

Cornell University
University Assembly

U.A. Resolution # 4

**Providing for a Faculty Advisor to the Office of the
Judicial Codes Counselor**

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1 **Sponsored by: Matthew Battaglia, Undergraduate; Executive Vice Chair, University**
2 **Assembly**

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4 **On behalf of:**
5 **The Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor: A. Minikus, E. Sanchirico, D. Coriell, B. Jones**

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7 **Whereas,** the University Assembly (the “Assembly”) has the authority to examine matters which
8 concern the welfare of a substantial segment of the campus community and may make
9 recommendations thereon to the President or other appropriate officers of the university, and

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11 **Whereas,** the Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor (“JCC”) provides free assistance and
12 representation within the campus judicial system to those charged with violations within the
13 Campus Code of Conduct (the “Code”) and to students charged with violations of the Code of
14 Academic Integrity, and

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16 **Whereas,** the Assembly believes the JCC is a vital and necessary component of Cornell’s
17 judicial process, and

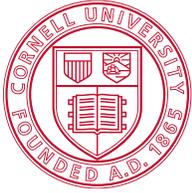
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19 **Whereas,** the JCC is comprised of law students who are less experienced when compared to the
20 length of service represented in Office of the Judicial Administrator who receives, investigates
21 and adjudicates complaints alleging violations of the Code, and

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23 **Whereas,** the JCC does not currently have a faculty advisor, and

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25 **Whereas,** the members of the JCC would benefit from the mentorship, advice, and assistance of
26 a professional advisor in the execution of their duties, and

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28 **Whereas,** the Cornell community would likely benefit from improved quality of JCC work,
29 gained through the support of a mentor to advise the members of the Office, as needed, and

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31 **Whereas,** the members of the JCC already seek out law faculty for help in difficult cases,
32 therefore be it



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34 **Resolved**, a tenured faculty member should be named advisor of the JCC Office, and

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36 **Be it Additionally Resolved**, that the duties of the Faculty Advisor would include taking an
37 active interest in the JCC organization, being familiar with the policies and procedures affecting
38 the duties of the JCC, and serving as a general sounding board and mentor to people assigned to
39 serve in the JCC office. These duties would not include supervision of any JCC personnel, nor
40 would any of the advisor's recommendations be binding on members of the JCC, but it is likely
41 that these duties would require the advisor to have confidential access, from time-to-time, to
42 disciplinary cases and associated details as determined and authorized by the JCC, and

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44 **Be it Further Resolved**, the Dean of the Law School should be responsible for naming a
45 volunteer faculty member to serve the Office of the JCC as a Faculty Advisor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Battaglia

Vice Chair, University Assembly