



Student Assembly

1 Resolution 32: Approving Special Projects 2 Request for the Speech and Debate Society at 3 Cornell

4 **Abstract:** This resolution approves \$5000 of Special Projects funding for the Speech and Debate
5 Society at Cornell to attend the American Forensics Association National Individual Events
6 Tournament.

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8 **Sponsored by:**

9 **Reviewed by:** Executive Board (4-0-0)

10 **Type of Action:** Internal Policy

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12 **Current Status:** Second Reading Calendar

13 **Whereas**, the Speech and Debate Society at Cornell (CSDS) has an annual allocation of \$8000
14 from the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC),

15 **Whereas**, the CSDS is a society of four teams, with all funding divided amongst them,

16 **Whereas**, the Speech Team of CSDS is seeking funding to attend the American Forensics
17 Association National Individual Events Tournament,

18 **Whereas**, the total cost of the tournament is \$17000,

19 **Whereas**, Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 1, of the Standing Rules reads:

20 The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through the
21 Assembly Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student
22 life. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending.

23 **Whereas**, the CSDS complies with Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 2, subsection a, of
24 the Standing Rules as a Cornell registered student organization,

25 **Whereas**, Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 5, of the Standing Rules reads:

26 Requests \$2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive
27 Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The



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28 Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$2,500 or greater. The request
29 should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

30 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly approves the \$5000 disbursement from the
31 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Account into the account of the Speech and Debate
32 Society at Cornell.

33 Respectfully Submitted,

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