

## Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, November 18, 2021 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall

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#### **Overview of time with President Pollack and Vice President Lombardi:**

##### Time and Format:

- 5:05 p.m. – 5:35 p.m. (15 minutes to address Student Assembly; 10-15 minutes of live Q&A)
- We have asked the president to speak for 15 minutes, after which time, the Student Assembly Executive Vice President will start a speaker's list between Student Assembly members and members from the community for follow up questions for 13 minutes.

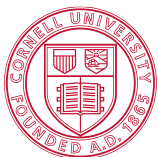
##### Topics pre-submitted:

- University commitments and actions for mental health, in the wake of the pandemic.
- Updates to financial aid on campus and support for low-income students
- Pandemic relief and accommodations for students/ faculty in quarantine
- The new Cornell Greatest Good Campaign and what that means for undergraduate students

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- I. Call to Order
  - II. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
  - III. Late Additions to the Agenda
  - IV. Consent Agenda
    - a. President Pollack's Decisions on Resolution 31-35
    - b. Approval of Minutes
      - i. [November 11, 2021](#)
  - V. Open Microphone
  - VI. Announcements and Reports
    - a. President Martha E. Pollack - Community Questions & Answers
    - b. Byline Announcement — Valeria Valencia '23
    - c. Byline Reports (Upcoming Week) — Valeria Valencia '23
    - d. Byline Reports (Previous Week) — Valeria Valencia '23
  - VII. Initiatives
  - VIII. Presentations and Forums
  - IX. Business of the Day
  - X. New Business
  - XI. Adjournment

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Minutes of the Thursday, November 11, 2021 Meeting

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#### I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. A. Ononye called the meeting to order at 4:48pm (EST).
- b. Roll Call
  - i. *Members Present:* M. Baker, J. Bansah, D. Cady, P. Da Silveira, D. Eisman, A. Gleiberman, P. Gronemeyer, D. Ilango, J. Jiang, A. Juan, J. Kim, A. Lampert, C. León, Y. Logan, J. Mullen, N. Overton, N. Reddy, K. Santacruz, M. Song, C. Tempelman, V. Valencia H. Wade, A. Williams, E. Yan, A. Ononye
  - ii. *Members Absent:* E. Bentolila, M. Louis, L. Lu, B. Luckow, L. Smith

#### 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. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. Motion to add confirmation vote for the nomination of the Office of Ethics after the Athletics and Physical Education Department presentation – **amended** by Unanimous Consent

#### IV. Consent Agenda

- a. A. Ononye stated that Resolutions 26, 27, 28 and 28 were acknowledged by the President and Resolution 30 has been submitted to the President.
- b. Approval of the Minutes
  - i. November 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes
    1. Motion to amend Section 4, Point A, Subpoint 3 to replace “C. Hodge” with “Chief Honan” – **amended** by Unanimous Consent
    2. Motion to approve the November 4<sup>th</sup> minutes – **approved** by Unanimous Consent

#### V. Open Microphone

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

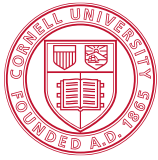
#### VI. Announcements and Reports

- a. Athletics and Physical Education Department – L. Quant
  - i. L. Quant explained that they are here to answer questions regarding their allocation request for byline funding. They acknowledged that the department has significant rollover but are fully prepared to work with the appropriate people to provide other benefits with the money in a timely manner.



