

Cornell University
University Assembly

U.A. Resolution # 9

Reinstating the Budget Planning Committee

February 13th, 2018

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

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

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6 **Whereas,** the Budget Planning Committee was a former working committee that convened from
7 2006-2009; and

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9 **Whereas,** the Faculty Senate still continue to be involved in the budget planning process
10 regarding specific needs and concerns of faculty via the Financial Policies Committee;
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13 **Whereas,** shared governance at Cornell University enables members of the community to have
14 access to information, involvement in matters of concern to them, and the authority to
15 examine these issues and make recommendations to the appropriate administrative officers
16 and the President; and

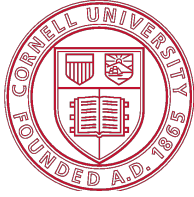
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18 **Whereas,** the University Assembly is a stakeholder in major university policy initiatives and
19 works to establish and maintain open, effective, and efficient channels of communication
20 between and amongst the community and university administration;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

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

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

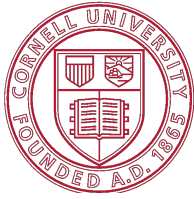
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32 **Whereas,** the university's budget guides institutional decisions about where to invest resources;
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35 **Whereas,** the university's budget is of common interest to all members of the Cornell community
36 since it impacts a substantial segment of the university community; and



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38 **Whereas**, the University Assembly wishes to reinstate its Budget Planning Committee and charge
39 this committee with reviewing policy and making recommendations to the university provost
40 concerning development of the university's long-range plan and budget policies; therefore
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42 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the University Assembly formally requests that the president and
43 provost, and the University Assembly reinstate the Budget Planning Committee as an
44 associated committee of the University Assembly, to convene its first meeting in September
45 2018; and
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47 **Be it Further Resolved**, that all assemblies will have the ability to appoint members to the Budget
48 Planning Committee; and
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50 **Be it Further Resolved**, that the bylaws be amended to reflect the changes in the attached appendix;
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53 **Be it Finally Resolved**, that the university administration should consult with the Budget Planning
54 Committee to ensure that members of the Cornell community are invited to share in the
55 budget planning process and participate in shaping the university's budget policies.



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Appendix

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57 **Section 5.4: Budget Planning Committee**

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

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63 **Sub-Section 5.4.1: Responsibilities**

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

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68 1) Long-range budget planning;

69 2) Tuition;

70 3) Financial Aid;

71 4) Graduate student stipends;

72 5) Enrollment management;

73 6) Endowed Employee compensation and benefit rates

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

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

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84 **Sub-Section 5.4.2: Composition**

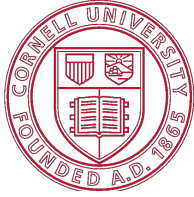
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86 A. The BPC shall consist of seventeen members: Seven Presidential appointments, one of whom the
87 President may designate as Chair of the Committee, and ten additional at-large members.

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

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