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Student Assembly R. 64: We the Cornellians Petitions Platform

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Propose on March 11th, 2014*

1 Whereas, the White House has a model for an online petitioning system
2 (petitions.whitehouse.gov), which gives all Americans an opportunity to directly reach the
3 Executive Branch;
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6 Whereas, the White House's We The People provides the American people with an additional
7 voice in their government and engages them in issues that matter to them;
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10 Whereas, the Student Assembly encourages active participation in the shared governance
11 system and seeks to improve the channel of communication between all facets of the
12 University;
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15 Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly urges the Administration to create a
16 petitioning platform modeled after that of the White House;
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19 Be it further resolved, that any member of the Cornell Community can draft a petition and seek
20 support for it through gathering additional signatures;
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23 Be it further resolved, that if any given petition garners at least 250 signatures, the relevant
24 assembly must issue a statement and work in collaboration with the petition sponsor(s) to take
25 appropriate action;
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28 Be it finally resolved, that if any given petition garners at least 1,000 signatures, the President
29 of the University, or a designee, must issue a statement responding to the petition's content
30 within 30 days.