**R. 5 - Creation of an Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee**

Whereas, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly last year passed a resolution calling on Cornell’s goal of achieving carbon neutrality be accelerated to 2035;

Whereas, research laboratories represent one of the largest portions of Cornell’s carbon footprint, and graduate students are among the primary users of laboratory space;

Whereas, the Cornell Office of Sustainability has established programs to aid offices and laboratories to become more environmentally sustainable;

Whereas, sustainability efforts among graduate students requires focused leadership not adequately provided by existing committees, therefor

Be it resolved, that the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly form an ad hoc committee to further Cornell’s goal of carbon neutrality by

1. Striving to increase the number of labs and offices receiving the Green Lab or Green Office certification from the office of sustainability,
2. Organizing networking events for graduate and professional students to learn more about sustainability efforts on Cornell’s campus,
3. Interface with the Office of Sustainability on other initiatives which graduate and professional students may have a profound impact on.

Be it further resolved, that this committee shall persist until April of 2017 with the possibility of renewal based on progress and continued student interest;

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be sent to David Skorton, President; Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students; Dan Roth, Director of the Office of Sustainability; and Barbara Knuth, Dean of the Graduate School.

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