



## Student Assembly

# Student Assembly Meeting Agenda

February 5, 2026

4:45-6:30 P.M.

Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 962 4676 6712 | Passcode: 673539

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
3. Approval of the [January 29th, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
4. Consent Calendar
5. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Liaisons
6. Announcements
7. Presentations
8. Public Comment Microphone
9. Second Readings
  - a. [Resolution 25](#): Approving Special Projects Request for Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association
    - i. [R25 Appendix A](#): Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association Special Project Funding Request
  - b. [Resolution 26](#): Approving Special Projects Request for the Young Democratic Socialists of America
    - i. [R26 Appendix A](#): Young Democratic Socialists of America Special Project Funding Request
  - c. [Resolution 27](#): Implementing the Cup Return Project

- i. [R27 Appendix A](#): Cup Return Project Proposal
  - d. [Resolution 28](#): Approving Special Projects Request for the Med-In Black Association
    - i. [R28 Appendix A](#): Med-In Black Association Special Project Funding Request
  - e. [Resolution 29](#): Approving Special Projects Request for the Cornell Capital Club
    - i. [R29 Appendix A](#): Cornell Capital Club Special Project Funding Request
  - f. [Resolution 30](#): Approving Special Projects Request for Air and Sea Hospitality
    - i. [R30 Appendix A](#): Air and Sea Hospitality Special Project Funding Request
  - g. [Resolution 31](#): Transferring Additional Funds to the Special Projects Fund
  - h. [Resolution 32](#): Approving Special Projects Request for the Speech and Debate Society at Cornell
    - i. [R32 Appendix A](#): Speech and Debate Society at Cornell Special Project Funding Request
10. Third Readings
  11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
  12. Adjournment



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## Student Assembly of Cornell University

Minutes of the January 29, 2026 Meeting

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Memorial Room (WSH 407), Willard Straight Hall

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Z. deRham called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.
  - b. Members Present: D. Addoquaye, A. Aftab, S. Agarwal, J. Anand, L. Blum, D. Carson, M. Causey, A. Cekic, C. Cook, Z. deRham, G. Dorward, M. Ehrlich, A. Fard, C. Flournoy, E. Galperin, I. Gayle, L. Han, C. Kim, K. Krishtopa, Y. Masoud, E. Porter, J. Purcell, H. Spector, J. Swavy, C. Tarala, T. Waguespack, A. Walters, H. Watkins, E. Yao, K. Young
  - c. Members Absent: V. Kakra, J. Mui, A. Vallecillo, Z. Yabut
  - d. Also Present: E. Chaudhuri, I. Gilenson
  
- II. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
  - a. Z. deRham stated the land acknowledgement.
  
- III. Approval of the January 22nd, 2026 Meeting Minutes
  - a. The motion to approve the minutes passes through unanimous consent with the note of a clerical error.
  
- IV. Consent Calendar
  - a. Z. deRham shares a communication from the Brown University Council of Students regarding an Ivy League solidarity memorial service. Following the tragic shooting on Brown's campus on December 13th, 2025, Brown will be holding a campus memorial for Ella Cook and Muhammad Aziz Muzerkov on February 7th at 4pm. A member of the UCS has requested the Ivys to hold a visual simultaneously.
    - i. Z. deRham suggests co-hosting with Students Demand Action Cornell, an anti-gun violence and pro-gun legislation reform organization.
  
- V. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Liaisons
  - a. E. Galperin reports that the dining committee will be meeting on Monday at 4:45 at Flora Rose House.
  - b. H. Watkins reports the assembly's subaccounts.



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- i. Administrative budgeted \$7,500, spent \$7,130.33, with \$369.67 left.
  - ii. Executive budgeted \$15,853.32, spent \$14,148.45, with \$1,704.87 left.
  - iii. Communications Committee started with \$3,000, spent \$228.99, with \$2,771.01 left.
  - iv. Initiatives started with \$4,000 and spent \$0.
  - v. Finance started at \$3,000 and is at \$0.
  - vi. Policy started with \$250, spent \$22, with \$228 left.
  - vii. Elections started with \$2,500, spent \$3,310, with \$2,190 left.
  - viii. Dining Services, DEI, Infrastructure Fund, Environmental Committee, Academic Policy, Student Health Advisory, and the Office of the Student Advocate have each spent \$9.
  - ix. Office of Student Government Relations started with \$1,750, spent \$541.86, with \$1,208.14 left.
  - x. Special projects was at \$26,254.22, dispersed \$15,486.80, with \$10,767.42 left.
  - xi. The Summer Experience Grant started at \$1,200, which hasn't been spent yet.
- c. T. Waguespack reports that the Communications Committee will have biweekly meetings on Sunday at 4PM, with its first meeting being this Sunday over Zoom.
  - d. L. Blum reports that the Environmental Committee will have its first meeting on Sunday from 5 to 6 to brainstorm weekly tabling ideas.
  - e. G. Dorward reports that the Infrastructure Fund Commission will have its meetings from 5 to 6 every Sunday on Zoom.

## VI. Announcements

- a. Z. deRham announces that a newsletter has been sent out this week, including the Director of Ethics Qualtrics form, which has 4 submissions so far.
  - i. The assembly discusses procedures, deadlines, and raising awareness.

## VII. Presentations

- a. None.

## VIII. Public Comment Microphone

- a. No speakers.



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## IX. Second Readings

- a. Resolution 23: Transferring Funds to the ALANA Intercultural Board
  - i. H. Watkins shares that the resolution transfers \$50,000 to ALANA to help them get on their feet from heavy advisor turnover.
  - ii. A. Cekic suggests having ALANA write down what they learned.
    1. H. Watkins explains that ALANA has been intentional in taking back control of their money and this resolution is meant to be a cooperative effort.
  - iii. E. Galperin motions to move the resolution to the third reading calendar, passes by unanimous consent.

## X. Third Readings

- a. Resolution 24: Transferring Funds to the Special Projects Fund
  - i. H. Watkins shares that the resolution transfers \$15,000 to the Special Projects Fund.
  - ii. A. Aftab motions to vote on the resolution, approved by unanimous consent.
  - iii. The motion to transfer funds to the Special Projects Fund passes.

## XI. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar

- a. None.

In accordance with the standing rules of the Student Assembly, the assembly moves into a Committee of the Whole.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sophia Lin  
Clerk of the Assembly



## Resolution 25: Approving Special Projects Request for Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association

**Abstract:** This resolution approves \$4800 of Special Projects funding for the Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association, or EESA, for the Annual EESA Feast student conference.

**Authored by:** Hayden Watkins '28

**Sponsored by:**

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

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 02/05/2026

**Current Status:** Second Reading Calendar

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**Whereas,** the Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association (EESA) has an annual allocation of \$500 from the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC),

**Whereas,** the EESA seeks to bring members to the annual EESA Feast, a national Eritrean-Ethiopian student conference hosted at Yale University,

**Whereas,** the total cost of the EESA Feast is \$4800,

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

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

**Whereas,** the Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association complies with Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 2, subsection a, of the Standing Rules as a Cornell registered student organization,

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

Requests \$2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$2,500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.



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29 **Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly approves the \$4800 disbursement from the  
30 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Account into the account of the Ethiopian Eritrean  
31 Student Association.

