitment for the Convocation Committee occurs in the Spring semester prior to the senior year of the graduating class.
- b. The organization recruits through email and social media.
- c. Membership is granted based on approval of an application process open to all graduating seniors.

- d. The first meeting post-recruitment is dedicated to establishing community norms and shared values.

Section 4. The Chair reserves the right to remove any member through the following grounds:

- a. Violation of rules and regulations set forth in the Cornell Student Handbook and/or Campus Code of Conduct.
- b. Failure to uphold the provisions of the constitution and bylaws.
- c. Does not act in the best interests of the organization and/or is engaged in activity jeopardizing the existence of the organization.
- d. Unexcused absences for a minimum of 4 required events.

Article IV – Committee Makeup

Section 1. Chair. The Chair shall:

- a. Lead the recruitment process for committee members.
- b. Facilitate weekly meetings.
- c. Find and secure a keynote speaker for Convocation ceremony
- d. Serve as a student speaker at the 2022 Convocation Ceremony
- e. Maintain open communication with the faculty/staff advisor.
- f. Act as a spokesperson for the organization.

Section 2. Logistics Co-Chair(s) shall:

- a. Assist in preparing meeting agendas and other materials
- b. Maintain records of each meeting.
- c. In the event that the President cannot perform their duties for a meeting, the logistics co-chair(s) will assume the role.

Section 3. Administrative Co-chair. The Administrative Co-chair shall:

- a. Record minutes of and attendance at each meeting.
- b. Appoint scribes to record minutes in committee meetings as needed.
- c. Manage and maintain all organization email listservs and social media.
- d. In the event that the Vice President cannot perform their duties for a meeting, the Administrative Co-chair will assume the role.

Section 4. Term of Service.

- a. All members of the Convocation Committee serve for the duration of their senior year only.
- b. Grounds for removal of an officer include:
 - i. Violation of rules and regulations set forth in the Cornell Student Handbook
 - ii. Failure to uphold the provisions of the constitution and bylaws

Section 5. Officer Transitions.

- a. Each chair shall maintain a record of their position to provide to incoming chairs before they graduate.
- b. Outgoing chairs shall also make every effort to assist in the transition process, including helping to ensure that incoming chairs are aware of their responsibilities.

Article V – Advisor

Section 1. Advisor assignment

- a. The Convocation advisor is a professional staff member working within the Campus Activities Office.

Section 2. Responsibilities of the advisor.

- a. Advising the committee, in addition to acting as the liaison between the Convocation Committee and the Cornell administration
- b. Meet regularly with the Convocation Chair to stay updated and serve as a resource
- c. Assist with the annual registration process
- d. Assist with the funding process

Section 3. Term of service.

- a. There is no limit to how long the advisor may hold position subject the advisor acts in the organization's best interests, does not violate any rules and regulations set forth in the Cornell Student Handbook and/or Campus Code of Conduct, and is not engaged in activity jeopardizing the existence of the organization.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1. Co-Chairs.

- a. Hold officer meetings as often as necessary, outside of the regular meeting schedule, called by the Chair.

Section 2. All members.

- a. Hold general meetings once a week as decided by the organization members each semester based on academic obligations.

Section 4. Quorum and Referendum.

- a. Eight members is the minimum number of voting members who must be present at a properly called meeting in order to conduct business in the name of the group.
- b. The Chair must be present in order to transact business.

Article VII – Code of Conduct

Section 1. All members are required to follow local, state, and federal laws, Cornell University rules, and the organization's constitution at all functions.

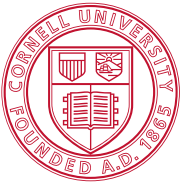
Section 2. All members will abide by the Cornell Student Handbook, specifically [policy 6.4: Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct](#).

Section 2. Any violation of the above will result in the expulsion of the violator at the discretion of the Chair and the Advisor.

Article IX – Amendments and Ratification

Section 1. This constitution shall become effective upon approval by the advisor and the Chair.

Section 2. This constitution can be ratified again once every academic year by the Chair.



