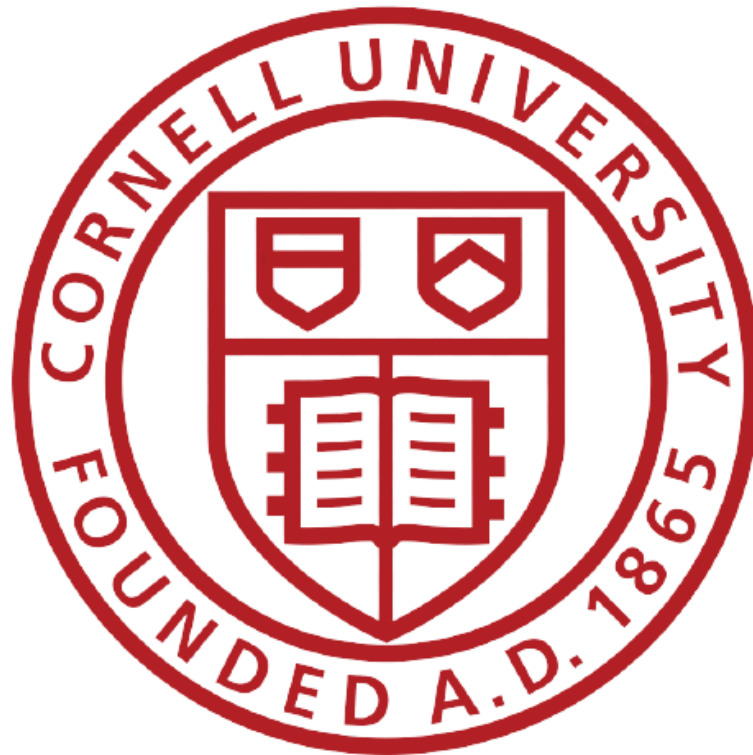


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Student Assembly  
Appropriations Committee



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### **Introduction**

This document is a conclusion of analysis conducted by the Student Assembly (SA) Appropriations Committee (hereafter referred to as “Committee”), as mandated under the SA Byline Allocation Procedures in the Appendix A of the SA Charter. Contained herein is the Committee’s formal recommendation (hereafter referred to as “Recommendation”) for byline funding and, consequently, the Undergraduate Student Activity Fee (USAF).

### **Application**

Applications were developed in conjunction with the Office of the Assemblies and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly. Final applications inquired about funding request, mission, governing documents, summary of officers and events for the past two academic years, and detailed financial statements and budgeting documents. Funding amounts were requested as a dollar amount per student.

### **Application Process**

Delays in sharing application information led to the application deadline to be extended from September 17<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>. To accommodate this delay, the Committee scheduled additional meetings throughout the semester to ensure all organizations had a Byline hearing on time.

### **Review Process**

Beginning on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Committee began the appropriations process and started conducting Byline hearings. Organizations sent in application materials via Campus Groups, which were then made available to Committee members to view. Organizations came to Committee meetings and presented a summary of their allocation request. Committee members were permitted to ask questions to Organization officers. Committee members would then deliberate on the application materials as well as the Organization’s presentation. Lastly, Committee members voted, via secret ballot, on an allocation recommendation. The allocation recommendation was then presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a Byline Report. The final set of recommendations was then crafted and submitted to the SA on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Special Notes**

Byline funding amounts for the previous cycle were based on a projected enrollment of 14,743. Projected enrollment for the 2022-2024 funding cycle is 15,503.

All of the organizations discussed in these Recommendations have experienced substantial disruptions over the past two years due to the COVID -19 Pandemic. The Committee wishes to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for their resilience in the face of troubling and unprecedented times.



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## **ALANA Intercultural Board**

### **Group Profile**

The ALANA Intercultural Board (“ALANA”) is an umbrella organization that strives to be the locus for racial and ethnic diversity and interculturalism at Cornell University while being cognizant of the intersectional identities its organizations and membership represents through ability, gender, sexuality, first generation, and socioeconomic status. ALANA is composed of over 164 organizations with thousands of students. Funding through the USAF allows for undergraduate students of marginalized identities to find a community on campus.