32 Respectfully Submitted,

33 Hayden Watkins

34 Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*

# 2025-2026 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Request Survey PENDING APPROVAL

## Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects Application (Part 1)

Dear Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects applicant,

This form is the official application for AY 2025-2026 Special Projects funding. Below are guidelines for the Special Projects fund:

*The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through the Assembly Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending. Special Projects funding may be requested by any of the following, but not limited to:*

- (i) Any Cornell registered student organization,
- (ii) the Assembly committee chairs that seek funding for expenditures that exceed their committee's budgeted allocation.

*(1) 1. The President and Vice President for Finance together may approve any special projects funding request up to \$500 without consultation with the Executive Committee. Amounts up to \$500 may also be funded by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Request must be made public at a Student Assembly meeting in the form of an "Announcement/Report" before being approved. Any voting member can motion for the request to be sent to the Executive Committee if they feel necessary.*

*(2) The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$500 and under \$2,500 by a majority vote. The Assembly, at large, may reverse an Executive Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.*

*(3) Requests \$2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$2,500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.*

In addition to the Special Project rules outlined in the 2025-2026 Standing Rules, pursuant to APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS, Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines (lines 822-825) of the [Student Assembly Charter](#), an organization is only allowed a maximum of \$5,000 per semester in Special Projects funding.

- x. Student Assembly
  - a. The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell University Office of Assemblies Department.
  - b. The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed \$5,000 per organization per academic year.

### What Organization is requesting the funding? \*

Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association

Please do not just display an acronym, type out your group's name in its entirety.

### What is your role in your organization? \*

President

### If applicable, please list all conflicts of interest that your organization has with the Student Assembly. (Ex. Names of Organization members who are members of the Student Assembly or Student Assembly committees) \*

N/A

Please list any Student Assembly members or committees you have worked with in regard to this project.

### What Primary Funding Byline Organization does your Organization currently receive funding from? \*

Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)



### What is the Total Expected Cost of your project? \*

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**What is the total disbursement your organization is requesting from the Special Projects fund? \***


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4800

**Please describe the project your organization intends on using Special Projects funding for.**

**If this is for a one-time event, please include the name of the event, date of the event, expected attendance at the event, etc.**

**If this is for a one-time purchase of a good or service, please describe the items to be purchased, quantity purchased, cost per item, number of people this purchase will affect, etc. \***

The Ethiopian and Eritrean Students Association (EESA) is requesting Special Projects funding to support Cornell student attendance at the Annual EESA Feast, a national Eritrean–Ethiopian student conference hosted at Yale University from February 13–14, 2026. Approximately 25 Cornell undergraduate students are expected to attend. Special Projects funding would be used to offset conference registration, lodging, and transportation costs, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent participation and allowing Cornell students to represent Cornell University at a national, intercollegiate conference. Transportation will be arranged using a combination of personal vehicles and rental cars to minimize overall cost and ensure safe travel.

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**Please list all sources of funding your Organization has received or requested from in the 2025-2026 AY. This includes funds that will not be used on this project, as well as funds that will be used on this project. \***


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- Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC): Annual allocation (used to support the majority of EESA members and partially fund this project) - Student Assembly Special Projects Fund: Requested (this application) - EESA Fundraising: Planned sambusa sale and internal fundraising efforts - Individual Contributions: Limited participant contributions if necessary

Please list all sources of funding your organization received, has applied for, or intends to apply for in the 2025-2026 AY. In addition, name all sources of funding that will be used to fund this project. Finally, name all other possible sources of funding that have failed to fund this project and how they have failed.

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**Please quantify the expected number of students impacted by this project. \***


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Please describe the expected number of attendants and/or students impacted by this project.

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**Please outline all sources of income and expense for your organization in AY 2024-2025. \***


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Income Sources (AY 2024–2025): • Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) annual allocation • Fundraising events (e.g., food sales and cultural programming) • Member contributions and co-sponsorships (when applicable) Expenses (AY 2024–2025): • On-campus cultural and educational events • Food and materials for general body meetings • Event supplies and programming costs

This should not be a transaction history. Expenses should be event costs, food for meetings, etc.

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**Please describe all related expenses for this project. Be as specific as possible when describing each expense, and be sure to include quantities purchased, the cost per unit, and a breakdown of food costs if applicable. Include any links to websites used to purchase these items or services. \***


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- Conference Registration: • 25 students × \$65 per ticket = \$1,625 • Registration link: [https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/ycyeesa/rsvp\\_boot?id=2311199](https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/ycyeesa/rsvp_boot?id=2311199) - Lodging: • Airbnb accommodation for two nights near Yale University • [https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/855919597880239140?adults=16&check\\_in=2026-02-13&check\\_out=2026-02-15&search\\_mode=regular\\_search&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1769560454\\_P35KYTFMGMNfHNN&previous\\_page\\_section\\_name=1000&federated\\_search\\_id=13487764-586b-4ec2-8e69-a0b0ed39d837](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/855919597880239140?adults=16&check_in=2026-02-13&check_out=2026-02-15&search_mode=regular_search&source_impression_id=p3_1769560454_P35KYTFMGMNfHNN&previous_page_section_name=1000&federated_search_id=13487764-586b-4ec2-8e69-a0b0ed39d837) • Total cost: \$1,700 - Transportation: • Two personal vehicles (5 seats each) provided by organization members • Rental of 2–3 additional vehicles to accommodate remaining attendees • Estimated rental cost: \$272 per vehicle • Estimated gas costs for all vehicles • [https://www.enterprise.com/en/reserve.html#car\\_select](https://www.enterprise.com/en/reserve.html#car_select) • Total estimated transportation cost: \$1,475

Please list and describe the expenses by category for the project.

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**Describe how your Organization intends to adhere to Cornell University Policies related to Accessibility and Inclusion. \***


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EESA is committed to accessibility and inclusion in accordance with Cornell University Policies 5.12 (Web Accessibility) and 6.4 (Prohibited Bias and Discrimination). The EESA Feast conference is open to all Cornell students and does not discriminate based on any protected identity. Funding support is sought to reduce financial barriers related to travel, lodging, and registration, enabling students from diverse economic backgrounds to participate. EESA will share information in accessible digital formats and will work with conference organizers and transportation providers to accommodate accessibility needs when requested.

Note: Although your project/ initiative may be targeted toward a specific group of Cornell students, your Organization can not discriminate against identities protected under Policy 6.4, which are those protected under federal, state, and local equal education and employment laws and regulations.

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## Resolution 26: Approving Special Projects Request for the Young Democratic Socialists of America

**Abstract:** This resolution approves \$3000 of Special Projects funding for the Young Democratic Socialists of America Cornell Chapter for the Queer Solidarity Drag Show.

**Authored by:** Hayden Watkins '28

**Sponsored by:**

**Reviewed by:** Executive Board (5-0-0)

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 02/05/2026

**Current Status:** Second Reading Calendar

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**Whereas,** the Young Democratic Socialists of America Cornell Chapter (YDSA) has an annual allocation of \$2000 from the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC),

**Whereas,** the YDSA hosted a Queer Solidarity Drag Show with local performers to encourage queer solidarity,

**Whereas,** the total cost of the Queer Solidarity Drag Show is \$3000,

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

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

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- 28 **Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly approves the \$3000 disbursement from the  
29 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Account into the account of the Young Democratic  
30 Socialists of America Cornell Chapter account.
- 31 Respectfully Submitted,
- 32 Hayden Watkins
- 33 Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*

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  - b. The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed \$5,000 per organization per academic year.

