



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution # 13 Reforming the SA's Attendance Policy

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Whereas, the current attendance policy for Student Assembly members is absolute in that a member with three consecutive absences or six cumulative absences during their term will lose their seat;

Whereas, this attendance policy has not been correctly enforced in the past;

Whereas, this attendance policy makes no distinctions between an excused and unexcused absence;

Whereas, there are potential circumstances where a seat could be vacated and remain vacant for the rest of the year, or the enforcement of this policy could put the Student Assembly in a perpetual state of elections;

Be it therefore resolved, that Article IV Section 5 of the Student Assembly Charter is amended as follows (italicized and red font denotes additions);

Section 5: Absentees

Any voting members who are absent for three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings or for six regularly scheduled meetings cumulatively during their term, will lose their right to vote and their position will be considered vacated. *The Executive Committee may avert such a vacancy by a two-thirds agreement of voting Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee should consider the reasoning for past absences and the likelihood of future absences in making their decision. The same action must be taken to avert a vacancy whenever the three consecutive absences or the six cumulative absences mark is exceeded.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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(Reviewed by: Executive Committee 5-0-0, 9/16/14)