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Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #67 **Establishing the Cornell Student Assembly Research Unit** (CSARU)

5 ABSTRACT: This resolution establishes the Cornell Student Assembly

Research Unit (CSRU) to aid and assist the Student Assembly in conducting 6 research and designing policies. 7 8

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11 Whereas, there is a need to establish a research unit to inform and support the policies and

12 decisions made by the Student Assembly; 13

14 Whereas, the Student Assembly seeks information on a wide variety of issues, including but not 15 limited to:

- 16 1. Academic Curriculum and Evaluation Systems 17
 - 2. Counseling services such as CAPS, Let's Talk, and EARS
 - 3. Recruitment, composition, and matters associated with Greek Life
 - 4. Dining Options and Meal Plans
 - 5. Usage and value across residential spaces, dining halls, libraries, and facilities
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22 Whereas, an indicative list of potential research questions is attached in Appendix A to this 23 resolution:

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25 Be it therefore resolved, that Article IV: Committees, Section 2: Review Committees of the 26 Student Assembly bylaws be amended as follows:

27 J. Cornell Student Assembly Research Unit (CSARU): The committee will conduct 28 research on topics commissioned by the Student Assembly Executive Committee 29 culminating with a report during the spring semester. CSARU will be led by a director, 30 the Director of the CSARU, who will oversee all projects and facilitate creation of 31 methods, implementation of studies, and production of reports. CSARU will have a 32 steering committee composed of 5-15 members. The Director of CSARU will be 33 appointed by the Student Assembly President and approved by a majority vote of the 34 Student Assembly general body through an application and interview process open to all 35 undergraduates. The CSARU steering committee will be selected by the Staffing 36 Committee and the Director of CSARU through an application and interview process 37 open to all undergraduates and also subject to Student Assembly general body's 38 confirmation. The CSARU reports directly to the Student Assembly President. 39

- 40 **Be it therefore resolved,** that the Cornell Student Assembly Research Unit (CSARU) be
- 41 established to study the questions listed in Appendix A, according to the Charter of the Cornell
- 42 Student Assembly Research Unit established in Appendix B to this resolution;
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- 44 Be it further resolved, that the CSRU seek assistance and collaborate on its research projects
- 45 with various academic departments and institutes on campus, including but not limited to the
- 46 Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell Statistical Consulting Unit, and
- 47 Cornell Institute of Public Affairs.
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- 49 **Be it finally resolved,** that every fall semester the Student Assembly Executive Committee
- 50 solicits potential Research Questions from Student Assembly review committees, operational
- 51 committees, student interest committees, ad-hoc committees, and investigation committees. The
- 52 Executive Committee will propose at least three research questions to the CSARU that will be
- analyzed by the Director and investigators and presented to the general body of the Student
- Assembly during the spring semester.

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