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## S.A. Resolution #26 1 Request for the Board of Trustees to encourage student and 2 community involvement in further deliberations on the 3 4 Provost's capital plan 5 6 ABSTRACT: The Student Assembly requests that the Board of Trustees encourage the 7 8 administration to have extensive and detailed community discussion on the Provost's capital plan in the coming months, before a final vote by the Board is taken. 9 10 Sponsored by: Mitch McBride '17 11 12 Whereas, the Board of Trustees is slated to take an endorsement vote on the Provost's capital 13 plan in January, 14 15 Whereas, the administration in the coming months will start to debate and decide on 16 implementation questions regarding the capital plan, 17 18 Whereas, the community in "shared governance" should be consulted in determining a master 19 plan for the university's finances, 20 21 Whereas, it is especially important that students are involved as this will drastically affect 22 them. 23 24 Whereas, this is a multi-year plan that future communities will not be able to change (thus, the 25 current community should be heavily involved in the plan) 26 27 Whereas, the Provost, at this time, does not have community committees dealing with the 28 university finances at large, but rather solely specific committees that provide limited 29 input into the broader capital plan, 30 31 Whereas, the University Administration does not want to fall into "groupthink" where it makes 32 decisions alone (more beneficial outcomes can result from a broader conversation) 33 34 Whereas, the will of the student community may actually not be opposed to the 35 implementation of the Provost's capital plan, it just needs time and the ability to fully 36 voice its opinions, 37 38 Whereas, student community members have raised concerns, specifically, that increasing the 39 amount of students can have deleterious consequences on university rankings in 40 addition to other problems, including, but not limited to: decreasing the student-to-41 faculty ratio, creating more advising problems with less faculty per student, requiring

larger classes and a less productive learning environment, causing the most qualified

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13 14	students to prefer other higher ranked universities, decreasing the value of Cornell
14 15	degrees, creating more student resource demands etc.
16	Whereas, the benefits of increasing the amount of students may very well be more beneficial
17	than detrimental, this issue needs to be extensively studied in order to arrive at the most
18	optimal outcome for all members of the community,
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50	Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly formally requests the Trustees to strongly
1 2	advise the administration to have extensive and detailed involvement of the community
52	in the determination of a final plan,
50 51 52 53 54	Be it further resolved, the SA requests the Board not make a final determination on the
55	proposal to increase students, as this may have major effects on university rankings, and
	thus requires more extensive community involvement,
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56 57 58 59	<b>Be it further resolved</b> , the SA requests the President to forward this Resolution to the Chair
59	of the Board of Trustees and the elected student Trustees,
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51	Be it finally resolved, the Student Assembly asks the Board of Trustees to dedicate itself to
52	"shared governance" and encourage the administration to involve the community in
53	making important long-term decisions.
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55	Respectfully Submitted,
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70	(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 11/29/16)
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