



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #39

Establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee for Investigating Course Absence Policy Reform

ABSTRACT: This resolution establishes an ad-hoc committee with the goal of investigating Cornell's Course Absence Policy. At the conclusion of their investigation, the committee will issue recommendations to the Student Assembly and the Cornell Administration on actions which could be taken to ameliorate and enforce Course Absence Policies at Cornell University.

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Whereas, there are very few institutional requirements put into place dictating how Course Administrators must treat course absences,

Whereas, extensive anecdotal evidence suggests Course Administrators are often unwilling to permit excused absences, even in clearly extenuating circumstances,

Whereas, Cornell undergraduates are known to struggle with undue levels of stress in relation to academic matters and unduly restrictive absence policies clearly exacerbate this stress,

Be it therefore resolved, that the S.A. establish an ad-hoc committee titled "Cornell Student Assembly Task Force on Course Absence Policy Reform" (hereafter CAP-TF) effective immediately,

Be it further resolved, that the CAP-TF will be tasked with investigating existing course absence policies, drafting new course absence policies, and exploring systems by which these policies could be effectively implemented. The findings of the committee shall culminate in a report delivered to the Student Assembly and made available to the greater Cornell community,

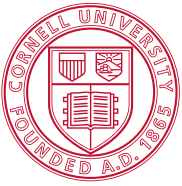
Be it further resolved, that all current and future efforts of the S.A. to reform course absence policies be settled exclusively through the CAP-TF,

Be it further resolved, that the CAP-TF will be composed of 4 members and 1 chair. The members may be voting or ex-officio members of the Student Assembly or the Student Assembly Academic Policy Committee. The chair must be a voting or ex-officio member of the Student Assembly. The chair of the Academic Policy Committee and the Student Assembly Liaison to the Faculty Senate Educational Policies Committee shall sit on CAP-TF as ex-officio members,

Be it further resolved, that the CAP-TF will convene at least once each month. An agenda and relevant documents will be distributed to CAP-TF members at least 24 hours before the start of each meeting,

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly will appoint members to the CAP-TF during the next executive session following the successful passage of this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,



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