



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, February 1, 2018 Meeting
4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall: Memorial Room

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. Open Microphone

III. Announcements and Reports

- a. EVP Devatha – Liaison Update Program
- b. VP Park – Club Fest & Newsletter

IV. Presentations

- a. Minds Matter

V. Business of the Day

- a. Resolution 25: Changing NYT Physical Distribution Locations
- b. Resolution 26: Allocating SA SAF
- c. Resolution 27: Net-Print Task Force

VI. Adjournment

VII. Executive Session

- a. Net Print Task Force Staffing
- b. UA CJC member
- c. UA CIC member
- d. FS EPC member
- e. FS Music Committee Member
- f. Campus Planning Member
- g. Student Library Advisory Council Member
- h. Liaison to the Provost
- i. SAIFC



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Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #25

Designating Sites for Physical Copies of the New York Times

ABSTRACT: Currently there are 6 locations where physical copies of the New York Times (NYT) may be placed, 5 of which have been determined. This resolution takes into account student accessibility in order to determine new locations.

Sponsored by: Varun Devatha '19

Whereas, the New York Times is currently distributed in Duffield, Hans Bethe, Robert Purcell Community Center, Klarman Hall, and Trillium Dining

Whereas, many of these locations do not allow for the greatest accessibility for students

Be it therefore resolved, the following 6 areas be set as NYT pick-up locations: Noyes Community Center (West Campus), Robert Purcell Community Center (North Campus), Willard Straight Hall (Central Campus), Statler Hall (Central Campus), Klarman Hall (Central Campus), Mann Library (Ag Quad)

Respectfully Submitted,

Varun Devatha '19

Executive Vice President, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 6-0-0, 01/30/2018)



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S.A. Resolution #26

Allocating the 2018-2020 Student Assembly Activity Fee

ABSTRACT: This resolution recommends allocating the '18-'20 SAF for the Student Assembly toward Student Assembly's Financial Aid Review Committee (FARC) for the Summer Experience Grant.

Sponsored by: Varun Devatha '19, Mayra Valadez '18

Whereas, FARC and the Student Assembly voted to allocate \$320,000 of the Students Helping Studets fund to the development of Anabel's Grocery in SA AY 2015-2016 via [Resolution 22](#)

Whereas, the Student Assembly currently maintains a surplus in excess of \$100,000

Whereas, FARC created the Summer Experience Grant in 2014 to "provide students with the opportunity to obtain career-related experience in the summer that is unpaid or minimally paid." (SA AY 14-15 Resolution 69)

Whereas, FARC has seen a significant increase in Summer Experience Grant applications since its inception

Whereas, FARC received 273 applications and awarded \$48,525 for 31 total awards in AY 16-17, compared to 198 applications, approximately \$75,000 in awards in AY 15-16

Whereas, FARC is anticipating awarding approximately \$45,000 in AY 17-18 and 18-19 but is anticipating an increase in applications of approximately 40%, using numbers from past years

Whereas, Student Assembly members voted to allocate \$0.87 to the Student Assembly with the understanding that all of the allocation would go to FARC's Summer Experience Grant

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly recommends to the Appropriations Committee to enter the following changes to Appendix B at line 768 of the Student Assembly Charter, moving Welcome Weekend down two lines from the end of the following information: "R. Student Assembly i. During the 2018-2020 byline cycle the SAF allocation will strictly go toward the Summer Experience Grant, and the funds shall not be removed from the fund unless there is a 2/3 vote."

Respectfully Submitted,

Varun Devatha '19

Executive Vice President, Student Assembly

Mayra Valadez '18

VP of Diversity & Inclusion, Student Assembly

Chair, Financial Aid Review Committee



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Status/Result:	New Business

S.A. Resolution #27

Establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee for Investigating Net-Print System Reform

ABSTRACT: This resolution establishes an ad-hoc committee with the responsibility of investigating Cornell's Net-Print system in collaboration with the Residential Student Congress to issue recommendations to the S.A. and the Cornell Administration on improving the system's pricing scheme, accessibility, and environmental sustainability.