### **Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$8.10	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

### **Analysis**

ALANA has a long history of providing high quality programming and co-sponsorship events. The Committee believes that ALANA provides substantial benefits to undergraduate students of marginalized identities and did not find any objections to their request for an increased allocation. ALANA’s structure consists of five (5) identity-based umbrella organizations: La Asociación Latina (LAL), Black Students United (BSU), Native and Indigenous Students At Cornell (NAISAC), South Asian Council (SAC), and Cornell Asian Pacific Student Union (CAPSU) and the Multicultural Concert Funding Advisory Board (MCFAB). Together, these umbrella organizations encompass over 164 (36% increase from last Byline cycle) organizations with club membership in the thousands. For this reason, The Committee decided to increase ALANA’s allocation.

ALANA also came to The Committee with data that showed the need for increased funding for their current clubs as well as plan to revive Culture Fest. Culture Fest was an outdoors event that brought in all the different identity-based clubs together that was typically held in the Spring and was last held Spring 2019. ALANA is planning to move this event to the Fall semester before Club Fest so that incoming freshmen get a chance to see what identity-based clubs Cornell has to offer. With the increase in the future freshmen classes, ALANA saw the need to ask for increase funding as they wish to engage with first-years a lot more since this is when students of marginalized identities express feelings of homesickness and isolation.



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## Athletics and Physical Education

### Group Profile

Athletics and Physical Education offers access for all undergraduate students to a wide variety of sporting events on campus through the Big Red Sports Pass. All undergraduate students are given free admission to all home athletic events (excluding men's hockey, the ticket price is subsidized). Funding through the USAF allows for marketing materials as well as undergraduate access to the Red Sports Pass.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$9.08	\$9.08	\$9.08	\$7.13

### Analysis

The Committee believes that Athletics and Physical Education are of substantial benefit to undergraduate students and did not find any objections to their allocation request. The Committee voted to allocate Athletics and Physical Education \$9.08, but this was overturned by the Student Assembly which voted to allocate \$7.13.

Athletics and Physical Education, like most other organizations, were greatly affected by the COVID – 19 Pandemic. As a result, undergraduate students were not able to reap the benefits of the Big Red Sports pass and Athletics had a substantial roll over. It is with this in mind that the Student Assembly voted to lower Athletics' allocation. The Committee agrees with the assertion made in application materials that reducing the byline funding allocation further, would create hardship for Athletics moving forward, but the Committee and the Student Assembly believe this allocation will be enough to cover Athletics' expenses as they work to reduce their significant rollover.



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### Class Councils

#### Group Profile

The Cornell University Class Councils is a community-building organization that focuses on fostering a sense of unity Cornell's four undergraduate classes. Beginning with this year, Class Councils and Senior Days merged, thereby known as Class Councils.

#### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$2.35	\$2.35	\$8.35	\$7.40

#### Analysis

For this Byline cycle, Class Councils and Senior Days presented two separate budgets, one for Class Councils and one for Senior Days, but requested only one allocation. Class Councils has hosted a variety of events that bring together the four undergraduate classes at Cornell. In the Spring of 2020 and the academic year 2020-2021, Class Councils was still able to host virtual programming events in spite of the COVID – 19 Pandemic. Undergraduate students at Cornell greatly benefit from Class Councils' programming events as these ease off pressure from students and often serve as fun breaks throughout the very stressful year.

Senior Days requested a slight increase of \$0.90 from their previous Byline allocation but The Committee did not believe it appropriate to grant this at this time. Graduating students greatly benefit from and appreciate all the events that Senior Days has hosted in the past, but The Committee would like to see an increase in free programming events.



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### Club Insurance

#### Profile and Analysis

All clubs and organizations registered at Cornell are covered by the student club insurance policy. Therefore, this policy is crucial to the functioning of these clubs. The Cornell undergraduate experience is greatly shaped by the thousands of clubs and organizations present at our campus. The Committee shares the same sentiment as the GPSA that the University should explore the idea of club insurance being funded by the University. The Committee recognizes this is not possible at this time and as such, is comfortable funding Club Insurance at their requested increased allocation of \$5.50.

#### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$5.10	\$5.10	\$5.50	\$5.50



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## Collegiate Readership Program (CRP)

### Group Profile

The Collegiate Readership Program is a program that grants all undergraduate students free web access to the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. This is a very popular service that a great population of the undergraduate community uses.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$1.00	\$3.00	\$4.30	\$4.30

### Analysis

For the 2020-2022 Byline cycle, the Collegiate Readership Program was operating using a surplus that would be completely diminished at the conclusion of FY22. This surplus was generated when the Collegiate Readership Program made the decision to switch from providing physical copies of the newspaper, to only providing free web access to these publications. Moreover, both the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal increased their prices for digital subscriptions. In order for the Collegiate Readership Program to continue to provide undergraduate students with free access to the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, this increased allocation of \$4.30 was absolutely necessary.



