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1 S.A. Resolution #68  
2 Online Platform to answer Student Questions  
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4 **ABSTRACT:** This resolution recommends that instructors utilize an online platform to answer any  
5 questions students may have. Asking and answering questions is an important part of the learning  
6 process. Furthermore, this resolution increases interactions between students and course staff  
7 outside traditional office hours. All students could benefit from this platform, as it fosters an open  
8 dialogue.  
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12 **Whereas,** students' personal schedules often conflict with the course's office hours;  
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14 **Whereas,** students may have to spend additional time in office hours to get a brief question  
15 answered, which may also be difficult for some students due to lack of transportation;  
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17 **Whereas,** students often have urgent questions;  
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19 **Whereas,** office hours can overcrowd and may not fulfill students' needs;  
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21 **Whereas,** professors get many emails asking the same or similar questions;  
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23 **Whereas,** students are able to learn from seeing previously answered questions and answering other  
24 students' questions based on their understanding of the material;  
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26 **Be it therefore resolved,** that professors are strongly encouraged to implement an online question  
27 or discussion forum for their classes, such as Piazza  
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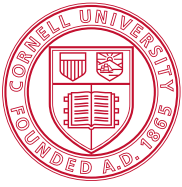
29 **Be it therefore resolved,** with an online platform they will not have to wait until the next office  
30 hour time-slot to get their urgent questions answered  
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32 **Be it therefore resolved,** to promote reliability professors can endorse accurate answers provided  
33 by other students and course staff  
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35 **Be it further resolved,** that professors and teaching assistants dedicate time to answer questions on  
36 these forums as part of their teaching responsibilities  
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39 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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