Sponsored by: Jaewon Sim '21

Whereas, on an Undergraduate Printing Survey with 641 respondents, 98% of students are or have been enrolled in courses that require assignments to be printed out before submission;

Whereas, on the aforementioned survey, 77% of students with printers responded that they would not have purchased a printer if Net-Print printing costs were cheaper;

Whereas, on the aforementioned survey, 51% of students with printers responded that they would not have purchased a printer if Net-Print printers were more accessible;

Whereas, on the aforementioned survey, students have noted a lack of Net-Print printers in certain locations such as but not limited to the southern parts of the Cornell campus;

Whereas, on the aforementioned survey, students have noted difficulties in locating Net-Print printers or instructions on configuring the Net-Print software on their personal devices;

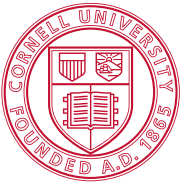
Whereas, 4 out of 8 Ivy League institutions provide students with free printing credits but Cornell does not;

Whereas, unlike at 5 out of 8 Ivy League institutions, Cornell students do not have financial incentives to reduce paper consumption as it charges students an equal fee for printing (in black and white) a double-sided page or two single-sided pages;

Whereas, when compared to compared to Ivy League institutions that provide free printing credits, Cornell does not fare well in the STARS® (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™) subscore for office paper purchasing due to its use of less- or non-recycled paper;

Whereas, data on Cornell's income and expenditure related to the Net-Print initiative is not available publicly, or to the members of the S.A., posing obstacles for legislative efforts to respond to student demand for Net-Print pricing scheme reform;

Whereas, Appendix A of this resolution provides a detailed overview of peer institutions' printing policies and the undergraduate student body's perception of the Net-Print system;



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Be it therefore resolved, that the S.A. establish an ad-hoc committee titled “Cornell Student Assembly Task Force on Net-Print System Reform” (hereafter: NSR-TF) effective immediately;

Be it further resolved, that the NSR-TF be charged with the responsibilities outlined in the section 1 of Appendix B of this resolution;

Be it further resolved, that all current and future efforts of the S.A. to restructure the Net-Print system, and communications between the S.A. and the Cornell Administration related to the matter be settled exclusively through the NSR-TF;

Be it further resolved, that the NSR-TF be representative of the undergraduate student body by following the membership structure outlined in section 2 of Appendix B of this resolution;

Be it further resolved, that the NSR-TF will convene at least once every month, and have an agenda and all appended documentation forwarded to all NSR-TF members at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting;

Be it finally resolved, that the S.A. appoints members to the NSR-TF during the nearest executive session following the passage of this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaewon Sim '21

Freshmen Representative-At-Large, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-0, 01/30/2018)

FOR ATTACHMENT TO
SA RESOLUTION AS
APPENDIX A

A survey and
research brief on
printing policy at
Cornell and
peer institutions
Feb 2018

The Cornell **Printing Report**

Let's look at the **numbers**.

Printing is an ***inevitable*** part of academics at Cornell.

98%

of students are or have been enrolled in courses that **require assignments to be printed out before submission**

And high printing costs and inaccessibility of Net-Print printers may be causing students to ***buy printers instead.***

36% 24%

of students own or have owned a printer during their undergraduate years

of students who do not own a printer are **likely to purchase one** during their undergraduate years

... *spending per printer a* maximum of **\$350** and a mean of **\$85**

Students buy printers because...

54%

want an accessible printer

41%

want cheaper printing

And it is possible to ***reduce unnecessary printer purchases*** that cause environmental damage and financial burden.

77%

agree that they would *not* have
purchased a printer if
**Net-Print printing
was cheaper**

51%

agree that they would *not* have
purchased a printer if
**Net-Print printers
were more accessible**

91%

believe
Net-Print printing
is expensive

And research shows that they are ***not wrong***.
Let's take a look at our peer institutions.

Out of

8 Ivy League schools



4 provide students with
free printing credits,



5 charge students **less** for
printing double-sided in B&W*



One goes ***even further***.



Princeton allows **5,400 sides** of B&W free printing and **400 sides** in color and students can ***ask for more when they run out***

It costs **\$0.18** to print a double-sided sheet of paper at Cornell in B&W,
the ***highest*** among Ivy League schools that do not offer free printing credits.

*At Cornell, students don't save any money by printing double sided (\$0.09 per B&W side)

It should be noted that the **School of Industrial and Labor Relations** and the **School of Hotel Administration** provide their students with free printing credits. Some organizations like OADI offer free printing at Cornell.

But what about **sustainability**?



Cornell is **Gold-rated** in STARS, a program for advancing sustainability in higher education...

But **doesn't fare well** in the metric for office paper purchasing.

Because we spend little money on **FSC Recycled label paper**.

0.54/1.00

OP-14 STARS Sub-score

13.54%

=\$38,483.80

\$292,882

Princeton's spending on FSC Recycled label paper

On the other hand, **Princeton**, which provides students with 5,400 sides of B&W free printing and 400 sides in color, has a **higher sub-score**.

0.94/1.00

Princeton's OP-14 Sub-score

\$38,483

Cornell's spending on FSC Recycled label paper

What else did students say?

There should be a discount for **double-siding printing**.