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**Community Partnership Funding Board (CPF)**

**Group Profile**

The Community Partnership Funding Board is a student-run board that seeks to foster student leadership and social responsibility by encouraging students to take action against social problems. The CPF assists students in developing grassroots community action projects and administers grants made possible by the USAF.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00

**Analysis**

The Community Partnership Funding Board has proven to be of great value to the undergraduate community at Cornell. CPF has funded a wide variety of events, led by undergraduate students, that encourage social responsibility and leadership. For the past seven (7) Byline funding cycles, CPF has not requested an increase nor a decrease in their allocation. The Committee applauds this as this demonstrates that CPF is committing to their mission of fostering social responsibility without placing an increased burden on students. Even during the height of the COVID – 19 Pandemic, CPF was able to fund some virtual events. Due to the nature of CPF’s events of being more “hands on,” CPF was unable to fund as many events as they would have hoped and in doing so, accumulated a surplus. The Committee did not believe that lowering CPF’s allocation at this time was appropriate since CPF had concrete plans on how this surplus will be spent.





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## Convocation Committee

### Group Profile

In past years, the Convocation Committee and Class Councils were one organization. This year, Class Councils formally became its own organization. The Convocation Committee seeks to foster a sense of unity and pride within the graduating class and the greater Cornell community by selecting and sponsoring a speaker to address the community during Commencement Weekend.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$16.85	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00

### Analysis

The Convocation Ceremony is an event that marks the end of an undergraduate's time here at Cornell and is one of the most celebrated and well-attended events. Prior to the COVID – 19 Pandemic, attendance at the Convocation ceremony averaged 18,000. The Convocation Committee shared that, although the last few Convocation ceremonies have been held virtually, speaker fees have not decreased. Even so, the Convocations Committee was able to amass a significant surplus since they did not have to pay for staging and security and other expenses associated with an in-person ceremony. The Committee did not find it appropriate at this time to lower the Convocation Committee's allocation since we anticipate that upcoming ceremonies will be held in person and the Convocation Committee will need the funds to cover for this.

Additionally, both The Committee and the Convocations Committee believe that there are certain expenses such as security, insurance, and staging that the University should fund or partially-fund as these are necessary in order to have a safe Convocation ceremony. The Committee is aware that this is not possible at this time, but encourages the University to explore this idea.



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### **Cornell Concert Commission (CCC)**

#### **Group Profile**

The Cornell Concert Commission (CCC) is an organization that seeks to “provide the student body with popular and diverse musical entertainment.” To achieve this, the CCC produces large-scale concerts on-campus each year. Throughout the COVID – 19 Pandemic, the CCC was able to host virtual programming events that undergraduate students were able to attend at a subsidized price. Part of CCC’s goals is to host at least one free concert per year and to dedicate a portion of their budget (3%-5%) to co-sponsorship musical events with other campus organizations to promote community.

#### **Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.50	\$13.50

#### **Analysis**

The Cornell Concert Commission has a long history of providing high quality concerts to the Cornell community. These events are also open to the general public. These performances often included acts that many undergraduate students would otherwise not have the opportunity to see. In an effort to be more inclusive, CCC also aims to host one free concert per year open to all students. The Committee believes that undergraduate students receive substantial benefits from the CCC and appreciate all their inclusivity efforts. The Committee voted to allocate CCC at an amount equal to their requested allocation, in spite of having a substantial rollover, since CCC had plans on how this surplus money would be spent. The Committee is confident that CCC will be able to provide the Cornell undergraduate community with free and subsidized concerts as soon as it is safe and healthy to do so, and as such, The Committee voted to allocate the Cornell Concert Commission their full requested allocation.



