



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #31

Adding a Veteran's Ex-Officio Representative to the Student Assembly

ABSTRACT: This resolution adds a Veteran's Ex-Officio Representative to the Student Assembly.

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Whereas, Cornell University was founded by Ezra Cornell as an “institution where any person can find instruction in any study,”

Whereas, all members of the Cornell community are technically ex-officio members of the Student Assembly,

Whereas, veterans are an underrepresented population on the Cornell campus with a series of unique experiences,

Whereas, veterans struggle with inclusivity as well as knowledge of organizations, support centers, and resources across campus,

Whereas, Cornell University has committed to increasing the veteran student population by planning on quadrupling the veteran population to 100 by fall of 2020,

Whereas, many of the academic and personal hardships experienced by US veterans who enroll in or return to Cornell University after serving in the military are shared by citizens of U.S. allies who have served in the armed forces of the countries of their nationality,

Be it therefore resolved, a Veteran's Ex-Officio Representative to the Student Assembly be instated with the following language added after Article I, Section 3, line 22 of the Student Assembly Bylaws:

C. The SA will grant one member from Cornell Undergraduate Veteran Association an ex-officio position as an organizational liaison. This liaison must represent the interests of the United States and its allies.

Respectfully Submitted,

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