S.A. Resolution #21
Affirming the Student Assembly & Graduate and Professional Assembly Cornell Health Survey

ABSTRACT: This resolution affirms the results of the SA/GPSA Cornell Health Survey and recommends the Student Health Fee be increased an additional $20-30 with funds allocated toward hiring more mental health providers and opening Cornell Health on Sundays.

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Whereas, Cornell Health serves as the primary provider for Cornell undergraduate and graduate/professional students; and

Whereas, the demand for mental health support outpaces the growth of Cornell Health’s budget; and

Whereas, Cornell Health operates with the goal of a near-zero surplus each year; and

Whereas, Cornell Health has recommended a 10% increase to the Student Health Fee; and

Whereas, a majority of surveyed students welcome a $20-30 additional increase in the Student Health Fee;

Be it therefore resolved, that the attached report be accepted by the Student Assembly; and

Be it further resolved, the Student Assembly recommends an additional increase in the Student Health Fee of $20-30; and

Be it further resolved, that Cornell Health directs the additional funds toward hiring more mental health providers and opening Cornell Health on Sundays; and

Be it further resolved, the Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee (SHBAC) adopt the recommendation of this Assembly

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution is forwarded to SHBAC and President Martha Pollack.

Respectfully Submitted,

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