



# Resolution 50: Creating an Ad Hoc Committee on Cornell University's Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Policies

*Abstract:* This resolution creates an ad hoc committee to draft a report on the University's CSR and ESG policies related to the University's endowment.

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**Whereas,** the Charter of the Student Assembly grants the Assembly the “authority and the 12 responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare 13 of the student community;

**Whereas,** Cornell University is committed to upholding ethical standards and values in all aspects 15 of its operations;

**Whereas,** corporate social responsibility (CSR) and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) 17 policies play a crucial role in shaping the University's impact on society and the 18 environment;

**Whereas,** An examination of Cornell University's endowment policies in relation to CSR and ESG 20 principles is essential to ensure alignment with the institution's values and goals;

**Whereas,** Establishing a committee to evaluate Cornell's current CSR and ESG practices will 22 contribute to transparency, accountability, and institutional responsibility;

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Cornell Student Assembly hereby creates the “Ad Hoc 24 Committee on University Environmental, Social, and Governance Policies”, which shall 25 be tasked with examining and drafting a report on Cornell University's corporate social 26 responsibility and environmental, social, and governance policies related to its 27 endowment;



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**Resolved,** The Committee shall be composed of no more than twelve members, at least half of whom shall be members of the Assembly;

**Resolved,** The President of the Assembly shall appoint a chair and members of the committee;

**Resolved,** The Ad Hoc Committee shall conduct a review of Cornell University's current corporate social responsibility and environmental, social, and governance policies as they pertain to the endowment, and assess the extent to which these policies align with the university's values and broader societal expectations;

**Resolved,** The Committee in its investigations and recommendations shall be mindful of the diversity in race, color, religion, sex, and national origin of the undergraduate student population;

**Resolved,** The Ad Hoc Committee shall compile its findings and present a comprehensive report to the Cornell Student Assembly, which shall include recommendations for potential improvements in CSR and ESG policies to better align with ethical and sustainable practices; and

**Resolved,** The Committee is encouraged to collaborate with relevant university departments, faculty members, and external experts to gather diverse perspectives and expertise.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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