

U.A. Resolution # 13

Recognition of Outstanding Support to the AY 2015 Legislative Session

May 5, 2015

1 **Sponsored by: James Blair, Staff; Chair, University Assembly**
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3 **On behalf of:**

4 **The Entire University Assembly: R. Adessa, S. Balik, J. Barnett, J. Batista, M. Battaglia,**
5 **J. Bergfalk, C. Best, J. Blair, R. Booker, J. Burns, M. Hatch, E. Johnston, N. La Celle,**
6 **E. Loew, C. McGrath. G. Mezey, R. Wayne, K. Wong.**
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8 **Whereas**, it takes considerable time, effort and dedication to support the important work of the
9 University Assembly (the Assembly) each legislative session; and
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11 **Whereas**, the Assembly is extremely grateful for the tremendous assistance given to it by the
12 Office of the Assemblies, as well as the numerous university officials and presenters that testify
13 before the Assembly or its Standing Committees to ensure the Assembly gets the information it
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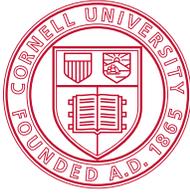
16 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Assembly formally recognizes the following people for their
17 exceptional support:
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19 **Vice President Susan Murphy** and **Vice President Mary Opperman** for their
20 thoughtful presentation on the work of the Council for Sexual Violence Prevention and
21 their discussion on steps the university is undertaking to enhance Cornell's campus
22 climate;
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24 **Vice President Susan Murphy** for her in-depth explanation of the underlying need for,
25 and decision to implement, a non-Student Health Insurance Program fee at Cornell;
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27 **Dr. Janet Corson-Rikert**, Director of Health Services, for her exceptional presentation
28 on university health trends, current Gannett Health Services' initiatives, and Gannett's
29 planned infrastructure growth;
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31 **Ms. Leslie Schill**, University Planner, and **Professor Steven Wolf**, Chair of the Campus
32 Planning Committee and Associate Professor in the College of Agricultural and Life
33 Sciences, for their excellent presentation and discussion on Cornell's Master Plan for the
34 Ithaca Campus;



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Professor Chris Schaffer, Chair of the Assembly’s Open Access Policy Committee and Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, for a status update on the establishment of an Open Access Policy at Cornell;

Chief Kathy Zoner, Cornell University Police, for her Annual Update on Cornell Security Trends and Clery Act Statistics as well as her exemplary support of the Assembly on a host of other issues;

Dr. Mary Beth Grant, Judicial Administrator (JA), for her Annual Update of Student Disciplinary Trends and recent initiatives in the JA office;

Dr. Charles Walcott and Dr. Linda Falkson, from the University Ombudsman’s Office, for their Annual Update on the Ombudsman’s Office and as well as their continuous, exceptional service to the university;

Ms. Amanda Minikus and Ms. Emily Sanchirico, Judicial Codes Counselors, for their thoughtful analysis of Cornell disciplinary issues and suggestions of areas of that could be targeted for improvement;

Ms. Sarah Balik ’15 and Ms. Juliana Batista ’16, assisted by Ms. Amanda Minikus, Judicial Codes Counselor, for their initiative to create a community Bill of Rights;

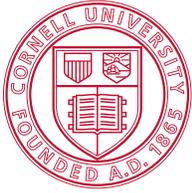
Mr. Dan Roth, Director of Campus Sustainability Office of Facility Services, for his outstanding presentation on carbon neutrality and Cornell University’s Climate Action Plan;

Mr. Jeffrey Bergfalk, Doctoral Student in Mathematics, **Professor Robert Howarth**, Professor of Ecology and Environmental Biology, **Professor Martin Hatch**, Vice Chair for Operations and Emeritus Professor of Musicology, and **Professor David Shalloway**, Professor of Molecular Biology and Genetics, for their compelling presentations in support of divestment and carbon neutrality;

Mr. A.J. Edwards, Chief Investment Officer, and **Ms. Joanne DeStefano**, Vice President for Finance and CFO, for their equally compelling presentations on the University’s concerns regarding divestment in support of carbon neutrality;

Mr. Joel Malina, Vice President for University Relations, for his support of the University Assembly and leadership to the Office of the Assemblies this academic year;

