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Resolution 82: Approving the Recommendation from the Ad-Hoc Committee on Special Projects

Abstract: This resolution approves the recommendations voted upon by the Ad-Hoc Committee on Special Projects, formed by Resolution 57.

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Reviewed by: Ad-Hoc Committee on Special Projects (5-2-0), 04/08/2026

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Whereas, the Special Projects fund, and its guidelines, have been the source of contention in recent Student Assembly meetings,

Whereas, Resolution 57 created an Ad-Hoc Committee to review Special Projects guidelines,

Whereas, this committee met on April 8, 2026,

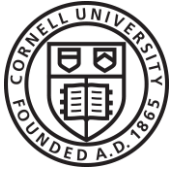
Whereas, the Vice President for Finance was designated as the chair of the committee through Resolution 57, and the Vice President for Finance shall submit the recommendation of the committee,

Be it therefore resolved, various typos and grammatical errors within the Standing Rules be corrected,

Be it therefore resolved, the Cornell Student Assembly Standing Rules Section 112.B have a section 7 that reads: "If any organization has been found to have violated the terms of their proposal by artificially inflating costs, overestimating the amount of students utilizing this funding, or genuinely misrepresenting the purpose of the activity for the sake of gaining extra money, they shall receive a fine, determined by the Vice President for Finance.",

Be it therefore resolved, the Cornell Student Assembly Standing Rules Section 112.B have a section 8 that reads: "Organizations without open membership are not eligible for Special Projects Funding, except in cases where the applicant is hosting an event open to all Cornell undergraduate students."

Be it finally resolved, that on the Special Projects Fund Application page, the Vice President for Finance shall be required to provide general guidelines, in accordance with IRS reimbursement guidelines wherever possible, for calculating the cost of "fixed travel expenses" which include



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31 but are not limited to: plane tickets, rental cars, meals per day, gas, hotel rooms, etc. These
32 guidelines can also be relative to geographic location. These guidelines are not binding but are
33 rather recommendations to communicate to applicants to not unnecessarily splurge, as Special
34 Projects Funding is not limitless.”

35 Respectfully Submitted,

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37 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*