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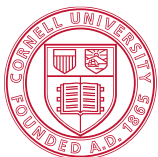
- ii. A. Gleiberman asked if L. Quant had any understanding why the department is partially funded through the SA.
  - 1. L. Quant explained that they do not know the exact reasoning, but it has been a longstanding practice. This is L. Quant's seventh byline cycle and explained that the university does not provide enough funding for the Big Red Sports Pass and the other expensive.
  - 2. A. Gleiberman asked if they believed that the university would not fund the pass if the SA did not fund the department.
    - a. L. Quant stated that they were not completely sure, but mostly likely not.
- iii. A. Williams asked what breakdown of their budget was.
  - 1. L. Quant explained that a majority of the funding is used for the Big Red Sports Pass which allows students to go to sports games for free and the Men's Hockey games at a discounted price. Part of the funding also goes to the marketing team, where there is students and student interns that work on marketing towards undergraduate students.
- iv. C. Tempelman asked how feasible it is to use the rollover for discounted gym passes.
  - 1. L. Quant explained that it was possible and that there would have to be a specific discussion with the appropriate people. There are certain issues that need to be resolved before that can be implemented.
- v. A. Ononye asked if there was an action change by the Appropriations Committee.
  - 1. V. Valencia stated that there was not.
- vi. D. Cady asked if there is currently a plan in place regarding the rollover.
  - 1. L. Quant answered that there is no specific plan in place and that they were waiting to hear student feedback.
- vii. A. Gleiberman explained that the undergraduates currently provide funding for both marketing purposes and the Big Red Sports Pass, while graduate students only fund the sports pass. A. Gleiberman asked for clarification why only undergraduates pay for marketing purposes.
  - 1. L. Quant stated that they don't have the information regarding this but will ask the appropriate people. At one point, the funding from both groups was the same, but over time different groups raised and lowered the amounts.
- viii. D. Cady asked if it was feasible to lower the cost of student tickets to hockey games with the rollover.
  - 1. L. Quant answered that this idea has been talked about, but there are several issues that need to be addressed before it can be implemented.
- b. D. Cady explained that this is vote on the first nomination to the Office of Ethics, N. Sharma. The approval requires a two thirds majority.
  - i. Motion to vote on the nomination – **approved** by a vote 23-1-1
- c. Byline Reports



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### i. Athletics and Physical Education

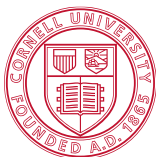
1. V. Valencia stated that the Athletics and Physical Education department requested \$9.08 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$9.08.
2. D. Cady expressed concern with the rollover, especially that there is not much of concrete plan in place.
  - a. V. Valencia explained that the department has a larger surplus with no plan to spend it down.
3. A. Juan stated that they were hesitant with the large rollover but explained that there is also potential for the SA to have input on the plan for spending down the rollover.
4. A. Gleiberman explained that they are fully in favor of decreasing the allocation and stated that it is a dangerous precedent to give an organization funding when their plan is abstract ideas.
5. H. Wade emphasized A. Gleiberman's sentiments and stated that it would take time for any plan for the spending down the rollover to be implemented and the students funding the department will not reap those benefits.
6. A. Ononye stated that they were in favor of the recommendation, as students enjoy this resource.
7. E. Yan asked if the concern regarding lowering the recommendation is the effect on future byline cycles, is there a way to make a note in the byline report.
  - a. V. Valencia stated that is something the assembly has to propose.
8. J. Jiang stated that it might be beneficial for the department to return their rollover to the SA, where the assembly could decide how to spend the money.
  - a. V. Valencia stated there is no precedent for this occurring.
  - b. A. Gleiberman stated a point of information that it has occurred in the past and cited SAFC returning their funds in Spring 2020.
    - i. A. Ononye asked if it was possible for the SA to force an organization to return their funds.
9. N. Overton expressed their support for the recommendation and stated that many students really benefit from their Big Red Sports Pass. Additionally, N. Overton noted that the recommendation was approved by the Appropriations Committee by a vote of 8-0-1.
10. C. Tempelman stated that a lot of students were excited by the gym, passes that SA members have lobbied for, however there are several issues that need to be addressed before the plan can be implemented. C. Tempelman explained that they don't want to see student's money just sitting in an account and explained that future Appropriations Committee would be understanding of this change in funding. It



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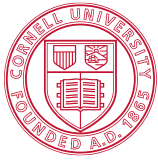
makes sense to decrease the recommendation and include in the byline report to increase funding in the future.

11. J. Mullen seconded J. Jiang's point and asked what the process was of bringing these funds under the SA.
  - a. V. Valencia stated that they would ask the organization, and this is something we can look into as an assembly.
12. There was a motion to vote on the recommendation.
  - a. There was dissent.
  - b. Motion to vote to end debate – **failed** by a vote of 9-13-3.
13. M. Song were hesitant about the abstract plan regarding the rollover and asked if there are any safety nets in plans if any an organization doesn't spend a certain percentage of their allocation.
14. A. Williams explained that they did not want to lower the recommendation and stated that the department is very open to working with the SA.
15. P. Da Silva stated that this rollover should not be counted against the department and these programs should continue to be funded. There is an opportunity to work with the department to provide more benefits for students.
16. A. Gleiberman explained that this decision should not be based on future Appropriation Committees and that it is standard practice of the committee to read the reports.
17. D. Eisman stated that this is a great opportunity to find more benefits for students.
18. DC propose allocate at the current amount with a specify, could have with hockey tickets
19. A. Juan asked what the process was for requiring an organization to do something.
  - a. V. Valencia explained that it is usually outlined in their Appendix B, but the SA could create a committee to work with the department on what to do with the rollover.
20. J. Jiang explained that the presentation at the meeting was quite different than the presentation given at the Appropriations Committee.
21. A. Gleiberman stated that department would be able to provide the same benefits for students with an allocation of \$5.50.
22. Motion to overturn the recommendation – **failed** by a vote of 10-10-5.
23. There was a motion to vote on the recommendation.
  - a. There was dissent.
  - b. Motion to vote to end debate – **failed** by a vote 15-7-3.
24. There was a motion to table.
  - a. J. Bansah stated that President Pollack is coming to the meeting next week and that this recommendation would be pushed until the week after that.



