

Resolution 29: Increasing Engagement for the Human Ecology and Arts and Sciences Representative Seat

Abstract: This resolution waives the petitioning requirement in the Human Ecology and Arts and Sciences Representative races for the Fall '23 Student Assembly Elections.

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Current Status: New Business

Whereas, during the Fall '23 elections process thus far, no student had completed the candidate registration form and submitted petitions for the Human Ecology Representative seat and the remaining Arts and Sciences Representative seat before the initial deadline of September 26th as well as the extended deadline for this seat on September 29th;

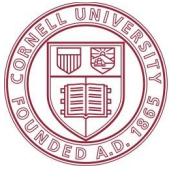
Whereas, students have reached out to the Elections Committee expressing their interest in running for the seats after the extended petition period had already ended, via emails in the past week;

Whereas, to ensure a representative Student Assembly, a Human Ecology Representative would be pivotal, as a school that has been represented inconsistently over the past few years;

Whereas, the filling of all three allotted Arts and Sciences Representative seats would contribute to this mission by preventing unprecedented underrepresentation of the largest college constituency on campus.

Be it therefore resolved, due to the unique history of the Human Ecology and Arts and Sciences seats and to promote fair representation and engagement for the College of Human Ecology and the College of Arts and Sciences, that the petition requirement be waived for candidates interested in running for the Human Ecology Representative seat and the remaining Arts and Sciences representative seat.

Be it further resolved, candidates must still submit a candidate registration form before 11:59 pm EST on Thursday, October 5th to be eligible for listing on the ballot.



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31 pm EST on Thursday, October 5th to be eligible for listing on the ballot.

32 **Be it further resolved**, that in the interest of fairness, only the singular unfilled Arts and
33 Sciences Representative seat shall be available to new potential candidates under this waiver; all
34 prior recognized candidates in the College of Arts and Sciences race as reflected in the present
35 published list of candidates shall gain their seats independently to the impacts of this resolution
36 in accordance to prior election precedents.

37 **Be it finally resolved**, the Office of Assemblies send out a message to announce this update to
38 the elections process as soon as possible, and the Director of Elections notify the interested
39 candidates after the passing of this resolution.

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41 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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43 *Director of Elections*, Student Assembly

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45 Patrick Kuehl '24

46 *President*, Student Assembly

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48 Alhassan Bangura '25

49 *Chairman of the Office of Ethics*, Student Assembly