Resolution 7: Student Assembly Transparency Initiative
One (S.A.T.I)

Promoting Community Engagement With The Student Assembly

Abstract: This resolution promotes community engagement through organizational collaboration on future resolutions passed by the Student Assembly.

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Whereas, the Charter of the Student Assembly in Article II charges the Student Assembly with the responsibility to “examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community and to make proposals concerning those issues to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University;”

Whereas, collaboration with the broader student body, including with community members and student organizations, is critical to supporting the passage and implementation of SA resolutions;

Whereas, members of the SA ought to work towards the University’s successful implementation of their resolutions, including through mobilizing supportive community members;

Be it therefore resolved, all future SA resolutions, save for Internal Policy Resolutions, must have a listed Community Sponsor.

Be it further resolved, that the Standing Rules of the Cornell University Student Assembly be amended to include the following:

RULE 13 – Community Engagement

A. No Assembly resolution, except considered internal policy as defined in Article III, Section 2 of the Cornell University Student Assembly Charter, shall be in order for consideration at a regular meeting of the Assembly without the sponsorship of at least one Community Sponsor.

B. For the purposes of this rule, a Community Sponsor shall be defined as a campus or community organization with a mission or activities relevant to the sponsored
resolution and/or a legitimate interest in the passage of the resolution, along with an individual representing the organization.

C. Two-thirds of members present may suspend this rule for the consideration of a particular resolution; however, such a suspension shall remain in force only at the same meeting at which the suspension is adopted.

D. A resolution passed unanimously by a vote of the Executive Committee may be exempted from this rule.

Respectfully Submitted,

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