



Student Assembly

Resolution 21: Approving the Recommendation for the 2026-2028 Student Activity Fee

Abstract: This resolution approves the recommendation for the 2026-2028 Student Activity Fee. The overall recommendation is a compilation of approved Finance Committee recommendations.

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Reviewed by: Finance Committee

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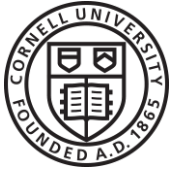
Whereas, Appendix A: Guidelines for the Allocation of the Student Activity Fee, Section 1: Preamble, reads:

“The Student Assembly, through the delegated authority of the President and the Board of Trustees, is charged with the allocation of the Student Activity Fee (SAF). This fee is mandatory for all undergraduate students of the University and shall be used to fund participation in, and viewing of, activities and programs that benefit the Cornell community. The SAF shall be determined during the fall semester of every odd-numbered year, and be subject to the approval of the President of the University.”

Whereas, Appendix A: Guidelines for the Allocation of the Student Activity Fee, Section 10: Default, reads:

“If the Assembly does not adopt a recommendation in the fall semester of a fee setting year, its recommendation shall be presumed to be that all individual by-lines revert to the same level as in the current funding cycle with the following exception:

1. Should an applicant's newly approved allocation be less than that of the current cycle, the applicant shall receive the lower allocation.”



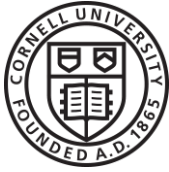
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Whereas, Appendix A: Guidelines for the Allocation of the Student Activity Fee, Section 13: Criteria for Setting and Allocating the Student Activity Fee from the March 1, 1999 Delegation of Authority, Subsection I, reads:

“The SA shall ensure that the Student Activity Fee is an even dollar amount without change. The SA shall be permitted to increase the Student Activities Funding Commission’s allocation above their request to reach an even dollar amount.”

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly recommends the Student Activity Fee be set at \$476 and distributed as follows:

	2025-2026	2026-2028		
Organization	Allocation	Request	Allocation	% Change
ALANA Intercultural Board	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$15.82	13%
Alternative Breaks	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	-100%
Athletics & Physical Education	\$7.70	\$8.00	\$8.00	3.90%
Club Sports Council	\$29.00	\$38.00	\$35.52	22.48%
Collegiate Readership Program	\$2.92	\$5.40	\$5.40	84.93%
Community Partnership Funding Board	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	0%
Convocation Committee	\$18.00	\$23.00	\$20.50	13.89%
Cornell Concert Commission	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$23.50	6.82%
Cornell University Class Councils	\$16.00	\$19.50	\$13.50	-15.63%
Cornell University Program Board	\$15.39	\$15.60	\$15.60	1.36%
CU Tonight Commission	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$11.00	-8.33%
Emergency Medical Service at Cornell University	\$5.15	\$5.20	\$5.15	0%
Empathy Assistance and Referral Services	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.00	-100%
Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition	\$3.45	\$3.50	\$3.45	0%
Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union	\$5.40	\$5.40	\$5.40	0%
International Students Union	\$8.50	\$10.00	\$9.50	11.76%



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Interfaith Council at Cornell	\$6.50	\$20.50	\$11.50	76.92%
Minds Matter at Cornell	\$0.50	\$1.70	\$1.00	100%
Multicultural Community Fueled Activities Board	\$14.75	\$20.00	\$17.00	15.25%
Multicultural Greek Fraternal Council	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$1.60	-20%
Outdoor Odyssey	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90	0%
Slope Day Programming Board	\$50.00	\$62.50	\$62.50	25%
Student Activities Funding Commission	\$148.53	\$148.60	\$166.60	12.17%
Student Assembly	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.00	9.09%
Student Club Insurance	\$5.50	\$5.80	\$5.80	5.45%
Student Programming Council	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$4.30	43.33%
Students Helping Students Awards	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.60	0%
Tatkon Center for New Students	\$13.86	\$13.90	\$13.86	0%
Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board	\$6.60	\$9.90	\$7.00	6.06%
Total Student Activity Fee	\$424	\$496.50	\$476	12.26%

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