

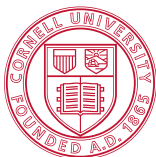
## **Cornell University's University Assembly**

Agenda of the April 12th, 2022 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

401 Physical Sciences Building | Zoom

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohono (Cayuga Nation)
  - c. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. [March 22nd, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - b. [March 29th, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- III. Open Forum
  - a. [Presentation from Liz Davis Frost – Free Period Product Initiative](#)
  - b. Updates on Cornell Faculty Teach-In: "Academic Freedom, Global Hubs, and Cornell's Involvement in the People's Republic of China"
- IV. Business of the Day
  - a. [Resolution #8- Examining Cornell University's Existing Waste Management Practices](#) (including highlighted amendments)
- V. New Business
  - a. [Resolution #9 - Updates to University Assembly Charter in Order to Remain Consistent with Campus Judicial Documents](#)
- VI. Assembly Reports
  - a. Student Assembly
  - b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
  - c. Employee Assembly
  - d. Faculty Senate
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee
  - b. Codes and Judicial Committee
  - c. Campus Welfare Committee
    - i. UA Campus Crisis Response Forum Discussion
    - ii. Mental Healthcare Problems and Solutions
    - iii. Civic Holiday Resolution
  - d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
- VIII. Liaison Reports
- IX. Adjournment



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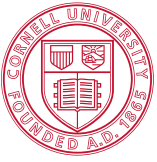
## Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the March 22nd, 2022 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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- I. Call to Order
  - a. B. Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.
  - b. *Members Present:* I. Akisoglu, V. Aymer, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, N. Danev, E. DeRosa, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, P. Hanley, D. Hiner, D. Howell, C. Levine, A. Ononye, J. Richards.
  - c. *Members Absent:* M. Louis, D. Sharp, J. Withers
  - d. *Also Present:* D. Cutter, I. Chasen, G. Giambattista, E. Kalweit
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes (02/22/2022)
  - a. R. Bensel motioned to make the discussion on the faculty teach-in informal.
    - i. I. Akisoglu seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
  - b. R. Bensel motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
    - i. T. Fox seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- III. Open Forum
  - a. R. Bensel presented on the upcoming Cornell Faculty teach-in on the Chinese government.
    - i. Discussion ensued by J. Richards and R. Bensel.
  - b. J. Feit relayed Liz Davis Frost's Free Period Product Initiative.
- IV. Business of the Day
  - a. Presentation on University Signage by Landscape Architect David Cutter
    - i. D. Cutter presented on the university signage and their plan to implement vehicular directional signs, pedestrian signs, maps, and banners on North Campus.
    - ii. Discussion ensued on lighting, feedback methods, laws, location, and move-in day.
  - b. Resolution 3: Increasing the Number of Sustainable Waste Receptacles on Campus.
    - i. I. Akisoglu presented Resolution 3. They emphasized goals on reducing vehicle trips to collect trash, increasing convenience, and bolstering Cornell's efficiency.
    - ii. Discussion ensued on the Campus Sustainability Office's (CSO) stance on Resolution 3, BigBelly's performance in other universities, creating a study, reducing the number of trash receptacles, and constituent perspectives.



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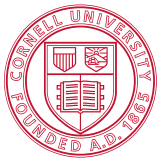
- iii. P. Hanley motioned to end debate and call to question.
  - 1. A. Ononye seconded the motion.
    - a. The motion **failed** with 7-7-2.
- iv. J. Feit motioned to table the resolution and send it back to committee.
  - 1. V. Aymer seconded the motion to table.
    - a. The resolution was **tabled** with 8-7-1.
- c. Resolution #6: Alterations to Codes and Judicial Committee Name and Function.
  - i. J. Richards presented their resolution.
  - ii. A. Ononye motioned to table the resolution
    - 1. D. Cady seconded them
    - 2. The resolution was **tabled** with 12-1-1
- d. Resolution #7: Establishing the first Tuesday in November each year as "Election Day," a Cornell University Recognized Civic Holiday.
  - i. I. Chasen presented the resolution.
  - ii. J. Feit motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes
    - 1. D. Cady seconded the motion.
    - 2. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
  - iii. Discussion ensued on electoral barriers, voting, New York state laws, and mail-in voting. Further discussion touched on the logistics of multiplying holidays and the balancing of classes.
  - iv. J. Feit motioned to table the resolution.
    - 1. D. Cady seconded the motion.
    - 2. The resolution was **tabled** with 11-0-2.
  - v. A. Ononye motioned to extend the meeting.
    - 1. D. Cady seconded the motion.
    - 2. E. DeRosa and M. Benda opposed.
    - 3. The motion **failed** with 4-7-1.

