

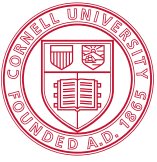
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Cornell University's University Assembly Agenda of the February 21, 2023 Meeting 4:45 PM – 6:15 PM 401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogoho:nq (Cayuga Nation)
 - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. [Minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting](#)
 - III. Open Forum
 - a. President Pollack and Vice President Malina
 - i. 15 minutes President's remarks
 - ii. 15 minutes Q&A
 - IV. Business of the Day
 - a. [UA R4 Resolution on Amending the University Assembly Bylaws](#)
 - i. Supporting document: [VP Malina Revision changes](#)
 - b. [UA R5: Dependable and Inclusive Supply of Pharmaceutical and Essential Nonprescription Supplies](#)
 - c. CITE chair vacancy
 - d. Campus Planning Committee liaison vacancy
 - V. Assembly Reports
 - a. Student Assembly
 - b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - c. Employee Assembly
 - d. Faculty Senate
 - VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - c. Campus Welfare Committee
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - VII. Liaison Reports
 - VIII. Adjournment
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Minutes of the February 7th, 2023 Meeting

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm

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I. Call to Order

- a. D. Cady called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.
 - i. *Members Present:* G. Akkan, S. Aysola, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, K. Cram, E. DeRosa, A. Haenlin-Mott, M. Heeney, I. Hewson, D. Howell, Y. Hua, A. Juan, J. Kruser, M. McEntee, B. Milles, V. Valencia, S. Williams
 - ii. *Members Absent:* D. Hiner, J. Sun
 - iii. *Also Present:* E. Kalweit, R. Platt, K. Weyble, J. Withers

II. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogoho·noꝓ (Cayuga Nation)

- a. D. Cady stated the UA's acknowledgment of the Cayuga Nation.

III. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. D. Cady called for late additions to the agenda.
- b. S. Williams moved to add Resolution 5 to the agenda by unanimous consent.
 - i. M. Heeney seconded the motion.
 - ii. D. Cady called for questions regarding the addition of the Resolution to the Agenda.
 - iii. D. Cady asked whether there was dissent to adding Resolution 5: Dependable and Inclusive Supply of Pharmaceutical and Essential Nonprescription Supplies to the Agenda during Business of the Day.
 1. G. Akkan stated that she has another addition to the agenda. D. Cady stated that the Assembly would first consider adding Resolution 5 to the Agenda.
- c. G. Akkan stated that she had another addition to the agenda during open forum.
 - i. D. Cady stated that G. Akkan could bring up her topic during open forum.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from January 24th, 2023

- a. M. Heeney put forward a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24th meeting.

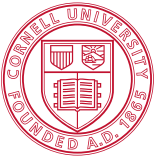
V. Open Forum

- a. Update on Campus Forum on Public Safety



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- i. J. Withers stated that the Assembly asked for a campus forum on public safety in early February and that this was more difficult to translate to other Assemblies than she originally planned given the unique structure of the University Assembly. She stated that whereas the other three Assemblies have a committee for communications that would be able to publicize the event. She stated that the University Assembly can still put together a special meeting using the info list that would spread information about the meeting to those who receive Assembly agendas. She also stated that since many of the Assemblies have heard from David Honan already, it may be more helpful for him to give an update on the new division of Public Safety.
- ii. D. Howell stated that the Executive Committee and the Office of the Assemblies have discussed the Codes and Judicial Committee rewriting the University Assembly charter to establish a committee in charge of communications so that future Assemblies could hold meetings of this nature successfully.
- iii. D. Cady stated that the Assembly does not have the infrastructure or charter details that other Assemblies have, which means that moving forward with a public forum would require consideration of what this infrastructure could look like.
- iv. R. Bensel asked D. Howell and J. Withers whether the Assembly could borrow the boilerplate from other Assemblies for the University Assembly's use.
 1. J. Withers stated that she had not considered that, but that the governing documents for all four Assemblies should be considered to determine whether the Assembly has the authority to hold a forum in its responsibilities.
 2. R. Bensel stated that the Codes and Judicial Committee may be too busy to rewrite the charter at this time.
- v. D. Cady stated that the University Assembly does not have the infrastructure for communications that other Assemblies have and that they must recognize that they cannot hold forums or widely publicize their work as other Assemblies do because of this.
- vi. J. Kruser stated that in this case, a presentation from the University Assembly would be redundant given D. Honan's attendance at every other Assembly. He stated that the Assembly likely has not developed an infrastructure in this manner because these kinds of events are usually handled by constituent Assemblies.
- vii. D. Cady stated that he would like to table the issue for now.