### **What Organization is requesting the funding? \***

Cornell Young Democratic Socialists of America

Please do not just display an acronym, type out your group's name in its entirety.

### **What is your role in your organization? \***

Queer Solidarity Committee Co-Chair

### **If applicable, please list all conflicts of interest that your organization has with the Student Assembly. (Ex. Names of Organization members who are members of the Student Assembly or Student Assembly committees) \***

Aiden Vallecillo is a member of a committee of YDSA and the Student Assembly, although he's not a member of Queer Solidarity. I have solicited advice about this funding request survey from Aiden.

Please list any Student Assembly members or committees you have worked with in regard to this project.

### **What Primary Funding Byline Organization does your Organization currently receive funding from? \***

**What is the Total Expected Cost of your project? \***

3000

**What is the total disbursement your organization is requesting from the Special Projects fund? \***

3000

**Please describe the project your organization intends on using Special Projects funding for.**

**If this is for a one-time event, please include the name of the event, date of the event, expected attendance at the event, etc.**

**If this is for a one-time purchase of a good or service, please describe the items to be purchased, quantity purchased, cost per item, number of people this purchase will affect, etc. \***

Our event is the Queer Solidarity Drag show, which will take place on Friday 11/21 at 5pm in Goldwin Smith. Expected attendance at the event is ~40 people.

**Please list all sources of funding your Organization has received or requested from in the 2025-2026 AY. This includes funds that will not be used on this project, as well as funds that will be used on this project. \***

We have received funding solely from SAFC as an organization, and this event is being funded (hopefully) by the Student Assembly.

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**Please quantify the expected number of students impacted by this project. \***

40-50

Please describe the expected number of attendants and/or students impacted by this project.

**Please outline all sources of income and expense for your organization in AY 2024-2025. \***

YDSA received funding from the Office of Spirituality and Meaning-Making but has received no other sources of income. Its expenses have mainly been minimal food for meetings and occasional socials, but no major club events.

This should not be a transaction history. Expenses should be event costs, food for meetings, etc.

**Please describe all related expenses for this project. Be as specific as possible when describing each expense, and be sure to include quantities purchased, the cost per unit, and a breakdown of food costs if applicable. Include any links to websites used to purchase these items or services. \***

Drag performers - six performers times \$250 per performance + \$350 for host Food - around \$500-600 Seal plushes (for raffling as promotion for the event) - \$50 Sound equipment/staffing & various expenses for promotion - \$500

Please list and describe the expenses by category for the project.

**Describe how your Organization intends to adhere to Cornell University Policies related to Accessibility and Inclusion. \***

We intend to host the event in an accessible building and make it open to all students, including ushers to direct anyone interested to the event. Our event will also focus on highlighting diverse identities, although it is not targeted at any specific groups of students.

Note: Although your project/ initiative may be targeted toward a specific group of Cornell students, your Organization can not discriminate against identities protected under Policy 6.4, which are those protected under federal, state, and local equal education and employment laws and regulations.

Policy related to Accessibility ([Policy 5.12: Web Accessibility](#))

Policy related to Inclusion (Policy 6.4: Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct)

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## Resolution 27: Implementing the Cup Return Project

**Abstract:** This resolution seeks to implement the Cup Return Project, a plan to introduce reusable cups to Cornell Dining Retail locations.

**Authored by:** Ezra Galperin '27

**Sponsored by:** Riley Smith '28, Lydia Blum '27, Lorenz Mammen grad

**Reviewed by:** Name of Committee, MM/DD/YYYY

**Type of Action:** Recommendation

**Originally Presented:** MM/DD/YYYY

**Current Status:** Current Status (e.g. "Second Reading Calendar")

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**Whereas**, on November 17, 2025, Lorenz Mammen grad and the Cornell Residential Sustainability Leaders (RSLs) presented the first version of the Cup Return Project proposal to the Student Assembly Dining Services Committee,

**Whereas**, on February 2, 2026, Mr. Mammen and the RSLs presented the committee with an updated version of the Cup Return Project proposal,

**Whereas**, the Return Cup Project provides a plan to transition to reusable cups at Cornell Dining retail locations (Libe Café, Novick's, etc.), similar to the Fill it Forward program at dining halls,

**Whereas**, Cornell's RSLs have been in discussion with several potential providers of reusable cups,

**Whereas**, Cornell's RSLs have identified Vytal as the most promising potential provider of reusable cups,

**Whereas**, Cornell has the infrastructure in place for such a deposit and return program with the Fill it Forward program and the GET Mobile App,

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls on Cornell University to become the first university in the United States to implement a full reusable cup program at on-campus retail locations,

**Be it further resolved**, that Cornell Dining enter into discussions with potential providers, as outlined in the Return Cup project proposal,



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29 **Be it finally resolved,** that Cornell begin the process of implementing a reusable cup program  
30 with a pilot program at a limited number of locations.

31 Respectfully Submitted,

32 Ezra Galperin '27

33 Chair of the Dining Services Committee, *Student Assembly*

34 Riley Smith '28

35 Chair of the Sustainability Working Group, Dining Services Committee, *Student Assembly*

36 Lorenz Mammen grad

37 Member, Dining Services Committee, *Student Assembly*

38 Lydia Blum '27

39 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative, *Student Assembly*



# Cup Return Project Proposal

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**RESIDENTIAL  
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# Background



## The Problem



Single use coffee cups waste energy, water, and CO2.



Coffee cups are not recyclable and compostable cups need special facilities.

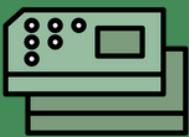


Shifts of consumer behavior alone can not solve the problem.

## At Cornell

"[Cornell] is committed to inventing and demonstrating cutting-edge sustainability solutions, starting with our own campus and community." - Cornell Website

### Previous successes



Fill it forward program **saves 300 pounds** of waste every month!



**8.000** redemptions of the reusable mug program between July and October!



### Future challenge

approx. 300 pounds of waste are produced from single use coffee mugs at Cornell **every four days**\*

approx. **170.000 total cup purchases** between July and October!\*

\*assuming 15g per cup, 20 cups per hour, 6 hours open, 19 coffee shops on campus

**We propose to work with Cornell Dining to empower the NEXT STEP in sustainability!**

# Background



## RSL Coffee mug survey

Spring 2023: Survey of > 1000 Cornell students on reusable mug habits.



70% of students own reusable mug



Only 10-15% of students bring it.

Primary reasons cited:

- students preorder drinks
- students forget their mugs
- students don't have facilities to wash them

Open ended question, what would help them:

Many students independently suggested a system like Fill-it-Forward for coffee mugs!

**BUT: Fill-it-Forward can not easily be expanded to retail locations, because of missing washing capabilities!**

## At other institutions

All Ivy league schools and many others by now have implemented deposit based systems for take out from dining halls.

Yale, UPenn, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Brown, Columbia, Northwestern, BU, Stanford, ...

