



Student Assembly

Resolution 62: Health Vending Machine Expansion to West & Collegetown Communities

Abstract: This resolution proposes that one dormitory on West Campus and one dormitory on South Campus be equipped with free vending machines offering a variety of essential health-related supplies, including non-prescription medications, sexual health supplies, COVID-19 antigen tests, and Narcan. This funding shall be transferred from the Student Assembly Reserves Account to the SHAC Account. These free vending machines will be restocked by SHAC members once per semester.

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Whereas, Cornell undergraduates experience predictable barriers to timely access to basic health-related supplies, including late-night access constraints, transportation limitations, stigma, and cost uncertainty,

Whereas, strategically placed, clearly labeled health vending machines can provide low-friction, 24/7 access to commonly needed over-the-counter and personal care items,

Whereas, placing one machine in a Collegetown-area residence hall and one on West Campus will improve geographic access for students living in two of Cornell's most populous residential clusters,

Whereas, the Student Health Advisory Committee is an established Student Assembly committee with an existing budget line capable of transparently managing and tracking this initiative through the Office of the Assemblies financial process under Student Assembly Account G943702, Sub-account 20022 (Student Health Advisory),

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly authorizes a one-time transfer of \$20,000 from the Student Assembly Reserve Accounts to the Student Health Advisory Committee operating line: Account G943702, Sub-account 20022 (Student Health Advisory),

Be it further resolved, SHAC shall use transferred funds solely for the purposes below (not to exceed the total transfer), with any internal reallocation across line items permitted as long as the project scope remains two installed machines with one stocking cycle per semester,



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31 **Capital purchase of two vending machines** (including card/mobile payment capability and
32 any necessary configuration)

33 - Budget cap: **\$14,000** total (target **\$7,000 per machine**)

34 **Delivery, installation, and site-readiness costs** (e.g., placement coordination, minor
35 electrical/network needs if required by vendor/site)

36 - Budget cap: **\$2,000** total

37 **Initial inventory (health-related products)** for both machines (launch stock)

38 - Budget cap: **\$3,000** total

39 **Contingency/repairs at launch** (first-year startup risk)

40 - Budget cap: **\$1,000** total

41 **Be it further resolved**, SHAC will coordinate with the Office of the Assemblies, Student &
42 Campus Life, Cornell Housing & Residential Life, and any relevant facilities/operations units to
43 select final installation sites:

44 - One residence hall located in the Collegetown residential area; and

45 - One residence hall or high-traffic residential common space on West Campus,

46 **Be it further resolved**, SHAC will develop and maintain:

47 - A product list limited to health-related and personal-care items (examples in Appendix
48 A), with attention to affordability, demand, and student feedback;

49 - A stocking plan of one full restock per semester per machine, executed by SHAC
50 members and/or designated volunteers, in coordination with any required building staff
51 access procedures; and

52 - Clear usage signage (what the machine contains, how to report issues, and a link/QR for
53 product requests), as well as signage that showcases the SGA Logo,

54 **Be it further resolved**, SHAC shall publish a brief end-of-semester update to the Student
55 Assembly (as an Announcement/Report or committee report) including:

56 - Locations installed;

57 - Products stocked (high-level categories);

58 - Any recurring maintenance issues; and

59 - A recommendation on whether to continue, expand, relocate, or modify the program,



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60 **Be it finally resolved,** any unspent funds remaining after the two machines are installed and
61 initially stocked shall remain in G943702-20022 (Student Health Advisory) for machine-related
62 maintenance/repairs and subsequent semesterly stocking, unless the Assembly passes subsequent
63 legislation to reprogram or return those funds.

64 Respectfully Submitted,

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