



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #46 Opposing the Health Fee

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Whereas, the Student Assembly's primary functions as an organization is to represent students;

Whereas, the administration was unwilling to work with any members of the Student Assembly unless their voices were silent to the public regarding the Health Fee;

Whereas, members of the Student Assembly, were invited to meetings regarding the Health Fee; however, there the administrators did not take opinions in opposition to the fee seriously;

Whereas, Article II of the Student Assembly charter outlines the organization's object[ive] is "to effect more extensive involvement in campus governance in the undergraduate student body" and "this is accomplished by charging the assembly with the authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community and to make proposals concerning those issues to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University."

Whereas, Section 6 of Article III of the Student Assembly Charter allows the SA to "request and obtain specific information from the President regarding any subject which it deems of general student concern" and the President must either provide the information or provide an explanation as to why "the information cannot be furnished;

Whereas, the Student Assembly's voice was previously silenced or disregarded by administration in determining the final exam schedule calendar, tuition increases, and transportation decisions;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly recommends that the administration be fully transparent regarding the breakdown of the health fee through an audit of Gannett Health Services and its current financial health;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly requests that this information be given to the Student Assembly to be distributed to the entire student body at the President's earliest convenience;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly reaffirms its priority to represent the student interest;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly be given more than a precursory overview of the decisions made by Administration and that representatives of the Student Assembly be included in all major conversations earlier, as well as be given a mechanism to oppose the administrators ideas or plans for action.

Be it finally resolved, that an appendix be attached to this resolution outlining students' concerns and ideas discussed during the February 12th Student Assembly meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 02/10/2015)