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1 S.A. Resolution #27

2 Establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee for Investigating Net-Print System Reform

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution establishes an ad-hoc committee with the responsibility of
5 investigating Cornell's Net-Print system in collaboration with the Residential Student Congress to
6 issue recommendations to the S.A. and the Cornell Administration on improving the system's
7 pricing scheme, accessibility, and environmental sustainability.

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11 **Whereas**, on an Undergraduate Printing Survey with 641 respondents, 98% of students are or have
12 been enrolled in courses that require assignments to be printed out before submission;

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14 **Whereas**, on the aforementioned survey, 77% of students with printers responded that they would
15 not have purchased a printer if Net-Print printing costs were cheaper;

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17 **Whereas**, on the aforementioned survey, 51% of students with printers responded that they would
18 not have purchased a printer if Net-Print printers were more accessible;

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20 **Whereas**, on the aforementioned survey, students have noted a lack of Net-Print printers in certain
21 locations such as but not limited to the southern parts of the Cornell campus;

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23 **Whereas**, on the aforementioned survey, students have noted difficulties in locating Net-Print
24 printers or instructions on configuring the Net-Print software on their personal devices;

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26 **Whereas**, 4 out of 8 Ivy League institutions provide students with free printing credits but Cornell
27 does not;

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29 **Whereas**, unlike at 5 out of 8 Ivy League institutions, Cornell students do not have financial
30 incentives to reduce paper consumption as it charges students an equal fee for printing (in
31 black and white) a double-sided page or two single-sided pages;

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33 **Whereas**, when compared to compared to Ivy League institutions that provide free printing credits,
34 Cornell does not fare well in the STARS® (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating
35 System™) subscore for office paper purchasing due to its use of less- or non-recycled paper;

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37 **Whereas**, data on Cornell's income and expenditure related to the Net-Print initiative is not available
38 publicly, or to the members of the S.A., posing obstacles for legislative efforts to respond to
39 student demand for Net-Print pricing scheme reform;

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41 **Whereas**, Appendix A of this resolution provides a detailed overview of peer institutions' printing
42 policies and the undergraduate student body's perception of the Net-Print system;



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44 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the S.A. establish an ad-hoc committee titled “Cornell Student
45 Assembly Task Force on Net-Print System Reform” (hereafter: NSR-TF) effective
46 immediately;

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48 **Be it further resolved**, that the NSR-TF be charged with the responsibilities outlined in the section
49 1 of Appendix B of this resolution;

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51 **Be it further resolved**, that all current and future efforts of the S.A. to restructure the Net-Print
52 system, and communications between the S.A. and the Cornell Administration related to the
53 matter be settled exclusively through the NSR-TF;

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55 **Be it further resolved**, that the NSR-TF be representative of the undergraduate student body by
56 following the membership structure outlined in section 2 of Appendix B of this resolution;

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58 **Be it further resolved**, that the NSR-TF will convene at least twice every month, and have an
59 agenda and all appended documentation forwarded to all NSR-TF members at least 24 hours
60 before the start of the meeting;

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62 **Be it finally resolved**, that the S.A. appoints members to the NSR-TF during the nearest executive
63 session following the passage of this resolution.

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65 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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67 Jaewon Sim '21
68 *Freshmen Representative-At-Large, Student Assembly*

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70 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-0, 01/30/2018)*