



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #48

Calling for the Extension of Cornell Health Services to Students Forcibly Withdrawn from the University for Non-Disciplinary Matters

ABSTRACT: This resolution is intended to call upon the University to extend Cornell Health services with no additional cost to students forcibly withdrawn from Cornell for non-disciplinary matters for a period of one month after withdrawal.

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Whereas, students are mandated by Cornell University to purchase insurance coverage at the beginning of the academic year or semester to use Cornell Health services;

Whereas, the Cornell Administration encourages students to seek mental health counseling at Cornell Health;

Whereas, being withdrawn from the University can worsen students' mental health and well-being;

Whereas, students are automatically enrolled in the Student Health Plan, which is paid for upon registration;

Whereas, students with mental health concerns are not afforded time to find new counseling services when they are withdrawn from Cornell;

Be it therefore resolved, the Cornell Student Assembly requests that Cornell Health and Cornell Financial Aid extend a one month grace period for students withdrawn from the University to continue to use their Cornell Health services without additional cost;

Be it further resolved, that Cornell University works to develop a system that creates a nudge based system that provides ample warning to students who might be at risk at withdrawal and provide them support between the warning period and date of withdraw, so that students can fairly navigate the process;

Be it finally resolved, the University must consider the intersection between its actions and the impact on students' mental health and well being.

Respectfully Submitted,

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