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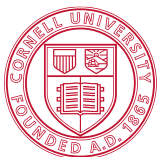
- b. A. Ononye stated that they would like the assembly to vote on the recommendation today.
      - c. Motion to table the recommendation – **tabled** by a vote of 16-6-3.
    - ii. A. Gleiberman stated that there are a lot of organizations coming next week and not voting on the recommendation today will only make next week more difficult.
    - iii. Motion to reintroduce the recommendation – **approved** by a vote 14-9-2.
      - 1. Athletics and Physical Education
        - a. A. Gleiberman stated that would like to overturn the recommendation and explained that the department's rollover is their entire allocation.
        - b. Motion to overturn the recommendation – **overturned** by a vote of 23-0-2.
        - c. There was motion to allocate \$7.50 as the recommendation.
          - i. A. Gleiberman dissented.
          - ii. Motion to end debate – **failed** by a vote of 13-9-3.
        - d. H. Wade explained that the cents make a difference.
        - e. D. Eisman stated that the Athletics and Physical Education would be able to fund their budget with an allocation \$5.50 and the rollover.
        - f. There was a motion to allocate \$7.25.
          - i. J. Jiang dissented.
          - ii. Motion to end debate – **passed** by a vote of 18-4-3.
        - g. Motion to allocate \$7.25 – **approved** by a vote of 15-8-2.
    - iv. Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union
      - 1. V. Valencia stated that Haven requested \$4.40 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$4.40.
      - 2. Motion to approve the recommendation – **approved** by a vote of 23-0-2.
    - v. Community Partnership Funding Board (CPFB)
      - 1. V. Valencia stated that CPFB requested \$2.00 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$2.00.
      - 2. There was a motion to approve the recommendation.
        - a. A. Gleiberman dissented and asked for more information about the organization.
        - b. Motion to end debate – **failed** by a vote of 12-8-4.
      - 3. D. Cady stated that there had been ample time to go over this recommendation and explained that they had asked questions last week regarding the organization's purpose.
      - 4. H. Wade explained that they are confused on the organization's impact on undergraduate students to help the community.
      - 5. D. Cady stated that there has been time to raise concerns
      - 6. There was a motion to approve the recommendation.
        - a. A. Gleiberman dissented.



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- b. Motion to end debate – **passed** by a vote of 16-6-3.
  - 7. Motion to approve the recommendation – **approved** by a vote of 14-8-2.
- vi. Cornell University Programming Board (CUPB)
  - 1. V. Valencia explained that CUPB was allocated \$13.55 in the 2020-2022 byline cycle. For the 2022-2024 cycle, CUPB requested \$13.56 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$13.56.
  - 2. Motion to table the recommendation – **tabled** by a vote of 21-0-2.
- vii. Professional Fraternity Council (PFC)
  - 1. V. Valencia explained that PFC accidentally requested \$6.00 on their application, but at their byline meeting, PFC stated that was a mistake and requested \$1.00. In the 2020-2022 byline cycle, PFC was allocated \$0.50. The Appropriations Committee recommended \$0.00
  - 2. A. Gleiberman communicated that they were in full support of not funding PFC, as they spend a majority of money on internal things and have been hesitant about presenting data about diversity in their organizations. The overall goals of PFC are good, and the organizations will get SAFC funding.
  - 3. V. Valencia stated that PFC is appealing this decision and will be at the next SA meeting.
  - 4. H. Wade explained that the Undergraduate Student Activity Fee should be not be used on an organization that does not have direct impact on the greater Cornell community and explained the only benefits of this organization comes within its members.
  - 5. Motion to table the recommendation – **tabled** by a vote of 21-0-2.
- viii. Cornell Concert Commission (CCC)
  - 1. V. Valencia communicated that CCC was allocated \$13.00 in the 2020-2022 byline cycle and requested \$13.50 for the 2022-2024 byline cycle. The Appropriations Committee recommended \$13.50. CCC hosts concert and events for the greater Cornell community and in pre-COVID-19 times, concerts and events brought in an upward of 3,000 students.
  - 2. D. Cady asked if there any rollover.
    - a. V. Valencia explained that the speakers' fee remained the same throughout the pandemic. They did save money not having a stage, but CCC did have a concrete plan for spending it down.
  - 3. A. Gleiberman explained that typically CCC has one free event a year, but last year due to COVID-19, all events were free.
  - 4. Motion to table the recommendation – **tabled** by Unanimous Consent.
- ix. Club Insurance
  - 1. V. Valencia stated that the Club Insurance requested \$5.40 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$0.00. The Committee





