



**Cornell University**  
**Student Assembly**

Resolution #	3
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Subject of Resolution	Restructuring of Review Committees
Status/Result	Unfinished Business

**Whereas**, as of September 1, 2009, the Student Assembly Staffing Committee has received over 100 applications from registered undergraduates for committee positions

**Whereas**, the Student Assembly charter designates fewer than 40 committee positions as available only to concerned undergraduate members of the Cornell community

**Whereas**, Section 3.3 of the Student Assembly charter reads:

All members of the Cornell student body are considered non-voting members of the SA, and are encouraged to attend and participate in meetings.

**Whereas**, Section 7.3.1 of the Student Assembly charter reads:

All committee meetings are open to members of the Cornell community with the exception of those dealt with in Article 6, Section 3.

**Whereas**, Section 7.3.7 of the Student Assembly charter reads:

Committee membership will be specified in the bylaw pertaining to the specific committee and therefore membership apportionment may be changed as would any SA bylaw and charge.

**Be it therefore resolved**, The Student Assembly charter shall be amended to read:

Bylaw 7.5.a

Review Committee Apportionment

Bylaw 7.5.a.1

Committee on Dining Services - The committee will review the policies and budgets for Dining Services and make recommendations to the Assembly regarding changes in existing policies or establishment of new policies. The committee will consist of two Dining student workers, one voting SA member, one graduate/professional student, ~~four~~ **seven** undergraduate students (at least one of whom is a member of a Co-Op Dining plan), two faculty members, one non-management employee, and one management

employee. ~~Two~~ **Additional** students will be appointed **by the VP of Internal Operations, with the approval of the Staffing Committee,** as committee “alternates,” **who shall vote in the absence of a voting member. The Chair shall select which alternate present may cast a vote. The Chair’s decision may be overturned by a majority of appointed voting members present.** Members shall serve one-year, staggered terms and may reapply to serve a second term. One-half of the seated voting membership shall constitute a quorum. The Director of Dining or a designee and the Budget Director of Dining shall serve ex-officio.

Bylaw 7.5.a.2

Committee on Residence and Community Life - ...Representatives from designated organizations shall be appointed by their respective organizations. Other interested Cornell Community members may apply for Committee membership and will be appointed at the discretion of the SA Staffing Committee. The **voting** membership of the Committee, however, shall not exceed twenty (20). **Additional** students will be appointed **by the VP of Internal Operations, with the approval of the Staffing Committee, as committee “alternates,” who shall vote in the absence of a voting member. The Chair shall select which alternate present may cast a vote. The Chair’s decision may be overturned by a majority of appointed voting members present.** Members will serve one-year terms, and can serve a second term if selected as a member by any of the aforementioned communities or the SA Staffing Committee. One half of the seated Committee’s undergraduate student membership will constitute a quorum. Standing Rules for the operation of the Committee on Residence and Community Life will be created by its members and accepted on majority vote of present members. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public.

Bylaw 7.8.a.1

The Joint Assemblies Multicultural Issues Committee (JAMIC) shall be composed of the SA and University Assembly (UA) with ~~14~~ **20** voting members, consisting of five **voting undergraduate members of the Student Assembly or University Assembly undergraduates** (four of whom shall be the two SA Minority Liaisons, the SA International Student Liaison, and the SA Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/ Transgender/ Questioning Liaison); three graduate or professional students, four employees, **six undergraduate members of the Cornell Community (appointed by the Staffing Committee under procedures outlined in Bylaw 7.6.a.5 of the Student Assembly charter)** and two members of the faculty. The Vice Provost for Diversity & Faculty Development shall serve as an ex-officio member of JAMIC. All members shall be appointed as appropriate by the SA and UA for one-year terms beginning May 1 and may be reappointed. A quorum shall consist of one-half of the seated members. Co-chairs shall be one of the four SA liaisons and the UA liaison to JAMIC.

Bylaw 7.5.a.6

Committee on Information and Technologies - The Committee will become involved in reviewing all aspects of students’ concerns with computers, including personal computer use, computer sales and services, the development and maintenance of Cornell on line services for students’ use (i.e. Bear Access), the availability of such services, and in any

other area in which student concern is voiced. The committee will consist of one Chair who is a member of the SA, with voting members being three SA members, one student staff member from CIT, one full time staff member from CIT, one delegate from the GPSA, and ~~five~~ **ten** students from the community at large.

Bylaw 7.8.a.2

Student Assembly Committee on Women's Issues:

...The Committee size shall not exceed fifteen total **voting** members, ~~nor shall it exceed nine voting members~~. Quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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