

## Cornell University Student Assembly

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Agenda of the Thursday, April 19, 2018 Meeting  
4:45pm-6:30pm in Memorial Room, WSH

#### **I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

#### **II. Open Microphone**

#### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. April 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes

#### **IV. Announcements & Reports**

#### **V. Presentations**

- a. Co-Chairs from the Committee on Organizational Structures in the Social Sciences (5:45 – 6:15)

#### **VI. Business of the Day**

- a. Resolution 38: Reinstating Statement Policy
- b. Approval of the 2018-19 SA Meeting Calendar

#### **VII. New Business**

- a. Consensual Relationships Policy Vote
- b. Resolution 45: In Support of GPSA Resolution 13
- c. Resolution 46: Opposing the Merger of the College of Human Ecology and ILR School
- d. Resolution 47: Approving New SAFC Guidelines
  - i. Appendix A
- e. Resolution 48: Approving Special Projects Request for Collective X

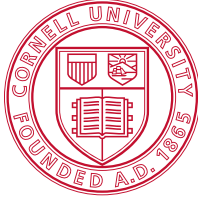
## **VIII. Additional Announcements and Reports**

- a. GPSA, FS, EA, UA Liaison Reports

## **IX. Adjournment**

## **X. Executive Session**

- a. Public Safety Advisory Committee Staffing (2 Members)



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Minutes of the Thursday, April 12, 2018 Meeting  
4:45pm-8:01pm in Memorial Room, WSH

#### I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. J. Kim called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.
- b. Roll Call:
  - i. *Present*: D. Barbaria [0], O. Corn [1], V. Devatha [1], O. Din [2], O. Egharevba [1], H. Hassan [3], N. Hernandez [0], R. Herz [5], M. Indimine [1.5], S. Iruvanti [0], G. Kaufman [0], J. Kim [1], S. Lim [0], L. Lipschutz [4.75], D. Nyakaru [1], S. Park [2.75], G. Park [0], M. Peralta-Ochoa [2], C. Schott [1.25], E. Shapiro [1], M. Valadez [1], A. Viswanathan [0], I. Wallace [1]
  - ii. *Absent*: T. Ball (*Unexcused*) [0.75], A. Chowdhury (*Excused*) [2], R. Cornell (*Excused*) [2.5], D. Engelson (*Unexcused*) [0.25], J. Sim (*Excused*) [1]

#### II. Open Microphone

- a. Matthew Battaglia made a statement in regard to actions of the Elections Committee regarding election rules in past years.
- b. V. Devatha asked if M. Battaglia had an exact date for when the aforementioned election rules were.
- c. M. Battaglia said that the date was November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### III. Approval of the Minutes

- a. March 29<sup>th</sup> Minutes
  - i. Motion to approve the March 29<sup>th</sup> minutes – **approved**.

#### IV. Announcements & Reports

- a. Graduate Trustee Candidates
  - i. Rebecca Harrison said that she graduated from Cornell as an Animal Science major in 2014, and has realized the importance of shared governance. She also said that not everyone has affordable access, and that she has 8 years of institutional knowledge of the University.
  - ii. Manisha Munasinghe said that she is a student advocate on the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, and that her priorities are diverse student perspectives, promoting financial transparency, and an inclusive campus.
  - iii. Tatiana Padilla said that she is a first-year PhD student in Policy Analysis and Management and that there is a distance between students and the board. She also said that she seeks to frame student perspectives in a way that trustees will listen.

- b. Rep Schott
  - i. C. Schott said that Cornell has a free subscription to an app called “Calm” to help students be calm and concentrate.
  - ii. C. Schott said that there are structural inequalities that international students face, such as the fact that international undergraduate students who apply for financial aid and are not awarded any money cannot reapply later, regardless of economic changes that might happen. He also said that only 13-17% of international students are receiving aid, compared to 50% of domestic students.
- c. VP Valadez – Summer Experience Grant
  - i. M. Valadez said that the Student Assembly Summer Experience Grant is currently open, and that it helps with unpaid or minimally paid summer experiences. She also said that it takes applicants’ individual needs into consideration, and that the deadline is April 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Someone said that next week is the Fourth Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and that anyone involved should reach out to her.
- d. There was a motion to put Resolution 44 on the agenda.
  - i. J. Kim said that Resolution 44 confirms that the Judicial Codes Counselor (henceforth JCC) provided ample evidence that proceedings by the Elections Committee in regard to the Student Assembly presidential race were biased, and asks the Office of the Assemblies (henceforth OA) to release the votes of the election, thereby determining the Student Assembly President.
  - ii. G. Park asked if the Assembly can accept on the condition that both candidates recuse themselves.
    - 1. The candidates in question are D. Barbaria and V. Devatha.
  - iii. There were replies in the affirmative.
  - iv. O. Corn dissented, saying that this will only cause a massive fight.
  - v. Motion to move Resolution 44 to the agenda – approved 21-1-3.

## V. Presentations

- a. President Martha Pollack, VP Joel Malina, and VP Ryan Lombardi
  - i. M. Pollack said that she wanted to provide updates on diversity and inclusion efforts, and that it is important to bring faculty and students from various backgrounds together. She also referenced numerous initiatives to improve diversity and inclusion.
    - 1. These initiatives include mandatory training for all Greek organizations, legal protections for DACA students, increased staff in diversity areas, and the LGBT resource center.
  - ii. Community member Ezra Stein said that last semester, the Student Assembly passed a resolution asking for endowment information to be disclosed, but that this resolution was rejected.
  - iii. M. Pollack said that Cornell is investing heavily in sustainability issues.
  - iv. J. Malina said that the resolution was rejected because it would only put additional resources into elevating something that is already stellar. He also referenced goals of carbon neutrality.
  - v. A community member asked if the administration is verifying that Cornell is trying to achieve carbon neutrality by 2035.
  - vi. M. Pollack replied in the affirmative.

- vii. The community member asked what is being done to ensure transparency, and asked how much of Cornell's endowment is invested in coal, gas, and oil.
- viii. M. Pollack said that two years ago, the trustees spent three hours in an open session carefully reviewing policies for divestment, and came up with a careful policy. She also said that endowments cannot be used for political interest, and that there is a very high threshold for divestment.
- ix. M. Peralta-Ochoa said that he sees no results from the task force and that he still does not feel safe on this campus.
- x. M. Pollack said that she is not saying that the efforts made so far are enough, and that the task force has only been working since January.
- xi. M. Peralta-Ochoa said that he has been waiting a month for his CAPS appointment, and said that the wait times have been ridiculous.
- xii. R. Lombardi said that he has had an update from Cornell Health that no one is waiting over a month, and that further growth in CAPS by two positions has been authorized.
- xiii. M. Peralta-Ochoa asked M. Pollack's thoughts on the Full Disclosure movement.
- xiv. M. Pollack said that she is still waiting to receive the petition.
- xv. Community member Kyra Butler asked why there are more math and economics classes being added while language requirements are being removed.
- xvi. M. Pollack said that the Arts and Sciences curriculum is up to the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as the Faculty Senate.
- xvii. A community member said that he is a transfer student from the University of Miami, and that he feels that there is a lack of a true student and community space for student life.
- xviii. R. Lombardi said that he wholeheartedly agrees, and that the first major change will be with the coming growth of residential space on North Campus.
- xix. M. Valadez said that she is collecting signatures to fully disclose legacy admissions policies, and asked if M. Pollack is willing to fully disclose data in regard to legacy student admissions.
- xx. M. Pollack said that one of her highest priorities is increasing socioeconomic diversity, but that she is not prepared to respond to the details of the petition until she is able to see it.
- xxi. M. Valadez asked a question in regard to the canceling of a potential meeting in regard to climate justice.
- xxii. M. Pollack said that the meeting had been rescheduled.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Elections Discussion/Resolution 44
  - i. G. Kaufman said that he did not endorse anyone in the race for SA President, and that there is no reason that V. Devatha should have been disqualified. He also said that there were a number of procedural irregularities.
  - ii. Travis Cabbell said that he was not expected to be at the meeting, but that he has elected to come due to the extremity of the proposed resolution. He also said that the Elections Committee has not been given the opportunity to

peak, and that they have the final say in this regard. He added that democracy should take place in a proper fashion.

1. T. Cabbell is the Chair of the Elections Committee.

- iii. Kendall Karr said this situation is first and foremost about how V. Devatha was disqualified. She also said that she was given two reports, each of which consisted of five sentences that did not provide any details of procedure. She added that there were procedural problems and that she found instances of bias, and that she did not make a recommendation, but a ruling.
  - 1. K. Karr is the Judicial Codes Counselor (henceforth JCC).
- iv. T. Cabbell asked a clarifying question regarding the content of this discussion.
- v. J. Kim said that the discussion would be in regard to whatever community members were to bring up.
- vi. D. Nyakaru said that the election rules contradict themselves, and that the Elections Committee doesn't have the ability to decide what rules can and cannot be applied.
- vii. Community member Shea Belsky asked what defines promotional material in regard to the rules of the election.
- viii. T. Cabbell said that this body voted on these rules last December, and that any candidate is responsible for anyone acting on their behalf. He added that the JCC's document was sent out in the middle of the night, and that the election rules are public knowledge.
- ix. K. Karr said that the Elections Committee had the opportunity to define what is considered to be promotional material, but declined to do so. She also said that rules give people right, and that if those right are violated then the rulings of the body that violated those rights cannot be upheld.
- x. G. Kaufman said that the biggest problem at hand is that it is explicitly stated that an Elections Committee member cannot be an e-board member of an organization that has endorsed a candidate and simultaneously sit in on a challenge hearing involving that candidate. He added that it is preposterous to claim that a challenge hearing of one candidate in a two-candidate race does not involve the other candidate running for the position, and that the challenge against V. Devatha also involves D. Barbaria.
- xi. T. Cabbell said that the division of time does not allow for an equal playing field in this discussion.
- xii. O. Corn asked if the Elections Committee would have had quorum if the members in question had recused themselves.
- xiii. T. Cabbell replied in the affirmative.
- xiv. O. Corn said that the term "promotional materials" has taken on a different meaning, and that Facebook posts do apply in this case.
- xv. Austin McLaughlin said that he is the former Chair of the Elections Committee, and that he resigned on the Thursday before spring break because he witnessed bias both in the handling of V. Devatha and D. Barbaria. He also said that the Elections Committee had many opportunities to correct themselves but didn't, and called on the SA to release the votes of the election.
- xvi. I. Wallace asked whether or not, if the term "promotional materials" were to apply as claimed, 19 out of 32 total candidates would have been disqualified.

