

Cornell University Student Assembly

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1 S.A. Resolution #14
2 Creation of the Office of Student Government Relations

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution creates an Office of Student Government Relations

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6 **Sponsored by: Joe Anderson '20, Cat Huang '21, Liel Sterling '21, Lucas Smith '22**

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8 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly strives to represent the issues of the student body to Cornell
9 University Administration;

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11 **Whereas**, many issues that students experience are in results of policymaking at the local, state, and
12 federal levels;

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14 **Whereas**, recognizing that Cornell University is the land-grant university of the state of New York
15 and operates three contract colleges: the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of
16 Human Ecology, and the School of Industrial and Labor Relations;

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18 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly has the duty of representing the student interests at the local, state,
19 and federal level;

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21 **Whereas**, the duties of organizing potential lobbying trips to Albany and Washington D.C. currently
22 fall within the jurisdiction of the SA Executive Vice President;

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24 **Whereas**, the workload of effectively organizing the trips to Albany and Washington D.C. and
25 executing the rest of responsibilities of the Executive Vice President are immense and the Student
26 Assembly has not recently engaged in lobbying trips;

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28 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly creates the Office of the Student Government
29 Relations (OSGR);

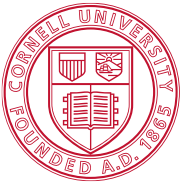
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31 **Be it further resolved**, that the OSGR will be led by a Director of Student Government Relations;

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33 **Be it further resolved**, that the Director of Student Government Relations will have three
34 branches: (1) City and Local Relations (which is currently the City and Local Affairs Committee of
35 the Student Assembly), (2) State Government Relations, (3) Federal Government Relations;

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37 **Be it further resolved**, that the Director of Student Government Relations will be appointed by the
38 President of the Student Assembly and will be confirmed by a majority vote of the Student
39 Assembly;

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41 **Be it further resolved**, that the Director of Student Government Relations shall be a voting
42 member of the Student Assembly nor a voting member of another shared governance body;

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44 **Be it further resolved,** that the Directors of City and Local Affairs, State Relations, and Federal
45 Relations may be a voting member of the Student Assembly or any other shared governance body;

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47 **Be it further resolved,** that it will be highly encouraged that the Director of State Relations be a
48 student of one of the contract colleges (see above) and serve as the liaison, in addition to the
49 President of the Student Assembly, to the SUNY Student Assembly

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51 **Be it further resolved,** that the Student Assembly will allocate \$10,000 from its Special Projects
52 Fund to be the seed funding of the OSGR to be used for trips to Albany and Washington D.C.;

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54 **Be it further resolved,** that the OSGR will partner with other relevant student organizations
55 depending on the content of the lobbying trip to either Albany or Washington D.C.;

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57 **Be it further resolved,** that the OSGR will partner with Cornell University Relations, where
58 appropriate, to work collaboratively on messaging, lobbying training, and any other beneficial
59 projects;

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61 **Be it further resolved,** that the following be inserted into the bylaws in Article 1, Section 2:

62 D. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to
63 serve as the Student Advocate.

64 E. The SA can grant an ex-officio position to any member of the Cornell Community to
65 serve as the Director of Student Government Relations.

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67 **Be it further resolved,** that the parts 10 and 12 be removed from Article 3, Section 2;

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69 **Be it finally resolved,** that the Student Assembly will look to approve a set of bylaws by the end of
70 the Fall 2019 Semester.

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72 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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74 Joseph Anderson '20

75 *President, Student Assembly*

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78 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*

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80 Liel Sterling '21

81 *Student Advocate, Office of the Student Advocate*

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84 *College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative, Student Assembly*

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86 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-0, 11/12/2019)*