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**Cornell University Programming Board (CUPB)**

**Group Profile**

The Cornell University Programming Board is a student organization that hosts programming events for the Cornell community. Houses within the Dean of Students Office and the Student Leadership, Engagement & Campus Activities Office, CUPB is responsible for organizing major lecture and entertainment events for the entire Cornell community. CUPB’s mission statement is to inspire, excite, and entertain the Cornell and Ithaca communities. CUPB strives to produce up to six (6) events per academic year. CUPB also works with other campus organizations to co-sponsor various activities and events to promote partnership. Priority is given to undergraduate students when tickets for events go on sale as undergraduate students are able to purchase tickets at least a day in advance.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$8.55	\$13.55	\$13.56	\$13.56

**Analysis**

The Cornell University Programming Board brings a lot of value to the undergraduate population at Cornell University. The Committee was pleasantly surprised by the resilience of CUPB as they have managed to host numerous virtual events throughout the COVID – 19 Pandemic. Due to the nature of virtual programming, these events had a lower cost compared to in-person events. As such, CUPB has amassed a significant roll over amount. The Committee did not believe it appropriate at this time to lower CUPB’s allocation since CUPB expressed that they expect an increase of in-person events for upcoming semesters. The Committee makes this recommendation in good faith based on the reasonable expectation that CUPB will work towards spending down their surplus.



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**Cornell Interfaith Council (CIC)**

**Group Profile**

Cornell Interfaith Council’s goal is to offer institutional and financial support to religious and faith-based student organizations to allow them the space to support their communities. CIC also aims to foster the rich diversity of religious and faith beliefs on campus through ongoing collaboration, celebration, and dialogue. The Cornell Interfaith Council is a relatively new organization, that applied for Byline funding for the first time in the 2020-2022 Byline Cycle.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
--	\$3.75	\$7.00	\$7.00

**Analysis**

Cornell Interfaith Council requested a significant increase from \$3.75 to \$7.00. This increase was made in agreement with the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC). Funds were shifted away from SAFC and into organizations such as CIC so that funds were distributed to organizations by officers that more thoroughly understood the organization’s needs. In doing so, clubs and organizations under CIC will no longer be eligible for SAFC funding. Because of this, an increased allocation for CIC and a lower allocation for SAFC was necessary and implemented. CIC brings great benefit to the undergraduate population at Cornell. Throughout the COVID – 19 Pandemic, CIC was able to host virtual programming events that fostered community and unity during a time of great stress for our community. At this time, The Committee is fully confident in CIC’s ability to serve as a funding and programming source for all religious organizations at Cornell and voted to allocate CIC with their request amount of \$7.00.



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**Cornell Minds Matter (CMM)**

**Group Profile**

Cornell Minds Matter promotes mental health awareness and emotional well-being for all Cornell students. CMM works to reduce the stigma of mental illness by holding educational events and creating safe spaces to foster a healthy, balanced lifestyle. In the past, CMM has hosted events such as Dining with Diverse Minds in which members of the community gather to discuss topics relevant to the community and then enjoy a meal together.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.63

**Analysis**

Like many other organizations, Cornell Minds Matter struggled with membership because of the challenges brought by the COVID – 19 Pandemic. CMM had a significant surplus since they were unable to host events during the last few semesters. As such, CMM explained to The Committee that they were comfortable with a 35% cut in their allocation. The Committee decided to agree with CMM and believed a 35% reduction to their 2020-2022 allocation of \$2.50 was appropriate at this time given the circumstances. The Committee is confident that CMM will soon be able to return to their regular programming events the undergraduate community at Cornell has benefitted from in the past.



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**Club Sports Council (CSC)**

**Group Profile**

The Cornell Sports Council is a new organization requesting Byline funding during this cycle. The purpose of the Club Sports Council shall be to serve as an umbrella organization for all club sports at Cornell University and serve as their representative in responding to their needs towards Cornell University. Currently, CSC has a membership of over 6,000 students.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
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**Analysis**

The Cornell Sports Council is a new umbrella organization seeking funding during this Byline cycle. CSC seeks to better represent sports and to maintain control of financial handlings for Cornell University club sports. Funds were shifted away from SAFC and into organizations such as CSC so that funds were distributed to organizations by officers that more thoroughly understood the organization's needs. In doing so, clubs and organizations under CIC will no longer be eligible for SAFC funding. Because of this, SAFC's allocation was lowered to that equal to CSC's new allocation of \$22. Although CSC is a new organization, The Committee believes that CSC is capable of managing the financial handlings of all club sports at Cornell. Because of this, The Committee voted to allocate CSC their requested amount of \$22.