Mr. Ulysses Smith, Coordinator for Inclusion and Compliance Programs in the Department of Inclusion and Workforce Diversity, for educating the Assembly on the Bias Incident Reporting Team and related bias assessment processes;



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79 **Professor Randy Wayne**, Chair of the Assembly’s Codes and Judicial Committee (CJC)
80 and Associate Professor in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and CJC
81 Members **Sarah Balik, Matthew Battaglia, Abram Coetsee, Curtis Ferguson, Joseph**
82 **Fridman, Conor Hodges, Joanie Mackowski, Greg Mezey, William Sonnenstuhl,**
83 **and Kathy Zoner** for their collective work reviewing and selecting candidates to serve
84 on the University’s Hearing and Review Boards as well as their extensive deliberations
85 and ultimate recommendation with regard to addressing Limited, Voluntary Advance
86 Notice in the Campus Code of Conduct;

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88 **Mr. Ned La Celle**, Chair of the Assembly’s Campus Infrastructure Committee (CIC) and
89 Software Engineer in CIT Information Systems, and CIC Members **Juliana Batista, Teja**
90 **Bollu, Robert Howarth, Steven Jenks, Emma Johnston, BJ Siasoco and Alexander**
91 **Zhou** for their collective work fixing the Charter of the Campus Planning Committee,
92 reviewing and tracking TCAT funding initiatives, and reviewing divestment initiatives
93 involving Cornell’s endowment;

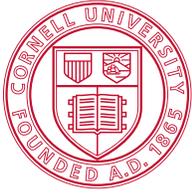
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95 **Ms. Cora Best**, Chair of the Assembly’s Campus Welfare Committee (CWC) and
96 Doctoral Student in Nutritional Sciences, and CWC Members **Yamini Bhandari,**
97 **Ronald Booker, Linda Howell, Mozelle Foreman, Rachel Grabowski, Diana Li,**
98 **Connor McGrath and BJ Siasoco** for their collective work i) conducting a panel to
99 award \$50,000 in grant support to new and promising initiatives designed to enhance
100 diversity and inclusion, ii) selecting a new logo for Open Doors, Open Hearts, and Open
101 Minds: Cornell’s statement on diversity and inclusion, as well as iii) tracking university
102 health trends, childcare center status and other campus welfare issues;

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104 **Mr. Matthew Battaglia**, Vice Chair of the Assembly, for his sponsorship of some of the
105 most important legislation passed this Assembly Session, for his exceptional attention to
106 detail week after week carrying out the administrative duties needed to successfully
107 conduct a full legislative season, and finally for his willingness to take charge of the
108 Assembly as Chair *Pro Tempore* and ultimate success at leading the Assembly during the
109 most widely debated issue that came before the Assembly this year;

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111 **Professor Ellis Loew**, Professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine, for his service
112 and work as the Assembly’s liaison to the Policy Advisory Group;

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114 **Ms. Rosemary Adessa**, Program Coordinator in the Cornell University Hospital for
115 Animals, for her service and work as the Assembly’s liaison to the Council for Sexual
116 Violence Prevention;

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118 **Mr. Ned La Celle**, Software Engineer in CIT Information Systems, for his work as the
119 Assembly’s liaison to the Campus Planning Committee, and his service on the
120 University’s Transportation Task Force;



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122 **Ms. Sarah Balik '15** for her service as the Assembly's representative on the Academic
123 Year 2016 Judicial Codes Counselor selection committee;

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125 **Ms. Gina Giambattista, Ms. Amy O'Donnell, Mr. Noah Wegener, and Mr. Vishal**
126 **Bhaya**, all from the Office of the Assemblies, for their tremendous guidance, support and
127 outstanding assistance throughout the entire AY 2015 legislative session;

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129 **Be it further Resolved**, that the Assembly requests this Resolution of Recognition be forwarded
130 to the appropriate Deans, Vice Presidents and Vice Provosts so that all these individuals can be
131 properly recognized for their outstanding support of the University Assembly; and

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133 **Be it finally Resolved**, that the Members of the Assembly also extend their sincerest gratitude to
134 **President David J. Skorton** for his unwavering support of shared governance as well as his
135 personal involvement with, interest in and consideration of our numerous proposals and
136 Resolutions. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

James N. Blair
Chair, University Assembly