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Originally Presented on:	(09/02/2021)
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #15 Urging Cornell to Immediately Release Financial Aid

ABSTRACT: This resolution calls for Cornell's Office of Financial Aid to immediately release all financial aid to students.

Sponsored by: Joseph Mullen '24, Valeria Valencia '23, Claudia León '23, Adele Williams '24, Deepak Ilango '22, Duncan Cady '23

Whereas, Cornell's Office of Financial Aid announced that "the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment is working diligently to notify students who are still awaiting the results of their 2021-22 financial aid application. This includes collaborating with the Bursar's Office to make sure impacted students are not held responsible for August finance charges. We acknowledge the additional stress this is causing and appreciate your patience",

Whereas, many students "have yet to be notified about their financial aid awards, while the Bursar office asks for the school year's first tuition payment",

Whereas, students were classified as "missing students" — "meaning that due to late fees on a Bursar bill" they were "temporarily withdrawn from the University and barred from class add/drop",

Whereas, a petition with about 50 signatures as of Aug. 18 was sent to the Office of Financial Aid and administration, expressing frustrations with the financial aid office,

Whereas, said petition called for Cornell to:

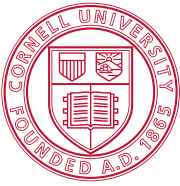
1. Issue a formal address to the student body regarding the issue with Financial Aid
2. Take immediate measures to expedite the delivery of financial aid packages
3. Establish an inquiry into the issues that are facing the Financial Aid department with a completion date of the end of the calendar year
4. Release the inquiry report to the general Cornell population upon completion

Whereas, these delays are frequent and widespread, and previously occurred halfway into the fall 2020 semester,

Whereas, students have correctly asserted that "Financial aid is an integral part of the University and should be working properly,"

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly formally calls upon Cornell to implement the following:

1. Accept the demands of the student petition as listed above:
 - a. Issue a formal address to the student body regarding the issue with Financial Aid



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- 35 b. Take immediate measures to expedite the delivery of financial aid packages
- 36 c. Establish an inquiry into the issues that are facing the Financial Aid department with
- 37 a completion date of the end of the calendar year
- 38 d. Release the inquiry report to the general Cornell population upon completion
- 39 2. Release the complete financial aid packages (without reductions), with immediate haste,
- 40 3. Compile the submitted comments regarding financial aid and make them publicly viewable
- 41 so the community is better informed,
- 42 4. Issue a formal explanation to the entire community surrounding this situation,
- 43 5. Withdraw all charges erroneously billed to students,
- 44 6. Undertake efforts to prevent this crisis from ever occurring again.

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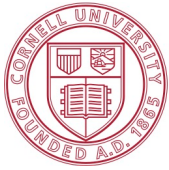
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59 *Undesignated Representative*

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61 *(Reviewed by: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PASSED, 08/31/2021)*



Resolution 16: Calling on Cornell University to Protect and Accommodate Students During the Spike in COVID-19 Cases

Abstract: This resolution calls for more protective and accommodating measures for students, staff, and faculty to protect their wellbeing during the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

Sponsored by: Valeria Valencia '23, Annette Gleiberman '22, Morgan Baker '23, Kate Schrage '23, Dillon Eisman '22, Claire Tempelman '24, Deepak Ilango '22, Claudia León '23, Henry Wade IV '23, Duncan Cady '23, Joseph Mullen '24, Anuli Ononye '22, Adele Williams '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 08/31/2021

Type of Action: Legislation

Originally Presented: 02/09/2021

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the administration has affirmed that their “goal remains to do everything we can to preserve both the student educational experience and the well-being of our whole community.”¹

Whereas, the recent circumstances of the pandemic have made it increasingly challenging for students to both participate in and succeed in academic course work during the entire semester.

Whereas, Cornell University is currently experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 that is unprecedented² and dangerous, especially considering the Delta variant, which is twice as infectious and 60% more transmissible than the Alpha variant³.

Whereas, despite the fact that positive cases at Cornell have continued to skyrocket to more than fifty cases daily - a level Cornell has never seen before - Cornell has still made in-person classes mandatory, putting faculty, staff, and students at risk of contracting the disease.