### V. Adjournment

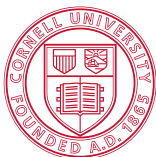
- a. J. Feit motioned to adjourn.
  - i. E. DeRosa seconded the motion.
  - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kassandra Jordan  
Clerk of the Assembly



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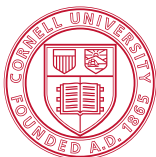
## Cornell University Assembly

Minutes of the March 29th, 2022 Meeting

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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- I. Call to Order
  - a. B. Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.
  - b. *Members Present:* I. Akisoglu, M. Benda, R. Bensel, D. Cady, E. DeRosa, J. Feit, B. Fortenberry, T. Fox, P. Hanley, D. Hiner, D. Howell, C. Levine, A. Ononye, J. Richards, D. Sharp, J. Withers.
  - c. *Members Absent:* V. Aymer, N. Danev, M. Louis,
  - d. *Also Present:* K. Supron, P. Mehler, S. Brylinsky, G. Giambattista, E. Kalweit
- II. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
  - a. R. Bensel noted a change to an agenda item title to be “Updates on Cornell Faculty Teach-In: "Academic Freedom, Global Hubs, and Cornell's Involvement in the People's Republic of China."
  - b. D. Cady motioned to move Presentation: “2021 Local Economic Snapshot”- Kate Supron, Cornell Community Relations from New Business to Business of the Day.
    - i. I. Akisoglu seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- III. Approval of the Minutes (03/08/2022)
  - a. T. Fox motioned to approve the minutes.
    - i. D. Cady seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- IV. Open Forum
  - a. Updates on Cornell Faculty Teach-In: "Academic Freedom, Global Hubs, and Cornell's Involvement in the People's Republic of China"
    - i. R. Bensel stated they will send out a memo.
  - b. Upcoming Visit(s)
    - i. B. Fortenberry relayed Liz Davis Frost’s Free Period Product Initiative (4/12)
- V. Business of the Day
  - a. Presentation: “2021 Local Economic Snapshot”- Kate Supron, Cornell Community Relations.
    - i. K. Supron presented on the 2021 Local Economic Snapshot.
    - ii. Discussion ensued on taxes, distribution across the government municipalities, and the relationship between the city and Cornell.
  - b. Resolution #6- Alterations to Codes and Judicial Committee Name and Function



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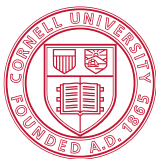
- i. J. Richards presented on the resolution.
- ii. G. Giambattista reminded the body that the Charter would override changes made to the By-Laws.
  1. Discussion ensued on possible additions to the resolution that would acknowledge this fact.
- iii. R. Bensei motioned to vote on the resolution.
  1. J. Feit seconded the motion.
  2. The motion **passed** with 13-0-3.
  3. The resolution **passed** with 12-0-2
- c. Resolution #7- Establishing the first Tuesday in November of each year as “Election Day,” a Cornell University Recognized Civic Holiday
  - i. D. Cady motioned to amend “Election Day” to “Cornell Civic Holiday” and change Patrick Meher’s title from “Former President” to “President.”
  - ii. J. Richards motioned to vote on the amendment.
    1. A. Ononye seconded the amendment.
    2. The amendment **passed** with unanimous consent.
  - iii. Discussion ensued on university transportation, the need to engage the community before election day, facilitating service to the community, current days of service, and constituent opinions.
  - iv. J. Feit motioned to table the resolution and send it to the CWC.
    1. A. Ononye seconded the motion.
    2. The motion **passed** with 12-0-1.