- xvii. T. Cabbell said that this is confidential, and that the Elections Committee is not meant to police candidates.
- xviii. K. Karr said that confidentiality is mandated for the Elections Committee, and that the question at hand is whether the rules were applied in a fair manner, not whether V. Devatha's promotional materials broke the rules.
- xix. O. Corn said that it appears that whether or not the election rules were broken was not looked at.
- xx. T. Cabbell said that the Elections Committee does rule whether or not a candidate broke a rule. He added that the JCC is concerned with procedural bias despite the fact that the document produced by the JCC, in the Elections Committee's opinion, is concerned with more than procedural bias.
- xxi. T. Cabbell spoke in regard to the resignation of A. McLaughlin, saying that the Chair must interpret the rules of the elections and not rely on past interpretations. He added that the Elections Committee is bound by confidentiality, and that the bias felt by the Committee now is that of the leak of personal information that jeopardized committee members.
- xxii. A. McLaughlin said that confidentiality has been used as a means of censorship, and that he saw something that was wrong and acted upon it.
- xxiii. K. Karr said that she and G. Kaufman do not share opinions, and that A. McLaughlin was irrelevant to her analysis. She added that her opinions are because of the analysis provided by the Office of the Assemblies.
- xxiv. G. Kaufman said that any reason was lacking from the reports, and that weaponizing confidentiality proves that the rules were broken.
- xxv. R. Herz said her concern with the decision that the Elections Committee made was that of clear bias in the ruling.
- xxvi. T. Cabbell said that confidentiality also exists to protect the students, and that there was never a question in any race up to this point regarding the content of the reports.
- xxvii. Community member Jacob Rubashkin asked who determines confidentiality. He also asked how there can be an open, transparent organization when half of things are held in secret. He added that this process should be more transparent since this is a public election.
- xxviii. V. Devatha asked who has the right to decide whether something is confidential.
- xxix. J. Kim said that this is decided by the Director of Elections.
- xxx. K. Karr said that she does not have any bias, and that through the plain reading of the election rules, the JCC has the power to overturn a final decision if bias is found.
- xxxi. A. Viswanathan said that V. Devatha should not be involved given that this is an open discussion.
- xxxii. Terrill Malone said that his organization, the Cornell Lending Library, endorsed D. Barbaria, and that every candidate that was challenged received a report with the same type of substance as the report in question, and that no other candidate has found issue with their report.
- xxxiii. T. Cabbell said that these are rules that the SA voted on.
- xxxiv. G. Kaufman said that it is untrue that all candidates who were supposed to recuse themselves did so. He also said that it is in the elections rules that the Director of Elections has the power to lift confidentiality.

- xxxv. T. Malone said that the Committee members in question, him included, did recuse themselves from all votes involving D. Barbaria.
- xxxvi. S. Park said that she does not believe that recusal matters, and that the lack of detail in the report does. She added that the SA needs the information in the report to make an informed decision.
- xxxvii. There was a motion to extend discussion by ten minutes – passed.
- xxxviii. A community member said that Cornell Dining workers must throw away individually prepared foods that have the Cornell logo, and asked what the logo is being saved for. He added that he firmly believes that the Cornell logo belongs in the larger community.
- xxxix. There was a motion to move this discussion to Business of the Day – failed 11-9-2.
  - xl. T. Cabbell said that the Elections Committee has been under immense scrutiny but has not been given a chance to speak on the issue. He also said that the discussion feels less like a conversation and more like a direct attack.
  - xli. G. Kaufman said that the Elections Committee broke the rules and got overturned, and that the Elections Committee created invalid results. He added that the JCC's decision stands, and that the SA must recognize that.
  - xl. There was a motion to move this discussion to Business of the Day – failed 11-8-3.
    - 1. V. Devatha dissented, saying that there should be the opportunity to elaborate with full disclosure.
  - xl. C. Schott spoke about the racism that T. Cabbell faced, and that the issue to be discussed is whether or not the Elections Committee followed the rules in their entirety.
  - xl. There was a motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes – approved.
    - 1. V. Devatha dissented.
    - 2. V. Devatha withdrew his dissent.
  - xl. A community member asked if the votes exist anymore at this point.
  - xl. An Assembly member said that the Assembly does not know, and that the Office of the Assemblies deals with this.
  - xl. V. Devatha said that the JCC requested for material not to be destructed.
  - xl. T. Malone said that no one is operating off of the full entirety of information. He also said that the Elections Committee operated with the highest integrity and due diligence, and that only when the Assembly has full information will they be able to decide whether the Committee violated its rules.
  - xl. G. Kaufman asked T. Cabbell whether he would send a candidate who publicly released a report he sent to them to the Judicial Administrator (henceforth JA).
    - 1. T. Cabbell replied in the negative, and said that the entire validity of this election should be called into question, especially since the Elections Committee has not been allowed to have a level playing field in the discussion.
    - li. D. Engelson asked whether or not there was only one violation of election rules.
    - lii. J. Kim said that, to his knowledge, there was only one violation.
    - lii. T. Malone specified that the rule in question was the insignia rule.

- liv. G. Kaufman said that the Elections Committee broke the rules over and over again, and asked whether the candidate in question was told that they would be referred to the JA if they released information.
- lv. T. Malone said that they were made aware that they could be sent to the JA.
- lvi. Shivani Parikh asked for the list of SA members and community members on the speaker's list to be read, and asked for a better distribution of time such that more community members would be able to speak.
- lvii. T. Cabbell said that he understands the resolution being submitted, but that it is strongly taking away from time.
- lviii. T. Ball said that the resolution being introduced by G. Kaufman would open up the election results and ignore the decision of the Elections Committee. He also asked whether or not it would be possible for the disqualification to be valid regardless of whether the Elections Committee was biased in their decision.
- lix. D. Engelson said that he does not think any attacks on social media are fair, and that it is ambiguous whether or not the meme was actually in violation.
- lx. John Dominguez said that the crime must fit the punishment, and that disqualification for a meme posted on social media by a third party is lowering the bar for disqualification, which sets a judicial precedent. He also said that the SA could not have foreseen this outcome when voting on election rules, and that the JCC is an objective appellate.
- lxi. T. Cabbell said that the previous statement was dehumanizing, and that he does not understand how J. Dominguez thinks that outside opinions do not impact the members of the Elections Committee.
- lxii. A community member said that the outcome should be as simple as having the most votes.
- lxiii. V. Devatha said that the individual who posted the meme was a supporter of his who put it out as an act of good faith.
- lxiv. The community member spoke regarding ambiguous rules.
- lxv. T. Malone addressed D. Engelson's previous statement, saying that the disqualification was not ambiguous.
- lxvi. G. Kaufman said that the Elections Committee was not only biased, but also violated a host of other rules. He also said that a lower court does not have the power to overturn the decision of a higher body.
- lxvii. M. Valadez said that the Director of Elections has the power to make things public, and that everything should be made public.
- lxviii. J. Kim said that this conversation was based on the resolution introduced, not about whether or not Varun broke the rules.
- lxix. N. Hernandez said that the body has been previously criticized, and that the SA's objective is to decide whether or not the Elections Committee's decision should be overturned, not to cross-examine anyone.
- lxx. E. Shapiro said that this decision must be overturned today.
- lxxi. T. Cabbell said that no criteria was stated, and that he does not know how something that was never stated can be fixed.
- lxxii. A community member said that the community just wants a third party to hold relevant parties accountable.
- lxxiii. A community member asked why the results were not made nonconfidential earlier.

