UA R5: In Recognition and Appreciation of Cornell University Students

Abstract: This resolution is a formal recognition of the response of Cornell University students to the COVID-19 pandemic and to thank them for their efforts to protect Cornell’s Ithaca campus community.

Sponsored by: Hei Hei Depew and the Executive Board of the University Assembly

On behalf of: The University Assembly, our constituents, and the greater Cornell community

Reviewed by: The University Assembly Executive Board, November 17, 2020

Whereas, the University Assembly acknowledges and supports Resolution 4 of the Employee Assembly, outlining the below information; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a global crisis; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented public health challenges to Cornell University, and personal and professional challenges for all members of the Cornell community (Cornell faculty, staff, undergraduates, graduate and professional students); and

Whereas, the university’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic required drastic changes to campus operations, research and student learning, student activities and gatherings, and adherence to behavioral expectations by its members to reduce community health risks; and

Whereas, without students doing their part in exercising good judgement, it would have been more probable that the university would have had to move to fully remote learning, the surrounding community would have been exposed to greater health risks, and our financial situation would have been further compromised; and

Whereas, the University Assembly is impressed and grateful at how adaptable and quick to respond Cornell students have been in making massive and difficult changes for everyone’s protection in such a short amount of time.

Be it therefore resolved, the University Assembly, on behalf of all the Cornell community, expresses its deep gratitude for the service and dedication of Cornell students during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Be it further resolved, the University Assembly recognizes and applauds the efforts and sacrifices made by the students to reduce the added burdens the Cornell community are facing at this time; and
Be it further resolved, the University Assembly wishes to formally recognize and thank the students for their commitment to the safety and welfare of the Cornell community; and

Be it finally resolved that this resolution be submitted to the President of the University.