EA R7: Postponing Spring 2021 Elections

Abstract: This resolution delays the 2021 spring elections.

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Whereas, Section 1.3 of the Cornell University Employee Assembly Bylaws, as amended on July 29, 2019, states, in pertinent part, that the organizational meeting is “to occur as soon as possible after the conclusion of employee election, but not later than April 15”, and;

Whereas, the aforementioned date was a legacy provision derived from the traditional academic calendar, as, historically, the Employee Assembly met only during the academic year, with the last meeting occurring before the last day of classes, and;

Whereas, the aforementioned date is also a reflection of the organizational meeting of the University Assembly, by which the Employee Assembly must have delegates assigned from the newly elected EA body, and;

Whereas, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the last day of classes during the spring 2021 semester will not follow the traditional academic calendar, but has instead been postponed to May 14, 2021, and;

Whereas, the organizational meeting of the University Assembly has also been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Be it therefore resolved, the Assembly shall accordingly postpone the 2021 organizational meeting to a date occurring before May 14, 2021, the last date of classes of the spring 2021 semester, and;

Be it further resolved, the organizational meeting of the Employee Assembly shall occur prior to that of the University Assembly.

Adopted by Vote of the Assembly (23-0-2), 02/17/2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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