S.A. Resolution #12
Temporary Amendment of Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to temporarily suspend Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter that in-part outlines the off-year reporting duties of the Appropriations Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

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Whereas, Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter contains “Student Assembly Guidelines for Funded Organizations”

Whereas, the Student Assembly is tasked with reviewing Appendix B every year even during a non-fee setting year

Whereas, due to the uniqueness of this academic year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the undue stress, disruption, and pressure it has placed on the Cornell community and by extension, the byline funded organizations and their regular operations.

Whereas, Appendix B, Section 3, part H (623-629) states that, “Off-Year Reporting: During the fall of even-numbered calendar years each organization shall provide the Appropriations Committee with a written account of the use of its fee allocation and operations for the previous academic year, and an oral summary of its activities, including usage statistics and future programming plans. The SA Vice President for Finance will conduct an unofficial vote regarding the committee’s recommendation on whether or not the organization should receive an increase in funding, a decrease in funding or maintenance of funding at its current level. The SA Vice President for Finance shall then provide a written summary report of these meetings to the SA.”

Whereas, in order to decrease stress and pressure on byline funded organizations during this time, the requirement of an oral summary of their activities shall be made optional.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly approves the following amendments to Appendix B, Section 3, part H (623-629) of the Student Assembly Charter for the 2020-2021 academic year

Off-Year Reporting: During the fall of even-numbered calendar years each organization shall provide the Appropriations Committee with a written account of the use of its fee allocation and operations for the previous academic year, and an oral summary of its activities and an optional oral summary of its activities (unless mandated otherwise by the Appropriations Committee), including usage statistics and future programming plans. The SA Vice President for Finance will conduct an unofficial vote regarding the committee’s recommendation on whether or not the organization should receive an increase in funding, a decrease in funding or maintenance of funding at its current level. The SA Vice President for Finance shall then provide a written summary report of these meetings to the SA.”
Respectfully submitted,

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