



Cornell University Student Assembly

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1 S.A. Resolution #52
2 Recommendation for Cornell University to Establish Testing Center for MCAT
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4 ABSTRACT: The purpose of this resolution is to identify challenges students experience regarding
5 their location for taking the MCAT exam and to encourage Cornell University to develop solutions
6 to these problems.
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8 **Sponsored by: Travis Cabbell '18**
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10 **Whereas**, seventy-six percent of Cornell students with a GPA of 3.4 or better were accepted to
11 medical school in 2016¹ and have thus taken the MCAT exam;
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13 **Whereas**, the MCAT is no longer offered on college campuses, due to the requirements which are
14 mostly physical structure related making it difficult for campuses to devote a single space for testing
15 use;
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17 **Whereas**, the MCAT is currently offered at PEARSON testing centers;
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19 **Whereas**, the nearest testing center to Cornell University is approximately 50 miles away in
20 Syracuse, New York²;
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22 **Whereas**, students taking the MCAT exam experience unnecessary stress and incur expenses
23 planning travel to their testing center;
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25 **Be it therefore resolved**, Cornell University should explore alternative options, such as establishing
26 a testing center in Ithaca, for students taking the MCAT exam.
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28 **Respectfully Submitted,**
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31 *Chair, Student Assembly Academic Policy Committee*
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34 *Director of Elections*
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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>