



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #51 Cornell's Inter-College Global Affairs Major

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ABSTRACT: Besides extending the Student Assembly's support towards building a Global Affairs (or equivalent) major at Cornell University; this resolution recommends an expedient implementation of this major as proposed by the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs.

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Whereas, Cornell University offers an International Relations minor, which requires students to take at least eight courses in various departments such as Government, History, Economics and Anthropology.

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Whereas, Cornell University's motto is "I would find an institution where any person could find instruction in any study." and yet Cornell University does not have a major for International Studies, Global Affairs, International Relations or an equivalent subject area.

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Whereas, Cornell University's peer institutions, such as Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Brown University, Duke University, Stanford University, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, New York University offer a Bachelor of Arts in Global Affairs or an equivalent subject area.

Whereas, Cornell University's International Relations undergraduate program has been ranked among the top 20 such programs by various academic and news institutions such as Foreign Policy.

Whereas, Cornell University's Vice Provost of International Affairs, Fredrik Logevall, had instituted an Ad Hoc Committee on Global Affairs to look into the development of a Global Affairs major, which submitted its report on March 27, 2014. This committee was staffed by David R. Lee, Dyson School, CALS (Chair); Matthew Evangelista, Government, A&S; Heike Michelsen, Einaudi Center; Lisa Nishii, Human Resource Studies, ILR; Barry Strauss, History, A&S.

41 **Whereas**, the Ad Hoc Committee on Global Affairs suggested in favor of creating a
42 major in Global Affairs.

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44 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Cornell University institute a Bachelor of Arts major in
45 Global Affairs as suggested by the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Global Affairs
46 presented to Vice Provost of International Affairs, Fredrik Logevall in March, 2014.

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49 **Be it further resolved**, that Cornell University strongly consider presenting this
50 proposed major as a ‘cross-major’ for more than one college for accessibility to students
51 from a diverse range of areas of study.

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54 **Be it further resolved**, that, as proposed by the above-mentioned committee, the Global
55 Affairs major include courses in subject areas such as International Relations; International
56 Economics; Globalization and Development; Governance and Conflict and Security.

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58 **Be it further resolved**, that an Implementation Committee, as suggested by the above-
59 mentioned report, be established to implement recommendations for the proposed Global
60 Affairs major, as presented in the above mentioned report.

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63 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly recommends that such an
64 Implementation Committee include, in its composition, Cornell University undergraduate
65 student representatives to ensure that student voices and opinions are considered during
66 the process of institutionalizing the proposed major.

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68 **Be it finally resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Deans of all seven
69 undergraduate colleges, President Skorton, President-elect Elizabeth Garrett, Interim
70 Provost Harry Katz to reinforce student support for this major, underscore the importance
71 of such a major and expedite the process of creating this major.

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74 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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