S.A. Resolution #20
Establishing a Student Health Advisory Committee

ABSTRACT: This resolution establishes a Student Health Advisory Committee in conjunction with the GPSA and Cornell Health to improve quality of care and collaboration at Cornell Health

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Whereas, Cornell Health has looked to increase the transparency and student feedback of their services:

Whereas, students have voiced their interest in participating in positive conversation with Cornell Health to help improve the quality of care that students are receiving;

Whereas, that current mechanisms are through the Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee and comment sections after patient care;

Whereas, these avenues are not sufficient mechanisms in communicating the concerns of students, as some concerns fall out the scope of the Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee and the lack of action that might be taken via comment sections;

Whereas, a Student Health Advisory Committee would serve the purpose of being a venue for students to work collaboratively with staff members at Cornell Health to work to improve quality of care as well as outreach and communication of Cornell Health;

Be it therefore resolved, that the bylaws of the Student Assembly be updated with the following in Article VI:

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Section 5. Special Committees

A. Student Health Advisory Committee: This committee shall be jointly established with between the Student Assembly, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, and Cornell Health. It shall be chaired by one member from the SA, one member from the GPSA, and one member from Cornell Health. Student Membership shall consist of 15 seats, 8 members selected from the SA, with 3 being SA voting members and 5 being non-SA voting members, and 7 from the GPSA. Staff from Cornell Health will be brought to the committee on an ad-hoc basis. Areas of focus for the committee will include, but are not limited to, physical health, mental health, and outreach and communication. Necessary communication between the Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee will occur on an ad-hoc basis.

Be it finally resolved, that the committee will fully established by the Spring of 2019.
Respectfully Submitted,

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(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-0, 11/28/2018)