UC Berkeley has a limited deposit based mug program. (1, 2)

Princeton is discussing a pilot with Vytal at the moment.

No institution in the US has targeted coffee mugs more broadly, YET...

# Our Proposal



Cornell could offer reusable cups in retail locations with a deposit based scheme similar to fill it forward.

**We propose:  
Outsource logistics and washing to the company.**

## Advantages:

- money savings from not having to buy disposables
- drastic waste reduction
- positive environmental impact (CO2, water, energy)

**Our proposal will allow Cornell to set a national example and ensure future leadership in sustainability!**

Below are the profiles of 13 companies and detailed notes from zoom meetings with 3 of them.

## Vytal

We identified Vytal, as the most promising partner for Cornell to implement our proposal. Vytal is an international reuse company that offers cups as well as washing and logistics.

## Alternative companies:

- Encora offers cups but outsources washing to third party company
- re:dish offers cups, logistics and washing didn't reply to our emails

**Cornell provides a unique ecosystem for a deposit based model in retail locations!**

**Minimal effort can result in drastic savings in CO2, energy, and water use.**

# Researched Companies



Providers of reusable dishware have a B2B model.

Companies mainly differ in the following ways:

- **Who owns the cups?**
  - cups leased to business
  - cups sold to business
- **Who do they serve?**
  - events
  - catering
  - coffee shops / dining
- **Washing**
  - they wash their cups
  - you wash their cups
  - they only wash for you but have no cups

We used the Reuse Service Provider Map from the NGO Upstream to find Companies active in the US. Here are some of their profiles:

Click on the logo for each company's website!

## Vytal

- Location: Europe, US East Coast
- Facts:
  - cups, bowls, tupper boxes, ...
  - serve dining, coffee shops and catering
  - mostly focused on large companies
  - they deliver, pick up, wash
- met on 10/17/25, see notes below



## Encora

- Location: Seattle
- Facts:
  - cups, soup containers, clamshell, ...
  - partner with 3rd party companies for washing
  - have smart return bin
- met on 10/16/25, see notes below



## CupZero

- Location: US wide
- Facts:
  - only cups for bars/events
  - retrieve cups from return bins and search through trash
- met on 10/17/25, see notes below



# Researched Companies



## MatterCup

- Location: UC Davis campus, 1 location
- Facts:
  - user pays 1\$ cash deposit to borrow cup
  - student-run
  - maybe out of business (did not respond to inquiries)
- emailed, but no reply

## r.world

- Location: US based, active in 35 states
- Facts:
  - mostly cups for events
  - maybe also other containers
  - they deliver, pick up, wash
- emailed, they replied first but then unresponsive



## re:dish

- Location: Boston, Philly, NYC
- Facts:
  - coffee cups, clamshell containers, ...
  - full service reusable dishware program
  - take care of all washing, pick up and drop off logistics
- emailed, but no reply

## Foodware

- Location: California
- Facts:
  - reusable packaging, take out containers
  - do not offer washing
- emailed, they replied first but then unresponsive



## BOLDreuse

- Location: 7 cities across US, closest is Chicago
- Facts:
  - Can add cities if market is large enough
  - Wash, replenish, and track inventory
  - Lids + multiple sizes (9, 16, and 20)
- emailed, but no reply

# Researched Companies



## WeUse

- Location: California
- Facts:
  - cups, clamshell containers
  - Pickup, cleaning, and return by company
- emailed, but no reply



## Sparkl

- Location: California
- Facts
  - events and cafeterias
  - only clamshell and soup containers
  - they offer washing
- emailed, but no reply

## Bright and Green

- Location: California
- Facts
  - 16 oz cups, plates, utensils
  - aimed towards local events only
- not contacted



## DishJoy

- Location: San Francisco
- Facts
  - offers outsourced washing
  - do not offer any dishes
- not contacted

## Eternity Systems

- Location: Europe, North America
- Facts
  - finances, equips and operates tailor-made territorial industrial washing centres
  - do not offer dishes
- not contacted



# Meeting notes



Founded in 2020 in Germany  
now active in over 21 countries

Offer wide variety of products

## Meeting on 10/17/25

Zoom meeting with Henry Simonds, Chief Commercial Officer at Vytal US

- Provide the cups and wash them in centralized facility in NYC
- 4h driving radius around facility is their cutoff - We fall within that
- Even with that driving - environmental impact greatly outperforms single use cups
- Mentioned being in conversation with Princeton about a pilot project
- QR Codes on products to track impact and return behavior
- System overview:
  - Product is borrowed by customer
  - Reminders show them where the closest drop-off location is
  - Return into simple cardboard bins, QR code gets scanned when washing
    - only 1 out of 10k returns does not work
  - Customer gets charged automatically if product not returned within 2 weeks
  - Reminders lead to >99% return rate
  - System integrates into the GET app, tap2borrow integrates
- all-in fee to University: includes leasing of product and logistics+washing
- Pricing depends on overall volume (the bigger, the more efficient the whole process)
- Start with coffee cups, but could offer take out containers additionally in the future
- Pick up for washing flexible (approx. 1-2 times per week)
- Before roll out: 4-6 month pilot at a few locations
- Need data about which products and weekly or monthly sales data to estimate impact and pricing





# Meeting notes

## cup zero

### Meeting on 10/17/25

Zoom meeting with Zsolt Bendel, Co-Founder of CupZero

- Do not offer coffee cups anymore, specialize on cups for events
- Usually <30% return rate but they use the profit to hire people to go trough the trash and sort out the cups → leads to >90% return
- 1\$ per cup → break even
- >2\$ per cup → profit
- Generally don't use deposit, but instead
  - Either increase first drink cost, then reduce cost for subsequent drinks if cup is brought back
  - Increase ticket price slightly
- Branded cups possible



## encora

### Meeting on 10/16/25

Zoom meeting with Ted Wallis, Founder of Encora Enterprises, Inc.

- Active mostly in Seattle, but could still work with us
- Cups: 20oz plastic (cold) and 16oz stainless steel (hot)
- QR on cup, user is charged if cup not returned within 10 days
- Return in Smart Return Container: 2ftx4ftx5ft, fits 555 containers
- >99% return rate
- Cup leasing 30ct per use, buying 5\$ per cup
- So far no washing offered
- Washing could be outsourced to 3rd party company



# Q&A - Vytal

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**What size will cups come in? Will they support both hot and iced drink orders?**

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A: Cold cups: 9oz, 12oz, 16oz, 20oz, (24oz coming soon)  
Hot cups: 9oz, 12oz

**Q: What is the flat rate of the service?**

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A: Depends on the volume. To be negotiated.

**Q: What about purchases without the GET app?**

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A: Their Tap2Borrow system integrates with POS systems to allow for use of credit cards to hold the deposit.

**Q: What about visitors?**

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A: Some disposable cups could be kept around if people ask for them.

**Q: What will pickup and drop-off look like?**

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A: Drop-off stations are simple cardboard boxes that can be placed around campus. Vytal scans the QR codes when washing to reimburse students

**Q: What does the lid look like?**

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A: Recommend to run the system without lids. But can provide compostable lids if required. QR code only on cup.