- lxxiv. T. Cabbell said that he has felt attacked by this committee and by people chosen to be representatives. He also said that he is unconcerned with the outcome of the race, and that what matters is bias. He added that he does not believe that the Elections Committee committed any form of bias.
- lxxv. T. Malone said that it is appropriate to rule once all the relevant information is out.
- lxxvi. G. Kaufman asked who has the ability to determine if the Elections Committee was biased.
- lxxvii. T. Malone said that the JCC does, but that she was not operating under all available information.
- lxxviii. J. Anderson said that the documents were given by Gina Giambattista of the Office of the Assemblies.
- lxxix. T. Cabbell said that if the JCC did have the final decision, then the Elections Committee would have ruled as such.
- lxxx. G. Kaufman said that the Elections Committee does not get to determine if the JCC has the final say, and asked T. Cabbell who he believes has the final say.
- lxxxi. T. Cabbell said that it is currently biased in that both parties do not get the chance to respond.
- lxxxii. G. Kaufman asked if T. Cabbell meant that the rules themselves are biased.
- lxxxiii. T. Cabbell replied in the affirmative.
- lxxxiv. Z. Schmetterer said that this resolution is pertinent to the JCC, and that based on his reading of the rules he sides with the JCC's decision as an appellate body.
- lxxxv. T. Cabbell asked whether or not Z. Schmetterer endorsed any of the candidates in the SA presidential race, and who he endorsed if so.
- lxxxvi. Z. Schmetterer said that he endorsed V. Devatha, and that his decision lies upon his interpretation of the election rules.
- lxxxvii. D. Nyakaru asked a question regarding the election rules.
- lxxxviii. Z. Schmetterer said that there is a section that includes precedent.
- lxxxix. There was a motion to move this into Business of the Day – **failed** 11-9-1.
- xc. J. Anderson moved to extend the meeting by 20 minutes.
  - 1. T. Ball dissented, saying that he does not believe that this will change in the next 20 minutes.
  - 2. N. Hernandez said that the SA can call a special meeting in the future.
- xc. Motion to extend the meeting by 20 minutes – **passed** with a majority.
- xcii. A community member said that if the SA is going to keep talking about getting community members involved, then they should just go right to the votes and see the votes to determine the winner of the election.
- xciii. A community member asked a question regarding the institutional check of the JCC.
- xciv. D. Engelson spoke about ambiguous wording, and said that there needs to be cold facts about the specific violation in question.
- xcv. T. Cabbell said that the violation was that promotional materials cannot use the Cornell insignia or logo.

- xcvi. Barbara Cruz of La Asociación Latina said that her organization did endorse D. Barbara, and said that the members of the Student Assembly were conducting themselves in an unprofessional manner.
- xcvii. Bryan Weintraub said that the massive amount of bureaucracy on display is disappointing. He also said that the JCC ruled that the Elections Committee was biased, and that the JCC has the final say.
- xcviii. I. Wallace said that if the Elections Committee's decision is overturned, then the candidate for Undesignated Representative at-Large who would have obtained the fourth available seat would suddenly no longer have that seat, since the loser of the presidential race would automatically gain that seat.
- xcix. G. Park asked a question regarding the Elections Committee's adherence to rules, and whether or not the 2-8-1 vote referenced in the A. McLaughlin article was true.
  - c. T. Cabbell said that the vote in the document was not 2-8-1.
  - ci. G. Park said that there were four members who should have recused themselves.
  - cii. T. Cabbell said that that applies to the endorsed candidate, and that a decision can still be made without changing that.
  - ciii. G. Park said that it is less about the person and more about the process, and that regardless of what happens in a two-person race, the actions of each affect the other. She also asked if the four members recused themselves.
  - civ. T. Cabbell replied in the negative.
  - cv. G. Park asked if one wouldn't naturally think the voting in a 2-8-1 vote might be biased.
  - cvi. T. Malone replied in the negative, and said that no one recused themselves in votes concerning V. Devatha.
  - cvii. V. Devatha said that the importance of confidentiality is also to protect from the opinions of others.
  - cviii. There was a motion to move this to Business of the Day – **failed** 13-6-1.
    - 1. There was a dissent.
  - cix. O. Corn moved to extend the meeting by 30 minutes – **passed**.
  - cx. D. Engelson said that there needs to be a returning of the decision.
  - cxi. T. Cabbell said that he has a problem with saying that the Elections Committee was biased.
  - cxii. O. Din said that the SA is trying to rush this resolution.
  - cxiii. M. Valadez said that it takes six SA voting members to call a special meeting.
  - cxiv. A community member spoke regarding the problems with the term "bias".
  - cxv. A. McLaughlin said that the SA has all the necessary information, and that the community wants to see a vote.
  - cxvi. T. Cabbell said that the Elections Committee overturned their previous decision because they evaluated the process, and evaluated what was in front of them.
  - cxvii. S. Parikh said that there is a lack of democracy in the meeting, and that there is a sheer amount of bias in the way that the SA, the Cornell Daily Sun, and other organizations have operated, and that it is the responsibility of every person elected to the SA. She added that she highly encourages the SA to stand by the decision, and that the SA should hold themselves to better standards and decency.

- cxviii. R. Herz said that there must be a way for the Elections Committee to be overturned, and that they must let the students decide if they want D. Barbara or V. Devatha for SA president.
- cxix. T. Malone said that a rule was broken, and that the Elections Committee have disqualified people for rule infractions many times. He added that the rule against use of the Cornell logo or insignia applies to all candidates.
- cxx. R. Herz asked whether infraction of a rule automatically leads to disqualification.
- cxxi. T. Cabbell asked how the Elections Committee would be able to weigh one rule as being better than another, and that votes still mattered in every other race.
- cxixii. There was a motion to go into voting on Resolution 44 – **failed**.
- cxixiii. A representative of the Cornell Daily Sun said that the editorial board of the Sun did endorse D. Barbara, and asked for community members to reach out to them if they have any questions about bias. He also recommended for community members to write letters to the editor if they have problems with election coverage.
- cxixiv. S. Iruvanti said that he is urging the Elections Committee to release the votes.
- cxixv. T. Cabbell replied in the negative.
- cxixvi. G. Kaufman said that the only thing that the SA should be doing is verifying that election rules were broken. He added that the Elections Committee's decision was overturned, and that the Committee refused to acknowledge this.
- cxixvii. D. Nyakaru referenced the election rule regarding the JCC, specifically the clause "may be overturned".
- cxixviii. T. Malone said that the Elections Committee was unaware of any other interpretation of the rule, and that they interpreted the rules to the best of their knowledge. He added that the JCC was not operating under full information.
- cxixix. C. Schott said that the votes should be released and that the Elections Committee did break the rules.
- cxixxx. T. Cabbell said that if SA members remove the claims of bias in the resolution, then they can move forward to show the results. He also said that this is the first time that the JCC has ever been used in the SA, and that all information was provided in the election rules.
- cxixxi. O. Corn said that she fully believes that the elections process was not biased, and that V. Devatha's campaign broke the rules twice. She added that she fully trusts T. Cabbell and all those on the Elections Committee.
- cxixxii. E. Shapiro said that the problem is not whether or not the Elections Committee broke the rules, but that the JCC is a check. He also said that the Elections Committee had every opportunity to write a full report.
- cxixxiii. Z. Schmetterer said that the chair may call the question without requiring a second or a vote.
- cxixxiv. J. Kim **called the question**.
- cxixxv. There was a motion to overturn – **motion overturned**.
- cxixxvi. There was a motion to table discussion – **tabled**.

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. J. Kim adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Hannan*

Clerk of the Assembly



# Cornell University Student Assembly

Originally Presented on:	(03/08/2018)
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

## S.A. Resolution #38 Reinstituting the Interim Suspension Statement Policy

ABSTRACT: This resolution intends to reinstitute the policy of providing public statements when a campus organization is placed on interim suspension.

**Sponsored by: Joseph Anderson '20 and Natalia Hernandez '21**

**Whereas**, in the 2016-2017 academic year, individuals of the Cornell community were notified when a campus organization went on interim suspension via a public statement;

**Whereas**, in the 2017-2018 academic year, no public statements have been made about interim suspensions of campus organizations although there have been campus organizations that have been placed on interim suspension;

**Whereas**, by not providing a public statement when a campus organization is placed on interim suspension it causes there to be higher risk for individuals who interact with that campus organization;

**Whereas**, there is the general importance of transparency in a large decentralized university, such as, Cornell University;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the policy of providing a public statement when a campus organization is placed on interim suspension be reinstituted;

**Be it further resolved**, that these statements should be sent from the Executive Director of Campus and Community Engagement, Joseph Burke, as there were in the 2016-2017 academic year;

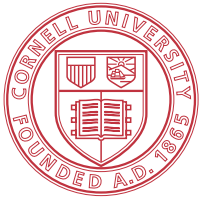
**Be it finally resolved**, that campus organizations that were placed on interim suspension in the 2017-2018 academic year and did not have a public statement written now have a public statement written that notifies the Cornell community when they were placed on interim suspension and of their current status.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Joseph Anderson '20  
*Undergraduate Representative, University Assembly*

Natalia Hernandez '21  
*Minority Students Liasion at-Large, Student Assembly*

*(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-0, 03/06/2018)*



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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TBD, President  
TBD, Executive Vice-President  
TBD, Vice-President for Internal Operations  
TBD, Vice-President for Finance  
TBD, Vice-President for Diversity and Inclusion  
TBD, Parliamentarian  
TBD, Director of Elections

## Student Assembly Meeting Schedule 2018 – 2019

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### Fall 2018 – (14 meetings)

August 23, 2018  
August 30, 2018  
September 6, 2018  
September 13, 2018  
September 20, 2018  
September 27, 2018  
October 4, 2018  
October 11, 2018  
October 18, 2018  
October 25, 2018  
November 1, 2018  
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November 15, 2018  
November 29, 2018

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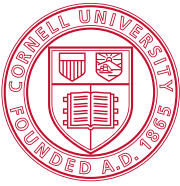
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February 7, 2019  
February 15, 2019  
February 21, 2019  
February 28, 2019  
March 7, 2019  
March 14, 2019  
March 21, 2019  
March 28, 2019  
April 11, 2019  
April 18, 2019  
April 25, 2019  
May 2, 2019

Meetings are traditionally held on Thursdays during the academic year from  
4:45 – 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Room of Willard Straight Hall.

