

Cornell University
Student Assembly

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Minutes of the Thursday, January 27, 2022 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL - ZOOM

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. A. Ononye called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM (EST).
- b. Roll Call
 - i. *Members Present: M. Baker, J. Bansah, D. Cady, P. DaSilveira, D. Eisman, A. Gleiberman, P. Gronemeyer, D. Ilango, J. Jiang, A. Juan, J. Kim, A. Lampert, C. Leon, Y. Logan, M. Louis, L. Lu, B. Luckow, J. Mullen, N. Overton, N. Reddy, K. Santacruz, L. Smith, M. Song, C. Tempelman, V. Valencia, A. Williams, E. Yan, A. Ononye, D. Hernandez*
 - ii. *Members Absent: No members were absent*

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

- a. President Ononye delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

III. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. D. Hernandez motioned to add a resolution regarding the establishment of the Public Health and Safety Committee. Motion **passed** by a majority vote of 22 – 0 – 4.
- b. D. Cady motioned to add a resolution recommending the implementation of zoom live transcripts in classes and meetings. Motion **passed** by a majority vote of 22 – 0 – 4.

IV. Consent Agenda

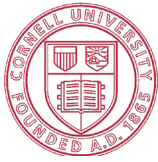
- a. A. Ononye announced that SA R37: Recommendation for the Student Activity Fee 2022-2024 was accepted by President M. Pollack.

V. Open Microphone

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

VI. Announcements and Reports

- a. OSGR New Directors Approval – Maggie Peng
 - i. Maggie Peng was not present to provide information regarding the submitted resolution.
 - ii. Motion by L. Smith to table the resolution until the new directors could be present was approved by a vote of 25 – 0 – 1 — **Tabled**
- b. Special Project Funding Request (Chinese New Year) — JohnJohn Jiang & Valeria Valencia
 - i. J. Jiang began by introducing the event specifics of the Spring Festival Gala
 - ii. J. Jiang explained that funding was being sought from the Student Assembly to augment the limited funding available from other student organizations hosting the Chinese New Year Events.



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- iii. L. Lu highlighted the importance of the festival in supporting the Chinese community on the Cornell campus.
- iv. L. Smith affirmed the importance of allowing SA members the opportunity to review a detailed breakdown of the costs of the festival in order to consider the resolution.
- v. D. Cady motioned to table the resolution till the following Student Assembly meeting so the student organizations involved in the planning could be invited to discuss the details of the funding request. The motion passed by a vote of 24 – 0 – 3 — **Tabled**

VII. Initiatives

- a. No initiatives were presented.

VIII. Presentations and Forums

- a. No presentations and forums were presented.

IX. New Business

- a. SA R38: Establishing the Public Health and Safety Committee” was presented by Cady, D. Hernandez, J. Mullen, and C. Hodges.
 - i. D. Hernandez explained that the new committee would work with the Office of Student Advocate and students across the university.
 - ii. The Committee would be under the Student Assembly, and work in coordination with PSAC.
 - iii. L. Smith asked for clarification on how PSAC would be different from the proposed Public Health and Safety Committee.
 - 1. D. Cady affirmed that the resolution detailed the functions of the Committee and stated that the number of community members' seats on the Committee would be decided by the Student Assembly.
 - iv. D. Cady submitted an amendment to the resolution at line 85 (§a. Alternative Crisis Response Chair. clause a subclause i. The **amendment** was passed by unanimous vote.
 - v. L. Smith questioned the structure of having a review Committee of the Student Assembly, overseen by the executive cabinet, and only addressing issues of concern to the Office of the Student Advocate.
 - vi. D. Cady motioned to table the resolution in order to clarify amendments related to the appointments of members of the Office of the Student Advocate and the Student Assembly. The motion passed. — **Tabled**
- b. SA R39: Zoom Live Transcript Implementation Request was presented by D. Cady and K. Santacruz.
 - i. D. Cady explained that the resolution calls for the automatic implementation of the new Zoom feature enabling live transcription (closed captioning) for all applicable academic zoom meetings to better accommodate students through the current and possible future online/remote learning period.
 - ii. A. Gleiberman motioned to vote by unanimous consent. Motion was seconded. The resolution was then passed unanimously. — **Approved**



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- c. A. Gleiberman asked for a 2/3 vote of the Student Assembly to overturn a decision by the Executive Committee. Citing the SA Standing Rules (§Section 6, Rule 10, line 232-235), the vote was taken, and the 2/3 approval threshold attained.
- d. A. Gleiberman introduced "SA R41: Overturning the Executive Committee's Decision" as it related to the removal of member H. Wade for excessive absences during the fall semester.
 - i. H. Wade stated his position and asked to be reinstated as a member of the Student Assembly, after he was removed due to the attendance policy.
 - ii. A. Gleiberman, E. Yan, L. Smith, P. Silveira, and D. Cady affirmed their support for reinstating H. Wade.
 - iii. J. Mullen, SA Vice President for Internal Operations, whose role oversees attendance and approves absences of SA members, spoke about his concerns regarding H. Wade's absences during the fall semester which included;
 - 1. Absences on 9/9, 9/30, and 12/2.
 - 2. Early Leave/Late on 10/28, 11/4, and 11/30.
 - iv. J. Mullen referenced he was upholding the rules of the Assembly and referenced the current Absentee and Attendance Policies from the Charter (§IV.5, lines 239-253), Bylaws (§IV.8.B, lines 266-267), and the Standing Rules (§Section 2.B, lines 30-81).
 - v. A. Gleiberman motioned to extend the meeting to 6:40 PM (EST). The motion passed by unanimous consent.
 - vi. A. Gleiberman made a motion to vote on the resolution. Motion passed by unanimous consent.
 - vii. N. Overton motioned to extend the meeting to 6:50 PM (EST). Motion passed by unanimous vote.
 - viii. President Ononye confirmed that the motion to approve SA R41 would need 2/3 vote by the members present. The vote for reinstating H. Wade on the Student Assembly failed to meet the 2/3 votes necessary. Vote tally was 15 – 12 – 2. — **Rejected**

X. Adjournment

- a. A. Ononye adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,
Jana Alzayer
Clerk of the Student Assembly