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1 **Resolution 20: Protecting Cornell’s Values from** 2 **the Trump Administration**

3 **Abstract:** This resolution condemns Cornell’s settlement with the Trump Administration as a
4 compromise of Cornell’s values.

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13 **Whereas,** Cornell’s founding principle and guiding philosophy is “any person, any study,”

14 **Whereas,** Cornell agreed to a settlement that will restore \$250 million in federal funding,

15 **Whereas,** a condition of this settlement entails the removal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
16 initiatives and anti-discrimination resources from its Equal Education and Employment
17 Opportunity Statement,

18 **Whereas,** Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives uphold “any person, any study,”

19 **Whereas,** agreement to this settlement entails the submission of student admissions data to the
20 federal government,

21 **Whereas,** the aforementioned student admissions data will likely be used to justify anti-DEI
22 practices and further impugn the university,

23 **Whereas,** adherence to the terms of this settlement instructs the University to direct \$30 million
24 in funding towards agriculture research,

25 **Whereas,** the terms of this agreement establish a dangerous precedent in delegating the present
26 and future direction of Cornell University to the federal government,

27 **Whereas,** undergraduate student input was not considered in the agreement to this settlement,
28 the ramifications of which will impact us directly, constituting a sell-out, and prior to the sell-out



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29 and after the settlement, community feedback was minimized, as President Koltikoff held a
30 Town Hall hours after the announcement of the settlement,

31 **Whereas**, peer institutions have stood up to the Trump administration on the grounds that
32 funding freezes are illegal and politically motivated,

33 **Whereas**, “acute fiscal pressures” do not override Cornell’s identity,

34 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly condemns the sell-out of Cornell’s values,

35 **Be it further resolved**, this institution must uphold its core values despite ongoing pressures
36 from the federal government.

37 Respectfully Submitted,

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