

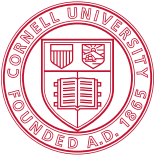
**Cornell University**  
**Employee Assembly**

**AGENDA**  
**Employee Assembly Meeting**  
**November 4, 2020**  
**12:15 – 1:30 pm**  
**Remote Via Zoom**

**“An Active Voice for Cornell Staff”**

*We strive to make all events accessible. If you are in need of accommodations in order to fully participate, please contact the Office of the Assemblies at (607) 255-3715 or [assembly@cornell.edu](mailto:assembly@cornell.edu).*

- I. Call to Order 12:15pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Business of the Day
  - a. President Pollack and Mary Opperman
  - b. EA R4: In Recognition and Appreciation of Cornell University Students
  - c. Endorsement for the Faculty Senate Resolution
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee
  - b. Communications and Awards Committee
  - c. Education Committee
  - d. Welfare Committee
  - e. Benefits and Policy Committee
  - f. Elections Committee
- V. New Business
  - a. Vote on EA R4: In Recognition and Appreciation of Cornell University Students
  - b. Open Discussion
- VI. Adjournment – 1:30pm



## EA R? : In Recognition and Appreciation of Cornell University Students

**Abstract:** This resolution is a formal recognition of the response of Cornell University students to the COVID-19 pandemic and to thank them for their efforts to protect Cornell's Ithaca campus community.

**Sponsored by:** The Employee Assembly Welfare Committee

**On behalf of:** The Employee Assembly, our constituents, and the greater Cornell community

**Reviewed by:**

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**Whereas,** the COVID-19 pandemic caused a global crisis; and

**Whereas,** the COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented public health challenges to Cornell University, and personal and professional challenges for all members of the Cornell community; and

**Whereas,** the university's response to the COVID-19 pandemic required drastic changes to Campus operations, research and student learning, student activities and gatherings, and adherence to behavioral expectations by its members to reduce community health risks; and

**Whereas,** without students doing their part in exercising good judgement, it would have been more probable that the university would have had to have moved to fully remote learning, the surrounding community would have been exposed to greater health risks, and our financial situation would have been further compromised; and

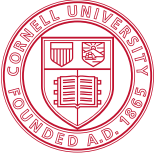
**Whereas,** we are impressed and grateful at how adaptable and quick to respond Cornell students have been in making massive and difficult changes for everyone's protection in a such a short amount of time.

**Be it therefore resolved,** the Employee Assembly, on behalf of all Cornell staff, expresses its deep gratitude for the service and dedication of Cornell students during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Be it further resolved,** the Employee Assembly recognizes and applauds the efforts and sacrifices made by the students to reduce the added burdens staff are facing at this time; and

**Be it further resolved,** the Employee Assembly wishes to formally recognize and thank the students for their commitment to the safety and welfare of staff; and

**Be it finally resolved** that this resolution be submitted to the President of the University.



**Cornell University**  
**Employee Assembly**

41 **Adopted by Vote of the Assembly (X-X-X), {Date},**  
42 {If adopted, the vote counts and Adopted Date will be filled in by the EA Chair prior to submitting to  
43 the President's Office}  
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45 **Respectfully Submitted,**  
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# Resolution in Support of Naming a Residence Hall After Barbara McClintock

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 [theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/faculty-senate/archives-and-actions/ongoing-senate-business/resolution-on-honoring-barbara-mcclintock/](https://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/faculty-senate/archives-and-actions/ongoing-senate-business/resolution-on-honoring-barbara-mcclintock/)

Posted: October 19, 2020

Sponsor: The University Faculty Committee

## Background

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The North Campus Residential Expansion (NCRE) involves the construction of five new dormitories and this creates a unique naming opportunity.

Already two of the residences have been named. In her State-of-the-University Address (10/9/2020), President Pollack announced that one would be named after Ruth Bader Ginsburg (B.A. '54) and another after Toni Morrison (M.A. '55).

Ginsburg was a Government major at Cornell, studied law at Harvard, and went on to serve on the United States Supreme Court for twenty-seven years where she advanced the rights of all people, particularly women. More.

Morrison earned her M.A. in English at Cornell, wrote highly acclaimed novels that explore and illuminate the black American experience, and received the Nobel Prize for literature in 1993. More.

A naming committee has been set up and is collecting nominations for the naming of the other three residences. The process is described here.

With this resolution the Faculty Senate nominates Barbara McClintock (B.S. '23, M.S. '25, Ph.D. '27). Dr. McClintock studied genetics at Cornell and subsequently made the profound and far-reaching discovery that genes can sometimes rearrange their ordering within cells. In 1983, Dr. McClintock was the first (and thus far only) woman to win a solo Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, for her painstaking work and major breakthroughs that challenged dogma and which, despite their importance, had been unappreciated for decades. She was not only a precedent-setting scientist; she also broke ground for women in many ways by overcoming gender-related obstacles throughout her career by sheer force of intellect. More details are provided in this nomination document.

## The Resolution

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*Whereas* Barbara McClintock (B.S. '23, M.S. '25, Ph.D. '27) is recognized as one of the truly great geneticists of the twentieth century;

*Whereas* Barbara McClintock has had a profound and inspiring impact on the life sciences at Cornell and beyond;

*Be it resolved* that the Faculty Senate recommends the selection of Barbara McClintock to the NCRE Building Naming Committee;

*Be it further resolved* that the Faculty Senate wishes to communicate its deep appreciation for both the Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Toni Morrison residence hall namings and that these two women together with Barbara McClintock are perfect reflections of Cornell's commitment to liberal education, creativity, and research.