

Cornell University
University Assembly

U.A. Resolution # 5

**Promoting Community Feedback on the Proposed
College of Business**

January 26, 2016

1 **Sponsored by: Gabriel D. Kaufman, Undergraduate; Acting CJC Chair, University**
2 **Assembly**

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4 **Whereas,** the University Assembly (the “Assembly”) has the authority to examine matters which
5 concern the welfare of a substantial segment of the campus community and may make
6 recommendations thereon to the President or other appropriate officers of the university;
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9 **Whereas,** the University Assembly is tasked with representing and voicing the interests of
10 faculty, staff, graduates, and undergraduates; and

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12 **Whereas,** the creation of a new academic unit concerns the curriculum of undergraduates and
13 graduates, the research and teaching opportunities of the faculty, and the consolidation of
14 staffing units; and

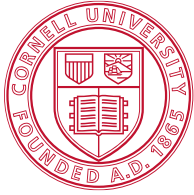
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16 **Whereas,** the University Assembly is not in and of itself opposed to the creation of a College of
17 Business; and

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19 **Whereas,** philanthropic donations make up a substantial portion of the University’s budget, a
20 number of alumni have expressed their concerns over the proposed College of Business;
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23 **Whereas,** a number of alumni have also considered reallocating their future philanthropic
24 contributions in response to the proposal. Decreasing gifts designated for scholarships,
25 named professorships, or for the general fund, which, if realized, would have a markedly
26 negative effect on students, faculty, and staff, and

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28 **Whereas,** the timing of the announcement on December 14th, 2015 towards the end of the
29 scheduled examination periods for undergraduates and graduates and shortly before the
30 University’s winter shutdown for faculty and employees was less than ideal; and

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32 **Whereas,** the intervening period over the holiday season did not leave sufficient time for
33 community feedback before a scheduled vote on January 28th, 2016, the first week of the



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34 Spring semester; and

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36 **Whereas**, the Faculty Senate, on December 16th, 2015, unanimously approved a motion
37 requesting that the Cornell Board of Trustees table the vote at their January meeting; and

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39 **Whereas**, tabling such a vote until their March 24th, 2016 meeting would enable adequate time
40 for community engagement on the proposal; therefore

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42 **Be it resolved**, that the University Assembly requests that the Cornell Board of Trustees table
43 the motion to create a College of Business until their March 24th, 2016 meeting; and

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45 **Resolved**, that the intervening time be utilized to solicit further community feedback on the
46 proposal; and

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48 **Be it Finally Resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Board of
49 Trustees, the University President, the Alumni-Elected Trustees, and the Community-
50 Elected Trustees.