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- viii. A. Juan stated that the Public Safety Advisory Committee has found a new Director for the Community Response Team and is thinking of a way to publicize this. He stated that if they could organize the event themselves, the Assembly could collaborate with them on this effort.
 - 1. D. Cady stated that this would fall into the precedent the Assembly used last year of co-sponsoring forums rather than initiating them themselves.
- b. G. Akkan stated that she would like to initiate a channel for funding a response to the earthquake in Turkey. She stated that as someone from Turkey, she is concerned about the rising death tolls and would like to initiate a response at the university level.
 - i. D. Cady thanked G. Akkan for sharing her thoughts and stated that while the University Assembly does not currently have a budget, the presence of other Assembly heads allows the Assembly to initiate these conversations.
 - ii. I. Hewson stated that this is not the first time that Cornell has been engaged with disaster and that a colleague in the microbiology department tried to initiate relief funding for Puerto Rico following its recent hurricane. He stated that there is a real potential to have something more formalized and it would be good to put in place a “CU Response System”, a framework for the University’s response for future disasters.
 - 1. D. Cady asked to clarify what he meant by a “CU Response System”.
 - 2. I. Hewson stated that if the Assembly can come up with a way to enable the Cornell community to develop a response with a nametag to it, this might give the university’s senior administration impetus for response.
 - iii. J. Kruser stated a reminder that Cornell has a university-wide association with United Way and that this may be a good way to find an established channel for funding relief in this manner.
 - iv. B. Milles stated that she is sorry for any potential loss G. Akkan faced from the earthquake and that she would like to partner with her in her efforts.
 - v. M. Heeney stated that there was a move to increase the number of PhD students from Ukraine last year following the events in the country. She asked whether this would be a method of aid for Turkey and stated that an initiative like this may be a good way for a university to express support.
 - vi. Y. Hua stated that working with United Way to identify a potential effort to be collaborative and that at the Cornell China Center, they participate in multiple donation efforts and run into a lot of customs-related issues outside of their expertise.

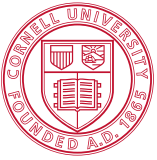


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1. G. Akkan stated that any students from Turkey would also need financial assistance and that it may be helpful to establish a connection between Cornell and universities in Turkey.
- vii. D. Cady stated that he encouraged Assembly members to do research on whichever approach they feel most inclined to and that they would consider adding the topic to the agenda of the next meeting.
- viii. G. Akkan thanked the Assembly for their support.

VI. Business of the Day

- a. D. Cady stated a reminder that President Pollack's visit to the University Assembly with Joel Malina, Vice President for University Relations, will be held on February 21st. He stated that the University Assembly uses a 15-15 model allocating 15 minutes for President's remarks and 15 minutes for a Q&A and that all pre-submitted questions are due by February 14th. He stated that questions could be sent to himself, the Executive Committee, or the Office of the Assemblies.
- b. R. Bensel presented updates from the Codes and Judicial Committee on [Resolution 3 – On Amending the University Assembly Bylaws](#) and [Resolution 4 – On Revision of Codes and Judiciary Committee Responsibilities](#).
 - i. R. Bensel stated that K. Weyble, a fellow member of the Codes and Judicial Committee, had a discussion with President Pollack on the day of this meeting in which they made a good deal of progress on both Resolutions. He stated that they set aside the discussion of whether President Pollack can rewrite the bylaws of the University Assembly at their meeting and focused on the Resolutions.
 - ii. R. Bensel stated that Resolution 3 called for President Pollack to respect the autonomy of the University Assembly in organizing its own procedures. He stated that her objections were to lines 7-10 and that she asked that the Assembly strike those clauses, which he thought was something the Assembly could do. He stated that it is his recommendation to the Committee to strike those clauses, keep everything else, and send the Resolution on.
 1. D. Cady asked why lines 7 and 8 are being omitted. R. Bensel stated that President Pollack's interpretation of the University Assembly Bylaws is that the Board of Trustees has the authority to do anything. He stated that this is a compromise that sets aside the issue and sets aside Resolution 6, as referenced in Resolution 3.
 - iii. J. Kruser stated that he had issues with the Resolution based on his understanding of how the university operates. He stated that he believed the



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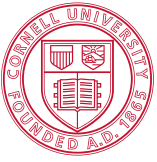
University Assembly should not support the Resolution because they do not have the authority mentioned in the Resolution to confer upon the President and that they rather serve as an advisory body representing its constituents. He stated that the Section 3.5 of the Reservation of Authority section of Charter read that “Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit or constrain the President or other officers of the university in the exercise of their delegated authority” and that in order for Resolution 3 to be passed, the Charter must first be amended accordingly requiring the approval of the Board of Trustees.

1. R. Bensel stated that the Committee is suggesting striking the clause of the Resolution that mentioned this topic.
2. J. Kruser asked R. Bensel what the Assembly was hoping to gain from the Resolution.
3. R. Bensel stated that the Assembly’s bylaws do state that the President does not have the authority to intrude upon the Assembly’s authority to design its organization. He stated that the university bylaws do grant this authority and that trumps the section of the charter.
4. J. Kruser stated that the authority is also granted to the President in the Assembly’s charter.
5. R. Bensel stated that the Reservation of Authority is also contentious on what that section of the Charter includes. He stated that the university Charter does not contain language on committee jurisdictions or organization of the Assembly’s procedures and that this is instead contained in the Assembly’s own bylaws. He stated his emphasis of the point that with lines 7-10 struck, the President would sign the Resolution.
6. D. Cady asked whether R. Bensel would like to move to strike those clauses.
 - a. R. Bensel asked V. Valencia, a fellow Codes and Judicial Committee member, whether she would strike lines 7-10. She responded that she would strike lines 7-10.
 - b. R. Bensel asked K. Weyble, another fellow member of the Codes and Judicial Committee, whether he would strike lines 7-10. He responded that he would strike lines 7-10.
7. R. Bensel put forward a motion to amend from Resolution 3 – On Amending the University Assembly Bylaws to strike lines 7-10 by unanimous consent.