**Q: What is the actual environmental impact considering pick up by car?**

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A: From our calculations\* the break even point for CO2 is at ~1000 cups per drive to the washing facility (Cornell students use approx. 2000 cups per day)  
Water use of one disposable cup is 20l but reusable cup takes only 1l to wash.



## 1           **Resolution 28: Approving Special Projects** 2           **Request for the Med-In Black Association**

3    **Abstract:** This resolution approves \$2500.1 of Special Projects funding for the Med-In Black  
4    Association for the Future Healers Trip.

5    **Authored by:** Hayden Watkins '28

6    **Sponsored by:**

7    **Reviewed by:** Executive Board (6-0-0)

8    **Type of Action:** Internal Policy

9    **Originally Presented:** 02/05/2026

10   **Current Status:** Second Reading Calendar

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11   **Whereas,** the Med-In Black Association has an annual allocation of \$500 from the Student  
12    Activities Funding Commission (SAFC),

13   **Whereas,** the Med-In Black Association seeks funding for the Future Healers Trip, an  
14    educational and professional devolepment experience for undergraduate students pursuing  
15    careers in medicine, public health, and related health professions,

16   **Whereas,** the total cost of the Future Healers Trip is \$23126,

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

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

21   **Whereas,** the Med-In Black Association complies with Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section  
22    2, subsection a, of the Standing Rules as a Cornell registered student organization,

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

24           Requests \$2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive  
25           Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The  
26           Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$2,500 or greater. The request  
27           should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.



# Student Assembly

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28 **Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly approves the \$2500.1 disbursement from the  
29 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Account into the account of the Med-In Black  
30 Association.

31 Respectfully Submitted,

32 Hayden Watkins

33 Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*

# 2025-2026 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Request Survey PENDING APPROVAL

## Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects Application (Part 1)

Dear Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects applicant,

This form is the official application for AY 2025-2026 Special Projects funding. Below are guidelines for the Special Projects fund:

*The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through the Assembly Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending. Special Projects funding may be requested by any of the following, but not limited to:*

- (i) Any Cornell registered student organization,
- (ii) the Assembly committee chairs that seek funding for expenditures that exceed their committee's budgeted allocation.

*(1) The President and Vice President for Finance together may approve any special projects funding request up to \$500 without consultation with the Executive Committee. Amounts up to \$500 may also be funded by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Request must be made public at a Student Assembly meeting in the form of an "Announcement/Report" before being approved. Any voting member can motion for the request to be sent to the Executive Committee if they feel necessary.*

*(2) The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$500 and under \$2,500 by a majority vote. The Assembly, at large, may reverse an Executive Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.*

*(3) Requests \$2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$2,500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.*

In addition to the Special Project rules outlined in the 2025-2026 Standing Rules, pursuant to APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS, Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines (lines 822-825) of the [Student Assembly Charter](#), an organization is only allowed a maximum of \$5,000 per semester in Special Projects funding.

- x. Student Assembly
  - a. The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell University Office of Assemblies Department.
  - b. The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed \$5,000 per organization per academic year.

### What Organization is requesting the funding? \*

Med-In-Black Association

Please do not just display an acronym, type out your group's name in its entirety.

### What is your role in your organization? \*

President

### If applicable, please list all conflicts of interest that your organization has with the Student Assembly. (Ex. Names of Organization members who are members of the Student Assembly or Student Assembly committees) \*

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Please list any Student Assembly members or committees you have worked with in regard to this project.

### What Primary Funding Byline Organization does your Organization currently receive funding from? \*

Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)



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**What is the Total Expected Cost of your project? \***

23,126.00

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**What is the total disbursement your organization is requesting from the Special Projects fund? \***

5000

**Please describe the project your organization intends on using Special Projects funding for.**

**If this is for a one-time event, please include the name of the event, date of the event, expected attendance at the event, etc.**

**If this is for a one-time purchase of a good or service, please describe the items to be purchased, quantity purchased, cost per item, number of people this purchase will affect, etc. \***

The Med-In-Black Association intends to use Special Projects funding to support its annual "Future Healers" Washington, DC Trip, a one-time educational and professional development experience for undergraduate students pursuing careers in medicine, public health, and related health professions. The Future Healers Trip will take place in February 2026 and is expected to include approximately 45–50 students. Participants will travel as a group to Washington, DC to engage in structured visits to medical schools, hospitals, federal health agencies, and health policy institutions. These visits are designed to expose students to a wide range of career pathways in clinical medicine, biomedical research, public health, and health policy, while also providing direct mentorship and networking opportunities with professionals in these fields. Special Projects funding will be used to support group transportation and travel-related costs, which are essential to ensuring equitable access to this opportunity. Funding will primarily offset the cost of charter bus transportation between Ithaca and Washington, DC, as well as local transportation required to move participants between scheduled site visits. These costs would otherwise present a financial barrier for many students, particularly those from historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. This is a one-time annual event that has a meaningful impact on participants by providing early, immersive exposure to professional health-care environments. The Future Healers Trip is a cornerstone program of the Med-In-Black Association and directly supports its mission to expand access, representation, and professional readiness within pre-health pathways at Cornell University.

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**Please list all sources of funding your Organization has received or requested from in the 2025-2026 AY. This includes funds that will not be used on this project, as well as funds that will be used on this project. \***

During the 2025–2026 academic year, our organization has received or requested funding from the following sources: Student Assembly Finance Commission (SAFC) Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition LGBTQ+ Alliance at Cornell Alana Multicultural Board Black Student Union These funding sources support a range of organizational programming and operational needs across the academic year, including but not limited to events, professional development initiatives, and collaborative programming.

Please list all sources of funding your organization received, has applied for, or intends to apply for in the 2025-2026 AY. In addition, name all sources of funding that will be used to fund this project. Finally, name all other possible sources of funding that have failed to fund this project and how they have failed.

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**Please quantify the expected number of students impacted by this project. \***

44

Please describe the expected number of attendants and/or students impacted by this project.

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**Please outline all sources of income and expense for your organization in AY 2024-2025. \***

Sources of Income During the 2024–2025 academic year, Med-In-Black Association received funding from a combination of university allocations, special project grants, and collaborative funding partners. These sources supported both recurring programming and large-scale educational initiatives. Primary sources of income included: Student Assembly Finance Commission (SAFC) annual allocation and public events funding SAFC Special Projects funding for travel and educational trips Alana Multicultural Board funding Black Student Union (BSU) collaborative funding Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition (GJAC) funding Haven and LGBTQ+ Alliance funding for specific programs CU Tonight and other campus partners for event-based support Limited outside or co-sponsorship funding for select initiatives These funds collectively supported the organization's mission-driven programming throughout the academic year. Expense Categories Organizational expenses during AY 2024–2025 fell into the following major categories: Travel and Transportation Charter bus transportation for educational trips (e.g., Washington, DC and Boston) Travel-related costs associated with conferences and professional development opportunities Lodging and Meals Hotel accommodations for multi-day educational trips Group meals during trips to ensure participant safety, affordability, and cohesion Educational and Professional Development Programming Medical school visits, educational treks, and conferences Workshops such as suture workshops and skill-building sessions Events and General Body Programming General body meetings Study nights, movie nights, and community-building events End-of-semester galas and formal events Food and Catering Food for meetings, workshops, and events Catering for large-scale programs and trips Marketing and Outreach Promotional materials Photographer and DJ services for major events Merchandise and branding materials Operational and Administrative Costs Supplies and materials needed to support events and programming Reimbursements for approved organizational expenses

This should not be a transaction history. Expenses should be event costs, food for meetings, etc.

