

Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #8

Condemning Hate Crimes and Hate Speech, and Supporting Students

ABSTRACT: This resolution affirms the Student Assembly's solidarity with the Cornell community and requests the appropriate considerations and additions to the Campus Code of Conduct through the University Assembly Codes and Judicial Committee.

Sponsored by: Tristan Magloire '20, Mayra Valadez '18, Alec Martinez '18, and Matthew Indimine '18

Whereas, over the past year there has been an increase in hate-based incidents on college campuses across the country;

Whereas, on September 6, 2017 one or more Zeta Psi member(s) shouted "build a wall around the LLC" at the Latino Living Center;

Whereas, on September 15, 2017 multiple alleged Psi Upsilon members, a fraternity no longer affiliated with Cornell University, used racial slurs against a Black Cornell student and violently assaulted him and other members of his fraternity on their own property;

Whereas, later the same day on September 15, 2017, two or more Cornell students were captured on video using racial slurs against another student;

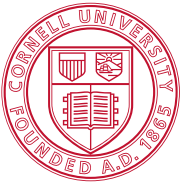
Whereas, all of these incidents appear to be clear violations of the Campus Code of Conduct, should the allegations prove true, as it is a violation of the Campus Code of Conduct to:

- "harass another person...by acting toward that person in a manner that is by objective measure threatening, abusive, or severely annoying and that is beyond the scope of free speech,"
- or
- "assault or cause any physical injury to another person on the basis of disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation or affectional preference;"

Whereas, the Ithaca Police have arrested ~~one student allegedly~~ John P.A. Greenwood '20 involved on September 15 and charged said student with one count of assault in the third degree; and later the

Whereas, the Ithaca police are investigating the events of September 15 as a possible hate crime;

Whereas, pursuant to New York State Penal Law Article 485, hate crimes "do more than threaten the safety and welfare of all citizens" because they "inflict on victims incalculable physical and emotional damage and tear at the very fabric of free society," "send a powerful message



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of intolerance and discrimination” and “disrupt entire communities and vitiate the civility that is essential to healthy democratic processes;”

Whereas, bias, discrimination, and hate crimes, by their nature, affect the fabric of the Cornell community, prevent the fulfillment of and are deeply antithetical to Cornell’s motto “I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study;”

Whereas, these recent events place the onus on Cornell University to establish and justify its members’ trust in our community;

Whereas, we, the Student Assembly, acknowledge that violence is not merely interpersonal, but also institutional and historic;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly unequivocally condemns all forms of the kyriarchy which these racist actions are a manifestation of;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly calls on all members of the Cornell community to join us in this condemnation;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly charges all members of the Cornell community to consider how best to heal these harms, and how best to accord all members of our community the equal dignity and respect due to them as our peers;

Amendment: include language from Mayra

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Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly calls on the University Assembly Codes and Judicial Committee to expedite consideration of Campus Code of Conduct changes requested by Black Students United; by the end of the fall 2017 semester

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Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly calls on the University Assembly Codes and Judicial Committee to add “documentation status” to the Code of Conduct Title III, Article II, Section A.

Respectfully Submitted,

Delmar Fears ‘19

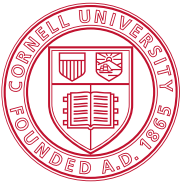
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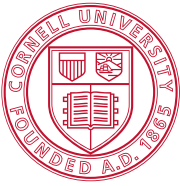
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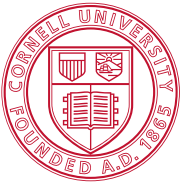
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| 92 | <i>Co-President, First Generation Student Union</i> |
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| 94 | Alec Martinez '18 |
| 95 | <i>College of Architecture, Art, and Planning Representative, Student Assembly</i> |
| 96 | <i>Undergraduate Representative, University Assembly</i> |
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| 98 | Matthew Indimine '18 |
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| 103 | <i>Undergraduate Representative, University Assembly</i> |
| 104 | <i>Vice President, Residential Student Congress</i> |
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| 106 | Jaëlle Sanon '19 |
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| 109 | Jesse Pollard '18 |
| 110 | <i>College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative, Student Assembly</i> |
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| 113 | <i>Vice-President of Diversity and Inclusion, Student Assembly</i> |
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| 115 | Lavanya Aprameya '19 |
| 116 | <i>President, Haven: LGBTQ+ Student Union</i> |
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| 119 | <i>President, Multicultural Greek Letter Council</i> |
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| 122 | <i>President, Panhellenic Council</i> |
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| 124 | Drew Lord '18 |
| 125 | <i>President, Interfraternity Council</i> |
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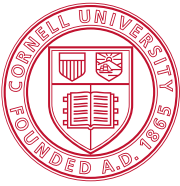
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135 *President, Cornell for Nepal*
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137 Shivani Parikh '19
138 *President, South Asian Council*
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140 Samir Durvasula, MEng '18
141 *Ex Officio, South Asian Council*
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143 Omar Din '19
144 *College of Human Ecology Representative, Student Assembly*
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147 Ehab Ebeid '19
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150 Hadiyah Chowdhury '18
151 *President, Islamic Alliance for Justice*
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154 *President, Cornell Hotel Society*
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156 Dara Canchester '18
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158 Kyonne Rowe '18
159 *Member, The Black & Latino Men's Alliance*
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161 Brigid Lucey '18
162 *President, Cornell Chorus*
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164 John Schafer '18
165 *President Emeritus, Cornell Glee Club*
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167 Clara Eizayaga '18
168 *President, Cornell Mortar Board*
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171 *Co-President, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), Cornell Chapter*
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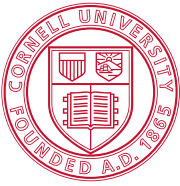
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182 *Co-Captain, Varsity Field Hockey*
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188 Mazen Ibrahim '19
189 *Treasurer, Arab Student Association*
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191 Sreejata Munsri '18
192 *President, Class of 2018 Council*
193 *President, Cornell University Class Councils*
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195 Noah Chovanec '18
196 *Executive Vice President, Class of 2018 Council*
197 *Former School of Industrial and Labor Relations Representative, Student Assembly*
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199 Beatrice Jin '18
200 *Member, Asian Pacific Americans for Action*
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202 Piragash Swargaloganathan '19
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204 Kianna Early '18
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207 Sofia Da Silva '18
208 *Co-President, First Generation Student Union*
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210 Kada Hyde '18
211 *Co-President, The Black Women's Support Network*
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213 Mahfuza Shovik '19
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215 Jason Gurtman '18
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| 238 | Soumaya Zaadoud '20 |
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| 240 | Dean Xu '18 |
| 241 | <i>President, International Students Unión</i> |
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| 243 | Jazmin Aguilar-Romero '18 |
| 244 | <i>Co-Chair, Science Organization of Latinxs (SOL)</i> |
| 245 | <i>Conference Chair, Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in the Sciences</i> |
| 246 | <i>(SACNAS)</i> |
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| 248 | Leighton Cook '18 |
| 249 | <i>Chair, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (MEChA) de Cornell</i> |
| 250 | <i>VP of Community Relations, La Asociación Latina</i> |
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| 252 | Brandon Cohen '18 |
| 253 | <i>President, Cornell Hillel</i> |
| 254 | <i>Co-President Interfaith Council</i> |
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| 256 | Ana Bordallo '18 |
| 257 | <i>Co-Chair, Native American Students at Cornell (NASAC)</i> |
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| 286 | <i>Reviewed by: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 5-0-1, 09/19/2017</i> |