*Last Revised 4/2/18*

Meetings are traditionally held in the WSH Memorial Room (unless otherwise noted)  
every Thursday when classes are in session from 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Revised 4/2/18



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Originally Presented on:	(04/19/2018)
Type of Action:	Sense of the Body
Status/Result:	New Business

## SA Resolution 45: In Support of GPSA Resolution 13 - Calling For the Accommodation of International Student Leaders at Maplewood Apartments

ABSTRACT: This resolution calls for Cornell to grant international graduate students equal opportunities to those of domestic students in public-private housing situation off-campus, particularly regarding their access to mentorship and leadership opportunities.

**Sponsored by: Christopher Schott '18**

**Whereas**, on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) introduced Resolution 13: Calling For the Accommodation of International Students as Leaders at Maplewood Apartments (GPSA Res 13); and

**Whereas**, GPSA Res 13 is the result of a change in on-campus graduate and professional student housing to off-campus graduate and professional student housing that resulted in the inability of international students to serve as paid student leaders in those communities; and

**Whereas**, about 72% of graduate and professional students (GPS) living in University Housing are international students, a testament to their reliance on on-campus housing as a safe space<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas**, Graduate Community Advisors (GCAs) are GPS who live and work among their peers in the GPS on-campus communities<sup>2</sup>; and

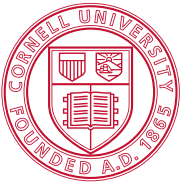
**Whereas**, while a GCA's "primary role is to help create a sense of community within their respective areas", they also serve as a general resource to all residents and a main point of contact during emergencies; and

**Whereas**, Maplewood Park was an on-campus housing complex built in 1989 had a capacity of 360 beds for graduate and professionals students that closed at the end of the 2015 - 2016 academic year; and

**Whereas**, Maplewood Park was an attractive housing option for graduate and professional students as it was family-friendly both in price and programming, walking distance from campus, promoted community building/support, had global leadership, and had payment/deposit options that are adjusted to Cornell's payroll calendar; and

<sup>1</sup> <https://living.sas.cornell.edu/live/wheretolive/gradhousing/upload/Graduate-and-Professional-Housing-Guide-2016-17-web-version.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://living.sas.cornell.edu/participate/employment/GCA.cfm>



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**Whereas**, on January 28th, 2016, the Buildings and Properties Committee of the Cornell University Board of Trustees approved the selection of EdR for a new housing complex on the site of Maplewood Park<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas**, Cornell entered into a Public Private Partnership (P3) with EdR “outlining a framework for Cornell to retain ownership of the land, but with EdR financing, constructing and managing the new housing project”<sup>3</sup>; and

**Whereas**, this shift from on-campus to off-campus housing meant that EdR, as a private entity, could effectively no longer hire international students as GCAs in Maplewood; and

**Whereas**, the inability to hire international students as GCAs in Maplewood effectively strips international students, who make up a significant portion of the demographic in GPSA on-campus housing, the opportunity for equitable representation in leadership positions that provide programming and mental health support to residents; and

**Whereas**, international students are an especially vulnerable group with students having concerns ranging from a language barrier, stark cultural differences, new and challenging academic setting, unfamiliar environmental conditions, and isolation from family and support networks, leading to significant mental and emotional stresses; and

**Whereas**, these arduous experiences are further exacerbated by cultural norms that disincentivize reaching out for help and rampant imposter syndrome that impedes their ability to reach out to students who do not have a shared experience for assistance; and

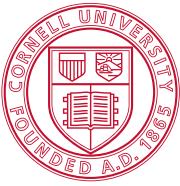
**Whereas**, while we recognize that, under the new P3 model, it is illegal for EdR to hire international students as GCAs, graduate and professional students reached out to Cornell administrators in the hopes of finding a way to ensure the continued existence of international community leaders at Maplewood, even if it would be in a different form; and

**Whereas**, GPS leaders suggested that Cornell University hire Residence Community Leaders as Fellows paid and appointed through Cornell’s Off-Campus Housing Office (a branch of Student and Campus Life administered by Dean Vijay Pendakur), where their appointments would be made by Cornell University, thus allowing international students to apply and potentially serve as paid Community Leaders; and

**Whereas**, despite repeated attempts to find a solution, it was made clear that the University will not be investing resources to create alternative opportunities for international students to serve as paid community leaders in Maplewood and receive compensation for their services; and

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<sup>3</sup> <http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2016/02/board-gives-green-light-new-grad-student-housing>



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**Whereas,** we express our disappointment that the University would not invest resources to ensure the continued existence of fairly compensated international student leaders that serve a vital role in building community and providing mental and emotional support for international students; and

**Whereas,** EDR may encourage international students to volunteer their time and effort to assist their endeavors, as yet another form of unpaid labor imposed on graduate and professional students and a burden on a minority group; and

**Whereas,** it was callously suggested that domestic students can be trained to understand and support the unique challenges of international students, and that international students can be “on-boarded” through presentations and workshops; and

**Whereas,** we express our shock at the proposed idea that a homogenous group of students can be “trained” to empathize and support populations of different identities, or that students of different identities can be “on-boarded” to adapt to a new environment through presentations and meetings – ideas that undermine the value of diversity in leadership roles and trivialize the experience of being a minority; and

**Be it therefore resolved,** that the SA expresses its support for GPSA Resolution 13: Calling For the Accommodation of International Students as Leaders at Maplewood Apartments; and

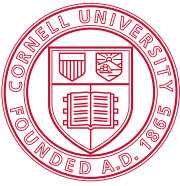
**Be it further resolved,** that the SA reiterates the request of the GPSA for Cornell to find a solution that allows international students to serve as paid community leaders at the new Maplewood Apartments; and

**Be it finally resolved,** if Cornell is unable to find a solution that allows international students to serve as community leaders in off-campus housing complexes under the P3 model with Cornell University, we ask that the University

- 1) Retain the remaining on-campus housing options for students on-campus and away from the P3 model so that international students can continue to serve as paid community leaders and resources to peers
- 2) Introspect its commitment to creating an inclusive welcoming space for international students where leadership positions for this community are diminished

Christopher Schott ‘18  
*International Students Liaison At-Large, Student Assembly*

*(Reviewed by: Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, 04/09/2018)*



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Originally Presented on:	(04/19/2018)
Type of Action:	Sense of the Body
Status/Result:	New Business

## S.A. Resolution #46 Opposing the Merger of the College of Human Ecology and ILR School

ABSTRACT: This resolution expresses the student body's disapproval of the proposed merger of the College of Human Ecology, the ILR School, and the Department of Developmental Sociology and Department of Communications from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS).

**Sponsored by:** Alexis Pollitto '18, Nathanael Cheng '20, Joe Anderson '20, Omar Din '19

**Whereas,** the Committee on Organizational Structures in the Social Sciences submitted their final report on February 28, 2018;

**Whereas,** the final report included several recommendations on how to "Develop concrete models of potential organizational structures for the social sciences that might be put in place at Cornell.";

**Whereas,** one of the recommendations included in the final report suggested the combination of the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School, and potentially the Department of Developmental Sociology and Department of Communication from CALS;

**Whereas,** the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School have vastly different cultures and differ in size, which has caused each school to construct their own academic policies and programs that best serve their unique student populations;

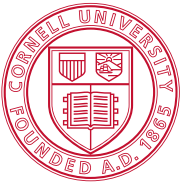
**Whereas,** the committee recognized in their report that the "resulting college might not be a good fit for all units," that "some might need to move elsewhere," that the merger has the "potential to harm the unique external identities of both units," and that "both units have loyal alumni that may not support a new college,"

**Whereas,** the committee further stated that "it was not evident what problems exist with the existing structure that this is meant to cure,"

**Whereas,** the committee did not include any undergraduate, graduate, or professional students nor did it include any employees;

**Whereas,** Cornell University practices shared governance and the undergraduate student body, in conjunction with the faculty, staff, graduate and professional students, do not see the overall benefit of a merger,

**Whereas,** both the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School have strong alumni who would oppose any merger and cease their support of a new school, which is noted in the report stating, "both units have loyal alumni that may not support a new college";



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**Be it therefore resolved,** that Student Assembly strongly rejects the notion of a merger between the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School;

**Be it further resolved,** that Provost Kotlikoff and President Pollack reconsider a merger between the College of Human Ecology and the ILR School and review other higher rated suggestions;

**Be it further resolved,** that Cornell University continue to solicit community feedback, engage with all shared governance organizations, and set up at least three town-hall forums so that all University constituencies may comment on the set of suggestions from the initial report,

**Be it finally resolved,** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Alumni-Elected Trustees, the Community-Elected Trustees, and the Provost.

Alexis Pollitto ILR '18  
Chair, Student Assembly Academic Policy Committee

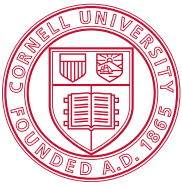
Omar Din Human Ecology '19  
College of Human Ecology Representative, Student Assembly

Nathanael Cheng ILR '20  
Chair, Student Assembly Environmental Policy Committee

Joseph Anderson ILR '20  
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Shivani Parikh CALS: DSOC '19  
Residential Student Congress Liaison, Student Assembly

*(Reviewed by: Academic Policy Committee, 10-0-1, 04/17/2018)*



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Originally Presented on:	(4/19/2018)
Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

## S.A. Resolution #47 Approving New SAFC Guidelines

ABSTRACT: This resolution approves the proposed SAFC Guideline Amendments as outlined in Appendix A

Sponsored by: Gabe Kaufman '18

**Whereas**, the Student Assembly can amend the SAFC Guidelines at any meeting of the Student Assembly;

**Be it therefore resolved**, The Student Assembly approves the proposed SAFC Guideline Amendments as outlined in Appendix A.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Gabe Kaufman '18

*Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*

*(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 9-0-1, 4/16/2018)*

These funding guidelines articulate the extent, limitations, and processes by which student organizations may obtain and use commission funds. All student organizations which have business with the Commission are expected to understand and follow these guidelines. Should a conflict arise between these guidelines and the bylaws of the Commission, the bylaws shall supersede these guidelines.

