S.A. Resolution #15

Strengthening the Relationship between the Student Assembly & Residential Student Congress

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ABSTRACT: This resolution establishes a closer legislative relationship between the Student Assembly and Residential Student Congress (RSC) by providing a mechanism for RSC to introduce resolutions pertaining to residential life before the SA.

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Whereas, the Student Assembly recently passed Resolution 10 “Elimination of the Residential Life Committee” which called for the removal of the Residential Life Committee, for relevant change to be made in the SA Bylaws, and for this issue to be revisited by the Student Assembly;

Whereas, the Residential Student Congress is a body of students empowered to address issues pertaining to Residential Life, and its Advocacy Committee works to review and propose resolutions to address these issues;

Whereas, resolutions passed by the Residential Student Congress go directly to the Executive Director of Campus & Community Engagement for consideration;

Whereas, the Residential Student Congress has a strong presence in the North Campus and Collegetown residence halls, however has lacked a similar relationship with all members of the West Campus Housing System;

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly should support the Residential Student Congress in any capacity which improves the student experience in on-campus living and should empower the Residential Student Congress to bring their resolutions to the floor of the Student Assembly,

Be it finally resolved, that the following language be added to the Student Assembly Standing Rules Section 3 Subsection E, between Rules 5 and 6, to create a new rule:

F. Rule 6: If the Residential Student Congress needs to pass a formal legislative resolution concerning residential life at Cornell, the Residential Student Congress has the authority to pass resolutions that will be introduced as New Business on the Student Assembly agenda. These resolutions must explicitly pertain to residential life. Any resolutions presented by the Residential Student Congress must have been voted on and approved by a majority vote of the general body members of the Residential Student Congress and the Residential Student Congress liaison to the Student Assembly, who must be the sponsor of the resolution. The resolution must be sent to the Student Assembly EVP at least one week before the Student Assembly meeting where the resolution will appear on the agenda. All resolutions appearing on the SA agenda through this method, without having been passed by an SA committee, will require a vote of two-thirds of SA members present to be passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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