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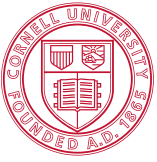
- a. D. Cady asked whether there was any dissent to the initial amendment.
 - b. J. Kruser stated he would likely not vote for the Resolution even with the amendment and asked how abstaining would work with unanimous consent.
 - c. R. Bensel stated that the Assembly could abstain from unanimous consent.
 - d. D. Cady stated that in this case, it would be for an amendment, and it therefore would not matter. He accepted the motion to amend Resolution 3 to strike lines 7-10 by unanimous consent.
- iv. D. Howell asked what the Assembly gets from lines 13-14 and whether this would mean that future charter amendments that the Assembly passes would automatically get passed without presidential approval.
1. R. Bensel stated that this would not change that process, but that the President would have to have a really strong argument to veto future Assembly action to alter their procedures.
 2. D. Howell stated that she did not understand the goal of the Assembly with this Resolution given that the President did not seem to give a sufficient reason to veto Resolution 6.
 3. R. Bensel stated that the President's main objection to the Assembly's actions was that the President did not want the Assembly involved in the Student Code of Conduct.
 4. D. Howell stated that they were not changing the Student Code of Conduct, but that the Assembly cannot function under its current charter due to the current Student Code of Conduct.
 5. R. Bensel stated that the President's veto of Resolution 6 was based on the misunderstanding that the Assembly's intent to give students a place.
- v. A. Haenlin-Mott stated that while she understood that the Resolution was soft, it still accomplishes a lot and asked what the impact of not passing the Resolution would be.
1. R. Bensel stated that Resolution 3 was intended to allow Resolution 4 to update the jurisdiction of the Codes and Judicial Committee as planned and on updating jurisdictions in the future.
- vi. J. Kruser stated that he appreciates R. Bensel's efforts in working with the President on this, but that the best avenue for establishing University Assembly autonomy in altering its own procedures can be found in Article 2,



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Section 209 of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly charter, which carves out this autonomy.

1. R. Bensel stated that he agreed with J. Kruser and that by enacting this Resolution, the Assembly would be able to feasibly begin a change in the charter. He stated that the process of remodeling the charter and bylaws to correct past mistakes require the consent of the University Assembly and that he is in favor of doing so in the long run.
- vii. D. Cady stated J. Kruser's comment that the Assembly could simultaneously remove gendered language from the charter if they were to revise it and that the Assembly should now move to discuss Resolution 4.
- viii. R. Bensel stated that the President expressed issues with lines 7-11 and that Vice President Malina would be sending those who met with the President a list of suggestions to modify the Resolution accordingly.
- ix. R. Bensel put forward a motion to delay voting on Resolution 4 – On Revision of Codes and Judiciary Committee Responsibilities to the February 21st meeting to allow the Committee to reconsider the Resolution by unanimous consent. S. Williams seconded the motion, and no dissent was expressed by the Assembly.
- x. D. Howell asked whether the Assembly would vote on Resolution 3 at this meeting. D. Cady stated he wanted to take J. Kruser's question before moving on to voting.
- xi. J. Kruser put forward a motion to amend the resolution to remove the "on the Ithaca campus..." clause from line 22.
 1. D. Cady asked whether J. Kruser was putting forward a motion to amend or suggesting an amendment.
 2. J. Kruser stated that he was putting forward a motion to amend the Resolution.
 3. R. Bensel stated that the Committee had a lot of problems carving out the jurisdiction of the Assembly, citing that the Assembly does not have jurisdiction of Weill Cornell Medicine as an example.
 4. J. Kruser stated that being less specific would be better able to capture the constituency without excluding members.
 5. R. Bensel stated that he would support the amendment with the understanding that if the Committee comes up with better wording, J. Kruser would be for the amendment.
 6. J. Kruser stated that he agreed and rescinded the amendment.



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- xii. R. Bensel stated that J. Kruser is correct in his comment on revising the charter to remove gendered language. He stated that the revision of the charter would include a number of changes that the Assembly needs to sincerely consider to make the Assembly what they want it to be under its charter and bylaws.
- xiii. R. Bensel put forward a motion to end the debate on Resolution 3 and move into voting. S. Williams seconded the motion.
 - 1. By a vote of 9-4-3, the Assembly passed Resolution 3 – On Amending the University Assembly Bylaws.
- c. D. Cady introduced Resolution 5: Dependable and Inclusive Supply of Pharmaceutical and Essential Nonprescription Supplies to the Assembly.
 - i. S. Williams stated that George Washington University has recently initiated a program that provides students with better access to medical resources. She stated that the Resolution would support the creation of a pilot program through Cornell Health’s Pharmacy for multi-unit vending machines carrying essential nonprescription medicine including emergency contraception to increase health accessibility and health equity on campus.
 - 1. D. Cady stated that S. Williams did not need to read the Resolution to the Assembly.
 - ii. M. Heeney stated that the University has the infrastructure for students to have access to these necessities and that it is not a huge ask to the University to support the Resolution. She stated that there was a ton of research done that measured student support.
 - 1. D. Cady stated that he seconded the point that students want this kind of access.
 - iii. S. Williams stated that she wanted to emphasize and thank the many other contributors from the Student Assembly.
 - iv. A. Juan stated that it is great that the Resolution lays out plans for using pre-existing vending machines on campus and put forward a motion to amend the Resolution to read “University Assembly” instead of “Student Assembly” by unanimous consent.
 - 1. S. Williams seconded the motion, and no dissent was expressed by the Assembly.
 - v. S. Williams put forward a motion to amend line 139 to read “Student Assembly Rep and Undergraduate Rep, University Assembly”.
 - 1. M. Heeney seconded the motion, and no dissent was expressed by the Assembly.



