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Resolution 35: Approval of the SAIFC's Mid-Spring Recommendation

Abstract: This resolution provides recommendation for the disbursement of \$20,000 and, if there is an remaining amount fund of SAIFC at the end of the spring semester, up to another \$20,000 to the Cornell Architecture Student Practice Club (CASP) in support of the construction of Student Assembly Kiosks and the clarification of the decision submitted to the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission (SAIFC) on February 22nd, 2025.

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Reviewed by: Infrastructure Fund Commission, 02/22/2025

Type of Action: Internal Policy

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Current Status: Adopted by the Assembly, 14-9-0, 03/06/2025

Whereas, the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission has received one complete application before their internal meeting on 2/22/2025.

Whereas, the Cornell Architecture Student Practice Club (CASP) applies for \$40,000 to construct two to three Student Assembly Kiosks in 2 to 4 high-foot-traffic areas on campus.

Whereas, the kiosks would provide an appealing way for students to interact with student assembly information by integrating digital screens and special design.

Whereas, the CASP would design these kiosks under the guidance of the university's Architect and Planning Departments over the course of the Spring 2025 semester.

Be it therefore resolved, \$20,000 be transferred from the Infrastructure Fund Disbursement Account to CASP to fund the construction of Student Assembly Kiosks.

Be it further resolved, if the SAIFC has remaining funds by the end of the 2025 Spring Application cycle, up to \$20,000 of the remaining funds will be additionally transferred to CASP to support the construction of more Kiosks.

Be it finally resolved, the resolution shall take effect upon approval of the Dean of Students.

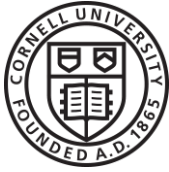
Respectfully submitted,

Flora Meng '27



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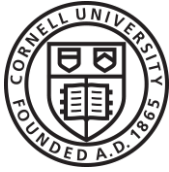


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SAIFC Mid-Spring Semester Report

The Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission (SAIFC) is a committee under the Student Assembly that has delegated authority to allocate the funds generated by the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund (SAIF). The primary objective of the SAIF is to provide financial support for projects and initiatives that enhance campus infrastructure or facilities, thereby enriching the undergraduate experience at Cornell University. For the 2024-2025 funding cycle, the commission comprises 15 voting members, including 7 community members and 8 assembly representatives.

Since the beginning of the 2025 Spring semester, the commission has focused on further publicizing funding opportunities and reviewing funding applications. In total, there are two applications received: (1) *Crosswalks on University Avenue*, (2) *Napping Pods & Bean Bags proposed by the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)*, and (3) *Kiosks proposed by the Cornell Architecture Student Practice Club (CASP)*. The SHAC project is still at the stage of evaluating feasibility with related offices, such as the Library Facility and directors of Mann Library and Olin Library, while the CASP project's feasibility is supported by the Campus Architect's Office by February 22nd, 2025. Thus, a hearing was held on Feb 23rd, 2025, during a regular meeting session of the SAIFC, and the commission recommended to allocate \$20,000 and, if there is an remaining amount fund of SAIFC at the end of the spring semester, up to another \$20,000 to the Cornell Architecture Student Practice Club (CASP) in support of the construction of Student Assembly Kiosks. After this allocation, the SAIFC would have \$28,000 (45% of available funds) allocated, leaving \$33,670 (% of available funds) available this semester.



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Applications Review

Project applications are submitted through [a Qualtrics survey](#), accessible via the assembly's official website, with the following prompt provided as guidance:

1. Project Idea *

(Be sure to include details about your idea, its location on campus, the impact on undergraduate students, etc.)

2. Problem/Beneficiary

What is the problem you are trying to address? Who are the main beneficiaries?

3. Motivation

What motivated this idea?

*: Applicants are strongly suggested to include a timeline of the project, a sponsor from school offices, and a budget estimation.

Below, applications are organized under the headings "Project Name+Represented Organization/Individual" in chronological order based on the commission's decision-making dates. The details provided below in the Project Idea, Problem/Beneficiary, and Motivation sections directly reflect the submissions of the respective applicants. Additional information and presentation materials for all submissions are available in the SAIFC Box folder of 2024-2025.