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**Cornell University Emergency Medical Services (CUEMS)**

**Group Profile**

The Cornell University Emergency Medical Services (CUEMS) is a certified, student-run EMS agency. CUEMS’s mission is to provide professional, effective, and efficient Basic Life Support services free of charge to the Cornell community. CUEMS also provides stand-by services for university events to ensure safety. CUEMS also provides CPR, First Aid, and other training seminars to the Cornell community free of charge.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$3.60	\$4.30	\$4.70	\$4.70

**Analysis**

The Committee was tremendously impressed with the life-saving work that CUEMS does in order to keep our community safe. Every semester, CUEMS accepts new members and trains them to work as EMTs or paramedics free of charge. The Committee and the Student Assembly expressed their immense gratitude towards CUEMS.

CUEMS provided an incredibly detailed application going above and beyond with their application materials. CUEMS requested a slight increase in their allocation in order to better budget for member dining plans as well as an end of the year banquet to highlight the tremendous work CUEMS puts in. Neither The Committee nor the Student Assembly found any objections to this slight increase in allocation for CUEMS.



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## CUTonight Funding Commission

### Group Profile

CUTonight is an on-campus student-driven funding organization that helps organizations find additional funding for their events hosted between Thursday and Saturday nights between 8pm and 2am. CUTonight's mission is to create a welcoming atmosphere and enhance the quality of life on campus for students of all backgrounds by funding late night social events that build a strong sense of community.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$7.82	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$8.00

### Analysis

The CUTonight Funding Commission provides the undergraduate population with funds for events that occur in the late hours of the night on weekend nights. CUTonight funds programming that are safe alternatives to off campus late night weekend activities. The Committee commended CUTonight's ability to fund 25 safe virtual events last year.

Even though CUTonight was able to fund several events both last year and this semester, CUTonight still had a sizeable surplus without clear plans on how this would be spent down. Because of this, The Committee recommended to fund CUTonight at \$7.00, \$2.00 lower than their requested allocation. CUTonight and the Student Assembly felt this was too steep of a cut and decided to allocate CUTonight \$8.00 for the 2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle. The Committee and the Student Assembly are confident that CUTonight will be able to keep their level of programming and high-quality of events with this new, lowered allocation since they still have a sizeable surplus to spend down.





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## **Empathy Assistance & Referral Services (EARS)**

### **Group Profile**

The Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service (EARS) is a student-led organization wholeheartedly committed to building communities of support and belonging on Cornell's campus. Through its peer mentorship, training, outreach, and leadership-development programs, EARS fosters empathy, advocates for mental health and emotional well-being. EARS is the only organization on campus that provides one-on-one peer mentorship programs to the undergraduate community.

### **Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.60	\$1.60

### **Analysis**

EARS is the only campus organization that provides one-on-one peer mentorship services to the undergraduate community. Due to changes in the university insurance policy, EARS had to halt their counseling services and instead reworked their organization to provide peer mentorship services instead. Due to this, EARS had to create new marketing materials, revamp their training and workshop materials, and completely reimagine what EARS does on campus. This was the reasoning for EARS requesting a slightly higher allocation for this Byline Cycle.

Although The Committee believed that EARS played a crucial role in our community, The Community believed EARS had room for improvement to reduce wasteful spending. As such, The Committee voted to reduce EARS' allocation to \$1.30. EARS and the Student Assembly believed this to be too steep of a cut and voted to overturn the decision of The Committee. EARS final allocation for the 2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle is \$1.60. The Committee and the Student Assembly are confident that EARS will continue to provide the valuable services



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**ECO: Cornell Environmental Collaborative**

**Group Profile**

The Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO) is a student organization that works to unite student groups on-campus toward environmental sustainability. ECO has a set of very specific rules that members must follow in order to receive funding from ECO. Over the last few years, programming events and membership had been on a steady increase, but these were affected by the COVID – 19 Pandemic.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$0.76	\$1.00	\$0.81	\$0.75

**Analysis**

The Committee was impressed by the resiliency that ECO demonstrated this past year. ECO was able to host multiple virtual events and some in-person events at the beginning of the fall that were well-attended. Like most other organizations, ECO accumulate a sizable surplus due to a lack of costs associated with in-person events. Although The Committee admires and values the work that ECO brings to the undergraduate community, The Committee did not find it appropriate fund ECO at an amount equal to that of their requested allocation at this time due to ECO’s significant rollover and the lack of a concrete plan to spend it down. The Committee is confident that ECO will be able to continue to pursue its mission and serve the undergraduate community with the reduced allocation of \$0.75.



