



## University Assembly R. 13: Calling for the disassociation of the Public Safety Advisory Committee from the UA

*Sponsor: Joy Cai on behalf of Kathy Zoner and Anisha Chopra  
Propose on April 23rd, 2013*

- 1 Whereas, the Cornell campus was disrupted in the fall of 2012 by several appalling bias-  
2 related incidents and reports of sexual assaults on campus, and  
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4 Whereas, in December 2011 the University's Incident Management Team called for the  
5 establishment of a campus-wide committee on sexual violence that will be responsible for  
6 studying the campus environment, exploring prevention strategies, and promoting services that  
7 will foster cultural change, reduce risks, and increase support for members of the community  
8 affected by sexual violence, and  
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10 Whereas, President has asked that a standing action-oriented group chaired by Vice President  
11 Susan Murphy, newly renamed the Executive Committee on Campus Climate, Health, and  
12 Safety (ECCCHS), expand its scope to encompass campus climate in addition to health and  
13 safety, and  
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15 Whereas, The ECCCHS is responsible for the creation of an effective campus-wide framework  
16 for the delivery of services, educational outreach and training to improve the campus climate  
17 and confront, among other issues, sexual/gender violence at Cornell and,  
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19 Whereas, New York State Education Law, Article 129a, section 6431 Advisory Committee on  
20 Campus Security requires the president of the university appoint an advisory committee on  
21 campus security to review policies and procedures and make recommendations for the  
22 improvement of:  
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24 a. educating the campus community, including security personnel and those persons who  
25 advise or supervise students, about sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking.  
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27 b. educating the campus community about personal safety and crime prevention;  
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29 c. reporting sexual assaults, domestic violence and stalking incidents and assisting victims  
30 during investigations;  
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32 d. referring complaints to appropriate authorities;  
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34 e. counseling victims; and  
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36 f. responding to inquiries from concerned persons, and  
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38 Whereas, the Public Safety Advisory Committee was added to the UA as an associated  
39 committee in 2012 at the request of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, and  
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1 Whereas, the Public Safety Advisory Committee currently fulfills the legal obligation set forth in  
2 NYS Law Article 129a, section 6431 as a UA associated committee, and

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4 Whereas, the charges of the PSAC and the charge of the President's Council on Campus  
5 safety and Gender/Sexual Violence are a duplication of efforts, and

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7 Whereas, the oversight of the PCGSV is best addressed through the ECCCHS, and

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9 Whereas, the current membership of the PSAC is compliant with NYS EDU Law Article 129a,  
10 section 6431, and

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12 Be it resolved that the PSAC be disassociated from the UA and report to the president as  
13 directed by law, through the oversight of the ECCCHS.