**Please describe all related expenses for this project. Be as specific as possible when describing each expense, and be sure to include quantities purchased, the cost per unit, and a breakdown of food costs if applicable. Include any links to websites used to purchase these items or services. \***

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Lodging and Meals (Total: \$11,176.00) Hotel Lodging Item: Hyatt Hotel rooms Cost per unit: \$131 per room per night Quantity: 44 people room-nights (group booking; students housed 4 per room) Duration: 4 nights Estimated cost: \$5,764.00 Purpose: Overnight lodging for participants during the duration of the trip Meals Group Brunch (Med-In-Black hosted) Cost per person: \$38 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$1,672.00 Restaurant Meal 1 Cost per person: \$40 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$2,200.00 Restaurant Meal 2 (Toro Restaurant) Cost per person: \$35 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$1,540.00 Meals are planned group meals intended to ensure participant safety, cohesion, and affordability while traveling. Transportation (Total: \$8,800.00) Charter Bus Transportation Vendor: CharterUp Cost: \$8,800 (flat rate) Quantity: 1 charter bus Purpose: Round-trip transportation between Ithaca, NY and Washington, DC, as well as group mobility Estimated cost: \$8,800.00 Charter transportation is required to safely transport the full group and ensure timely arrival to scheduled educational site visits. Activities (Total: \$3,150.00) Evening Group Activities Roller Skating Cost per person: \$35 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$1,540.00 Sky Zone Cost per person: \$55 Quantity: 44 attendees Estimated cost: \$1,610.00 These activities are structured group events designed to promote student bonding, wellness, and community building during evening hours. Summary of Expected Costs Lodging & Meals: \$11,176.00 Transportation: \$8,800.00 Activities: \$3,150.00 Total Project Cost: \$23,126.00 Cost per Attendee (44 students): \$578.15

Please list and describe the expenses by category for the project.

**Describe how your Organization intends to adhere to Cornell University Policies related to Accessibility and Inclusion. \***

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The Med-In-Black Association is committed to fully adhering to Cornell University policies related to accessibility and inclusion in all of its programming and operations. Our organization prioritizes equitable access to events, resources, and opportunities for all students, regardless of disability status, socioeconomic background, identity, or prior access to professional networks. For the Future Healers Washington, DC Trip and all organizational programming, we will ensure that activities are held in accessible facilities and that transportation, lodging, and event venues are compliant with ADA accessibility standards. We will proactively collect accommodation needs through registration and interest forms and will work closely with Cornell Student Disability Services and relevant university offices to implement approved accommodations in a timely manner. To reduce financial barriers, Med-In-Black actively seeks institutional funding and subsidies to minimize out-of-pocket costs for participants. Programming is advertised broadly across campus, and participation is open to all Cornell students, not limited by major, class year, or organizational membership. Selection processes, when capacity is limited, are communicated transparently and applied equitably. Our organization also commits to inclusive communication practices by providing clear event details in advance, offering multiple methods of engagement, and fostering respectful, welcoming environments during all activities. Through these practices, Med-In-Black aligns with Cornell University's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, and ensures that all students are able to participate meaningfully in our programs.

Note: Although your project/ initiative may be targeted toward a specific group of Cornell students, your Organization can not discriminate against identities protected under Policy 6.4, which are those protected under federal, state, and local equal education and employment laws and regulations.

Policy related to Accessibility (Policy 5.12: [Web Accessibility](#))

Policy related to Inclusion (Policy 6.4: [Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct](#))

**Please upload the most updated Constitution or Charter for your organization. \***

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## Resolution 29: Approving Special Projects Request for the Cornell Capital Club

**Abstract:** This resolution approves \$5000 of Special Projects funding for the Cornell Capital Club to attend the Cornell Capital Club Trek.

**Authored by:** Hayden Watkins '28

**Sponsored by:**

**Reviewed by:** Executive Board (5-0-0)

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 02/05/2026

**Current Status:** Second Reading Calendar

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**Whereas,** the Cornell Capital Club (CAP) has an annual allocation of \$1000 from the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC),

**Whereas,** the Cornell Capital Club seeks funding for the Cornell Capital Club Trek, an experience allowing students to visit top consulting clubs like Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley,

**Whereas,** the total cost of the Cornell Capital Club Trek is \$9700,

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

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

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

Requests \$2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$2,500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.



# Student Assembly

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28 **Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly approves the \$5000 disbursement from the  
29 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Account into the account of the Cornell Capital  
30 Club.

31 Respectfully Submitted,

32 Hayden Watkins

33 Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*

# 2025-2026 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Request Survey PENDING APPROVAL

## Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects Application (Part 1)

Dear Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects applicant,

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In addition to the Special Project rules outlined in the 2025-2026 Standing Rules, pursuant to APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS, Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines (lines 822-825) of the [Student Assembly Charter](#), an organization is only allowed a maximum of \$5,000 per semester in Special Projects funding.

- x. Student Assembly
  - a. The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell University Office of Assemblies Department.
  - b. The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed \$5,000 per organization per academic year.

### What Organization is requesting the funding? \*

Cornell Capital Club

Please do not just display an acronym, type out your group's name in its entirety.

### What is your role in your organization? \*

Head of Recruitment

### If applicable, please list all conflicts of interest that your organization has with the Student Assembly. (Ex. Names of Organization members who are members of the Student Assembly or Student Assembly committees) \*

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Please list any Student Assembly members or committees you have worked with in regard to this project.

### What Primary Funding Byline Organization does your Organization currently receive funding from? \*

Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)



**What is the Total Expected Cost of your project? \***

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9700

**What is the total disbursement your organization is requesting from the Special Projects fund? \***

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5000

**Please describe the project your organization intends on using Special Projects funding for.**

**If this is for a one-time event, please include the name of the event, date of the event, expected attendance at the event, etc.**

**If this is for a one-time purchase of a good or service, please describe the items to be purchased, quantity purchased, cost per item, number of people this purchase will affect, etc. \***

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This is the Cornell Capital Club Trek. This trek is for a group of twelve members traveling from Syracuse, NY to West Palm Beach, FL to visit Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley from Nov 24th to Nov 26th, 2025.

**Please list all sources of funding your Organization has received or requested from in the 2025-2026 AY. This includes funds that will not be used on this project, as well as funds that will be used on this project. \***

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None

Please list all sources of funding your organization received, has applied for, or intends to apply for in the 2025-2026 AY. In addition, name all sources of funding that will be used to fund this project. Finally, name all other possible sources of funding that have failed to fund this project and how they have failed.

**Please quantify the expected number of students impacted by this project. \***

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Please describe the expected number of attendants and/or students impacted by this project.

**Please outline all sources of income and expense for your organization in AY 2024-2025. \***

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Income - \$500 SAFC Expense - \$300 speakers event \$200 food for meetings

This should not be a transaction history. Expenses should be event costs, food for meetings, etc.

