



Student Assembly

Resolution 11: Addressing Obstructed Ramps and Handicap Aisles on Campus

Abstract: Bikes and electric scooters are often parked or locked on wheelchair accessible ramps and handicap aisles around campus. This poses a challenge to disabled students who need to use these ramps and handicap aisles due to mobility issues and/or use of mobility aids. This resolution seeks to mitigate this issue by recommending that Facilities and Campus services place signs that expressly prohibits obstructing these areas around campus.

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Whereas, members of the disabled community require wheelchair accessibility to access buildings across campus.

Whereas, disabled community members have expressed concern regarding accessibility to buildings and handicap aisles due to bikes and scooters blocking these areas.

Whereas, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires ramps and handicap aisles to remain clear of obstructions.

Whereas, parking bikes and scooters on ramps and handicap aisles is illegal but not universally known by students.

Whereas, the Cornell Police can be contacted to remove the obstruction, but students are hesitant to do so because it requires additional time and resources.

Whereas, placing signage which expressly prohibits obstructing ramps and handicap aisles will serve as a low-cost deterrent to doing so.

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly recommends that Facilities and Campus Services place signage which expressly prohibits parking bikes and scooters on all ramps and wheelchair accessible walkways across campus, or consider other solutions it deems effective, in order to protect accessibility and student safety.



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