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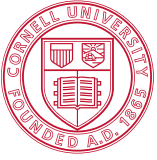
- vi. D. Howell stated a comment that line 111 should read “over-the-counter non-prescription drugs” instead of “over-the-counter prescription drugs”.
 - 1. M. Heeney seconded the motion, and no dissent was expressed by the Assembly.
- vii. D. Cady stated that he encouraged the Assembly to take a more thorough look at the Resolution until voting at the February 21st meeting.

VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly
 - i. V. Valencia stated that the Student Assembly went over a resolution amending the charter that moves the Orientation Committee to be housed under the Tatkon Center and that they will discuss Resolution 5 at their February 9th meeting.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
 - i. K. Cram stated that M. Heeney is now the Assembly’s Vice President for Communications and that the Assembly is preparing for the President’s visit, among numerous other future guest speakers.
- c. Employee Assembly
 - i. A. Haenlin-Mott stated that the President’s Address to Staff occurred on Monday, February 6th, which had 103 in-person and 113 online attendees. She stated that many events are scheduled for the Employee Assembly to close their term, including an event with Christine Lovely, Chief Human Resources Officer, at the end of April.
- d. Faculty Senate
 - i. E. DeRosa stated that the Faculty Senate will meet again on February 15th and that she had no further updates.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. D. Howell stated that the minutes from the last Executive Committee meeting have been uploaded to the Box drive.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
 - i. R. Bensel stated that the Codes and Judicial Committee has not met since the Assembly’s last meeting.
 - ii. D. Cady stated his encouragement for any Assembly member to get involved with the Codes and Judicial Committee.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee



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- i. A. Juan stated that the Campus Welfare Committee has settled on a meeting time and that they are ready to begin their work.
 - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
 - i. D. Cady stated that D. Hiner stepped down from his position as Chair of the Committee and this has become an open position for the University Assembly to fill.

IX. Liaison Reports

- a. D. Cady stated that a liaison position is open for the Campus Planning Committee for the University Assembly to fill.

X. Adjournment

- a. D. Cady stated that he gave the wrong number for the vote on Resolution 3 and that it was by a vote of 9-4-5 that the Resolution passed.
 - b. A. Haenlin Mott stated that she serves on the Campus Planning Committee as the Employee Assembly liaison and that it is a great committee of which to be a member.
 - c. B. Milles put forward a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Bensel seconded the motion.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

P.J. Brown

Clerk of the Assembly



Resolution 4: On Revision of Codes and Judiciary Committee Responsibilities

Abstract: This resolution revises the responsibilities of the Codes and Judiciary Committee and changes the name of the committee.

Sponsored by: Richard Bensel

Reviewed by: Codes and Judiciary Committee, 01/20/2023

Whereas, the enactment of the new Student Code of Conduct and associated changes necessitates a revision of the responsibilities of the Codes and Judiciary Committee under the University Assembly Bylaws;

Be it therefore resolved, that the name of the Codes and Judiciary Committee be changed to the “Campus Codes Committee;”

Be it further resolved, that the responsibilities of the “Campus Codes Committee” be revised by striking the following language: “Recruitment and appointment of members to the University Hearing and Review ~~Boards~~ BOARDS”; and “The Judicial Administrator and Judicial Codes Counselor serve as non-voting, ex-officio member of the Committee.”

Be it further resolved, that the responsibilities of the “Campus Codes Committee” be revised by adding: “~~Recruitment and appointment of members to~~ SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS FROM INTERESTED FACULTY, STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR SERVICE ON the University Hearing and Review Boards as specified in section “II C” of the Cornell Student Code of Conduct Procedures; and Issues involving academic freedom and freedom of speech for all members of the Cornell University community, including faculty, students, and staff on the Ithaca campus and those located outside the United States.”

Be it finally resolved, after the above changes, the revised section of the University Assembly Bylaws will read:

“Section 4.1: Campus Codes Committee

By delegation from the Assembly, the Committee will review any proposed motion related to:

The ~~Campus~~ STUDENT Code of Conduct; and

~~Recruitment and appointment of members to~~ SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS FROM INTERESTED FACULTY, STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR SERVICE ON the University Hearing and Review Boards as specified in section “II C” of the Cornell Student Code of Conduct Procedures; and



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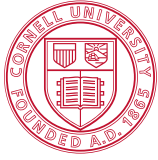
30 Issues involving academic freedom and freedom of speech for all members of the Cornell
31 University community, including faculty, students, and staff on the Ithaca campus and those
32 located outside the United States.

