



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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1 S.A. Resolution #25  
2 Bystander Trainings for Student Groups  
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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution calls for the creation of a large-scale “Caring Community” peer-to-peer  
5 training session related to mental health, sexual assault, mitigating the harms of high-risk drinking,  
6 and diversity issue sensitivity. All byline funded organizations would be required to send a  
7 representative, and SAFC is encouraged to adopt a similar policy.  
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11 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly prioritizes the wellbeing of students;  
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13 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly allocates funding through the Student Activity Fee to byline funding  
14 organizations;  
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16 **Whereas**, some byline organizations informally participate in sessions to train members and student  
17 leaders on “how to respond to friends in distress,” including Gannett’s “Friend to Friend  
18 Program,” Cayuga’s Watchers trainings, EARS outreach, and Wingman101;  
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20 **Whereas**, student wellness and wellbeing is a priority of every student organization, regardless of their  
21 explicit mission, since students comprise their memberships;  
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23 **Whereas**, Appendix B, Section 1 of the Student Assembly Charter states that “Each organization that  
24 receives funding from the Student Assembly (SA) through the Student Activity Fee (SAF) is  
25 subject to guidelines set by the Assembly;”  
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27 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly’s Health and Wellness Committee is currently working on coordinating  
28 a large-scale training session for all interested students in the areas of sexual assault/violence,  
29 mental health & wellbeing, and mitigating the harms associated with high-risk drinking;  
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31 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly, through the Health and Wellness and Diversity  
32 Committees, in coordination with student organizations, plans a “Caring Community” training  
33 session encouraging and instructing appropriate peer intervention on the issues of mental and  
34 emotional health & wellbeing, sexual assault and misconduct, mitigating the harms associated  
35 with high-risk drinking, and diversity issue sensitivity;  
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37 **Be it further resolved**, this training session be open to the entire Cornell community on the afternoon  
38 of Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>;  
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40 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly requires each byline organization, with the exception  
41 of the Collegiate Readership Board and Club Insurance, to send at least one representative from  
42 their executive board, where an executive board exists, to this training session;  
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44 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly encourages the Student Activity Finance Commission  
45 to consider adopting a similar policy requiring SAFC funded organizations to also send  
46 representatives;  
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48 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly seek input pertaining to implementing a policy  
49 requiring each byline organization to hold a “Caring Community” training session for their entire  
50 memberships during each academic year.

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52 Respectfully Submitted,

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67 *(Reviewed by: HEALTH AND WELLNESS, 26-0-0, 11/3/15)*