S.A. Resolution #52
Recommendation for Cornell University to Establish Testing Center for MCAT

ABSTRACT: The purpose of this resolution is to identify challenges students experience regarding their location for taking the MCAT exam and to encourage Cornell University to develop solutions to these problems.

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Whereas, seventy-six percent of Cornell students with a GPA of 3.4 or better were accepted to medical school in 2016¹ and have thus taken the MCAT exam;

Whereas, the MCAT is no longer offered on college campuses, due to the requirements which are mostly physical structure related making it difficult for campuses to devote a single space for testing use;

Whereas, the MCAT is currently offered at PEARSON testing centers;

Whereas, the nearest testing center to Cornell University is approximately 50 miles away in Syracuse, New York²;

Whereas, students taking the MCAT exam experience unnecessary stress and incur expenses planning travel to their testing center;

Be it therefore resolved, Cornell University should explore alternative options, such as establishing a testing center in Ithaca, for students taking the MCAT exam.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ http://www.career.cornell.edu/paths/health/medschool/charts.cfm
² https://wsr.pearsonvue.com/testtaker/registration/SelectTestCenterProximity/NES/190145