### VI. New Business

- a. Resolution #8- Examining Cornell University’s Existing Waste Management Practices (including highlighted amendments)
- b. I. Akisoglu presented the resolution.
- c. J. Withers noted that they could add a project end date.
- d. S. Brylinsky stated that they could bring this through the Sustainable Cornell Council.
- e. J. Feit motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.
  - i. D. Cady seconded the motion.
  - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.
- f. J. Feit motioned to table the resolution and send it back to committee.
  - i. T. Fox seconded the motion.
  - ii. The motion **passed** without objections.

### VII. Assembly Reports

- a. Student Assembly



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- i. A. Ononye reported Resolution 50: Establishing a Brooks School of Public Policy Representative on the Student Assembly and Resolution 51: Amendments to Slope Day Programming Board's Appendix B Guidelines were introduced. The SA passed Resolution 53: Expanding Printer Access on North Campus. They also discussed filling vacancies.
- b. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
  - i. No updates were available.
- c. Employee Assembly
  - i. J. Withers reported that they passed a natatorium resolution, are receiving applications for the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service, and have just started elections.
- d. Faculty Senate
  - i. E. DeRosa stated the Natatorium resolution passed. Additionally, they relayed that a forum on the Part-Time Bachelor's Degree for Non-Traditional Students will be hosted tomorrow from 3:30-5:00 PM.

### VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
  - i. No updates.
- b. Codes and Judicial Committee
  - i. No updates.
- c. Campus Welfare Committee
  - i. D. Howell stated that they would like to hold a forum with the Office of Emergency Response.
- d. Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment
  - i. No updates.

### IX. Adjournment

- a. R. Bensel motioned to adjourn.
  - i. A. Ononye seconded the motion.
  - ii. The motion **passed** with unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kassandra Jordan  
Clerk of the Assembly



# THE ARGUMENT FOR FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS AT CORNELL

Presented by:

**Liz Davis-Frost** | Graduate & Professional  
Student-Elected Trustee | MPA Student

&

**Shura Gat** | Interim Associate Dean of  
Students & Director of the Women's  
Resource Center | GJAC Advisor



# AGENDA

1. The Importance of Free Period Products
2. Benefits to Cornell
3. History of the Initiative: Pilot and Year One
4. Hopes for the Future
5. Questions & Feedback

# Why Free Period Products?


*"I remember not being able to buy pads because our family only had enough to buy milk or to fill up the car tank. Sometimes, I would rely on toilet paper which wasn't sufficient, so I would leak through my pants during school, and then miss class time trying to clean the stain."*

- Francis Rojina, Columbia University MPH

# Why Free Period Products\*?

- not all menstruators are women and not all women menstruate
- limited access to period products and period hygiene education
- structural inequity in what is provided at no cost in restrooms (added burden)

# What are the benefits to Cornell?

- Reduced barriers for economically marginalized students, faculty, staff, and visitors
  - A step closer to Any Person, Any Study regardless of identities held
  - A chance to align ourselves with other members of the Ivy League community
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# History of “Free the Tampon”

- Spring 2017 Pilot - collaboration between GJAC/WRC, the Student Assembly and Facilities
- Launched in Fall of 2020 (\$30K) with funding from SA Infrastructure Committee and support of GJAC and Facilities & Building Care
- 2nd round purchase (\$32K) in Apr 2021 includes liners

# Hopes for the Future

- Short-Term Goals
  - Solicit financial support via donations from supporting campus partners
  - Develop educational materials with campus partners & constituents
- Long-Term Goals
  - Secure a permanent funding source to ensure the longevity of the program
  - Expand access to products to include residential and administrative buildings