33 The Committee may propose, review, and amend resolutions as it deems appropriate. The
34 Committee must approve resolutions referred for its consideration before they can be advanced
35 to the Assembly for a vote and for debate.”

36 Respectfully Submitted,

37 Richard Bensel

38 Chair of the Codes and Judiciary Committee.



Resolution 5: Dependable and Inclusive Supply of Pharmaceutical and Essential Nonprescription Supplies

Abstract: This resolution supports the creation of a pilot program through Cornell Health’s Pharmacy for multi-unit vending machines carrying essential nonprescription medicine including emergency contraception to increase health accessibility and health equity on campus.

Sponsored by: Michelle Heeney, Kate Carter-Cram, Shelby Williams, Duncan Cady, Katherine Esterl, Victor Wu, Planned Parenthood Generation Action at Cornell, et al.

Reviewed by: Last addition, 02/07/2023.

Originally Presented: 02/07/2023.

Whereas, Cornell University has long been a pioneer in advancing women’s educational opportunities, admitting its first female student in 1870, a mere five years after the University’s founding and nearly a century before some of our Ivy League peers like Dartmouth, Yale, and Columbia;

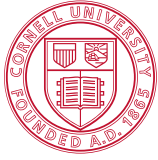
Whereas, Cornell University has also historically been a trailblazer in the study of women’s issues and gender justice, celebrating the 50th anniversary of its Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department last academic year and proudly being the first school in the Ivy League to establish such a program;

Whereas, with the US Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson’s Women’s Health Organization* last year, reproductive rights and reproductive health access have been placed in greater jeopardy nationwide, with many Cornell community members feeling that the need for safe and secure access to contraceptives has increased;

Whereas, unplanned and unexpected pregnancy can place a significant burden on students’ lives, and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy published a study finding as high as 61 percent of pregnant female students dropped out of their academic program¹;

Whereas, the Cornell Student Assembly has long shown strong and clear support for preserving reproductive rights and health access for all members of the Cornell community, including as recently as last Student Assembly body with Resolution: SA R23: Support for Reproductive Rights adopted unanimously on September 9, 2021 (09/09/2021) specifically calling on “Cornell University to invest more effort into educating the student body on methods of birth control and pregnancy

¹ <https://www.communitycollegereview.com/blog/is-contraception-the-answer-for-college-completion-rates#:~:text=According%20to%20a%20report%20by,end%20up%20finishing%20their%20degrees>



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31 termination services available through Cornell Health and within the greater Ithaca area to empower
32 students with independent control over their own bodies and lives”²;

33 **Whereas**, given the recent legislative action and judicial rulings throughout the United States, this
34 moment necessitates bold and decisive action to preserve reproductive health access at all levels, in
35 all communities, for all people, without shame, danger, fear, or inequities;

36 **Whereas**, equal access to essential healthcare products and services, such as over-the-counter
37 medicines (non-prescription), is a fundamental right of all students regardless of circumstance,
38 identity, or physical location;

39 **Whereas**, Cornell Health has served as a beacon in an otherwise isolated region for students to be
40 treated for various concerns regardless of socioeconomic status, gender identity, expression, race,
41 and other demographic factors;

42 **Whereas**, many residents of the Cornell community live far from the Cornell Health pharmacy on
43 Ho Plaza, with a walk from Robert Purcell Community Center on North Campus taking
44 approximately 20 minutes both ways and a walk from the Vet School on East Campus taking
45 approximately 25 minutes both ways³;

46 **Whereas**, the Cornell Health pharmacy operates under 50 hours a week, limited to only common
47 business hours six days a week⁴;

48 **Whereas**, the medical needs of our community members do not cease with the conclusion of the
49 business day;

50 **Whereas**, the nearest retailers to Cornell’s campus for Plan B One-Step (name brand) are CVS
51 Pharmacy, Walgreens, and Target⁵, all of which are more than a 30-minute walk away one way from
52 central campus⁶;

53 **Whereas**, over-the-counter medications, including contraceptives, frequently force students to incur
54 large purchasing costs as well as often travel costs paid in time, money, and health in order to find
55 such medication in proximity to Cornell’s campus;

56 **Whereas**, Planned Parenthood Generation Action (PPGA), an undergraduate student organization
57 registered with Cornell University Campus Groups (also affiliated with Planned Parenthood),
58 conducted independent research over the last semester on interests and engagement around an

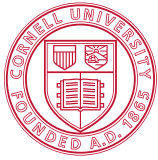
² <https://assembly.cornell.edu/resolutions/sa-r23-support-reproductive-rights>

³ Google Maps

⁴ <https://health.cornell.edu/get-care/hours>

⁵ <https://www.planbonestep.com/where-to-buy-plan-b/>

⁶ Google Maps



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59 emergency contraceptive vending machine that would “discreetly”, and “accessibly” offer Plan B⁷,
60 with all research referenced included voluntarily in Appendix A;

61 **Whereas**, PPGA’s Fall 2022 research used a Qualtrics survey with over seven hundred (700)
62 voluntary respondents across the Cornell Community⁸;