**Please describe all related expenses for this project. Be as specific as possible when describing each expense, and be sure to include quantities purchased, the cost per unit, and a breakdown of food costs if applicable. Include any links to websites used to purchase these items or services. \***

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This is the Cornell Capital Club Trek. The total expected cost of our project is approximately \$9,700 for a group of twelve members traveling from Syracuse, NY to West Palm Beach, FL to visit Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley from Nov 24th to Nov 26th, 2025. This estimate accounts for all essential expenses associated with a three-day, two-night trip. Round-trip airfare from Syracuse to West Palm Beach is estimated at \$350 per person, totaling \$4,200. Lodging costs are projected at \$1,800, based on six double-occupancy hotel rooms at a rate of \$150 per room per night. Meals and incidentals are budgeted at \$86 per person per day, amounting to \$3,096 for the group. Ground transportation, including airport transfers and local rides, is estimated at \$648 in total. Altogether, the trip is expected to cost approximately \$9,700, or about \$808 per participant.

Please list and describe the expenses by category for the project.

**Describe how your Organization intends to adhere to Cornell University Policies related to Accessibility and Inclusion. \***

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The Cornell Capital Club is fully committed to upholding Cornell University's policies on accessibility and inclusion. We welcome participation from all students regardless of background or identity, and we ensure that no individual is excluded based on any protected characteristic outlined under Policy 6.4. For this trek and all other initiatives, we will use a lottery system on people who apply.

Note: Although your project/ initiative may be targeted toward a specific group of Cornell students, your Organization can not discriminate against identities protected under Policy 6.4, which are those protected under federal, state, and local equal education and employment laws and regulations.

Policy related to Accessibility (Policy 5.12: Web Accessibility)

Policy related to Inclusion (Policy 6.4: Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct)

**Please upload the most updated Constitution or Charter for your organization. \***

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**Please upload the most updated Bylaws or other Governing Documents for your organization. \***

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## Resolution 30: Approving Special Projects Request for Air and Sea Hospitality

**Abstract:** This resolution approves \$5000 of Special Projects funding for Air and Sea Hospitality to attend a professional Industry Trek.

**Authored by:** Hayden Watkins '28

**Sponsored by:**

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

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 02/05/2026

**Current Status:** Second Reading Calendar

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**Whereas,** Air and Sea Hospitality (ASH) has an annual allocation of \$3000 from the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC),

**Whereas,** Air and Sea Hospitality seeks funding for a professional Industry Trek to shadow airline industry professionals at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport,

**Whereas,** the total cost of the professional Industry Trek is \$7020,

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

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

**Whereas,** Air & Sea Hospitality complies with Part B: Special Projects Funding, Section 2, subsection a, of the Standing Rules as a Cornell registered student organization,

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

Requests \$2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$2,500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

**Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly approves the \$5000 disbursement from the Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Account into the account of Air and Sea Hospitality.



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- 29 Respectfully Submitted,
- 30 Hayden Watkins
- 31 Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*

# 2025-2026 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Request Survey PENDING APPROVAL

## Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects Application (Part 1)

Dear Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects applicant,

This form is the official application for AY 2025-2026 Special Projects funding. Below are guidelines for the Special Projects fund:

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- (i) Any Cornell registered student organization,
- (ii) the Assembly committee chairs that seek funding for expenditures that exceed their committee's budgeted allocation.

*(1) 1. The President and Vice President for Finance together may approve any special projects funding request up to \$500 without consultation with the Executive Committee. Amounts up to \$500 may also be funded by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Request must be made public at a Student Assembly meeting in the form of an "Announcement/Report" before being approved. Any voting member can motion for the request to be sent to the Executive Committee if they feel necessary.*

*(2) The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$500 and under \$2,500 by a majority vote. The Assembly, at large, may reverse an Executive Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.*

*(3) Requests \$2,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$2,500 or greater. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.*

In addition to the Special Project rules outlined in the 2025-2026 Standing Rules, pursuant to APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS, Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines (lines 822-825) of the [Student Assembly Charter](#), an organization is only allowed a maximum of \$5,000 per semester in Special Projects funding.

- x. Student Assembly
  - a. The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell University Office of Assemblies Department.
  - b. The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed \$5,000 per organization per academic year.

### What Organization is requesting the funding? \*

Air and Sea Hospitality

Please do not just display an acronym, type out your group's name in its entirety.

### What is your role in your organization? \*

VP of Finance

### If applicable, please list all conflicts of interest that your organization has with the Student Assembly. (Ex. Names of Organization members who are members of the Student Assembly or Student Assembly committees) \*

NA

Please list any Student Assembly members or committees you have worked with in regard to this project.

### What Primary Funding Byline Organization does your Organization currently receive funding from? \*

Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)



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**What is the Total Expected Cost of your project? \***

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7020

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**What is the total disbursement your organization is requesting from the Special Projects fund? \***

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5000

**Please describe the project your organization intends on using Special Projects funding for.**

**If this is for a one-time event, please include the name of the event, date of the event, expected attendance at the event, etc.**

**If this is for a one-time purchase of a good or service, please describe the items to be purchased, quantity purchased, cost per item, number of people this purchase will affect, etc. \***

Air & Sea Hospitality is organizing a professional Industry Trek to Atlanta, Georgia, from May 3 to May 4, 2026. This two-day excursion will bring ten students to the global headquarters of Delta Air Lines and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest aviation hub. Participants will engage with leadership in departments such as network planning, revenue management, and fleet operations, while also gaining a behind-the-scenes look at the massive logistics required to run a global hub. This immersive experience is intended to provide students with the professional exposure and networking opportunities.

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**Please list all sources of funding your Organization has received or requested from in the 2025-2026 AY. This includes funds that will not be used on this project, as well as funds that will be used on this project. \***

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SAFC - \$3,000 We will use around \$1,500 in SAFC funding left to fund the excursion.

Please list all sources of funding your organization received, has applied for, or intends to apply for in the 2025-2026 AY. In addition, name all sources of funding that will be used to fund this project. Finally, name all other possible sources of funding that have failed to fund this project and how they have failed.

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**Please quantify the expected number of students impacted by this project. \***

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Please describe the expected number of attendants and/or students impacted by this project.

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**Please outline all sources of income and expense for your organization in AY 2024-2025. \***

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Income: SAFC - \$3,000 Hotel Funding - \$1,000 Expense: Event Costs - \$1,000 Excursion Costs - \$1,500

This should not be a transaction history. Expenses should be event costs, food for meetings, etc.

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**Please describe all related expenses for this project. Be as specific as possible when describing each expense, and be sure to include quantities purchased, the cost per unit, and a breakdown of food costs if applicable. Include any links to websites used to purchase these items or services. \***

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The total projected cost for the Atlanta Industry Trek is \$7,020. The primary expense is round-trip airfare from Syracuse (SYR) to Atlanta (ATL) via Delta Air Lines, which is \$497 per person for ten participants, totaling \$4,970. Lodging for the group requires five hotel rooms for two nights at a rate of \$150 per night, totaling \$1,500. Additionally, we have budgeted \$550 for round-trip ground transportation to ferry the ten students and their luggage from Ithaca to Syracuse Hancock International Airport and back. While the total for these core logistics is \$7,020, Air & Sea Hospitality is requesting the maximum \$5,000 from the Special Projects fund to offset these costs. To remain within budget, all participating students will pay for their own meals and miscellaneous expenses out-of-pocket, and the club will cover the remaining \$2,020 through remaining SAFC funding and internal fundraising.

