

## Resolution 57: Supporting Improvements to Outdoor Internet Access

**Abstract:** This resolution supports the proposed improvements to Cornell-maintained Wi-Fi networks by adding Wi-Fi access points in Blue Light phone stations.

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**Whereas,** wireless Internet access is an essential need for all Cornell students, used for completing assignments, connecting with classmates, and more.

**Whereas,** wireless Internet access is especially necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic, as many events, classes, and clubs have moved to an online format.

**Whereas,** Wi-Fi access points are currently located inside Cornell buildings, leading to Wi-Fi outdoors to be weak or absent.

**Whereas,** many professors host classes outdoors during the fall and spring seasons to take advantage of the weather.

**Whereas,** a student would have to resort to using their personal data plan or hosting a cellular hotspot if they want to use the internet outside, which could incur additional financial costs.

**Whereas,** there are currently over 950 Blue Light phones<sup>1</sup> on campus, each of which have infrastructure to provide a Wi-Fi access point.

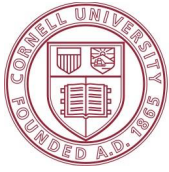
**Whereas,** adding Wi-Fi access points to some Blue Light phones would improve Wi-Fi access outdoors.

**Whereas,** according to Cornell's NatureRx initiative, "Spending even a few hours each week in nature can improve mood, cognitive ability, alertness, ability to concentrate, social connection and overall sense of well-being."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cupolice.cornell.edu/about-the-department/blue-light-services/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://naturerx.cornell.edu/about>



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**Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly calls on the University and IT@Cornell to expand outdoor Wi-Fi access on campus through the proposed initiative to add Wi-Fi access points to Blue Light phone stations.

Respectfully Submitted,

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