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Employee Assembly Resolution #2:

Welcome and Invitation to Incoming Cornell President Elizabeth Garrett

Whereas, avenues for engagement and civic participation are necessary for a more vibrant, open, and prosperous community;

Whereas, the shared governance system at Cornell University has been an integral way Cornell community members can participate in the decision making process with senior administrators;

Whereas, outgoing President David J. Skorton has been a strong champion of the Employee Assembly through his annual President’s Address to Staff, semiannual meetings with the EA, and engaging in thoughtful dialogue and consideration with the EA;

Whereas, presidential commitment to shared governance system leads to a more engaging and collaborative environment

Whereas, after a thoughtful and inclusive search, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Elizabeth Garrett as the 13th President of Cornell University for her demonstration of the key attributes required including being a visionary and inspirational leader; someone with academic stature and breadth; a person with demonstrated success managing a large, complex multi-stakeholder organization; her experience in fundraising and communication; and an individual who could represent Cornell well on the state, national and international levels.

Be it resolved that, the Employee Assembly invites newly elected President Elizabeth Garrett to engage with and be an active participant in the shared governance systems at Cornell University

Be it further resolved that participation with the shared governance system at Cornell be a part of the Presidential transition and orientation

Be it finally resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and incoming President Garrett

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Vice Chair, Employee Assembly

Greg Mezey
Chair, Employee Assembly