

U.A. Resolution #5

Creating an Ad Hoc Budget Planning Advisory Committee

April 23, 2019

1 **Sponsored by: Linda Copman, Staff; Ranking Member, University Assembly**

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3 **Whereas**, the University Assembly (the “Assembly”) has the authority to examine matters which
4 concern the welfare of a substantial segment of the campus community and may make
5 recommendations thereon to the President or other appropriate officers of the university; and
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7 **Whereas**, budgetary planning, decisions, and the allocation of financial resources are critical to
8 the functioning of the University and have far reaching affects upon all constituencies; and
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10 **Whereas**, during the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year, the Assembly passed Resolution #9
11 “Reinstating the Budget Planning Committee” to revive the Assembly’s former Budget Planning
12 Committee; and
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14 **Whereas**, President Pollack returned AY 17 – 18 Resolution #9 to the Assembly for further
15 consideration but expressed support for increasing community input on budget planning; and
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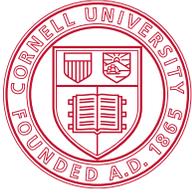
17 **Whereas**, the during the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year, the Assembly’s Executive Committee met
18 with senior members of the University Administration to discuss AY 17 – 18 Resolution #9; and
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20 **Whereas**, in those discussions the Administration affirmed their support for increased
21 community input, while expressing a desire to prevent duplication of the work done by the
22 Financial Policies Committee of the Faculty Senate; and
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24 **Whereas**, after discussions with the Dean of the University Faculty and his consultation with the
25 Faculty Senate’s Financial Policies Committee (the “FPC”) and its chair, the FPC agreed to
26 coordinate with an Ad Hoc Committee so as to broaden the engagement with the Administration
27 on budgetary matters; and
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29 **Whereas**, the complexities of the budget and its impact on teaching and research are such that a
30 major educational outreach effort is required; therefore
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32 **Be it Resolved**, the Assembly creates an Ad Hoc Budget Planning Advisory Committee to
33 operate during AY2019-20; and
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35 **Be it Resolved**, the Committee shall be chaired by the Dean of the University Faculty, and
36 consist of one additional member from the University Assembly, two selected by the Student
37 Assembly, two selected by the Graduate & Professional Student Assembly, and two selected by
38 the Employee Assembly; and

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40 **Be it Resolved**, the Ad Hoc Committee will meet throughout the year, and co-meet with the FPC
41 at least two times during the year with agendas that are worked out in advance by the two
42 Committees and which do not involve confidential data; and

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44 **Be it Resolved**, that the Committee in consultation with the University Budget Office and with
45 full transparency will draft a layperson document entitled “The Cornell Budget-A Users Guide”
46 to be completed by March 1, 2020; and

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48 **Be it Resolved**, that the Ad Hoc Committee will report to the UA what it has learned after each
49 joint meeting that it holds with the FPC; and

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51 **Be it Finally Resolved**, that the Committee will recommend to the UA by April 15, 2020 a
52 structure for interacting with the FPC and the University Budget Office in the future.

Adopted by Vote of the Assembly (16-0-1), May 7, 2019,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Battaglia".

Matthew Battaglia
Chair, University Assembly