



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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## S.A. Resolution #47

### International Student Admissions and Financial Aid

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolutions demands the reversal of the newly instated need aware financial aid  
5 policy to the original need blind financial aid policy for international applicants to Cornell University  
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10 **Whereas**, Cornell University followed a partial Need-Blind admissions policy for international students  
11 till the Provost's announcement to a Need-Aware admissions policy in February, 2016.  
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13 **Whereas**, Cornell University continues to follow a Need-Blind admissions policy for all domestic  
14 students.  
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16 **Whereas**, Cornell University had not informed or consulted the International Students and Scholars  
17 Office (ISSO) about this decision prior to it being released publicly in February 2016.  
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19 **Whereas**, the new Need-Aware policy would not accept meritorious students who were originally  
20 accepted in the Need-Blind policy if they had applied for financial aid but not received it.  
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22 **Whereas**, accepted students who apply for financial aid but do not receive aid should be given the right  
23 to choose how they fund their university education; through means including extended family grants and  
24 private scholarships that are available after acceptance into colleges.  
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26 **Whereas**, international students and members of the student-elected government were not allowed to  
27 attend the respective administrative committee meetings during the formulation of this policy.  
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29 **Whereas**, the reasons given for this change in policy have not been consistent across administrators of  
30 Cornell University.  
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32 **Whereas**, Cornell University has not provided any quantitative and qualitative data to substantiate its  
33 reasoning for changing this policy.  
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35 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly strongly recommends the Board of Trustees to  
36 reconsider this policy and revert to the original policy expediently.  
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38 **Be it further resolved**, the Student Assembly strongly recommends to Provost to consult the  
39 International Students and Scholars Office during the formulation of any policy impacting incoming or  
40 current international students.  
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42 **Be it further resolved**, the Student Assembly strongly recommends the Provost to allow two additional  
43 student positions on each of the Provost's working groups and committees (referred to as "working  
44 groups/committees" here on) for non-Student Assembly members.  
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46 **Be it further resolved**, the Student Assembly strongly recommends the Provost to allow the Student  
47 Assembly the flexibility to choose different non-Student Assembly students to attend different working

48 group/committee meetings based on whether the student is directly or indirectly impacted by the  
49 potential policies discussed in a specific working group/committee meeting.

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51 **Be it further resolved**, the Student Assembly recommends that the Vice Provost for Financial Aid  
52 provide and make available to the Student Assembly the following data:

- 53 • Annual data on number of International students who were admitted at Cornell, applied for  
54 financial aid and did not receive it (referred to as “policy affected students” here on).
- 55 • Annual data on number of policy affected students who had to leave Cornell over the last 4 years  
56 before attaining a graduation degree because they could not afford to continue their education.
- 57 • Annual data on number of policy affected students who graduated in more than 4 years.
- 58 • Annual data on number of policy affected students who have taken leave of absence of one  
59 semester or more

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61 **Be it further resolved**, besides the President of Cornell University, this resolution must be presented to  
62 the Provost and the dean of each undergraduate college.

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64 **Be it finally resolved**, the Student Assembly strongly recommends the President and the Board of  
65 Trustees to consider long and short term projects to raise additional funds for international student  
66 financial aid.

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68 Respectfully Submitted,

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