

Vote today for Student-Elected Trustee



Jason Brown (JKB33)

Make revitalizing Collegetown a University priority - start by transforming the Sheldon Court store-front space into a thriving student center.

Revamp and bolster the Advising System, where needed: Why is a student with an intended major of Government assigned to a faculty advisor in the Russian Literature department (and vice-versa)? Strengthening the advising would simultaneously allow for greater freedom in picking electives.

By promoting trustee involvement in your student initiatives, as was done in bringing Nobel Laureate and former Prime Minister of Israel Shimon Peres to Cornell in the fall, an event that received international attention.



Grayson Fahrner (GDF23)

INCREASING ACCESS TO CORNELL: Raise financial capital to introduce no-loan grants, better aid packages, and higher student wages.

ATTRACTING AND RETAINING THE BEST TEACHERS: Students know who the best teachers are. I will lobby for students to have a greater say in tenure decisions so that teaching is a priority for faculty.

COMMUNICATION: Monthly columns in the Sun. Appearances on Slope Radio. Hosting open forums. My goal as trustee is to go to as many meetings and engage as many of you as possible. My experience is unique, and so is my desire.

LOOK NO FARTHER THAN GRAYSON FAHRNER



Michael J. McDermott (MJM282)

Cornell must address; hidden costs of higher education, faculty hiring, and community development. From printing charges to laundry and more importantly health care, books, and summer classes students face many rising hidden costs. Cornell must make efforts on a campus and national level to decrease these hidden costs. In respect to the impending faculty deficit, Cornell's leadership must actively solicit student participation and input throughout the hiring process. Finally, Cornell must take an active role in providing community centers for off-campus residents, slow the rising costs of university housing, and work with local leaders in promoting sustainable development of Collegetown.



Peirce Stern (PDS35)

1. Trustees must be aware of the general health of Cornell undergraduates. 2. Trustees should search out and invest in feasible paths for improving the Cornell environment as well as the natural environment. 3. Trustees should keep attempting to improve Cornell's standing in social, academic, and diversity rankings.

1. Allocate money towards lowering the cost of gym membership, and towards improving Gannett health care. 2. Regularly consult student opinion through polls and referendum 3. Consult alternative energy researchers to discuss novel sustainability programs for possible Cornell implementation. 4. Communicate with Student organizations, Greek life, and Faculty to prevent underrepresented interests on the board.



Julie Cantor (JLC252)

As the leaders of a globally influential organization, it is the Board of Trustees and Presidents responsibility to continue to use Cornell resources to challenge the genocide in Darfur. As employers of a highly effective staff, they should expand access to and participation in career training and higher education for service staff, especially custodial and dining workers. There should also be more parking availability throughout campus. I would participate on various committees, gauge the opinion of Cornell students and staff through surveys and workshops, and continue the bi-weekly column in the Cornell Daily Sun, enacting efforts towards suggestions and comments.

Candidates' Personal Statements

Each candidate was asked to answer these two questions in 100 or fewer words:

1. What do you consider the top 3 priorities for the President and Trustees to address?

2. Using specific examples, how will you use your position as trustee to improve Cornell?



Ola Williams (OFW2)

Trustees must do everything within their power to serve as a safeguard for the integrity of the university and constituency. This leads to three important concerns: environmental sustainability; working with President Skorton on Cornell's Commitment to diversity, which can be done by breaking down social barriers with the help of the Greek community; and the issue of add-on costs which is a huge issue for a lot of Cornell students because with Cornell having an already high tuition, student must also pay huge sums of money for gym membership, student activity fees, etc. Vote Ola Williams for Student Trustee.



Iris M. Delgado (IMD3)

Cornell students are comprised of diverse backgrounds from different parts of the world. Though culture and accents may differ, Cornell issues are always shared. Throughout my two years here, I feel as though tuition, student fees and parking continue to affect the community. Feel like your voice is not heard? Let me be your voice. As a Student Trustee, I will maintain a productive, working relationship with administrative offices to use those spheres of influence to bring student issues right to the President. I will make sure that the school you worked so hard to attend is here for you!



Jie Jun (Julie) Geng (JG344)

- * Academic quality: emphasizing intellectual diversity; recruiting leading scholars; improving image and rank
- * Fiscal responsibility: maintaining competitive financial aid packages; counteracting ballooning costs
- * Student rights and needs: listening to student concerns; respecting our rights and calls for greater autonomy

- * Engage in Dialogue, Debate, and Discussion by offering office hours; by constantly communicating with student groups
- * Question, Scrutinize, and Critique the trustees' actions by refocusing priorities to understand students better
- * Advocate, Demand, and Fight for better TAs; for more funding to go specifically to students; for greater student influence at Cornell



Karthik Rammohan (KVR9)

Cornell students endure more than what is necessary to receive education. I feel that rising tuition costs, the difficulty of pursuing study in more than one college, and the lack of community in Collegetown are currently the top priorities for the Trustees. If elected, I will make sure that the highest possible amount of funds from the capital campaign is allocated towards financial aid. I will also push for each college to offer more elective choices in other colleges and for the establishment of more intercollegiate minors. Finally, I will support a community center in Collegetown to improve community life.



Brian M. Wolfel (BMW45)

The top 3 priorities to be addressed are strengthening Cornell's image and standing within the Ivy League and college rankings, creating a freer core-curriculum in undergraduate schools, and implementing an on-campus housing program that will be capable of meeting the needs of more students. Cornell is a great school and we need to continue to excel forward in the 21st century. As a student trustee, I promise to be accessible to every student by listening to every student's concerns. I promise to be accountable for the votes I make, informing every student why I made the decision I did.



Kate Duch (KHD5)

Our top priority must be to increase financial aid grants in order to attract the best students and to compete with other Ivy League universities offering no-loan financial aid. Cornell must also attract distinguished new faculty to replace a generation of professors who are retiring and expand diversity throughout our campus community. I will use my position to improve Cornell by:

- * Fighting against changes to the Code of Conduct that infringe on students' rights
 - * Implementing strategies for a more sustainable campus
 - * Revitalizing Collegetown
 - * Supporting the Greek community
 - * Targeting graduate concerns outlined in the Graduate Community Initiative
- Visit www.VoteKate.com for details!



Chris Gunderson (CHG6)

The President and the Trustees must vigorously pursue new faculty members who display a commitment to student enlightenment, a passion for scholarship, and an enthusiastic diligence for academic inquiry. The Board should also expand efforts to encourage diversity and perpetually strive to streamline Cornell's finances. As a trustee, I would amplify Cornell's collective student voice by expanding the number of students who complete instructor performance appraisals. This would allow all factors to be considered most equitably when awarding tenure. I would also augment Cornell's efforts to create a multicultural atmosphere by stimulating interest and participation in our school's diversity initiatives.



Graham T. Rengert (GTR6)

Cornell must attract and retain the best faculty. Faculty hires should enrich the diversity of Cornell, particularly by bringing women professors into the math and science departments and conservative professors into the social science departments.

The physical growth of Cornell must maximize sustainability and accessibility. Impressive design need not be compromised. Plans should also include stacked parking.

Cornell's commitment to diversity means fostering an environment that celebrates difference and unity. The University must increase its support of program houses and cultural organizations.

As a Student Trustee, Graham would work for positive change and represent the student body to the Board.

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<http://assembly.cornell.edu/Committees>

Vote until 10AM on Wed, 4/18. Complete details at: <http://assembly.cornell.edu/Elections/2007SpringTrustee>