S.A. Resolution #12

Calling for the Development of a Strategic Plan

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ABSTRACT: This resolution calls for the University to create a strategic plan.

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**Whereas,** senior leadership recognizes the critical need to address issues of injustice, racism and

bigotry, in the wake of separate incidents on or near campus this semester, and to develop

and/or enhance programs and services that support **diversity** and inclusion on our campuses;

**Whereas,** many in our campus community are dealing with questions and concerns about recent U.S.

executive actions on immigration travel bans, and DACA and undocumented students—and the current and future implications for student, faculty, and staff activities and our **international** programs;

**Whereas,** the Senior Leaders Climate Action Group is working to integrate **sustainability** and

climate action strategies into the campus culture and strategic planning process;

**Whereas,** the opening of the tech campus in New York City marks the beginning of a new era of

unprecedented opportunity for Cornell, which hinges upon our ability to take advantage of

cross-college synergies and develop institutional capacity to act as “**One Cornell**” and create more connections among the distinct parts;

**Whereas,** there is an ongoing tension between our ambitious aspirations to enhance diversity,

sustainability, connectivity between colleges and campuses, and global impact, and the

limited availability of new resources to fund these aspirations;

**Whereas,** the most recent strategic plan was completed in May 2010 and set forth specific objectives

and actions for the university for the period of 2010-2015;

**Whereas,** this plan has not been updated to reflect the changing environment for higher education in

general and for Cornell in particular;

**Whereas,** the strategic plan will guide institutional decisions about where to invest resources (i.e.,

time, effort, and money);

**Be it therefore resolved,** that the Student Assembly formally requests that the president and

provost of Cornell University initiate a strategic planning process to begin in fall 2017 and be completed by spring of 2018;

**Be it further resolved,** that the university administration should partner with all assemblies

and ensure that faculty, students, and staff share in the strategic planning process and have a meaningful role in shaping the final strategic plan;

**Be it further resolved,** that all assemblies will have the ability to appoint members to the strategic

planning advisory council in the process of crafting the new strategic plan;

**Be it finally resolved,** that the university administration should formally present a status update on

the strategic plan to the University Assembly by October 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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