



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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## **R.70** **In Support of AMST 2001**

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**Whereas**, the Student Assembly is charged with, “the authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community and to make proposals concerning those issues to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University;”

**Whereas**, the American Studies Department has announced they will not be offering the one-credit AMST 2001, The First American University, in Cornell’s Sesquicentennial year, and will instead be offering an alternative one-time four-credit course in the fall;

**Whereas**, AMST 2001 is a class with heavy senior enrollment which creates a communal experience for seniors and fosters Cornell pride and class unity;

**Whereas**, both classes are important for Cornell students to enroll in, yet both uniquely offer different topics of Cornell history and target different populations of Cornell;

**Whereas**, AMST 2001, taught by Corey Earle, is a class that many seniors have enjoyed taking and many class of 2015 students were looking forward to enrolling in spring 2015;

**Whereas**, over 900 students, alumni, and staff members of the Cornell community have signed a petition online at [saveamst2001.com](http://saveamst2001.com) in support of AMST 2001 being offered next year.

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly strongly recommends the American Studies Department to offer AMST 2001: First American University next year;

**Be it finally resolved,** that this resolution is forwarded to the American Studies  
Department Chair and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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