



**Cornell University**  
**University Assembly**

**U.A. Resolution # 9**

**Reinstating the Budget Planning Committee**

*February 13th, 2018*

**Sponsored by: Joseph Anderson, Chair of Campus Welfare Committee; University Assembly and Linda Copman, Employee; University Assembly**

**On Behalf Of: University Assembly Campus Welfare Committee**

**Whereas,** the Budget Planning Committee was a former working committee that convened from 2006-2009; and

**Whereas,** the Faculty Senate still continue to be involved in the budget planning process regarding specific needs and concerns of faculty via the Financial Policies Committee; and

**Whereas,** shared governance at Cornell University enables members of the community to have access to information, involvement in matters of concern to them, and the authority to examine these issues and make recommendations to the appropriate administrative officers and the President; and

**Whereas,** the University Assembly is a stakeholder in major university policy initiatives and works to establish and maintain open, effective, and efficient channels of communication between and amongst the community and university administration; and

**Whereas,** the University Assembly Committees report to the University Assembly and are charged with seeking advice and comments from non-members while discussing a specific issue or policy which impacts a substantial segment of the university community; and

**Whereas,** the University Assembly's Budget Planning Committee was previously charged with reviewing policy and making recommendations to the university provost concerning development of the university's long-range plan and budget policies with regards to such financial issues as tuition, student fees, financial aid, graduate student stipends, enrollments, compensation, and endowed Ithaca employee benefits rates; and

**Whereas,** the university's budget guides institutional decisions about where to invest resources; and

**Whereas,** the university's budget is of common interest to all members of the Cornell community since it impacts a substantial segment of the university community; and



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**Whereas**, the University Assembly wishes to reinstate its Budget Planning Committee and charge this committee with reviewing policy and making recommendations to the university provost concerning development of the university's long-range plan and budget policies; therefore

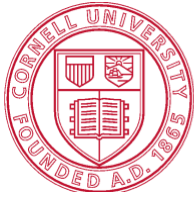
**Be it therefore resolved**, that the University Assembly formally requests that the president and provost, and the University Assembly reinstate the Budget Planning Committee as an associated committee of the University Assembly, to convene its first meeting in September 2018; and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that all assemblies will have the ability to appoint members to the Budget Planning Committee; and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the bylaws be amended to reflect the changes in the attached appendix; and

**Be it Finally Resolved**, that the university administration should consult with the Budget Planning Committee to ensure that members of the Cornell community are invited to share in the budget planning process and participate in shaping the university's budget policies.

### Appendix



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## **Section 5.4: Budget Planning Committee**

The Budget Planning Committee (the “Committee”) supports comprehensive and financial stewardship and clear budgetary planning processes across the university.

### **Sub-Section 5.4.1: Responsibilities**

A. The Committee’s charge is to review and make recommendations to the President regarding budget and financial planning, including, but not limited to:

- 1) Long-range budget planning;
- 2) Tuition;
- 3) Financial Aid;
- 4) Graduate student stipends;
- 5) Enrollment management;
- 6) Endowed Employee compensation and benefit rates

B. Furthermore, the BPC shall review, in consultation with the appropriate committees of the University Assembly, all plans for alterations of or additions to policies regarding Financial Aid, tuition, enrollment management, graduate student stipends and endowed employee compensation and benefits, and all matters related to the business development of the university

C. The BPC shall conduct meetings in closed session, and all members will hold seats contingent upon their maintaining a high-level of confidentiality and their written consent to non-disclosure agreements. The Chair of the Committee may hold public meetings to solicit public feedback, as needed.

### **Sub-Section 5.4.2: Composition**

A. The BPC shall consist of seventeen members: Seven Presidential appointments, one of whom the President may designate as Chair of the Committee, and ten additional at-large members.

B. The President of the University shall make seven appointments, and those individuals will serve three-year terms on a staggered basis.

C. The ten at-large members shall be appointed by the University Assembly and each constituent assembly. Each of the five assemblies shall make two appointments, and those individuals will serve two-year terms on a staggered basis.