

# Cornell University Student Assembly

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## S.A. Resolution #23

### Providing Cornellians with Disabilities Better Representation by Establishing an Organizational Liaison to the Student Assembly

ABSTRACT: This resolution aims to provide better representation for Cornellians with disabilities in university governance by establishing an organizational liaison to the Student Assembly.

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**Whereas**, during a Fall, 2018 conversation with the Cornell Union for Disability Awareness (CUDA) leadership, the organization identified issues that negatively affect the day-to-day lives of students with disabilities such as but not limited to the accessibility of certain buildings, wheelchair use, career-oriented services, or that of academic resources posted on online learning management systems,

**Whereas**, Cornell-provided support for students with disabilities also makes career search difficult due to reasons such as but not limited to the lack of knowledge about business opportunities, medical school admissions processes specific to students with disabilities, and career development processes,

**Whereas**, while Cornell has established Student Disability Services (SDS), the office is intended to provide mainly accommodations for students with disabilities including services such as but not limited to “provision of auxiliary aids, assistive technology, and reasonable accommodations for all qualified students with documented disabilities,” not to promote disability as a positive cultural identity, nor can the office go beyond the role of overseeing campus-only logistics,

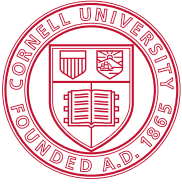
**Whereas**, Cornell has not yet established a resource center for students with disabilities, leaving them with no adequate organization for addressing the aforementioned issues of disability as a cultural identity, and the continuity in advocacy for such students when members of CUDA graduate or leave the Union for other reasons,

**Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly establishes an ex-officio position titled the “Students with Disabilities Representative” through the amendment of the Student Assembly Bylaws to add the following as Article I, Section 3, Clause D (after line 26):

**D. The Student Assembly will grant one organizational liaison from the Cornell Union for Disability Awareness an ex-officio position titled “Students with Disabilities Representative”.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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