



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #62

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Establishment of the Students with Disabilities Representative At-Large

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ABSTRACT: This resolution is intended to increase representation and accessibility to Cornell

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undergraduates with disabilities on the Cornell Student Assembly

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Whereas, The Cornell Student Assembly is charged with examining matters of interest to the undergraduate student community, and making proposals to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University.

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10 **Whereas,** The Cornell Student Assembly has legislative authority over the policies of the Office
11 of the Dean of Students and the Department of Campus Life, and establishes the undergraduate
12 Student Activity Fee and guidelines for its distribution

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Whereas, Accurate and fair representation on the Cornell Student Assembly should be the highest priority at all times

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Whereas, The most marginalized communities should have utmost priority and assurance that they will be fairly and accurately represented on a governing body such as the Cornell Student Assembly

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Whereas, Cornell University is committed to diversity and inclusiveness with the goal of providing an accessible, usable and welcoming environment for all Cornell community members, including those with disabilities

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Whereas, Students with disabilities at Cornell University deserve and should be afforded the same rights and privileges of all members of the Cornell community and provided equitable representation on governing bodies with the legislative ability to affect all undergraduate students

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Whereas, There is no representation for students with disabilities on the Cornell Student Assembly

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Whereas, There is currently necessary representation for other marginalized affinity groups on the Assembly and there should be a continual push for the members of the Assembly to increase access and representation of communities in which they do not identify with

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30 **Whereas**, The Cornell Union for Disability Awareness is an alliance of people with disabilities
31 and allies interested in celebrating our culture and making an impact on and off campus.

32 **Whereas**, According to Article IV: Membership, Section 1: Composition, 184 - 205:

33 two at-large seats are to be reserved for candidates seeking to represent minority students; one
34 at-large seat is to be reserved for candidates seeking to represent international students; one at-
35 large seat is to be reserved for candidates seeking to represent women's issues in relation to the
36 broader Cornell community; one at-large seat is to be reserved for candidates seeking to
37 represent First Generation College students; and one at-large seat is to be reserved for candidates
38 seeking to represent the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer community.

39 **Whereas**, The following schools receive representation on Cornell's Student Assembly:

- 40 1) College of Architecture, Arts and Planning, with 503 undergraduate students
41 represented 20 by 1 voting member as of Fall 2018;
- 42 2) College of Arts and Sciences, with 4,602 undergraduate students represented by 3
43 voting 23 members as of Fall 2018;
- 44 3) College of Human Ecology, with 1,221 undergraduate students represented by 1
45 voting 26 member as of Fall 2018; 27
- 46 4) School of Industrial and Labor Relations, with 977 undergraduate students
47 represented 29 by 1 voting member as of Fall 2018;
- 48 5) College of Engineering, with 3,203 undergraduate students represented by 2 voting
49 32 members as of Fall 2018;
- 50 6) School of Hotel Administration, with approximately 870 undergraduate students 35
51 represented by 2 voting members as of Fall 2018;
- 52 7) College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, with approximately 3,100 undergraduate 38
53 students represented by 2 voting members as of Fall 2018;

54 **Be it therefore resolved**, the position of Students with Disabilities Representative At-Large
55 should be an established, voting, full-fledged seat on the Cornell Student Assembly

56 **Be it finally resolved**, the following amendments be made to the Cornell Student Assembly
57 Charter

58 **Respectfully submitted,**

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