



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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

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 6 major as proposed by the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs.

**Sponsored by: Shivang Tayal'16, Emma Johnston'16**

**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.

**Whereas,** Cornell University's motto is "I would found an institution where any person can 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.

**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, and New York University, offer a Bachelor of Arts in Global Affairs or in 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, instituted an Ad Hoc Committee on Global Affairs to look into the development of a Global Affairs major, and chaired a report submitted by the committee 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; and 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  
55 Global Affairs major include courses in subject areas such as International Relations,  
56 International Economics, Globalization and Development, Governance and Conflict and  
57 Security.

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

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

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

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75 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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85 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, March 18, 2015, 5-0-2)*