Adopted by the Student Assembly on Thursday, April 24, 2008. Last amended on Monday, April 9, 2018.

## 1 Definitions

### 1.1 Terms

#### SAFC Appeals Board

#### Allocation

A conditional allotment of funds by the Commission in response to a request for funding. In releasing an allocation, the Commission does not guarantee payment of any particular or reimbursement expense; rather, it promises to set aside funds which may be used towards certain expenses, subject to all applicable university and statutory regulations.

#### Applicant

The organization or organizations who are parties to the application.

#### Application

An application consisting of several requests for funding submitted to the SAFC by one or more applicants.

#### Business day

A business day shall be any day the Office of the Dean of Students is open for regular business and regular undergraduate classes are in session.

#### Commissioner

A member of the SAFC.

#### Fiscal year

A university fiscal year which extends from July 1 to June 30 in the following calendar year.

#### New organization

An organization that either did not receive or did not spend any funds allocated by the SAFC during the previous two fiscal years.

#### Price quote

A price quote is a good faith estimate of the cost of goods or services for which the applicant is requesting funds. To be valid for the Commission the price quote must:

1. be dated within the current academic semester;
2. be written in English or be accompanied by a written translation to English; and
3. include:
  1. unit costs or prices for each requested expense for which the quote issued as documentation, and
  2. cost of shipping and handling, if additional funding is requested for those costs.

#### Registered student organization

An organization which has a current and complete registration on file with the Campus Activities Office.

#### Returning organization

An organization that received and spent funds allocated by the SAFC during the previous fiscal year.

SA

The Student Assembly (the assembly) is the undergraduate student government of the university under which the Commission is chartered.

SAFC

Student Activities Funding Commission (the Commission)

Student Activities Funding Commission Appeals Board, herein the Appeals Board, acts as the appellate body charged with facilitating and deciding SAFC funding appeals.

**Campus Activities Office**

The **Campus Activities Office** is an administrative unit of the university which grants registrations to student organizations, allowing them certain privileges on campus, including the right to apply for funds from the SAFC. The office also provides extensive information and advisory resources to officers of registered student organizations.

## 1.2 Version of Record

The version of the guidelines posted on the Student Activities Funding Commission OrgSync website is the version of record, and it shall supersede any other existing versions. The **Campus Activities Office** shall maintain and modify this version according to the procedures for amendment. Commissioners and other parties may not alter the effect or applicability of the bylaws or guidelines by misstatement or misinterpretation.

## 2 Applicants

This section establishes rules and procedures governing the interactions of applicant organizations and the Commission.

### 2.1 Eligibility

#### 2.1.1 Basic Requirements

To be eligible to request funds or to spend allocated funds an applicant must:

- register with and be approved by the **Campus Activities Office** by when the budgets are due in each semester
- declare during the **Campus Activities Office** registration process that the group intends to apply for SAFC funding during that academic year; prior to the first deadline for funding requests in the fall semester, if funding is sought in the fall, prior to the first deadline for funding requests in the spring semester, if funding is sought in the spring;
- have undergraduate members who comprise at least sixty percent of its total membership, excluding alumni members; and,
- be in good standing with the Commission.

Officers of the applicant must also meet the following requirements:

- president and treasurer must agree to abide by standards for ethical conduct; and,
- president, treasurer, and advisor must affirm their approval for each request by digital ~~or~~ **by written** signature as the Commission provides on the specific budget.

- Registered president, treasurer, and advisor must be three distinct individuals
- The signatures of the president, treasurer, and advisor must match the names listed on the group's profile page in Orgsync

### 2.1.2 Additional Requirements

An organization which otherwise meets all basic requirements to receive funding will be deemed ineligible to receive funding if either of the following conditions are satisfied:

- The organization both shares an essentially identical purpose/mission with another SAFC-funded organization and also that organization's membership substantially overlaps that of another SAFC-funded organization; or
- The organization functions in conjunction with one or more SAFC-funded organizations in such a way that both organizations are reasonably perceived as existing for the purpose of increasing the total amount of SAFC-funding received.

Outside of the semesterly allocation decisions, the SAFC, by a majority vote of the Executive Board, will revoke an organization's funding if it is deemed to be in violation of above requirements. The organization(s) in question may appeal this determination to the SAFC Appeals Board for review.

The organization must meet all eligibility requirements as well as submit both requests and supporting materials before the deadlines set by the Commission in order for the Commission to accept and review such requests and materials. The commission may not accept submissions from organizations that have not met the eligibility requirements.

### 2.1.3 Exception for Unforeseen Circumstances

All organizations that are, at the time of their application, assigned Tier 4, Tier 5, Tier 6, or New Group Tiers must demonstrate that the Treasurer, President, or Advisor attend at least one of three help sessions at a pre-announced date. If the Treasurer or President is unable to attend any of the three help sessions, the President or Treasurer may designate another member of the organization to attend a help session on their behalf.

Organizations that do not meet the above requirement forfeit their right to demand a SAFC Appeals Board Hearing, but may be granted such a hearing at the discretion of the the Chair of the SAFC Appeals Board, for truly exceptional circumstances. The organization will still retain the right to a budget hearing.

### 2.1.4 Exception for Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of unforeseen circumstances that would prevent the submission of the organization funding request or the affirmation of said funding request by the president, treasurer, and/or advisor, the student organization must:

1. Notify both the SAFC Co-Chairs via email to their netid's available on the Commission website to request a 24 hour extension from the original funding request deadline:
  1. This request must include the evidence required below; and
  2. Must be submitted within 24 hours after the funding request deadline

2. Complete the remainder of their application before the eventual extended deadline. Eligible unforeseen circumstances and associated evidence are the following:
  1. Negligence of advisor; Required evidence: screenshot of written communication with advisor three days prior to the funding request deadline in regards to funding request approval.
  2. Injury or illness of treasurer, president, or advisor; Required evidence: note from a physician or medical professional with date of injury and explanation of event.
  3. Death of treasurer, president, or advisor. Required evidence: at the discretion of the SAFC co-chairs.

The SAFC co-chairs will evaluate the evidence provided and whether or not the circumstance is unforeseen, and notify the organization as decision before funding request reviews commence.

Requests for extension will be evaluated based on:

1. Demonstration of foresight regarding SAFC rules and deadlines;
2. Severity of the unforeseen circumstance;
3. Extent of ineligibility (i.e. completeness of application).

The submission of an extension request should not be construed as a granting of said request. The decision to accept or deny a request for an extension is not subject to appeal. Again, the commission may not accept funding request submissions from organizations that have not met the eligibility requirements.

## 2.2 Ethical Conduct

Officers of applicants must agree to the Statement on Ethical Conduct prepared by [Campus Activities Office](#) by digital or written signature as they provide.

## 2.3 Suspension and Revocation of Funds

### 2.3.1 Purpose

To prevent misuse of commission funds, the Executive Board of the Commission may act to temporarily suspend or permanently revoke allocated funds. The Board may revoke funds of an organization if it finds that the organization:

- does not meet one or more eligibility requirements; or,
- acted in violation of the Statement on Ethical Conduct.

### 2.3.2 Suspension of Funding

Either the Office of the Dean of Students or the Chair(s) of the Commission may temporarily suspend an organization's funds at any time. Any action to temporarily suspend funding of an applicant organization shall last no more than ten business days. Such a decision takes effect only after the following are informed:

1. the Office of the Dean of Students;

2. the Chair(s); and,
3. the president, treasurer, and advisor of the affected organization.

### 2.3.3 Revocation of Funding

To revoke funding of an organization, the Commission must follow this procedure:

1. the Chair(s) of the Commission must contact the officers and advisor of the organization, explaining the Commission's intent and reasoning for proposing revocation of funding; and,
2. the Chair(s) of the Commission, or a designee, must arrange for a meeting between the Executive Committee and the organization so the organization may:
  1. hear the Commission's intent and reasoning,
  2. examine any evidence associated with the proposed revocation of funding,
  3. present its case and additional evidence to the Commission, and
  4. negotiate a mutually acceptable remedy; and,
3. the Executive Board, after deliberating in closed session, may vote to revoke funding.

The decision to revoke funding is subject to [appeal](#) by the Appeals Board. Any funds that are revoked remain unavailable to the organization until the appeal process is resolved.

### 2.3.4 Limitations

The Executive Board may not revoke funding for more than one academic year and may reverse a decision to revoke funds at any time.

## 3 Request for Funds

### 3.1 Budget Request

#### 3.1.1 Purpose

Organizations may obtain funds individually by submitting a funding request. The application is prerequisite to all other requests for funding the organization may submit.

#### 3.1.2 Basis on Which to Make Requests

The Commission will provide one opportunity for the submission of funding requests each semester.

#### 3.1.3 Permitted Expenses

Organizations may request funds for the following kinds of expense in a budget application:

1. [administrative expenses](#);
2. [local events](#);
3. [travel events](#);
4. [durable goods](#); and,
5. [publications](#).

