S.A. Resolution #44
Creating the Laundry Reform Task Force

ABSTRACT: This resolution creates an ad-hoc committee whose charge is to review current laundry policies, recommend changes to such policies, and establish long-term and sustainable access for student input.

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Whereas, “The fundamental mission of the Assemblies is to obtain extensive involvement of community members in the formulation and review of non-academic policies, recommendations and decisions impacting daily lives on campus,”

Whereas, laundry prices and policies impact the daily lives of all undergraduate Cornell students living on-campus, yet fail to include such student voices when written and implemented;

Whereas, in conversations that pertain to policies affecting undergraduate students, students should be represented, by students;

Whereas, “The assemblies formally advise the administration and recommend changes to policies through legislative processes articulated in their respective charters;”

Whereas, Article III, Section I, lines 18-19 of the Cornell University Student Assembly Charter read: “The SA will have legislative authority over the policies of the Department of Campus Life and the Office of the Dean of Students, and will have the authority to review the budgets and actions of said departments;”

Whereas, laundry services fall under Residential Life, and thus the Department of Campus Life;

Whereas, the Cornell University Student Assembly unanimously passed Resolution #41, creating the ad-hoc Housing Policy Review committee;

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly will create an ad-hoc committee that is comprised of two co-chairs and six members—two of which will be from the Student Assembly, two of which will be from the community, and two of which will be from the Residential Student Congress;

Be it further resolved, this ad-hoc committee will be known as the Laundry Reform Task Force;

Be it further resolved, the charge of this ad-hoc committee will be to work with administration to gain access to data, statistics, and other relevant information regarding on-campus laundry services, evaluate such information, and then collaboratively propose and implement laundry policies that are deemed fair and equitable by students;
Be it further resolved, this committee will report its findings to the greater Student Assembly before the last meeting of the year;

Be it finally resolved, this committee will be absolved by the end of this academic year, and is subject to being reinstated pending the confirmation of the next Student Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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i https://assembly.cornell.edu
ii https://assembly.cornell.edu
iii https://assembly.cornell.edu/resolutions/sa-r41-creating-ad-hoc-committee-comprehensive-housing-policy-review