Resolution to Change Composition of
COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH ON HUMAN SUBJECTS

Whereas the Office of Human Research Protections in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has guided university Institutional Review Boards to include a larger number of community members and health experts in their membership;

Whereas current university legislation proscribes the University Committee on Human Subjects (designated as the Cornell University institutional review board) from seating more than one community member on UCHS;

Whereas current university legislation proscribes a specific number of faculty members to serve on the committee;

Whereas current university legislation creates a committee structure that could not respond flexibly to changes in federal regulations regarding the conduct of IRBs;

Therefore, it is proposed that the following change be made to the legislation regarding the composition of the committee:

Delete: The Committee shall consist of eighteen members: thirteen-fifteen members of the University faculty, with one of them being from the Faculty of Law; two physicians representing the University Health Services; and at least one member not otherwise affiliated with Cornell University.

Replace with:

The Committee shall consist of eighteen members: two physicians representing the University Health Services; a representative from Cornell Environmental Health and Safety; at least two members not otherwise affiliated with Cornell University; and the remainder members of the University faculty with one of these from the Faculty of Law.

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