#### 3.1.4 When Applications Are Due

The commission sets deadlines for online submission in its calendar.

#### 3.1.5 When Funds Become Available

The commission sets a date in its calendar when funding decisions are released and funds become available. Once released, funds may be used towards expenses that occur between the first and last days of classes for the semester in which those funds are allocated. Funds remain available until revoked or reverted at the end of the semester in which they are granted.

### 3.1.6 Maximum Allocation

#### 3.1.6.1 Maximum Funding Determined by Tier Assignment

The commission assigns each organization to a maximum allocation tier, which determines the maximum cumulative amount of funding per semester the organization can receive.

#### 3.1.6.2 Annual Adjustment of Tiers

The commission will annually evaluate the number of tiers and total number of organizations to assign to each tier before assigning organizations to such tiers. The commission may increase or reduce the maximum allocation for the lowest tier throughout the fiscal year depending on the amount of funds available and the number of new organizations that request funding.

#### 3.1.6.3 Initial Tier Assignment

The commission assigns every new organization to the **New Group** tier in the first semester that it submits a regular funding request. The commission may assign a returning organization to the lowest tier in the second semester **if they previously used any of their allocated funding.**

#### 3.1.6.4 Requirements to Stay in Tier

The commission completes an annual evaluation of each organization at the end of each academic year to determine whether the organization may remain in the current tier or should be assigned to the next lowest tier in the next academic year. In order to remain in its current tier, the organization must in each semester that it receives funding:

1. spend a proportion of its allocated funds relative to the total amount allocated that meets or exceeds the efficiency spending percentage (the spending requirement); and,
2. remain in good standing with the Commission.

The efficiency spending percentage is set by the Commission by the first day of classes in the academic year in which groups are being evaluated.

If an organization does not submit any funding requests in an academic year, the Commission will assign it to the next lowest tier in the following academic year. If an organization is zero funded in one of the semesters, this will be disregarded if the organization qualifies in the other semester with its efficiency spending percentage.

#### 3.1.6.5 Advancement to a Higher Tier

As part of the annual evaluation, the Commission also provides an opportunity for organizations to request advancement to a higher tier for the next academic year. In order to advance to the next highest tier, an organization must:

1. fulfill all requirements to remain in its current tier; and,
2. receive a non-zero funded budget in both semesters in the past academic year and
3. in at least one semester, spend a proportion of its allocated funds relative to the maximum allocation allowed for its tier that meets or exceeds the tier spending percentage.

The tier spending percentage is set by the Commission by the first day of classes in the academic year in which groups are being evaluated. This is done objectively by the percentages and no format application process is required.

#### 3.1.6.6 Special Cancellation Request

The commission permits the submission of Special Cancellation Requests to allow organizations to remove select funds from the tier and efficiency spending calculation in light of circumstances that were unforeseen at the time of application. The Request must be submitted to the Commission within two (2) weeks of the organization becoming aware of the inability to fulfill the expense. The commission will determine whether or not the circumstances are unforeseen. These may include but are not limited to:

1. speaker/performer cancellations after the budget was reviewed;
2. weather conditions prohibiting travel;
3. a reduction in price after the submission of the original price quote;
4. injury or illness; or
5. actual costs are lower than those allocated under negotiated rates.

#### ~~3.1.6.7 Fast Track Advancement~~

~~If organization is in the lowest tier and advance to a higher tier in three consecutive academic years and meets criteria the next highest tier in the fourth year, it may advance two tiers that year. This is only applicable for organization trying to the performance tier.~~

#### 3.1.6.7 Additional Requirements for Performance Tiers

The commission may designate certain tiers as performance tiers. To remain in or advance into a performance tier, organizations must:

1. fulfill all of the basic requirements to be eligible for that tier;
2. submit an annual performance report using facilities provided by the Commission; and
3. submit a Diversity & Inclusion Plan (DIP) and receive approval from the DIP Task Force in compliance with the guidelines set out for Performance tier groups in United Student Body. This requirement may be waived by the commission's executive board if the organization can provide sufficient evidence that the DIP task did not carry out its duties properly.

The Commission will consider information submitted in the annual performance report in determining whether an organization may remain or advance into the specified performance tier. If the Commission determines that the group is not eligible to remain in a performance tier then the group will be placed into the highest tier that is not a performance tier.

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281 3.1.6.8 Option to Receive Double Tier Amount in One Semester  
282 An organization may elect to receive funding in only one semester. Such an organization may receive  
283 twice the maximum allocation permitted for its tier. **Maximum Funding limits under Categories of**  
284 **supported expenses will not double (see 8.1.4, 8.2.6, 8.3.6, and 8.5.2).**  
285 To exercise this option, the organization must submit a Fall/Spring Only Semester form to the  
286 commission before the first deadline for funding request submissions in the fall semester.

287 3.2 Special Project Request  
288 3.2.1 Purpose

289 To allow organizations to request funds in certain new or special circumstances, the commission  
290 permits submission of special project requests.

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292 3.2.2 Eligible Expenses

293 An applicant may request additional funding for any expenses in its funding request or for entirely new  
294 expenses under the following conditions:

- 295 1. applicant has received an allocation for the current semester in response to its regular funding  
296 request;  
297 2. special project funding application is submitted both before the deadline for submission as  
298 stated in the SAFC calendar and before any additional requested funding must be used;  
299 3. additional funds are needed because:  
300 1. the applicant has new circumstances which:  
301 1. support a higher allocation than the original circumstances of the allocation,  
302 and  
303 2. could not have been reasonably anticipated or mitigated by the organization  
304 before it submitted its original request

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306 The applicant may request expenses solely in the following categories:

- 307 1. local events,  
308 2. travel events, and  
309 3. publications.

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311 3.2.3 Application Requirements

312 Organizations submit special project funding applications using a special project application form  
313 available online from the commission website. Forms must be signed by the registered president,  
314 treasurer, and advisor of the organization and must include:

- 315 1. identification of the expenses for which additional funding is needed and how much more is  
316 needed for each; and,

317 2. if the request arises from new circumstances, documentation of new circumstances  
318 necessitating the increased allocation, including a showing that the applicant could not have  
319 reasonably foreseen such circumstances at the last regular deadline.

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#### 321 3.2.4 Procedure for Review and Allocation

322 The commission:

- 323 1. reviews the application at the next date set in its calendar and renders a decision by the same  
324 process as for the single organization application, but without a hearing except by request of  
325 the Chair(s) of the commission;  
326 2. rejects the application or any parts of it that do not meet criteria for a special request funding  
327 application; and,  
328 3. considers the parts it accepts on the merits as if they were part of the regular funding request  
329 and allocates accordingly, applying any adjustment or maximum allocation restrictions that  
330 applied to the regular funding request.

#### 331 4 Allocation

332 The commission allocates funds according to these guidelines and its bylaws. Allocations do not  
333 guarantee that specific reimbursements or payments will be issued. For this reason, organizations are  
334 advised to consult with the Commission before entering into any commitment with financial  
335 consequences.

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#### 337 5 Funding Hearings

##### 338 5.1 Purpose of a Funding Hearing

339 A funding hearing process is provided to enable organization leaders to meet with commissioners to  
340 resolve certain mistakes identified in or arising out of the initial allocation process.

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##### 342 5.2 Eligibility to Request a Funding Hearing

343 An applicant may only request a hearing regarding a request which:

- 344 1. is submitted in an application; and  
345 2. received less than the maximum allocation for which it is eligible, which is the lesser of:  
346 1. the amount requested; and  
347 2. the difference between the semester tier cap for that group and cumulative funds  
348 already allocated to that group in the current semester.

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##### 350 5.3 Procedures

The commission:

1. will schedule hearings within one week of release of preliminary allocation determinations;
2. does not allow amendment of the originally submitted request;
3. accepts additional documentation and statements provided by the applicant which clarify or support the requests included in the original submission; and,
4. keeps minutes which document the names of participants in the hearing, the questions asked of the applicant, and the responses received.

The applicant:

1. provides no less than one and no more than three representatives of whom all must be either undergraduate student members or registered advisors; and,
2. limits responses to the questions posed by the Commissioners.

## 6 Appeals

### 6.1 Purpose

The external appeal process assures actions of the Commission are fair and reasonable. An organization may utilize this process only where it can

1. dispute:
  1. an allocation decision;
  2. a special cancellation request; or
  3. placement into/removal out of a performance tier;
  4. "Additional Requirements" of eligibility outlined in section 2.1.2;
2. where it can demonstrate that the Commission:
  1. incorrectly interpreted or applied its guidelines or relevant policies; or
  2. wrongly excluded or construed relevant information or supporting documentation in the organization's application.
  3. It has fulfilled the "Help Sessions" requirement as outlined in Section 2.1.3

An organization may not appeal an allocation decision if it had, but did not utilize, an opportunity for a hearing with the Commission. The burden shall rest on the appealing organization to demonstrate that the Commission erred. The Appeals Board determines the outcome of the appeal.

### 6.2 Format of Appeal

Appeals are submitted to the Student Assembly Vice President for Finance the Chair of the Appeals Board [gdk36@cornell.edu]. Appeals must include:

1. name of the organization;
2. the date and time of the organization's appeal with the Commission regarding the allocation that is being appealed;
3. whether the organization is appealing either the Commission's:
  1. interpretation of its funding guidelines; or
  2. wrongful exclusion of relevant information or supporting documentation;
4. rationale explaining how the group believed the Commission erred;
5. a citation of the specific policies in these guidelines or other policies applicable to the Commission's determination (for example: "SAFC Funding Guidelines Section 8.2.1"); and,

- 392 6. the contact(s) who will represent the organization in the appeal, who must be the registered  
393 president, treasurer, or advisor of the organization.

