



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #13

Amending Article III Section 3 and Other Sections of the Student Assembly Charter

ABSTRACT: This Charter Change Resolution makes changes to the “Reporting of Student Assembly Actions” section and other minor changes at the request of Interim University President Rawlings.

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Whereas, Interim President Rawlings rejected sections of the most recently passed version of the Student Assembly Charter, which included amendments to improve consistency across governing documents and efficiency of the Student Assembly;

Whereas, the Student Assembly Charter requires that all amendments to the document are “subject to the approval of the President.”

Whereas, Interim President Rawlings has identified that all references in the Student Assembly Charter to the “Vice President for Student and Academic Services,” must be updated to refer to the “Vice President for Student and Campus Life;”

Whereas, amendments proposed to the section on “Reporting of Student Assembly Actions” in Article III Section 3 Subsection A contained wording which Interim President Rawlings did not approve;

Whereas, Interim President Rawlings also suggested adding the word “University” when referring to the President of the University to reduce ambiguity;

Be it therefore resolved, that ‘Article III Section I: Legislative Authority over Policies – Subsection B’ now will be amended to read:

- A. Should a request be refused, the SA by simple majority vote may request the information be given to the Vice President for ~~Student and Academic Services~~ Student and Campus Life who shall forward it to the SA. The Vice President for ~~Student and Academic Services~~ Student and Campus Life shall act unless otherwise directed by the President of the University, pursuant to Article 3, Section 6.

Be it further resolved, that ‘Article III Section 3: Reporting of Student Assembly Actions – Subsection B: Reporting to Other Bodies’ will be amended to read:

- A. Reporting to Other Bodies – The SA will report in writing its actions to the GPSA, Employee Assembly, and the Faculty Senate, in conjunction with reporting of the actions to the President of the University. The actions will be reported following each meeting by a SA member designated by the SA.

Be it further resolved, that ‘Article III Section 6: Presidential Information’ will be amended as follows:

The SA may request and obtain specific information from the President of the University regarding any subject which it deems of general student concern. If such a request is made, and said information is not furnished, the University President will report to the SA the reasons why said information cannot be furnished within two regularly scheduled SA meetings following the denial of the request. The SA will not request information falling into the following categories: salary or wage records of specific individuals, academic or financial records of specific individuals, medical or categorical (race, sex, age, etc.) records of specific individuals and information otherwise defined as confidential or restricted by law.

Be it further resolved that ‘Article V: Amendments – Section 2: Presidential Approval’ be amended to read:

Amendments to this Charter are subject to the approval of the President of the University. Should the University President disapprove the amendments affected by this section, the University President will present a detailed verbal or written report to the SA indicating the reasons for disapproval. The report will be presented within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed amendments by the University President.

Be it further resolved that Appendix A: Guidelines for the Allocation of the Student Activity Fee – Section 4: Procedure – Subsection B. Preliminary Report by Appropriations Committee – Clause i will now state:

- i. By the last day of classes in the academic year preceding a fee-setting year, the Vice President for Finance will report each request received and the total amount of requests received in dollars per student per year to the Assembly, the Vice President for Student and Campus Life, and the President of the University.

Be it finally resolved, that Article III: Authority and Responsibility – Section 3: Reporting of Student Assembly Actions – Subsection A. Reporting to the President will be amended to include the following wording:

- A. Reporting to the President – All actions, excluding internal policy changes that do not affect the Student Assembly Charter, of the SA will be reported by the SA President to the University President. The SA will respond to any requests for information from the University President on its actions. The University President may also request reconsideration of legislation proposed by the SA. Such a request must be filed within thirty days of notification of the legislation. The SA will take action on such a request, and, if the legislation is upheld, the SA will inform the University President. If the legislation is upheld and if the University President still deems the action to be defective, the University President may veto the action of the SA. The University President will review all actions of the SA and provide a written response to all actions of the SA that have been reported to him or her and provide a writer response to those actions within 30 days. The University President, when appropriate, may also designate a another member of the university administration his or her Cabinet, Senior Administration, Provost’s Office or Dean of Student’s Office to provide an additional written response to an action of the SA within 30 days when appropriate.

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