



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Thursday, June 24, 2021 Meeting

4:45pm via Zoom

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. A. Ononye called the meeting to order at 4:49pm (EST).
- b. Roll Call
 - i. *Members Present:* M. Baker, J. Bansah, E. Bentolila, D. Cady, A. Gleiberman, P. Gronemeyer, D. Ilango, J. Jiang, C. León, Y. Logan, M. Louis, J. Mullen, A. Ononye, N. Reddy, K. Santacruz, L. Smith, V. Valencia, A. Williams, E. Yan
 - ii. *Members Absent:* D. Eisman, A. Lampert, N. Overton, C. Tempelman, H. Wade

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

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

III. 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



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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,

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