

Cornell University
University Assembly

U.A. Resolution #25

**Precluding Constituent Leaders from Serving on the UA
Executive Board**

[05/04/2021]

1 **Sponsored by:** Logan Kenney, GPSA; Nikola Danev, GPSA; Jacob Feit; Undergraduate
2 **Representative;** Bennett Sherr, Undergraduate Representative

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4 **Whereas,** serving on the University Assembly Executive Board may force constituent leaders to
5 step outside of their campus roles for neutral consideration of topics; and

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7 **Whereas,** the Student Assembly President, Graduate & Professional Student Assembly
8 President, Employee Assembly Chair, and Dean of Faculty all serve in positions in which
9 they represent their constituent groups to the University Assembly and the Cornell
10 Community at-large; and

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12 **Whereas,** constituent leaders have inherent conflicts of interest in serving on the executive board
13 of more than one constituent group; and

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15 **Whereas,** exclusionary clauses already exist within the University Assembly Charter; and

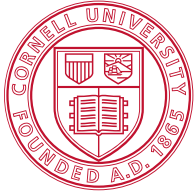
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17 **Whereas,** section 4.2 of the University Assembly Charter excludes voting members of the
18 University Assembly from serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the
19 University; and

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

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24 **Be it therefore resolved,** section 4.2 of the University Assembly Charter will now read: A
25 voting member of the Assembly may not serve concurrently as a member of the Board of
26 Trustees of the University nor may the President or Chair of one of the four Cornell
27 constituent bodies serve as a member of the University Assembly Executive; and

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29 **Resolved,** the University Assembly asks the Administration to consider this change to the
30 University Assembly Charter; and

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32 **Resolved,** the University Assembly encourages the 2021-22 term assembly to consider the
33 attached bylaw amendment, which aims to strengthen the assembly's oversight over the



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34 standing committees' activities, or to undertake measures aimed at similar objectives; and
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36 **Be it finally resolved**, the University Assembly declare Presidents and Chairs of the Student
37 Assembly, Graduate & Professional Student Assembly, Employee Assembly, and Faculty
38 Senate be precluded from holding a position on the University Assembly Executive
39 Board due to the inherent conflict of interest that exists because of their roles as
40 constituent group leaders.

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 – abstain; J. Withers – yes; L. Kenney – yes.}