63 **Whereas**, the survey conducted among Cornell University students revealed a significant need for
64 emergency contraception access on campus, with 53.3% respondents answering that they have
65 accessed emergency contraception for themselves or others in the past and an overwhelming 86.8%
66 of respondents answering that they “strongly agree” that they will need to access emergency
67 contraceptives in the future⁹;

68 **Whereas**, current access to emergency contraception on campus is limited due to pharmacy
69 operating hours, with only 16.9% of respondents accessing contraceptives through Cornell Health
70 and the majority of respondents, 45.5%, being forced to rely on off-campus pharmacies that offer
71 less affordable and potentially cost-prohibitive options¹⁰;

72 **Whereas**, PPGA’s survey shows a high demand for the expansion of campus-based access to
73 emergency contraception, with 66.5% of respondents feeling “very comfortable” accessing
74 contraceptives from a vending machine operated by Cornell Health¹¹;

75 **Whereas**, this model has proven successful across other universities with Shippensburg University
76 in Pennsylvania became the first colleges in the United States to provide students with equal access
77 to contraceptives in a vending machine format in 2012¹²;

78 **Whereas**, the Purdue University pharmacy funds and supplies a vending machine that dispenses
79 common and basic over-the-counter medications such as pain relief, fever reducers, allergy relief,
80 cold/cough/flu medicine, gastrointestinal medicine, as well as contraceptives and other sexual
81 wellness products¹³;

82 **Whereas**, peer institutions, including University of California Davis¹⁴, Boston University¹⁵,
83 University of Florida¹⁶, George Washington University¹⁷, Brandeis University¹⁸, and many more¹⁹,

⁷ Appendix A – PPGA Qualtrics Survey Research

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¹² <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/28/us/plan-b-vending-machine.html>

¹³ <https://www.purdue.edu/rx/faq.php>

¹⁴ <https://www.cnn.com/2017/04/21/health/davis-plan-b-machine-trnd/index.html>

¹⁵ <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2022/new-plan-b-vending-machine-in-gsu/>

¹⁶ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/university-florida-student-government-oks-plan-b-vending-machines-morning-pill>

¹⁷ <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/jan/30/george-washington-university-emergency-contraception-vending-machine>

¹⁸ <https://www.boston25news.com/news/plan-b-vending-machine-opens-at-brandeis-university/941130248/>

¹⁹ <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/07/31/metro/after-roe-v-wade-more-college-students-want-contraception-vending-machines-campus/>



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84 have already launched similar programs in their respective campus vending machines across the
85 country, including in states with varying reproductive healthcare access;

86 **Whereas**, Ivy League peer institutes like Dartmouth²⁰, Yale²¹, and Columbia²² who once followed
87 Cornell's leadership on issues of gender justice, all of whom were nearly a century behind Cornell in
88 admitting non-male students²³, have now outpaced our campus on reproductive healthcare access;

89 **Whereas**, Cornell has existing business relations with multiple vending machine firms with
90 operation in the Ithaca area, specifically having "nearly 300 vending machines throughout campus"
91 and "in off-campus Cornell facilities in the Ithaca area"²⁴;

92 **Whereas**, Cornell University installed twelve (12) Vengo vending machines in 2017 in locations
93 such as Robert Purcell Community Center and Appel Commons that possess the capabilities to
94 dispense items such as Advil and other OTC medications²⁵;

96 **Whereas**, Stanford University specifically employs a similar machine made by Vengo Labs that
97 provides students with twenty-four (24) access to emergency contraception and other sexual
98 wellness products²⁶;

99 **Whereas**, Cornell Health's pharmacy already sells "Progestin-only emergency contraception such as
100 *Plan B* [generic], *Plan B One Step*, *Next Choice*, and *Levonorgestrel Tablets*... without a prescription"²⁷;

101 **Whereas**, generic brand Plan B is currently offered at the Cornell Health pharmacy for only \$10 (ten
102 dollars), nearly five (5) times less than the average price of \$40-\$50 for a single-dose pill of many
103 name brands of Plan B One-Step at local major pharmacies, therefore, the installation of the
104 medicine in such machines is unlikely to pose significant additional burden to the institution²⁸;

105 **Whereas**, providing readily available over-the-counter medications through vending machines will
106 ensure that all students have immediate, private, and equitable access to essential healthcare products
107 regardless of schedules or commitments, reducing barriers to access for students who face

²⁰ <https://students.dartmouth.edu/health-service/pharmacy/vending-pharmacy-dicks-house>

²¹ <https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2018/11/29/ycc-launches-plan-b-vending-machine/>

²² <https://columbiachronicle.com/437de6c1-35ae-5c44-abfb-09645ba3a1ae>

²³ <https://rnc.library.cornell.edu/cornell150/exhibition/sexcolor/index.html#:~:text=In%20the%20fall%20of%201871,officially%20voted%20to%20admit%20women>

²⁴ <https://scl.cornell.edu/residential-life/dining/eateries-menus/vending-machines>

²⁵ <https://cornellsun.com/2017/03/07/partnership-between-vengo-labs-and-the-cornell-store-brings-new-vending-machines-around-campus/>

²⁶ <https://www.theverge.com/2019/2/11/18216209/contraception-campus-vending-machines-day-after-pill-plan-b>

