



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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## S.A. Resolution #25 Calling for an Investigation of the Quarter System

**Sponsored by: Blake Brown '17 and William Bitsky '16**

**Whereas**, the Quarter System was formally enacted in 2011 with the intent to decrease high-risk drinking among first-year students,

**Whereas**, there remains uncertainty about the unintended consequences of the Quarter System, including social activity and alcohol consumption in unregulated, off-campus environments,

**Whereas**, a mission of the Student Assembly is to promote the safety of the student body and student communities and to enhance the overall student experience,

**Whereas**, Article III Section 2 of the Student Assembly Charter states that one of the six principal actions of the Assembly is investigation: "action of the SA to gain information on issues pertinent to its purview,"

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls for the creation of an ad-hoc investigation committee for the purpose of exploring the impact and use of the Quarter System,

**Be it further resolved**, that the body produces a comprehensive report of its findings to be reviewed by the Student Assembly by April 15, 2015 and cease operations thereafter,

**Be it finally resolved**, that the committee will include at least one SA representative, maintain even representation among Greek and non-Greek students, and be co-chaired by a member of the Student Assembly and a member of the Greek Tri-Council and maintain at least one freshman and at least one member of each Tri-Council body, which includes the IFC, Panhel, and the MGLC. Committee membership will be approved by a majority vote of the Staffing Committee.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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45 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 10/28/14)*