1. Interactive Kiosks for Student Assembly- Cornell Architecture Student Practice Club (CASP)

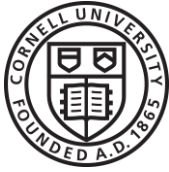
Applicant:

Franklin Berry, Urban Planning, AAP

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Project Idea

CASP would like to secure \$40,000 of funding to put Student Assembly Kiosks in 2 to 4 high foot traffic areas on campus. CASP would like to design these Kiosks to better advertise assembly-related materials to the student body. We would like to assist in increasing interaction between the student body and the Student Assembly. These kiosks would physically become part



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of every Cornell student's experience, even if just passing by. CASP would design these kiosks under the guidance of the University Architect and Planning Departments over the course of the Spring 2025 semester. The designs would be handed over to the University Architect's office at the end of the semester. Then of course their office would handle contracting the kiosks' construction and installation hopefully over the course of the Summer and Fall 2025 semester. The University Architect and Planning Department sponsored the project idea.

Problem/Beneficiary

I am trying to address the low voter turnout. And address common ignorance the general student body has of the Assembly. These Kiosks would serve to better inform the general student body of the Assembly's actions and the many opportunities and resources the Assembly can provide to students. It would provide more central space for students and student organizations to advertise upcoming events. I would like it to also serve as a primary location where students could obtain a copy of The Daily Sun newspaper. Secondary beneficiaries would include visitors to the Cornell campus who would like to use an interactive map for directions.

Motivation

CASP was founded with the initial goal of giving students the opportunity to build practical skills by designing infrastructure improvements on Cornell's campus. Many of CASP's future projects will be submitted to the SAIFC and we thought it would only be right to immediately give back to the org and student resource that has empowered our creation. We love that the Student Assembly has the power and resources to provide the student body with an opportunity like the SAIF and we want that power to grow. We believe if more students consistently vote and interact with the Student Assembly it will bolster student power on campus for generations of students to come. Also, I of course personally know of the SAIFC's mission this semester to better build a way to advertise the SAIF to more students to encourage more submissions. This project would serve as the ultimate form of consistent advertising for this fund on two fronts: the new physical form of advertising you would have access to, the new club you be supporting(CASP) full of creative design focused students who want to make an impact on this campus with this specific fund for generations to come. ITS A WIN WIN WIN!

Budget Estimation

A normal designed kiosk will cost about \$10,000. With a customized design, it will raise the cost to about \$15,000.



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Updated Information During Hearing

So far, CASP hasn't looked into other funding sources, so the SAIFC will be the only provider of funds. The Campus Planning Department raised concerns regarding the accessibility of the kiosk installation.

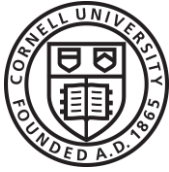
Goal: Designing an interactive Kiosk to better inform the general student body about the Student Assembly and the resources it offers to students.



(The complete presentation can be found at the CASP_kiosks_HearingPresentation slide uploaded to the SAIF-2024-2025 folder in Box.)

Commission Decision

This application was approved by the Committee on February 22nd, 2025



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Rationale

This project has the potential of helping the Student Assembly improve communication with the student body, market the SAIFC's funding opportunity, and provide students with hands-on experience with on-campus impact. Not only does it help increase the visibility of the assembly across campus, but it also provides a much-needed resource that will benefit the entirety of the undergraduate student body. The commission appreciated the idea of this project and acknowledged the need to improve communication between the Student Assembly and the student body, so we are in favor of supporting this project. However, since there are other 2 feasible applications submitted and requesting \$12,000-\$20,000 in total to be further processed-- (1)*Crosswalks on University Avenue*, (2)*Napping Pods & Bean Bags proposed by the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)*-- and the commission only has \$53,000 left, we don't want to fully commit to providing the full requested amount of \$40,000. Still, the commission is willing to support the piloting of 1 kiosk on campus, so the minimum amount of \$20,000 is given to ensure the implementation. Simultaneously, the commission acknowledged the rolling basis system and the effort the applicants put into developing a holistic application in communication with school offices, so the commission decided to allocate \$20,000, and if there is a remaining amount of funds in the SAIF at the end of the spring semester, up to another \$20,000 will be given to CASP in support of the construction of more kiosks.

Voting Result

Allocating \$20,000 to CASP - 8 yes, 1 abstain

Allocating the remaining fund (up to 20k) to the project at the end of the year- 8 yes, 1 abstain

*: Conflict of interest was claimed for the abstain. Franklin Berry abstained from voting for the CASP project, considering his leadership role in the organization.