²⁷ <https://health.cornell.edu/resources/health-topics/sexual-health-relationships#:~:text=Available%20without%20a%20prescription%3A,Health%20pharmacy%20without%20a%20prescription>

²⁸ <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/morning-after-pill-emergency-contraception/whats-plan-b-morning-after-pill#:~:text=How%20Much%20Does%20Plan%20B,online%20for%20%2420%20%2B%20%245%20shipping>



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108 difficulties obtaining such medicines due to factors like limited access to transportation and store
109 hours, and ensuring that they have the autonomy to control their own healthcare decisions;

110 **Be it therefore resolved,** that the Cornell Student Assembly believes it is necessary for Cornell
111 Health to equitably expand access to over-the-counter prescription drugs and emergency
112 contraceptives that support the overall health and wellbeing of all community members;

113 **Be it further resolved,** Cornell Health should follow the growing movement²⁹ of accessible
114 emergency contraceptive and other over-the-counter non-prescription drugs in twenty-four (24)
115 hour accessible vending machines that include products ranging from pain and fever relief, stomach
116 illness relief, and other relevant over-the-counter medication like our peer institutions³⁰;

117 **Be it further resolved,** the vending machines should be placed in places that are public yet still
118 discrete enough to protect the user's privacy and priced at rates that closely mirror those of the in-
119 person Cornell Health pharmacy;

120 **Be it further resolved,** Cornell Health should include relevant accompanying educational material
121 around seasonal illness health, health promotion, mental health, sexual health (including but not
122 limited to information on STD prevention, birth control, reproductive health and the subsequent
123 available resources on reproductive right both inside Cornell Health and around the Ithaca area)
124 with vending machines to support campus wide health promotion;

125 **Be it further resolved,** the co-signed hope that the Cornell University Assemblies and Shared
126 Governance system, in accordance with their receptive chartered responsibilities as entrusted by the
127 Cornell community, Board of Trustees, and University President will be able to stay in an advisory
128 and community based accountability role to continue to support Cornell Health and the Cornell
129 Health pharmacy in overseeing this major university policy initiative and supporting the Cornell
130 community's wellbeing on this issue of health access, health equity, reproductive rights, and
131 reproductive health;

132 **Be it finally resolved,** that Cornell Health and the Cornell Central Administration recognize the
133 hard work organizing and advocating for this issue by Planned Parenthood Generation Action
134 (PPGA) and other student organizations stakeholders through this pilot program, ensuring that
135 emergency contraceptive and other reproductive rights educational material are always included;

136 *Respectfully Submitted,*

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138 Shelby Williams

139 *Undergraduate Rep, University Assembly*

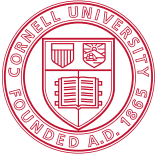
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141 Michelle Heeney

142 *Vice President for Communications of Graduate and Professional Student Assembly*

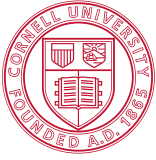
²⁹ <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2022-09-01/emergency-contraception-is-coming-to-us-vending-machines>

³⁰ Appendix B – Peer Institution Vending Machine Offerings



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144 Kate Carter-Cram
145 *President of Graduate and Professional Student Assembly*
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147 Duncan Allen Cady
148 *Chair, University Assembly*
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150 Katherine Esterl, Taisa Strouse, & Marley Levy
151 *Planned Parenthood Generation Action at Cornell, Co-President & Project Lead*
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153 Victor Wu
154 *Undergraduate Voting Member, Student Health Advisory Committee*
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156 Selam Woldai
157 *Undergraduate Student-Elected Trustee, Board of Trustees*
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158 Planned Parenthood Generation Action at Cornell



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159 Appendix A – PPGA Qualtrics Survey Research

160 Q1 – I am a ...

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Cornell undergraduate student	87.76% 624
2	Cornell graduate and/or professional student	3.80% 27
3	Cornell staff member	1.13% 8
4	Cornell faculty member	0.42% 3
5	non-Cornell Ithaca resident	1.41% 10
6	Other	5.49% 39

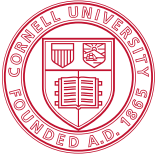
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162 Q2 - Have you ever accessed emergency contraception for yourself or another person?

