

U.A. Resolution #9

Updates to University Assembly Charter in Order to Remain Consistent with Campus Judicial Documents

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Sponsor(s): James Richards, Chair of the Campus Codes & Conduct Committee

Abstract: The University Assembly Charter must be updated to remain consistent with the Student Code of Conduct (formerly the “Campus Code of Conduct) and the current University Assembly By-laws. Under the By-laws and Student Code of Conduct, the titles and appointment processes of several offices and positions have been altered. These alterations pertain to: The Office of the Judicial Administrator (now “The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards” (OSCCS)); The Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor (now “The Office of the Respondents’ Codes Counselors” (RCC)); and the University Hearing and Review Board (UHRB). Additionally, the Ombudsman has also been rebranded as “The Ombuds,” however this position is not mentioned in either the Student Code of Conduct or the By-laws. The language of the UA Charter should be revised to reflect these alterations.

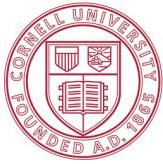
Whereas, under the Student Code of Conduct, the following changes have been made:

- The Office of the Judicial Administrator has been replaced by The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSCCS);
- The Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor has been replaced by The Office of the Respondents’ Codes Counselors (RCC); and

Whereas, The University Ombudsman has been rebranded as The University Ombuds, and

Whereas, under the Student Code of Conduct the University Assembly is no longer responsible for appointing members to the University Hearing and Review Board (UHRB), and

Whereas, UHRB members are now appointed by the Director of the OSCCS in consultation with the Executive Committees of the Student Assembly and Graduate and Professional Assembly, and can be removed by the Director of the OSCCS, and



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27 **Whereas**, the UA By-laws as altered by UA Resolution #6 (Codes and Judicial Committee:
28 Alterations to Committee Name and Function) have made the standing committee now known as
29 the Campus Codes and Conduct Committee available to the Assemblies and Senate in a
30 supportive capacity, to provide guidance on soliciting applications for the UHRB, and

31 **Whereas**, prior to this update, Sub-Section 3.2.1 of the University Assembly Charter states:
32 “The Assembly must approve each appointment or reappointment by the President of the
33 University to the following offices:

- 34 • the Judicial Administrator
- 35 • the University Ombudsman
- 36 • the Judicial Codes Counselor”, and

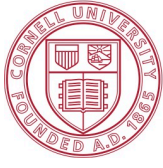
37 **Whereas**, this section of the Charter also states “In the event of a vacancy in the offices of the
38 University Ombudsman or Judicial Codes Counselor, the President or a designee will appoint a
39 search committee to which the Assembly may appoint a representative. In the event of a vacancy
40 in the Judicial Administrator’s office, the procedure laid out in Article II, Section A, Subsection
41 3 of Campus Code of Conduct for constituting a search will be followed. Incumbent occupants of
42 each office may serve any number of consecutive terms; however, no single term may exceed
43 two years in duration.”, and

44 **Whereas**, UA Charter Sub-Section 3.2.2 (“Appointment of members to the University Hearing
45 and Review Boards”) states: “The Assembly may appoint members to and remove members
46 from service on the University Hearing and Review Boards convened under the Campus Code of
47 Conduct as needed to assure the effective operation of those panels.”

48 **Be it therefore resolved**, the language of the Charter will be altered to reflect the
49 aforementioned language in the Student Code of Conduct and UA By-Laws, and

50 **Be it further resolved**, Sub-Section 3.2.1 of the University Assembly Charter shall be amended
51 to state: “The Assembly must approve each appointment or reappointment by the President of the
52 University to the following offices:

- 53 • the Student Conduct and Community Standards
- 54 • the University Ombuds



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55 • the Respondents’ Codes Counselor”, and

56 **Be it further resolved**, Sub-Section 3.2.1 shall be further amended to state: “In the event of a
57 vacancy in the offices of the University Ombuds, Student Conduct and Community Standards, or
58 Respondents’ Codes Counselor, the President or a designee will appoint a search committee to
59 which the Assembly may appoint a representative. Incumbent occupants of each office may
60 serve any number of consecutive terms; however, no single term may exceed two years in
61 duration.”, and

62 **Be it further resolved**, Sub-Section 3.2.2 of the Charter (“Appointment of members to the
63 University Hearing and Review Boards”) shall be revised in conjunction with the UA By-laws to
64 state: “By delegation from the Assembly, the Campus Codes & Conduct Committee shall be
65 authorized to, upon request from the Senate and Assemblies, provide information and guidance
66 regarding the UHRB solicitation and appointment process, in order to facilitate the smooth and
67 timely appointment of UHRB members.”

68 **Be it finally resolved**, upon approval and ratification of this Resolution and the changes herein,
69 that future editions of the University Assembly Charter contain such language.

70 Respectfully Submitted,

71 James Richards

72 Campus Codes & Conduct Committee, Chair