



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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## S.A. Resolution #25 Calling for an Investigation of the Quarter System

5 **Sponsored by: Blake Brown '17 and William Bitsky '16**

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7 **Whereas**, the Quarter System was formally enacted in 2011 with the intent to decrease  
8 high-risk drinking among first-year students,  
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10 **Whereas**, there remains uncertainty about the unintended consequences of the Quarter  
11 System, including social activity and alcohol consumption in unregulated, off-  
12 campus environments,  
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14 **Whereas**, a mission of the Student Assembly is to promote the safety of the student body  
15 and student communities and to enhance the overall student experience,  
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17 **Whereas**, Article III Section 2 of the Student Assembly Charter states that one of the six  
18 principal actions of the Assembly is investigation: "action of the SA to gain  
19 information on issues pertinent to its purview,"  
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21 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls for the creation of an ad-hoc  
22 investigation committee for the purpose of exploring the impact and use of the  
23 Quarter System,  
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25 **Be it further resolved**, that the body produces a comprehensive report of its findings to  
26 be reviewed by the Student Assembly by May 01, 2015 and cease operations  
27 thereafter,  
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29 **Be it finally resolved**, that the committee will include at least one SA representative,  
30 maintain even representation among Greek and non-Greek students, and be co-  
31 chaired by a member of the Student Assembly and a member of the Greek Tri-  
32 Council  
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34 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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37 *Undesignated at-Large, Student Assembly*  
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40 *Arts and Sciences Representative, Student Assembly*  
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42 **Spencer Nord '16**

43 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 10/28/14)*