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S.A. Resolution #6
Policy Research and Planning Committee

ABSTRACT: This legislation seeks to add an ad-hoc committee to compile information about potential policies that can inform representatives and be incorporated into a strategic plan for the SA.

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Whereas, influenced by the GPSA's Graduate/Professional Community Initiative, the SA set out to create its own plan for future advocacy in the spring semester of the 2015-2016 school year;

Whereas, in the spring of 2016, SA representatives contributed to a list of initiatives to be incorporated into a strategic plan for the upcoming years in the SA;

Whereas, such a plan would direct representatives to a number of initiatives that need to be advocated for, ensuring that these ideas are not left behind when the past representatives who initially recommended them graduate;

Whereas, because of the busy schedules of representatives, this plan would best be developed by a committee with membership that is open to non-SA representatives;

Whereas, this group would develop and release reports about each initiative on the list from the spring. Each report would discuss the need for each policy change, attempts at similar changes at other schools, relevant data from reports and surveys at Cornell, students and faculty who are involved with the issue, and any other relevant information;

Whereas, each report would be released throughout the year, and any initiatives that are not seen to completion will be compiled into a published plan for the next upcoming year;

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly establishes the Policy Research and Planning Ad Hoc Committee, which is charged with compiling information to inform representatives about potential policies and to be incorporated into a strategic plan for the SA;

Be it further resolved, the details about meeting times and membership will be determined by the committee chair, who will be appointed by the Student Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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