

Resolution 19: Establishing the International Students Affairs Committee

Abstract: This resolution will establish the International Students Affairs Committee

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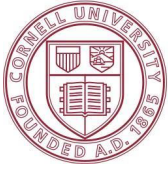
Reviewed by: The Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Type of Action: Recommendation

Originally Presented:

Current Status: *New Business*

- 1 **Whereas**, international students from 119 countries currently constitute 11% of the
2 undergraduate student body,
- 3 **Whereas**, Cornell University values the diverse backgrounds and experiences of students,
4 faculty, and staff, and international students play a vital role in fostering a globally-minded and
5 inclusive community
- 6 **Whereas**, Cornell University celebrates “the great diversity and globalism of our university, its
7 faculty, and students” and is ranked 5th out of 1232 colleges in the United States for
8 international students,
- 9 **Whereas**, the adversities faced by international students, including cultural barriers and a sense
10 of belonging on campus require nuanced diversity and inclusion initiatives to ensure
11 international student integration with the general student body,
- 12 **Whereas**, international students face additional regulatory obstacles that jeopardize an
13 international student’s ability to stay at Cornell such as securing visas, work status, housing, and
14 financial aid from Cornell and American institutions, which can jeopardize their ability to stay at
15 Cornell,
- 16 **Whereas**, there are a plethora of committees that are designed to provide specific support,
17 outreach, and liaisons to specific constituencies in the student assembly,
- 18 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly does not have a committee dedicated to researching,
19 investigating, and advocating for the rights and needs of international students,
- 20 **Whereas**, there is an increasing demand from international students to form a committee
21 dedicated to supporting international students,
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22 **Whereas**, a multitude of international student organizations call for action but have no official or
23 centralized means to do so,

24 **Whereas**, the creation of an international student affairs committee can increase general student
25 body awareness and outreach efforts for international student specific issues, as well as improve
26 communication between international students and the student government,

27 **Whereas**, according to lines 299-300 of the Bylaws of the Cornell Student Assembly

28 Review Committees shall review all policies, programs, and actions and shall aid in the
29 budget/program planning process of sectors of the University that create policy directly
30 affecting student life.

31 **Whereas**, according to lines 282-284 of the Bylaws of the Cornell Student Assembly

32 Committees will be established with the adoption of a committee charge to be included in
33 these bylaws. A committee's charge must be adopted and placed in these Bylaws before
34 its bylaws are to be considered. Committee bylaws shall be adopted with a majority vote

35 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Cornell Student Assembly establish the International Students
36 Affairs Committee,

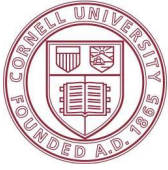
37 **Be it further resolved**, that the International Students Affairs Committee be established by
38 amending the Student Assembly Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2, subsection G to be:

39 **International Students Affairs Committee-** This committee will research and
40 investigate issues affecting international students and provide recommendations to the
41 Student Assembly. The committee will be responsible for engaging, liaising, and
42 communicating with the various cultural organizations that represent and advocate for the
43 rights and needs of international students. The International Students Affairs Committee
44 will be charged with creating a platform that allows undergraduate students, both
45 domestic and international, to collaborate to craft legislation that provides additional
46 support to international students and international student organizations. The committee
47 shall consist of: up to two chairs and at minimum three SA members. The Vice-President
48 of Diversity and Inclusion and Vice-President of External Affairs shall serve as ex-officio
49 members to the committee. Any undergraduate is eligible to serve in the committee.
50 Membership to the International Students Affairs Committee will be determined by an
51 application process. The committee will be arranged at the discretion of the chairs.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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