# Questions & Feedback

Contact Liz Davis-Frost @ ed466

Contact Shura Gat @ adg23



# THANKS!

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## U.A. Resolution #8

### Examining Cornell University's Existing Waste Management Practices

[03/29/2022]

**Sponsors:** Jacob J. Feit, Executive Vice Chair of the University Assembly; Ian Akisoglu, Chair of the Campus Committee on Infrastructure, Technology, and the Environment; Duncan Cady, Undergraduate Representative to the University Assembly

**ABSTRACT:** In order to ensure Cornell University remains a clean, safe, environmentally sustainable, and ecologically compatible educational and living community, investments must be made to investigate existing waste management practices as a means of identifying existing shortcomings and opportunities to incorporate technology, engineering, and innovation.

**Whereas,** Cornell University is recognized as a “global leader in sustainability and climate change research, teaching and engagement,” specifically, such that our “campuses are living laboratories for developing, testing and implementing solutions that address these most challenging issues,” as digitally noted by administrators,<sup>1</sup> and

**Whereas,** Cornell University is currently “the leading Ivy League institution rated by AASHE STARS, and one of just eight universities in the world to achieve the highest possible STARS rating of Platinum,”<sup>2</sup> and

**Whereas,** Cornell University’s Campus Master Plan promotes the important role of stewardship ensuring that the University’s continued development “respect[s] and manage[s] the physical environment of the campus and its broader land base for the health of the university, its constituencies, its neighbors and the larger regional ecosystem,”<sup>3</sup> and

**Whereas,** in their November 16, 2021 visit to the Assembly, President Pollack and Vice President Malina expressed their support for the sustainable development of campus, noted the important role that sustainable infrastructure plays in the daily happenings of the Cornell community, and

**Whereas,** the installation of such “smart” waste and recycling infrastructure has the potential to “measure diversion rates,”<sup>4</sup> ~~by employing using self-harnessed solar power to~~ continuously provide waste accumulation metrics, ~~resulting in enabling~~ informed decision making with respect to collection times, cycles, and/or patterns, and

<sup>1</sup><https://sustainability.cornell.edu/#:~:text=Cornell%20is%20a%20global%20leader,change%20research%2C%20teaching%20and%20engagement>

<sup>2</sup><https://sustainablecampus.cornell.edu/about/reports-awards-facts/awards-rankings#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20Cornell%20University%20became,possible%20STARS%20rating%20of%20Platinum>

<sup>3</sup>[https://masterplan.cornell.edu/doc/CMP\\_PART\\_1/campus\\_maste\\_\\_plan\\_principles\\_essential\\_features.pdf](https://masterplan.cornell.edu/doc/CMP_PART_1/campus_maste__plan_principles_essential_features.pdf)

<sup>4</sup><https://bigbelly.com/solutions/campus/>

33  
34 **Whereas**, in the current absence of a similar method of remotely tracking metrics of waste  
35 accumulation, our current waste disposal and recycling system inefficiently and unnecessarily burns  
36 fossil fuels and wastes financial resources surveying and collecting waste from receptacles that are  
37 not fully filled, and

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39 **Whereas**, in the current absence of a similar method of remotely tracking metrics of waste  
40 accumulation, admirable attempts to conserve financial resources and reducing greenhouse gas  
41 (GHG) emissions inadvertently neglect overfilled waste receptacles, resulting in a greater likelihood  
42 of wildlife accessing waste, posing a potential danger physical danger, as well as perpetuates existing  
43 issues of waste ending up in our local waterways and natural environment(s), resulting in  
44 detrimental/devastating environmental/ecological consequences, and.