We need printers for clubs and organizations **printing quarter-cards**.

I don't think it makes sense to charge prices per side as opposed to per page, because it **disincentivizes double-sided printing**.

Plotting fees for architecture students need to be subsidized.

The print system is **hard to configure** and a lot of freshman have trouble setting it up. We are actually having a printing issue right now as I type at work!

The author of this comment works at the **Tatkon Center** for First-Year Students.

There are no computer labs south of campus (in Cascadilla). This makes it very difficult for me to print out assignments due the next day or late at night. Freshman year, RPCC was very convenient. **There is no equivalent south.**

It would be convenient if there was a **clear, user-friendly list of printers** and their locations.

In all but one of my classes I am **required to print** 60 pages of reading.

I really **shouldn't have to print things** to begin with (particularly readings) for environmental reasons.

There should be printers available in **dorm buildings**.

The exorbitant costs of Net Print would actually, in the long run, **exceed the costs of buying a printer**. I would like to see the University provide data on where this money is actually going.

Join the movement for a better printing system at Cornell.

Share your opinions.
Subscribe to updates.
See what you can do.

CornellSA.com/netprint/andyou

Statistics shared in this survey and research brief are based on self-reported information from the 641 respondents of the online Undergraduate Printing Survey, shared through email and Facebook groups. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.

Peer institution printing pricing research has been based on publicly available data on each institution's website, as of October 7th, 2017, when the first draft of this report was created.

Direct questions about this report to Representative Jaewon Sim (js2689), Freshman Representative on the Cornell University Student Assembly.

Appendix B. Overview of the Cornell Student Assembly Task Force for Net-Print System Reform

Section 1. Purpose of Task Force

- *Combine efforts of the Cornell University Student Assembly and Residential Student Congress to tackle issues regarding the Net-Print system at Cornell, with respect to its pricing scheme, accessibility, and environmental sustainability*
- *Work with Cornell IT and the Administration to streamline the process of Net-Print system reform*

A. Background Research

- Assess the printing needs and Net-Print usage statistics of the Cornell undergraduate student body
- Review printing systems and policies at peer institutions such as but not limited to Ivy League institutions
- Brainstorm policies to improve the Net-Print system at Cornell

B. Pricing Revisions

- Reduce student financial burden by developing a revised pricing structure for Net-Print printing fees by tackling specific objectives such as but not limited to:
 - Lowering the price of duplex printing, which also improves environmental sustainability
 - Introducing a limited amount of free printing credits for all undergraduate students

C. Accessibility Improvements

- Make Net-Print more accessible by increasing printer locations (e.g. dorms, west campus, Collegetown)
- Creating a centralized system for requesting refunds for misprinted pages
- Creating a visual guide for locating Net-Print printers around campus
- Advertising to encourage students' use of Net-Print printers by promoting resources that:
 - Show students the location of Net-Print printers
 - Explain how to receive Net-Print refunds
 - Explain how to use Net-Print on personal computers

D. Sustainability Improvements

- Create a sustainable printing system by increasing the usage of FSC-certified 100% recycled paper
- Reduce students' need to print by encouraging the faculty to receive assignment submissions online
- Setting up recycling bins next to printers to encourage recycling of misprinted pages

Section 2. Roles and Responsibilities

The Task Force shall comprise of 12 Cornell undergraduate students or less with:

- At least one member from each college listed below:
 - College of Arts & Sciences
 - College of Engineering
 - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
 - College of Human Ecology
 - College of Industrial and Labor Relations
 - School of Hotel Administration
 - College of Architecture, Arts and Planning
 - Charles H. Dyson School of Economics and Management
- At least one member from each residential area listed below:
 - North Campus, first-year undergraduate dorm or program house
 - Townhouse Community (for first-year and transfer students)
 - West Campus House System
 - Cascadilla Hall, 112 Edgemoor, 122 McGraw Place, Schuyler House, Sheldon Court combined
 - Collegetown
- At least two members who **are not** current voting members of the following organizations:
 - Student Assembly
 - Residential Student Congress

The Task Force shall be led by:

Task Force Co-Chair, from the Student Assembly (Jaewon Sim, js2689):

- Oversee all operations of the Task Force
- Update the Student Assembly on the progress of the Task Force
- Contact the Student Assembly when in need of assistance from the Assembly

Task Force Co-Chair, from the Residential Student Congress:

- Oversee all operations of the Task Force
- Update the Residential Student Congress on the progress of the Task Force
- Contact the Residential Student Congress when in need of assistance from the Congress

Other positions within the Task Force shall be established as necessary by the Task Force after its establishment.
The Co-Chairs of the Task Force may appoint new members or restructure the group.