



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #7

Clarifying the Student Assembly's Policy on Social Media Statements

ABSTRACT: This resolution sets procedures to allow the Student Assembly to post official sense-of-the-body statements on social media and other platforms.

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Whereas, there has been confusion and debate over how and when the Student Assembly should and may post public statements,

Be it therefore resolved, that the following be added as Article IV Section 9 in the Student Assembly Bylaws at line 251 in the Bylaws as amended on April 20, 2017:

Section 8: Statement Policy on Websites and Social Media

- A. Rule 1: All statements published by the Student Assembly on social media should first be passed by the Student Assembly as a formal Sense-of-the-Body Resolution.
- B. Rule 2: If a Student Assembly member believes the urgency of a situation demands that a statement reflecting the opinion of the Assembly needs to be published online before the next regularly scheduled Student Assembly meeting, any Student Assembly members may write statements that can be published publically under the name of the Student Assembly on Facebook and any other social media. Before a public statement may be published, it must be sent to the Executive Committee. If all seated voting members of the Executive Committee unanimously agree that the statement should be posted, it must then be posted immediately.. If only a simple majority of Executive Committee members approve the statement, then the statement should be sent to the entire Student Assembly through the oa-sa-members-l@cornell.edu listserv. If the statement gets support from a two-thirds majority of all seated Student Assembly members and all Student Assembly members have voted, then the statement should be immediately posted as soon as all members have voted. If the statement gets support from a two-thirds majority of all seated Student Assembly members and not all Student Assembly members have voted, then the statement should be posted at the time thirty six hours after it was originally sent through the listserv. If the statement gets support from less than a two-thirds majority, then the statement should not be posted without an official resolution being passed through the Student Assembly.

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