45  
46 ~~Whereas, our peer institutions, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology,<sup>5</sup> Brown~~  
47 ~~University,<sup>6</sup> and Boston University<sup>7</sup> have all implemented “smart waste & recycling” initiatives on~~  
48 ~~their campuses with phenomenal success, and~~

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50 ~~Whereas, Brown University’s sustainability program manager in the Office of Energy and~~  
51 ~~Environmental Initiatives in Facilities Management noted that, according to their research, such~~  
52 ~~technology “streamlined process for separating recycling will have a direct financial and~~  
53 ~~environmental impact for the University,” and~~

54  
55 **Be it therefore resolved**, Cornell University shall form a working group comprised of  
56 representatives from the Department of Facilities Management, the Office of the University  
57 Architect, the Department of Energy and Sustainability, the Department of Finance and  
58 Administration, and the various Cornell Assemblies to study the efficacy of updating the University’s  
59 outdoor waste management infrastructure to include the incorporation of smart waste receptacles.  
60 The working group shall be charged with, but not limited to, developing an accurate representation  
61 of the location of all outdoor waste receptacles on the University’s Ithaca campus, determining the  
62 frequency with which these outdoor waste receptacles are serviced, determining the weekly fuel and  
63 labor cost rate associated with servicing such receptacles, projecting and evaluating the differential  
64 fuel and labor cost rate associated with replacing existing outdoor waste receptacles with smart waste  
65 receptacles, and considering the holistic integration of smart waste receptacles into the broader  
66 infrastructure and sustainability strategy of the University.~~efficiently invest the funds and resources~~  
67 ~~necessary for the full, successful implementation of a campus-wide network of solar-powered waste~~  
68 ~~receptacles, outfitted with monitorization technology allowing for the efficient tracking of waste~~  
69 ~~receptacle capacity in order to strategically plan collection timing, ultimately reducing greenhouse gas~~  
70 ~~emissions necessarily involved in waste collection and processing, and~~

71  
72 **Be it further resolved**, that should such a working group conclude that the general replacement of  
73 existing waste receptacles throughout the University’s Ithaca campus with smart waste receptacles  
74 will likely result in a net reduction in fuel and labor required to service waste from outdoor  
75 receptacles as well as a net reduction in the University’s carbon emissions compared to the current  
76 baseline, the University shall develop and implement a plan to update the University’s existing waste

<sup>5</sup><https://news.mit.edu/2011/bigbelly-solar-at-mit>

<sup>6</sup><https://news.brown.edu/articles/2011/02/belly>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.bu.edu/articles/2009/big-bellied-trash-eaters-arrive/>

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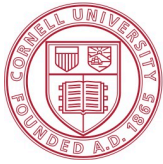
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receptacle infrastructure in a manner that comports with the working group's findings. such waste receptacles must be limited in quantity as a means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the financial burden of sustaining this initiative, however, these installed "smart" receptacles ought to be strategically placed with respect to foot traffic and living spaces, facilitating practical, equitable access to proper waste disposal, in totality ensuring adequate waste and recycling disposal is rationally incentivized, limiting the propensity for littering and dumping, and

**Be it finally resolved,** the commencement of this initiative will continue to support the historic and thriving environmentalist values of Cornell University, making good on promises of sustainable development.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jacob J. Feit

Executive Vice Chair, University Assembly



## U.A. Resolution #9

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

[04/12/2022]

**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.

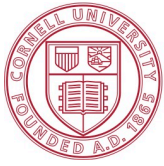
**Whereas,** under the Student Code of Conduct, the following changes have been made:

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

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

- the Judicial Administrator
- the University Ombudsman
- the Judicial Codes Counselor”, and

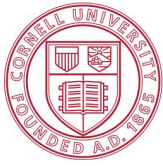
**Whereas**, this section of the Charter also states “In the event of a vacancy in the offices of the University Ombudsman or Judicial Codes Counselor, the President or a designee will appoint a search committee to which the Assembly may appoint a representative. In the event of a vacancy in the Judicial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

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

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

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

- the Student Conduct and Community Standards
- the University Ombuds



## Cornell University Employee Assembly

- the Respondents' Codes Counselor", and

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

James Richards

Campus Codes & Conduct Committee, Chair