



Cornell University  
University Assembly

**U.A. Resolution #24**

**Making the UA Charter Gender-neutral**

[05/04/2021]

1 **Sponsored by: Logan Kenney, GPSA**

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3 **Whereas**, the Charter of the University Assembly uses the terms “he” and “she;” and

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5 **Whereas**, section 5.3(c), states: If, after the floor is closed for nominations for specific officer  
6 position, only one candidate is nominated to be an officer, he or she will be seated  
7 immediately, unless a member of the Assembly opposes the nomination; and

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9 **Whereas**, many individuals in the Cornell community do not identify with these terms; and

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11 **Whereas**, this item affects members of the Cornell community and falls within the purview of  
12 the University Assembly.

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14 **Be it therefore resolved**, section 5.3(c) of the University Charter will now read: If, after the  
15 floor is closed for nominations for a specific officer position, only one candidate is  
16 nominated to be an officer, they will be seated immediately, unless a member of the  
17 Assembly opposes the nomination; and

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19 **Resolved**, the University Assembly asks the Administration to consider this change to the  
20 University Assembly Charter; and

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22 **Be it finally resolved**, the University Assembly replace all language pertaining to gender with  
23 gender-neutral language.

**Passed by the University Assembly with 14-0-1**

**{V. Aymer – yes; H. Depew – yes; N. Danev – yes; D. Dunham – yes; J. Feit – yes; B. Fortenberry – yes; T. Fox – yes; D. Hiner – yes; C. Levine – yes; J. Pea – yes; L. Smith – yes; C. Van Loan – yes; P. Thompson – yes; J. Withers – yes; L. Kenney – abstain.}**