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explained that the University should be responsible for paying for Club Insurance.

2. A. Ononye expressed disdain about lowering the allocation and stated that every conversation has been about lowering allocation for important organizations.
  3. D. Eisman explained that the University does subsidize some of the Club Insurance and did not have much of an explanation why students also pay for it. It is an unfair burden on students.
  4. A. Ononye asked if Club Insurance is appealing the decision and if they had any solutions for being taken off the byline cycle.
    - a. V. Valencia answered that Club Insurance will be appealing the recommendation and were very surprised by the decision of the committee. They are open to being funded in full by the university, but those conversations have not occurred.
  5. Motion to table the recommendation – **tabled** by a vote of 17-3-3.
  - x. Students Helping Students (SHS)
    1. A. Gleiberman explained that SHS requested \$5.00 and the Appropriations Committee recommended \$1.00. SHS is not an organization, it is fund that is managed by the Financial Aid Review Committee (FARC) and there have been historically little demand for the SHS fund, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. The SHS fund also has a large rollover.
    2. A. Ononye stated that this fund really helps students who need it and many students use the Summer Experience Grant (SEG).
      - a. A. Gleiberman stated that this does not affect the SEG.
    3. A. Ononye asked if SHS is planning to appeal.
      - a. A. Gleiberman answered they were unsure, as this hearing took place the previous night.
      - b. V. Valencia stated that SHS has communicated that they will be appealing.
    4. Motion to table the recommendation – **tabled** by a vote of 20-0-3.
  - d. V. Valencia announced that there will be byline hearings on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, in 145 McGraw Hall for Class Councils, CU Tonight, and Outdoor Odyssey. There will be byline hearings on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, in Room 304 in Rand Hall for Orientation Committee, ALANA, CSC, and potentially SAFC.
  - e. A. Gleiberman asked if people would be open to having an extra SA meeting in the coming weeks before the SA has to submit the final recommendation.
    - i. A. Ononye explained that this plan is to have extended meetings to continue debate and there will be an extra meeting scheduled.
  - f. Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes – **failed** by a vote of 8-9-3.
- VII. Business of the Day**
- a. Internal Elections – Vice President of Finance
    - i. Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes – **approved** by a vote of 16-4-1.
    - ii. Motion to adjourn the meeting – **failed** by a vote of 7-12-2.





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- iii. Motion to permit candidates two minutes of speaking time – **approved** by a vote of 20-0-1.
- iv. V. Valencia explained that are running to the VP of Finance, as this is their third semester on the committee and are extremely knowledgeable about what the work that it entails. V. Valencia stated that they had been thrown in the position in the middle of the semester and still have been able to continue the byline process.
- v. Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes – **approved** by a vote of 17-0-1.
- vi. D. Eisman thanked H. Wade for the nomination and explained that since their appointment to the committee, working on the byline process has been their first priority. They have made special efforts to be familiar with each organization and have leveraged data analysis when determining appropriate recommendations. D. Eisman hoped to bring transparency between all parties and listed several actions they would like to complete as VP of Finance.
- vii. There was a motion to vote on the candidates.
  - 1. A. Gleiberman stated there should not be completed through secret ballot.
  - 2. D. Eisman stated that the election has to be done by secret ballot.
  - 3. Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes – **approved** by Unanimous Consent.
  - 4. Motion to vote on the candidates – V. Valencia was elected the VP of Finance.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

- a. A. Ononye adjourned the meeting at 6:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Ciara Shanahan*  
Clerk of the Student Assembly