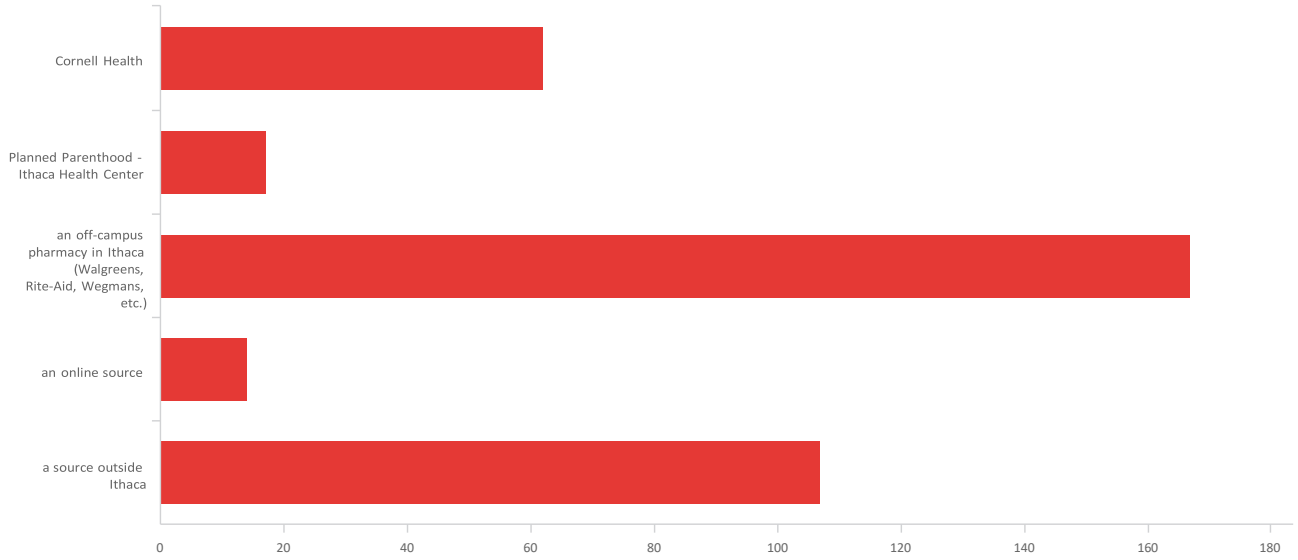
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1	Yes	53.34% 319
2	No	46.66% 279

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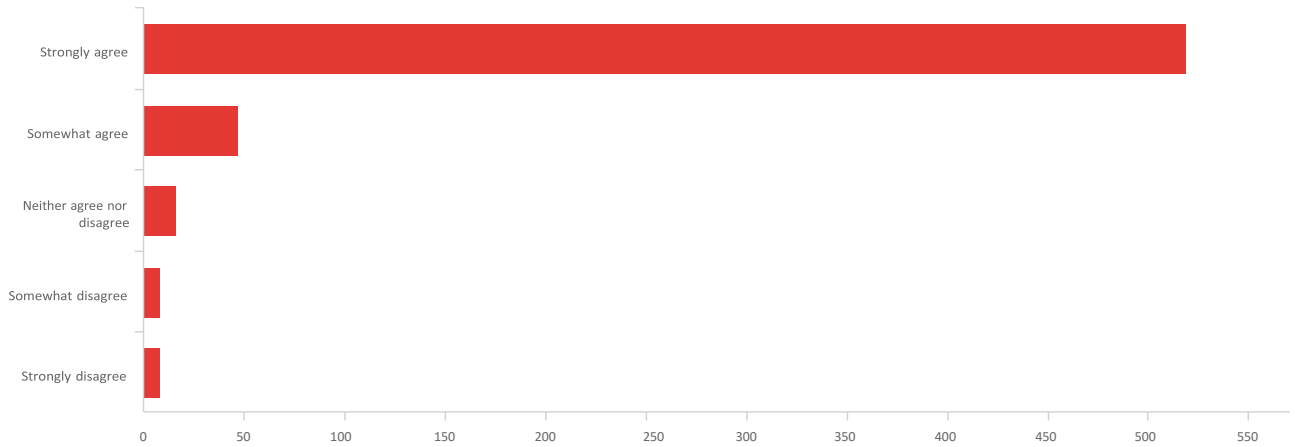
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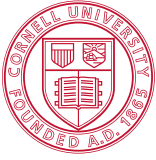
165 Q4 - I accessed emergency contraception, for myself or someone else, at ...



166 Q5 - I would consider accessing emergency contraception for myself or another person in the future.
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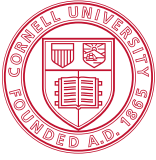


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169 Q6 - How comfortable would you feel accessing emergency contraception, for yourself or someone else,
170 from a campus vending machine operated by Cornell Health?

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Very comfortable	66.48% 357
2	Somewhat comfortable	23.84% 128
3	Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable	2.42% 13
4	Somewhat uncomfortable	3.91% 21
5	Very uncomfortable	3.35% 18
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172 Appendix B – Peer Institution Vending Machine Offerings

Medication:	Purdue University	Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Davis	Dartmouth College	George Washington University
Contraceptives/Sexual Wellness:					
Emergency Contraceptive (Plan B)	x	x	x	x	x
Condoms	x	x	x	x	
Pregnancy Tests	x	x	x	x	
Tampons		x	x	x	x
Pain/Fever:					
Ibuprofen (Advil)	x	x	x	x	x
Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	x	x	x	x	x
Naproxen (Aleve)		x		x	
Allergy/Cold/Cough/Flu:					
Loratadine (Claritin)	x	x	x	x	
Banophen (Benadryl)	x	x		x	
Oxymetazoline (Afrin)		x		x	
Cough Drops	x			x	
Stomach Symptoms:					
Bismuth Subsalicylate (Pepto-Bismol)	x	x		x	
Calcium Carbonate (TUMS)	x	x		x	
Dimenhydrinate (Dramamine)	x	x			
Others:					
Eye Drops (Visine)	x			x	
Ear Drops				x	
Bacitracin Zinc (Neosporin)		x			
Melatonin		x			
Terbinafine (Athlete's Foot Cream)		x			
Hydrocortisone Cream	x	x		x	

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