



Cornell University Student Assembly

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2 **ABSTRACT: We can make student government more accessible and transparent**
3 **by publishing blurbs like this one when we propose and discuss legislation.**
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5 **S.A. Resolution #38** 6 **Towards Greater Legislative Accessibility** 7

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11 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly has made increased transparency a core goal for the 2014-
12 2015 academic year,
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14 **Whereas**, community attendance at Student Assembly meetings could be improved by
15 describing to-be-discussed topics in plain language ahead of time,
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17 **Whereas**, short summaries of resolutions could facilitate outreach by individual
18 representatives to their constituencies,
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20 **Be it resolved**, that a 10th rule be added to *Section II: Agenda Setting Policies and*
21 *Procedures* of the Standing Rules stating "a short descriptive abstract of approximately 25
22 words will be submitted by sponsors of resolutions before committee approval",
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24 **Be it further resolved**, that excess copies of the agenda and of resolution language being
25 debated be made available at Student Assembly meetings,
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27 **Be it finally resolved**, that these abstracts will be disseminated widely alongside the
28 agenda wherever the Student Assembly agenda is reported.
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30 Respectfully Submitted,
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39 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 12/2/14)*
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