



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Type of Action	Charter Change
Status/Result	New Business

1 ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to change the Student Assembly's internal governing
2 documents to add flexibility and fairness to the current attendance policy for elected members.

3 4 **S.A. Resolution #47** 5 **Attendance Policy Charter Changes**

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7 **Sponsored by: Matthew Henderson '16**

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9 **Whereas**, under current policies members of the Student Assembly will automatically lose
10 their seat after three consecutive or six cumulative absences in a term;

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12 **Whereas**, there is no distinction between excused and unexcused absences under our current
13 attendance policy;

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15 **Whereas**, the current intent of our attendance policy is to insure that every constituency is
16 effectively represented;

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18 **Whereas**, there are potential circumstances where a seat could be acted and remain vacant for
19 the rest of the term, or the enforcement of this policy could put the Student Assembly in
20 a perpetual state of elections;

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22 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Article IV Section 5 of the Student Assembly Charter is
23 amended as follows (underlined font denotes additions to the current text);

24 **Section 5: Absentees**

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26 Any voting members who are absent for three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings
27 or for six regularly scheduled meetings cumulatively during their term, will lose their
28 right to vote and their position will be considered vacated. The Executive Committee may
29 avert such a vacancy by a unanimous vote of all voting members of the Executive
30 Committee. The vote would be conducted by secret ballot. The Executive Committee
31 should consider the reasoning for past absences, the likelihood of future absences, and
32 the representative's supplemental actions to represent their respective constituency in
33 making their decision. The same action must be taken if the Executive Committee wishes
34 to avert a vacancy whenever the three consecutive absences or the six cumulative
35 absences mark is exceeded.

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37 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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39 **Matthew Henderson '16**

40 *Vice President for Internal Operations, Student Assembly*

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42 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee 4-0-0, 2/10/15)*