



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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1 S.A. Resolution #36  
2 Attendance Policy

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution amends the attendance policy in the Student Assembly Charter.

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7 Sponsored by: Matthew Stefanko '16

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9 Whereas, the current policy on absences grants the Executive Committee of the Student Assembly the  
10 ability to avert a vacancy by a unanimous vote;

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12 Whereas, given the political nature of the body, a unanimous vote allows any member of the Executive  
13 Committee to vacate a representative for political reasons such as an upcoming election or  
14 differing viewpoint;

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16 Be it therefore resolved, that Article IV Section 5 of the Student Assembly charter be amended as  
17 follows:

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19 **Section 5: Absentees**

20 Any voting members who are absent for three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings or for six  
21 regularly scheduled meetings cumulatively during their term will have their position vacated. The  
22 Executive Committee may avert such a vacancy by a ~~unanimous~~ **two-thirds** vote of all voting members  
23 of the Executive Committee. The vote would be conducted by secret ballot. The Executive Committee  
24 should consider the reasoning for past absences, the likelihood of future absences, and the  
25 representative's supplemental actions to represent their respective constituency in making their decision.  
26 The same action must be taken if the Executive Committee wishes to avert a vacancy whenever the three  
27 consecutive absences or the six cumulative absences mark is exceeded. **The Director of Elections will**  
28 **serve as Chair for these meetings.**

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31 Respectfully Submitted,

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37 *Parliamentarian, Student Assembly*

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40 *(Reviewed by: EXEC, 2/2/2016)*