394 6.2.1 Composition of SAFC Appeals Board

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- 396 1. The SAFC Appeals Board (hereafter: the Board) shall be chaired by the Student Assembly Vice  
397 President for Finance, who serves as an impartial chairperson. In the event of a tie, the  
398 Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote. In the event that the Student Assembly Vice  
399 President for Finance is unavailable to chair a hearing, another voting member of the Student  
400 Assembly who is on the Appeals Board will be asked to fill the position.
- 401 2. The Board shall be composed of the standing membership of the Student Assembly  
402 Appropriations Committee. The SAFC Co-Chairs shall serve as non-voting, ex-officio members  
403 of the Appeals Board.
- 404 3. Quorum for the SAFC Appeals Board shall be defined as the Chair and five additional members  
405 of the SAFC Appeals Board.  
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407 6.3 Receipt of Appeal and Initial Action

- 408 1. The organization must submit completed appeals before the deadline provided by the  
409 Commission or, if the Commission does not specify an explicit deadline, within five business  
410 days after the Commission releases the decision the organization wishes to dispute.
- 411 2. The Chair of the Appeals Board, after determining the appeal submission is timely and  
412 complete, transmits it to the Commission's Executive Board.
- 413 3. If the SAFC Executive Board agrees with the appeal request in its substance, the Chair of the  
414 Commission may notify the Chair of the Appeals Board, who may grant the request without  
415 conducting a hearing.
- 416 4. The Chair of the Appeals Board, unless so notified regarding the appeal, contacts the members  
417 of the organization within five business days of receiving the review request to schedule a  
418 hearing with the Appeals Board.  
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420 6.4 Appeal Hearing

421 In presentation and discussion, the Appeals Board reviews only the actions disputed in the appeal, and  
422 neither the affected organization nor the Commission may present new information or documentation  
423 that was unavailable when the Commission made its initial decision. The affected organization may be  
424 represented by any undergraduate member and the president and treasurer must be in attendance.

425 The SAFC shall be represented by the Commissioners who conducted the Funding Review and Funding  
426 Hearing of the affected organization. The affected organization and the SAFC representatives each:

- 427 1. present their rationales; and,  
428 2. answer questions concerning its presentation.  
429

430 6.5 Decision

431 The Appeals Board

- 432 1. deliberates in closed session and, for each disputed action, determines whether Commission  
433 erred in its original decision; and,  
434 2. for each determination that the Commission erred in its original decision, adopts a rationale  
435 explaining its determination.

436 In determining whether guidelines were correctly interpreted the Appeals Board will consider whether  
437 the Commission's application of its guidelines was reasonable. In determining whether the  
438 Commission erred in its determination of facts, the Appeals Board will decide based on a  
439 preponderance of evidence provided in the hearing.

440 For each appeal reviewed, the Chair of the Appeals Board:

- 441 1. compiles a preliminary report of all determinations and rationales approved by the Appeals  
442 Board  
443 2. presents a report for the Assembly no less than one week following the decision of the Appeals  
444 Board; and,  
445 3. transmits the adopted report to the Chair(s) of the Commission, the Office of the Dean of  
446 Students, and the presidents, treasurers, and advisors of the affected organizations.

447 For each determination that the Commission erred, the Commission or its Executive Board must within  
448 ten business days:

- 449 1. reconsider the disputed action and adopt actions that are consistent with the rationale of the  
450 Appeals Board;  
451 2. report its revised decision to the Chair of the Appeals Board, the Office of the Dean of  
452 Students, and the affected organizations.  
453

## 454 6.6 Further Appeals

455 Organizations may appeal a revised decision of the Commission in the same manner as the original  
456 decision, but only on the basis of new determinations that were made since the original appeal was  
457 filed. Organizations may additionally dispute outcomes of appeals through the university Ombudsman.  
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## 459 7 Reversion of Funds

460 If an organization has unspent funds remaining in its account at the first business day after the last  
461 day of classes in the academic semester in which those funds were allocated, those funds will  
462 automatically revert to the Commission.  
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## 464 8 Categories of Supported Expenses

465 This section describes the kinds of expenses which the Commission may fund.

466 The following general principles apply to all expenses funded by the Commission:

- 467 1. The commission funds only for expenses that relate to the purpose of the organization as  
468 specified in its registration with the **Campus Activities Office**.  
469 2. In requests for funding, organizations must always break down the amounts requested in each  
470 expense category and specify the permitted expense in the category to which the amounts  
471 relate.  
472 3. Depending on the type of request and the category, additional documentation or conditions  
473 may apply to funding requests.  
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475 8.1 Administrative Expenses

476 8.1.1 General Purpose

477 Administrative expenses support the basic operation and administration of the organization.

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479 8.1.2 Permitted Expenses

480 The following expenses are allowed under this category:

- 481 1. copying and printing services not related to advertising for specific local events;  
482 2. chalk;  
483 3. advertising for recruitment;  
484 4. repairs and maintenance of equipment;  
485 5. Willard Straight Hall mailbox rental fee and on-campus storage areas;  
486 6. web hosting;  
487 7. **social media advertising; and**  
488 8. **stickers.**  
489 ~~9. Group—not individual—membership fees (ex. national chapter dues)~~

490 8.1.3 Prohibited Expenses

491 The following expenses are prohibited under the **administrative expenses** category:

- 492 1. **durable goods** and items with a typical or expected useful life of more than one year  
493 2. **group and individual membership fees.**

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495 8.1.4 Maximum Funding

496 Administrative expenses may not exceed \$200 per semester.

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498 8.2 Local Event

499 8.2.1 Purpose

500 This category includes expenses associated with putting on an event, program or practice.

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502 8.2.2 Eligible Events

503 To be eligible for funding the event must:

- 504 1. occur between the first and last day of classes;  
505 2. occur on a weekday when classes are in session or a weekend that is not part of a university  
506 holiday such as Fall Break or Spring Break; and,

3. be one of the following:
  1. a practice session for athletic or performance organizations, or
  2. a public event open to the Cornell community to the extent permitted by spatial, temporal, or financial constraints;
4. not have a primary or substantive purpose of:
  1. conversion/worship
  2. influencing legislation
  3. partisan political activity
  4. raising funds for profit
  5. raising funds for charity, unless the event has another equally substantive purpose related to the mission of the organization
  6. social activity; and,
  7. comply with the [Use of University Property Policy](#), if it occurs on campus.

### 8.2.3 Permitted Expenses

The following expenses are permitted under this category if they relate to an eligible event, are not among the prohibited expenses for the category, and are for:

1. guest performers, including:
  1. honorarium, engagement or coaching fee,
  2. transport,
  3. lodging, and
  4. meals;
2. venue rental;
3. [professional](#) event production services;
4. supplies and materials essential to the event;
5. media rental and licensing fees; and,
6. copies and chalk
7. [security fees](#)
8. [professional video/sound recording or photography expenses](#).

If an event is allocated funding, the Commission will provide up to two complementary, vertical eighth-page advertisements or the online equivalent in value to publicize the event in the Cornell Daily Sun. Funding is not allocated for these ads in the organization's funding request, but the organization may pay for the ads using the Cornell Daily Sun Advertisement Authorization Form.

### 8.2.4 Prohibited Expenses

The following expenses are prohibited under the [local events](#) category:

1. [durable goods](#) and items with a typical or expected useful life of more than one year,
2. [duplicates functionality or service already available on campus \(ex. utensils, cameras\)](#)
3. food other than meals for performers as provided in permitted expenses,
4. [travel expenses for members of the organization to a location within Tompkins County,](#)
5. honorarium or engagement fee if paid to:
  1. a speaker or performer with whom another organization has negotiated an engagement fee, documented by a Letter of Intent filed with the Commission, for which it is seeking funding from the Commission,
  2. a university student,
  3. a university employee,

4. an alumnus who graduated within five years, or
5. a parent, adopted parent, sibling, step-sibling, or child of a Cornell student.
6. any items that are given away.
7. entry fees/member dues paid to another SAFC-funded organization.

#### 8.2.5 Application Requirements

Applicant must submit:

1. price quote documentation for each individual expense; and
2. a completed Letter of Intent Form for each guest performer for which it requests funds in this category.

A Letter of Intent Form is a form available online from the SAFC, which must be completed by the speaker or performer and the group organizing the event. It is not binding upon either party, but it documents the good-faith intent of the parties to organize the event.

#### 8.2.6 Maximum Funding

The following caps will apply to expenses under the local events category:

1. Lodging for guest performers may not exceed \$100 per night and \$20 per person for any additional persons if the guest performer is a group of people.
2. Meals for guest performers may not exceed \$30 per person per day.
3. Travel expenses for guest performers may not exceed the eligible amount under the Internal Revenue Service rate, listed under negotiated rates.
4. Expenditures for electronics (i.e. cameras, speakers, etc) are capped at \$500
5. Copies and chalk for publicity may not exceed \$20 per event.

### 8.3 Travel Event

#### 8.3.1 Purpose

The commission funds expenses related to student participation in conferences and tournaments away from the university.

