Cornell University Student Assembly
Agenda of the Thursday, July 1, 2021 Meeting
4:45 PM – 6:30 PM
via Zoom

I. Call to Order
II. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogoho’no (Cayuga Nation)
III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
   a. June 24, 2021
IV. Open Microphone
V. Business of the Day
   a. Resolution 1: Proposed Charter Amendment for the 2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle
VI. Adjournment
I. Call to Order & Roll Call
   a. A. Ononye called the meeting to order at 4:49pm (EST).
   b. Roll Call
      ii. Members Absent: D. Eisman, A. Lampert, N. Overton, C. Tempelman, H. Wade

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogó:ñó (Cayuga Nation)
   a. Cornell University is located on the traditional homelands of the Gayogó:ñó’ (the Cayuga Nation). The Gayogó:ñó’ 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 Gayogó:ñó’ dispossession and honor the ongoing connection of the Gayogó:ñó’ people, past and present, to these lands and waters.

III. Open Microphone
   a. Student Assembly Election Rules Town Hall – P. Mehler ’23
      i. P. Mehler, Director of Elections, informed the assembly members that there is a Student Assembly Election Rules Town Hall scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM. The purpose of the town hall was to discuss the election rules and potential revisions or an overhaul of the process.
   b. J. Bansah stated that there is a petition being circulated that other Ivy Leagues are delaying their start until September and inquired as to whether other assembly members had heard anything about this.
      i. J. Feit, Undergraduate Representative to the University Assembly, stated that he felt it is a bad idea to start in September as individuals already have their accommodations in place and it would be an unfair burden financially and socially.
   c. A. Ononye reminded assembly members to continue checking Slack as that will be the means of communication this year.

IV. New Business
   a. SA R1: Proposed Charter Amendment for the 2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle
      i. Abstract: This resolution extends the preliminary application due date for Byline funded organizations and interested applicants from April 25th to July 30th in order to allow student organizations to receive funding for the 2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle.
      ii. M. Baker, Vice President of Finance for the Student Assembly, informed assembly members that this resolution seeks to resolve an issue related to
returning byline funded and new byline funded organizations and extending the preliminary application deadline.

iii. There was a motion to amend line 44 to read “July 30th” – amended

iv. P. Gronemeyer asked if the one group who did submit their application on time if they would be penalized.

v. M. Baker stated that organization would not be penalized. She stated that typically every byline organization submits an application on time; however, there were some communication issues during the spring semester and only that particular group managed to submit their application before the deadline.

vi. A. Gleiberman stated this is a great resolution to vote on as soon as possible.

vii. M. Baker stated that this is a charter amendment and can only be discussed at this meeting and voted on at a future meeting.

viii. Motion to table Resolution #1 – tabled by unanimous consent.

ix. A. Gleiberman asked if there has been any update on committees.

x. A. Ononye stated that there will be more information about committees during the upcoming Student Assembly Executive Committee meeting.

V. Adjournment

a. A. Ononye adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Treat
Senior Coordinator, Office of the Assemblies
S.A. Resolution #1
Proposed Charter Amendment for the 2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle

ABSTRACT: This resolution extends the preliminary application due date for Byline funded organizations and interested applicants from April 25th to July 30th in order to allow student organizations to receive funding for the 2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle.

Sponsored by: Morgan Baker ‘23

Whereas, Appendix A in the Student Assembly Charter outlines the Student Assembly guidelines for the allocation of the Student Activity Fee to Byline funded organizations;

Whereas, Section 4 of Appendix A describes the application process for Byline funded organizations and other interested applicants;

Whereas, lines 365-374 under Section 4 of Appendix A read as follows:

ii. By 3:30 pm on April 25 or the first business day thereafter in the semester preceding a fee-setting year, each applicant must submit, using forms that are hosted on the website of the Office of the Assemblies, a preliminary application including:
   a. name of applicant,
   b. a preliminary request in dollars per student per year,
   c. checklist statement regarding eligibility criteria,
   d. current primary and secondary contacts for the organization including email and phone contact information, and,
   e. if a new applicant, petitions bearing the signature of fifteen hundred (1500) undergraduate students registered in that semester.

Whereas, the purpose of preliminary applications is to allow the Vice President for Finance and the Appropriations Committee to collect valuable information regarding the finances of Byline funded organizations prior to the final application due date in September;

Whereas, preliminary applications also enable student organizations that do not receive By-Line funding to petition for the opportunity to be considered as Byline funded organizations in the future;

Whereas, student organizations that do not submit preliminary applications are unable to be considered for Byline funding;
Whereas, only one student organization managed to submit their preliminary application on time in Spring 2021;

Be it therefore resolved, the preliminary application due date for By-Line funded organizations and interested applicants will be extended from April 25th to July 30th in order to allow student organizations to receive funding for the 2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle;

Be it further resolved, lines 365-367 under Section 4 of Appendix A will be amended to read as follows:

ii. By 11:59 pm on July 30th preceding a fee-setting year, each applicant must submit, using forms that are hosted on the website of the Office of the Assemblies, a preliminary application including:

Be it finally resolved, this Student Assembly Charter amendment is temporary and will only affect the 2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Baker ‘23
Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 06/22/2021)