U.A. Resolution # 22

Bylaws Change Institutionalizing the Staffing Procedure for the University Hearing and Review Boards

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Whereas, the object of the University Assembly (the Assembly), “…is to improve and sustain the involvement of the campus community in the governance of campus affairs affecting the broad campus community by establishing open, effective, and efficient channels of communication between and amongst the community and university administration” [Charter, Article Two]; and

Whereas, pursuant to Article Three, § 3.3 of its Charter “The Assembly has authority in matters concerning its internal operation and maintenance, including provisions for the creation of bylaws and procedures”; and

Whereas, the Codes and Judicial Committee (the Committee) has been charged with recruitment and appointment of members to the University Hearing and Review Boards (the Boards); and

Whereas, in the Committee’s annual work to staff the Boards over the preceding years, it has encountered issues and difficulties regarding receiving adequate information or ensuring the correct timeline is followed; and

Whereas, these issues and difficulties have created a situation where appointments to the Boards may be delayed, impairing the sound functioning of Cornell’s Campus Judicial System; and

Whereas, the Committee believes standardizing the procedures it has internally followed into a publicly accessible formal document increases transparency and will help to ensure that staffing the Boards is undertaken in the best possible manner; and

Whereas, the Assembly has received copies of the draft appendix while it was being discussed and it has remained updated on its progress through the Codes and Judicial Committee; therefore

Be it Resolved, that the changes outlined in Appendix A of this resolution be incorporated into the University Assembly’s Bylaws as “Appendix A: UHRB Staffing Procedure.”
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