#### 8.3.2 Eligible Events

To be eligible for funding the event must:

1. be located outside the municipal limits of Tompkins County, New York;
2. occur between the first day of classes and the last day of exams for the semester in which it occurs;
3. be organized and hosted by another institution;
4. not be a retreat in which group members partake in team building, training activities, and other such activities which do not further the purpose of the organization; and,
5. not have a primary or substantive purpose of:
  1. conversion/worship
  2. influencing legislation
  3. partisan political activity
  4. raising funds for profit

- 596 5. raising funds for charity, unless the event has another equally substantive purpose  
597 related to the mission of the organization  
598 6. social activity.  
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### 600 8.3.3 Permitted Expenses

601 The following expenses are permitted under this category if they relate to an eligible event, are not  
602 among the prohibited expenses for the category, and are:

- 603 1. student travel expenses, including:  
604 1. transport, and  
605 2. lodging.  
606 2. entry fees; and,  
607 3. national/group dues;  
608 4. supplies and materials essential to participation in the event.  
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### 610 8.3.4 Prohibited Expenses

611 The following expenses are prohibited under the travel events category:

- 612 1. durable goods and items with a typical or expected useful life of more than one year,  
613 2. meals, unless the meals cannot be separated from an otherwise eligible expense, or  
614 3. social activities, unless the activities cannot be separated from an otherwise eligible expense.  
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### 616 8.3.5 Application Requirements

617 Applicant must submit:

- 618 1. travel event documentation for each individual event.

619 Travel event documentation must:

- 620 1. originate from the event organizer in the form of a letter, fax, or website printout; and,  
621 2. specify:  
622 1. organizer of the event, including a phone, email, or web contact;  
623 2. date of the event;  
624 3. location of the event;  
625 4. description or subject of the event; and  
626 5. all expenses associated with the event.  
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### 628 8.3.6 Maximum Funding

629 The following caps will apply to expenses under the travel events category:

- 630 1. Student travel expenses for travel events may not exceed the eligible amount under the  
631 student travel rate, listed under negotiated rates.  
632 2. For destinations outside the contiguous United States that are not within 400 miles of Ithaca  
633 the Commission will allocate a maximum of \$1,500 for travel expenses per event.  
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## 635 8.4 Durable Good

### 636 8.4.1 Purpose

637 The commission funds purchases of items with a useful life of more than a year that are necessary for  
638 an organization's purpose.

#### 8.4.2 Eligibility

To receive funding for expenses in this category, the organization must submit current information about each of the durable goods it has purchased with SAFC funds in the last three semesters with the current budget request.

#### 8.4.3 Permitted Expenses

Expenses permitted under this category include:

1. purchase or repair of a durable good which:
  1. has a typical and expected useful life of at least one year;
  2. will be held on campus for active use by the organization for its entire expected useful life;
  3. is necessary to carry out activities related to the organization's purpose; and,
  4. is intended for use in activities that would be eligible local events, travel events, or publications.

#### 8.4.4 Prohibited Expenses

The following expenses are prohibited under the durable goods category:

1. is purchased for personalized issue or use;
2. will not be stored in an on-campus facility managed by the organization or its advisor;
3. duplicates functionality or service already available on campus (ex. utensils, cameras);
4. is used to produce publicity items;
5. any items that are given away;
6. speakers unless the purpose of your organization is a performance group;
7. Apparels that are not uniforms;
8. Uniforms unless the purpose of your organization is a performance or sports group;
9. is an office good such as, but not limited to:
  1. stickers,
  2. pens,
  3. pencils,
  4. markers,
  5. paper,
  6. filing cabinets,
  7. hole punches,
  8. staplers,
  9. and paperweights; or,
10. is among the following:
  1. media for physical copying or production of music or video,
  2. electronics (ex: laptops, iPads, cameras, chargers, computer parts)
  3. software, and video games/gaming system
  4. Televisions, radios, small speakers
  5. refrigerator,
  6. adaptors (ex: dongles, HDMI) or
  7. flash drives and hard-drives.

#### 8.4.5 Application Requirements

Applicant must submit:

- 686 1. price quote documentation for each individual expense,  
687 2. on-campus (Cornell's Ithaca campus) storage location for each individual good.  
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## 689 8.5 Publication

### 690 8.5.1 Purpose

691 The commission funds production of publications for general distribution to the campus community.

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### 693 8.5.2 Maximum Allocation

694 The commission allocates a maximum of \$2,500 per academic semester for production of a publication.

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### 696 8.5.3 Eligible Publications

697 For expenses to be eligible under this category, they must support production of a publication that:

- 698 1. circulates in the same academic semester funds are issued;  
699 2. is available to the entire Cornell community and distributed at locations on campus frequented  
700 by this community, including campus dining facilities, student centers, libraries;  
701 3. issue at least 75 copies; and,  
702 4. include the email, phone, or mailing address for the president, treasurer, and advisor of the  
703 organization in each issue.  
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### 8.5.4 Permitted Expenses

706 Expenses are permitted under this category solely for production of eligible publications.

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### 708 8.5.5 Application Requirements

709 For each publication, the applicant must provide:

- 710 1. price quote documentation for each individual expense; and  
711 2. either:  
712 1. a copy of a recent issue of the publication; or,  
713 2. in the case of a new publication, a written outline detailing the format, content, and  
714 intended audience of the publication.  
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## 716 9 Performance Reporting

717 Organizations seeking to remain in or advance to performance tiers are required to submit an annual  
718 performance report. To facilitate such reporting, the Commission provides means for organizations to  
719 submit information about their activities over the previous academic year. The annual performance  
720 report will allow organizations to submit responses to the following questions:

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- 722 1. Describe your organization's impact to the campus community, Cornell's reputation, and  
723 unique contribution to student life, especially relative to other similar groups.  
724 2. List the awards and media recognition (including local/student publications) your organization  
725 has received and dates for each item.

- 726 3. In terms of your organization's membership, please describe the Executive Board structure,  
727 number of active members who attend regular meetings, and number of people on the e-mail  
728 list.
- 729 4. How often do you hold regular meetings or practices? What does an average meeting or  
730 practice entail? Please mention the length of meetings or practice.
- 731 5. Describe how your organization currently reaches out to Cornell's numerous diverse  
732 communities, and going forward, how it plans to continue and expand these initiatives. These  
733 communities may include, but are not be limited to, membership and engagement with  
734 students.
- 735 6. Describe any Travel Events in the year and their significance for the organization.
- 736 7. For each Local Event in the year, list (bullet point format, supporting documentation  
737 encouraged):
- 738 7.1 Total Cost
- 739 7.2 Attendance
- 740 7.3 Marketing Efforts / Publicity
- 741 8. List any durable goods purchased in the previous and current academic year. (bullet point  
742 format)
- 743 9. List any other SAFC-funded organizations that your organization partnered with this year.
- 744 10. For the previous and current academic year, list other funding sources and amounts received  
745 from each. For instance; revenue from events, alumni donations, and/or dues.
- 746 11. Approximate budget request amount(s) for next year. If your organization is placed in the  
747 Performance Tier for next year, how will your group use the available funds? If your group is  
748 not presently in the Performance Tier, how will additional funds improve your organization?
- 749 12. Please explain why it is necessary to your organization that this SAFC Performance Tier exists.

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751 Additional Questions for Club Sports Teams Only:

- 752 13. Does Cornell have a varsity team for your sport and gender?
- 753 14. List any other SAFC-funded groups that play the same sport and include gender or skill  
754 level, if applicable.
- 755 15. Indicate your current ranking at the regional, division, and national levels. Also include the  
756 number of teams at each level.

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758 10 Calendar

759 By the last day of classes in any semester, the Commission adopts a calendar of events and deadlines  
760 consistent with these funding guidelines. The calendar is subject to change without notice and the  
761 online version supersedes any other version. Applicants are expected to review the calendar before  
762 making any fiduciary commitments.

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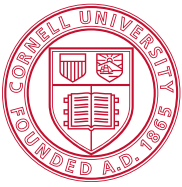
764 Appendix A. Negotiated Rates

765 The following rates are determined by the Office of the Dean of Students by negotiation and  
766 consultation with other units and external vendors that serve applicant organizations. The rates are  
767 subject to change by the Office of the Dean of Students without notice.

768 Some rates are available only to university organizations (organizations that register with a “university”  
769 rather than “independent” status). For university-only rates, organizations will have to obtain a quote  
770 directly from the vendor.  
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Expense Type	Current Rate	Vendor	Applies To	Updated
Advertising	\$64.00 per 1/8 page vertical advertisement	Cornell Daily Sun	University organizations	Monday, 16 April 2012
Speaker/performer transportation	\$0.535 per person per mile	US Internal Revenue Service	All organizations	Monday, January 1 2018
Student travel rate	\$0.071 per person per mile	SAFC and US Internal Revenue Service	All organizations	Tuesday, 1 January 2013
Student lodging rate	\$25 per person per night	SAFC	All organizations	Thursday, 1 August 2013

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# Cornell University Student Assembly

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## S.A. Resolution #48 Approving Special Projects Request for Collective X

ABSTRACT: This resolution approves the \$1,995 of Special Projects funding for Collective X

Sponsored by: Gabe Kaufman '18

**Whereas**, According to the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Special Project “[r]equests \$1500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Appropriations Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The SA, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$1500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.”

**Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee, by a majority vote, decided to grant Collective X at Cornell \$1,995 for their Release Party; and

**Whereas**, this event is open to the campus community and benefits a substantial number of Cornell students;

**Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly approves of this Special Projects disbursement

**Be it finally resolved**, the Student Assembly encourages all undergraduate students to attend this event.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Gabe Kaufman '18

*Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*

*(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee (7-4-1), 4/9/2018)*