Please list and describe the expenses by category for the project.

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**Describe how your Organization intends to adhere to Cornell University Policies related to Accessibility and Inclusion. \***

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Air & Sea Hospitality is committed to creating an inclusive environment in full compliance with Cornell University's Policy 6.4 and Policy 5.12. We ensure that this trip, like all our programming, is advertised to the entire student body regardless of major or background. Our selection process for the participants is based on a transparent, engagement-based point system to eliminate bias and ensure that students from all backgrounds have an equal opportunity to

attend based on their commitment to the club. Additionally, we have verified that both Delta Air Lines HQ and the Atlanta Airport are fully ADA-compliant, ensuring that all aspects of the trek are accessible to students with mobility needs or other disabilities.

Note: Although your project/ initiative may be targeted toward a specific group of Cornell students, your Organization can not discriminate against identities protected under Policy 6.4, which are those protected under federal, state, and local equal education and employment laws and regulations.

Policy related to Accessibility ([Policy 5.12: Web Accessibility](#))

Policy related to Inclusion ([Policy 6.4: Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct](#))

**Please upload the most updated Constitution or Charter for your organization. \***

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**Please upload the most updated Bylaws or other Governing Documents for your organization. \***

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## Resolution 31: Transferring Additional Funds to the Special Projects Fund

**Abstract:** This resolution approves transfers funds from the Student Assembly reserve account to the Special Projects subaccount.

**Authored by:** Hayden Watkins '28

**Sponsored by:**

**Reviewed by:**

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 02/05/2026

**Current Status:** Third Reading Calendar

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**Whereas,** the Special Projects Fund has provided organizations with financial assistance for indispensable enhancements to the Cornell student experience,

**Whereas,** the Special Projects Fund allocated \$15,486.53 across six student organizations in the Fall 2025 semester,

**Whereas,** the Special Projects Fund currently stands at \$25,767.42,

**Whereas,** the Student Assembly currently has \$537,944.31 in its reserve account,

**Whereas,** the Winter build-up of Special Projects applications has resulted in a large volume of potential disbursements, and the Student Assembly should still support organizations throughout the semester,

**Whereas,** the Student Assembly reserve growth empowers the Student Assembly to support more organizations than ever before,

**Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly transfers \$10,000 from the Student Assembly reserves to the Special Projects Fund subaccount.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayden Watkins

Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*



## Resolution 32: Approving Special Projects Request for the Speech and Debate Society at Cornell

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

**Authored by:** Christian Tarala '27

**Sponsored by:**

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

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 02/05/2026

**Current Status:** Second Reading Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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,

34 Christian Tarala

35 Deputy to the Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*

# 2025-2026 Student Assembly Special Projects Funding Request Survey PENDING APPROVAL

## Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects Application (Part 1)

Dear Cornell Student Assembly Special Projects applicant,

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- x. Student Assembly
  - a. The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell University Office of Assemblies Department.
  - b. The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed \$5,000 per organization per academic year.

### What Organization is requesting the funding? \*

Cornell Speech and Debate Society

Please do not just display an acronym, type out your group's name in its entirety.

### What is your role in your organization? \*

Speech Team Captain

### If applicable, please list all conflicts of interest that your organization has with the Student Assembly. (Ex. Names of Organization members who are members of the Student Assembly or Student Assembly committees) \*

Ian Gilenson, Hayden Watkins

Please list any Student Assembly members or committees you have worked with in regard to this project.

### What Primary Funding Byline Organization does your Organization currently receive funding from? \*

Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)

**What is the Total Expected Cost of your project? \***

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17000

**What is the total disbursement your organization is requesting from the Special Projects fund? \***

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5000

**Please describe the project your organization intends on using Special Projects funding for.**

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The Speech and Debate Society at Cornell is applying to Special Projects Funding for the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA) in Portland, Oregon. This tournament will allow 21 students who qualified for the tournament to compete, with many students advocating in speeches for topics like transgender rights, immigration/deportation reform, and environmental justice.

**Please list all sources of funding your Organization has received or requested from in the 2025-2026 AY. This includes funds that will not be used on this project, as well as funds that will be used on this project. \***

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SAFC: \$2000 Big Red Tournament of Love: \$500Cornell Giving Day: \$20000 (Approximation)

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**Please quantify the expected number of students impacted by this project. \***

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Please describe the expected number of attendants and/or students impacted by this project.

**Please outline all sources of income and expense for your organization in AY 2024-2025. \***

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James Madison University Tournament: -\$5000 University of Alabama Tournament: -\$10000 Seton Hall Tournament: -\$5000 Hofstra University Tournament: -\$5000 Bradley University Tournament: -\$10000 George Mason University Tournament: -\$5000

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**Please describe all related expenses for this project. Be as specific as possible when describing each expense, and be sure to include quantities purchased, the cost per unit, and a breakdown of food costs if applicable. Include any links to websites used to purchase these items or services. \***

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Flight tickets for 21 students: \$9,000 Lodging for 7 rooms: \$6,000 Tournament fees: \$1938 Tournament website: <https://www.speechwire.com/c-info.php?tournid=19679>

Please list and describe the expenses by category for the project.

**Describe how your Organization intends to adhere to Cornell University Policies related to Accessibility and Inclusion. \***

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Our team is committed to further principles of accessibility and inclusion through our performances and culture that center legislation and policy that affects underrepresented groups across the world. Our students represent a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences and tournaments accommodate for their needs.

Note: Although your project/ initiative may be targeted toward a specific group of Cornell students, your Organization can not discriminate against identities protected under Policy 6.4, which are those protected under federal, state, and local equal education and employment laws and regulations.

Policy related to Accessibility ([Policy 5.12: Web Accessibility](#))

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## Resolution 23: Transferring Funds to the ALANA Intercultural Board

**Abstract:** This resolution transfers funds from the Student Assembly reserves to the ALANA Intercultural Board.

**Authored by:** Hayden Watkins '28, Zora de Rham '27, Christian Tarala '27

**Sponsored by:**

**Reviewed by:**

**Type of Action:** Internal Policy

**Originally Presented:** 01/29/2026

**Current Status:** Third Reading Calendar

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**Whereas,** administrative errors have placed the ALANA Intercultural Board under acute fiscal pressure, at no fault of ALANA's student leaders,

**Whereas,** the ALANA Intercultural Board is a by-line organization of the Student Assembly,

**Whereas,** the Student Assembly currently has \$552,944.31 in its reserves,

**Whereas,** the fiscal stability of ALANA's sub-organizations is essential to the proper function of Cornell University,

**Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly transfers \$50,000 from the Student Assembly reserves to the ALANA Intercultural Board.

**Be it further resolved,** the Student Assembly and ALANA Intercultural Board shall work together to enforce responsible and transparent fiscal management on the part of ALANA Intercultural Board advisors for the sustained financial health of the ALANA Intercultural Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayden Watkins

Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*

Zora de Rham

*President of the Student Assembly*

Christian Tarala

Deputy to the Vice President for Finance, *Student Assembly*