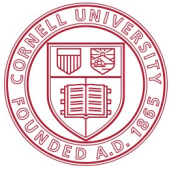
Whereas, in the past few days we have seen the positivity rate by week – for the week of 8/24/21 – 8/30/21 - jump to 1.20% of those tested.⁴

¹ <https://covid.cornell.edu/updates/20210830-updates.cfm>

² <https://ithacavoices.com/2021/08/fueled-by-cornell-numbers-covid-19-positives-shatter-previous-local-records/>

³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/27/health/delta-variant-hospitalization-risk.html>

⁴ <https://covid.cornell.edu/testing/dashboard/>



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Whereas, in a Cornell Daily Sun Article,⁵ it was reported that despite the recent positive cases of COVID-19, Cornell maintains their commitment to in-person instruction for the remainder of the Fall semester.

Whereas, Cornell has stated online on their [COVID-19 dashboard](#) that classes in-person “will be held in-person only, with no options for students to participate remotely.”⁶

Whereas, Provost Kotlikoff and Vice President Lombardi have both recently communicated in an email sent to all students on August 13, 2021 that “Fall 2021 classes will not offer a remote option and will not be recorded.”⁷

Whereas, there has been no communication from University administrators concerning students’ access to course materials since the entire campus moved to COVID-19 Alert Yellow.

Whereas, in a letter signed by over 100 members of the Cornell faculty on August 29, it was emphasized by the faculty that they “are concerned that Cornell is not doing more to minimize risk and prevent transmission of this virus.”⁸

Whereas, a circulating petition started by a Cornell undergraduate student asking to “Push Cornell University to Provide Remote/Virtual Course Access” has nearly 500 student signatures.⁹

Whereas, the current system places an undue burden on quarantining students who are left neither able to attend their classes in person nor virtually, which necessitates a temporary change to allow all students equitable access to course materials and educational opportunities.

Whereas, the vast majority of students currently bedridden and isolated do not have an alternate method of attending their classes, setting them far behind and creating an inequitable atmosphere of insurmountable pressure and stress merely days into the academic year.

Whereas, while some professors have created alternative means for students to complete coursework and watch recorded lectures, others have made attendance mandatory and part of a student’s grade, while not offering a remote learning option.

Whereas, it is understandable that not every classroom has audiovisual recording capabilities, but there are necessary steps Cornell University can and must take in order to ensure that students have equal access to their course materials.

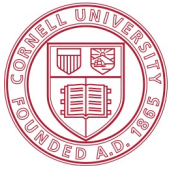
⁵ <https://cornellsun.com/2021/08/30/administration-responds-to-covid-19-case-spike-reinforces-commitment-to-in-person-teaching/>

⁶ <https://covid.cornell.edu/students/academic-policies/>

⁷ <https://statements.cornell.edu/2021/20210813-in-person-operations.cfm>

⁸ <https://cornellsun.com/2021/08/29/guest-room-letter-to-provost-kotlikoff-and-vice-provost-nishii/>

⁹ <https://www.change.org/p/cornell-university-push-cornell-university-to-provide-remote-virtual-course-access>



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Whereas, in order to live up to its motto of “Any Person, Any Study,” Cornell must give students in isolation/quarantine the support they need to succeed academically and care for their mental and physical wellbeing.

Be it therefore resolved, Cornell University must commit to fostering a safe and equitable learning environment for all of its students during this unprecedented spike in COVID-19 cases.

Be it further resolved, Cornell University must distribute audio or video recording devices for classes not otherwise equipped with audio or video recording capabilities to allow instructors to record lectures for students.

Be it finally resolved, Cornell University must require professors to adopt the following student demands:

1. Offer a temporary virtual learning option
2. Offer recorded lectures to be made available online
3. Offer make up in person exams for students in isolation/quarantine
4. Offer virtual zoom office hours
5. Alter attendance and participation grading requirements to accommodate those who are unable to attend in-person lectures and discussions

Respectfully Submitted,

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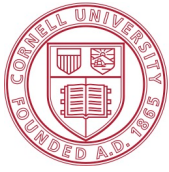
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