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1 S.A. Resolution #11

2 Establishing an Investigative Ad-Hoc Committee on Cornell University's Campus  
3 Printing System and Stewardship in IT Governance  
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5 ABSTRACT: This resolution establishes an ad-hoc committee with the responsibility of  
6 investigating Cornell's campus-wide printing system to issue recommendations to the S.A. and the  
7 Cornell Administration on improving the system's pricing scheme, accessibility, and environmental  
8 sustainability. While maintaining its focus on the campus-wide printing system, the committee is also  
9 charged with broader inquiries into Cornell University's stewardship in IT governance practices, and  
10 the lack of student involvement in said practices.

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13 **'19, Grace Park '19**

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15 **Whereas,** the Task Force on Net-Print System Reform (hereafter: TF) – established in Spring 2018  
16 with approval of the voting members of the 2017-2018 Student Assembly – has been leading  
17 the Assembly's investigation into the campus-wide printing system at Cornell;  
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19 **Whereas,** the TF has obtained the Administration's acknowledgement that "Cornell University is  
20 highly unusual in that a printing allocation is not provided to all undergraduate students  
21 every semester;"  
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23 **Whereas,** the TF has obtained the Administration's acknowledgment that "[b]ecause there is no one  
24 central organization which [...] provides printing allocations to all undergraduates, the result  
25 is patchy where some students are given free printing and others are not;"  
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27 **Whereas,** the TF – during a meeting with the University's IT leadership team in August 2018 –  
28 obtained the Administration's acknowledgement that a comprehensive review of the current  
29 printing system is necessary to address the ineffectiveness of the decentralized printing  
30 system model;  
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32 **Whereas,** while "[d]uring the fiscal year from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, Net-Print users  
33 printed 7.8 million sides," the TF – due to the lack of publicly available data on the matter,  
34 and CIT and the Cornell University IT Governance Council's unresponsiveness to the TF's  
35 request for data – has been unable to verify CIT's income from the Net-Print enterprise;  
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37 **Whereas,** such lack of transparency raises questions about whether or not Cornell University's IT  
38 leadership is practicing good stewardship in keeping the Net-Print enterprise fiscally  
39 responsible;  
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41 **Whereas,** based on the TF's research, the current Net-Print rates of \$0.09/side for black-and-white-  
42 printing and \$0.25/side for color-printing far exceeds the rates offered by third-party  
43 printing system vendors, and those offered to students at other peer institutions;

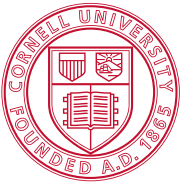


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45 **Whereas**, the TF has been coordinating with the University’s inaugural Director of First Generation  
46 and Low Income Student Support and Associate Dean of Student for Student  
47 Empowerment to provide extended assistance to reduce costs of living for undergraduates in  
48 need of financial support;  
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- 50 **Whereas**, on the Spring 2018 Undergraduate Printing Survey<sup>1</sup> with 641 respondents, 98% of  
51 students are or have been enrolled in courses that require assignments to be printed out  
52 before submission;  
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- 54 **Whereas**, on the aforementioned survey, 77% of students with printers responded that they would  
55 not have purchased a printer if Net-Print printing costs were cheaper;  
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- 57 **Whereas**, on the aforementioned survey, 51% of students with printers responded that they would  
58 not have purchased a printer if Net-Print printers were more accessible;  
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- 60 **Whereas**, 4 out of 8 Ivy League institutions provide students with free printing credits but Cornell  
61 does not;  
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- 63 **Whereas**, unlike at 5 out of 8 Ivy League institutions, Cornell students do not have financial  
64 incentives to reduce paper consumption as it charges students an equal fee for printing  
65 double-sided in black and white;  
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- 67 **Whereas**, when compared to compared to Ivy League institutions that provide free printing credits,  
68 Cornell does not fare well in the STARS® (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating  
69 System™) subscore for office paper purchasing due to its use of less- or non-recycled paper;  
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- 71 **Whereas**, unlike at Cornell, 5 out of 8 Ivy League institutions charge students less for printing  
72 double-sided in black and white;  
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- 74 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the S.A. establish an ad-hoc committee titled “Investigative  
75 Committee on Stewardship in IT Governance and Campus Printing System” (hereafter:  
76 Committee) effective immediately;  
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- 78 **Be it further resolved**, that the Committee be recognized as the successor to the TF established in  
79 Spring 2018 through S.A. Resolution #27: Establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee for  
80 Investigating Net-Print System Reform;  
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- 82 **Be it further resolved**, that the Committee be charged with the updated responsibilities outlined in  
83 Section 1 of Appendix A of this resolution;  
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<sup>1</sup> The full report is available online on the Cornell Student Assembly website at <https://cornellsa.com/netprint/>.



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85 **Be it further resolved**, that all current and future efforts of the S.A. to restructure the campus-wide  
86 printing system, or address issues of the University's stewardship in IT governance practices,  
87 and communications between the S.A., and Cornell IT and the Administration on such  
88 matters be settled exclusively through the Committee;

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90 **Be it further resolved**, that the Committee retains its predecessor organization's membership  
91 structure, as outlined in Section 2 of Appendix A of this resolution;

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93 **Be it further resolved**, that the Committee convenes on an as-needed-basis, as determined by the  
94 Chairs of the Committee;

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96 **Be it finally resolved**, that the members of the Student Assembly affirm the body's commitment to  
97 improving students' lives by reducing financial burden placed on undergraduates and  
98 ensuring that essential services provided the University are done so at a fair and reasonable  
99 rate.

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101 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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