

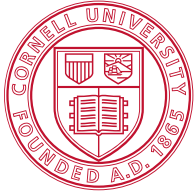
Cornell University  
University Assembly

**U.A. Resolution # 1**

**Bylaw Changes to the Appointment of Standing  
Committee Chairs and Members**

*October 20<sup>th</sup> 2020*

- 1 **Sponsored by: Logan Kenney, Chair, University Assembly; Jeff Pea, Graduate &**  
2 **Professional Student Assembly Representative, Bennett Sherr, Student Assembly**  
3 **Representative**  
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5 **Whereas,** Subsection 3.2.3 of the Bylaws of the Cornell University Assembly does not specify  
6 the process by which Chairs of Standing Committees are appointed,  
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8 **Whereas,** Subsection 3.2.3 of the Bylaws of the Cornell University Assembly also does not  
9 specify the membership by which the Standing Committee Chairs must represent,  
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11 **Whereas,** Subsection 3.2.3 of the Bylaws of the Cornell University Assembly does not specify  
12 how Chairs of Standing Committees are filled in the presence of a vacancy,  
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14 **Whereas,** the University Assembly has historically elected the Chairs and members of the  
15 Standing Committees through the popular vote at its annual Organizational Meeting,  
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17 **Be it therefore resolved,** members of the Standing Committees representing the University  
18 Assembly are elected by the University Assembly,  
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20 **Be it further resolved,** Chairs of the Standing Committees of the University Assembly are  
21 elected by the University Assembly,  
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23 **Be it further resolved,** the Chair of the Standing Committee must present regular updates to the  
24 University Assembly at all regularly scheduled meetings.  
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26 **Be it further resolved,** in the instance of a vacancy following the University Assembly  
27 Committee Chair election, that the Chair is elected from the members of the Standing  
28 Committee and confirmed the Vice Chair of Internal Operations in consultation with the  
29 University Assembly Exec Board,  
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31 **Be it finally resolved,** in the instance that a non-UA member is elected Chair of the Standing  
32 Committee, that they will serve ex-officio as non-voting members of the University



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33 Assembly and are beholden to the attendance policy of voting members of the University  
34 Assembly.

35 **Be it finally resolved**, that the University Assembly will amend its Bylaws by changing the  
36 existing language to Subsection 3.2.3 to read:

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39 “A. The Vice Chair for Operations, in consultation with the Executive Board, may  
40 appoint non-Assembly members on behalf of the voting membership of the Assembly. The  
41 Executive Board may remove members.

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43 B. Chairs and voting-members representing the Assembly on standing committees will be  
44 voted in by the Assembly during the first organizational meeting.

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46 C. In the instance of a vacancy in the chair of a standing committee, the standing  
47 committees will elect a new chair from their voting membership. The elected chair will be  
48 subject to approval by the Vice Chair of the Operations, in consultation with the Executive  
49 Board, on behalf of the voting membership of the Assembly.

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51 D. In the instance that a non-Assembly member is elected chair of the standing  
52 committee, that they will serve ex-officio as non-voting members of the Assembly and are  
53 beholden to the attendance policy of voting members of the Assembly.

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55 E. Except for compelling circumstances, no person should serve more than two  
56 consecutive terms in a given committee.”

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**Approved by a vote of 16-0-1, 10/27/2020**