

Cornell University
University Assembly

U.A. Resolution # 2

**Charter Change Aligning the University Assembly's Role
in a Judicial Administrator Search Process with Practice**

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1 **Sponsored by:**

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4 **Whereas**, Article 3.2.1 of the University Assembly Charter states “The Assembly must approve
5 each appointment or reappointment by the President of the University to the following
6 offices: the Judicial Administrator, the University Ombudsman, and the Judicial Codes
7 Counselor. In the event of a vacancy in any of these positions, the **President or a**
8 **designee will appoint a search committee to which the Assembly may appoint a**
9 **representative...**” (Emphasis added); and

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11 **Whereas**, the Article II, Section A, Subsection 3 of Campus Code of Conduct reads “upon the
12 University Assembly chair’s receipt of notice of the Judicial Administrator’s resignation
13 or removal, the chair shall convene a six-member search committee, including two
14 members appointed by the President and four members appointed by the University
15 Assembly, to propose two or more nominees to the President.”; and

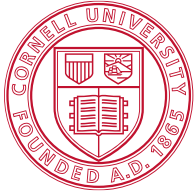
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17 **Whereas**, the Campus Code of Conduct supersedes the University Assembly Charter in defining
18 the search process for Judicial Administrator; and

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20 **Whereas**, in the current search Judicial Administrator search the President’s Office and
21 Assembly are adhering to the procedure laid out in the Code of Conduct; and

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23 **Whereas**, an incongruity between the Assembly’s Charter and the Campus Code of Conduct
24 creates confusion and can lead to misinterpretation of the Assembly’s role in a search; be
25 it therefore

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27 **Resolved** that Article 3.2.1 of the University Assembly Charter be amended to read:

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 - The Assembly must approve each appointment or reappointment by the President of the
30 University to the following offices: the Judicial Administrator, the University
31 Ombudsman, and the Judicial Codes Counselor. In the event of a vacancy **in the offices**
32 **of the University Ombudsman or Judicial Codes Counselor of these positions**; the
33 President or a designee will appoint a search committee to which the Assembly may



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34 appoint a representative. **In the event of a vacancy in the Judicial Administrator's office,**
35 **the procedure laid out in Article II, Section A, Subsection 3 of Campus Code of Conduct**
36 **for constituting a search will be followed.** Incumbent occupants of each office may serve
37 any number of consecutive terms; however, no single term may exceed two years in
38 duration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, University Assembly