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## Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition (GJAC)

### Group Profile

The Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition (GJAC) is an organization committed to justice and advocacy for all genders. GJAC operates out of an intersectional and global lens with a focus on gender-marginalized folks. GJAC encourages meaningful and critical conversations related to the gendered lived experiences of all people. GJAC seeks to foster relationships with campus partners in order to support and amplify the work of Cornell social justice organizations through funding, awareness raising, and advocacy. In the past, GJAC has hosted initiatives like free mxnstrual products at on-campus restrooms.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$4.00	\$4.80	\$3.45	\$3.45

### Analysis

The Committee was very impressed by the work that GJAC has done during the pandemic. GJAC hosted a series of virtual events that focused on raising awareness to issues experienced by gender-marginalized folks.

In the past, GJAC used a significant amount of their Byline funds to fund the Big Red Shuttle. The Big Red Shuttle was a free late-night service that provides rides from colleegetown and other off-campus locations to several locations near residence halls. This was a safe alternative provided to students to discourage driving under unsafe conditions. When students were sent home in the Spring of 2020, the Big Red Shuttle service was discontinued. Citing leadership changes as well as challenges brought on by the pandemic, the Big Red Shuttle service continues to be nonoperational. As a result, GJAC requested a lower allocation to reflect the continued discontinuation of the Big Red Shuttle.

In the past, GJAC has used a significant amount of their funding to fund free period products. GJAC and The Committee agree that this is a significant expense that the University should consider funding. The Committee understands this is not possible at this time and is confident GJAC will be able to carry out its mission with an allocation of \$3.45.



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**Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union**

**Group Profile**

The mission of Haven: The LGBTQ+ Student Union is to enhance the cultural and social climate at Cornell University and to improve and enrich the lives of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning (LGBTQ+) and Same Gender-Loving members of the community. This is achieved through funding, training, and administrative support for the organizations represented by Haven, so that they may organize successful educational, social, and cultural programs. Haven serves as a safe space for members of marginalized identities.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$3.80	\$4.20	\$4.40	\$4.40

**Analysis**

Haven was able to host a series of online programming events that served as a safe space for members of marginalized identities. The Committee was impressed with the resiliency of Haven as they were one of the organizations that provided the most programming events during our virtual semesters. Haven requested a slight increase in their allocation due to the possibility of being able to host in-person events again and because of the increase in the freshman class.

Even though Haven was able to host virtual programming events, they still accumulated a surplus. Haven had a concrete plan on how this surplus will be spent down over the next few semesters. The Committee believes that Haven will be able to efficiently spend down their surplus and achieve their mission with the requested allocation of \$4.40.



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**International Students Union (ISU)**

**Group Profile**

The International Students Union (ISU) aims to promote international awareness in the community through international events, funding for cultural organizations and advocacy projects. The ISU provides a safe space for all international students on campus.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$3.90	\$4.81	\$7.00	\$7.00

**Analysis**

The International Students Union hosted and funded programming events catered to the international community. During Cornell’s virtual semesters, the ISU ensured international students felt supported and safe during the peak of the COVID – 19 pandemic. ISU requested a sizeable increase in their Byline allocation compared to the last Byline cycle. ISU explained that the international student population at Cornell consists about 22% of the Cornell population but their Byline allocation does not reflect that. ISU explained that their events are currently severely underfunded. The Committee was also pleased to see that ISU had a concrete plan on how they will be spending down their roll over. ISU also explained that they were planning on and felt prepared to become an umbrella organization in the near future. At this time, The Committee feels confident in ISU’s ability to carry out their mission with this increased allocation.



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**Multicultural Greek Fraternity Council (MGFC)**

**Group Profile**

The mission of the Multicultural Greek Fraternity Council (MGFC) is to operate as a united governing body for all organizations, dedicating themselves to promoting unity and serving as a support system. MGFC serves as a model for the underrepresented student community. MGFC provides programming events that cater to underrepresented students but are open to the entire undergraduate community.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$0.67	\$1.00	\$1.07	\$1.00

**Analysis**

The Multicultural Greek Fraternity Council provides the undergraduate student community with a series of traditions and programming events. Throughout the COVID – 19 Pandemic, MGFC organizations were able to host virtual programming events that engaged the undergraduate community. Because of the nature of most MGFC events, MGFC was not able to host as many events as they would have liked and as a result, MGFC accumulated a sizeable surplus. MGFC requested a slight increase in their allocation because they are expecting two more organizations to join MGFC. The Committee did not feel it was appropriate to increase MGFC’s allocation at this time because MGFC still has a sizeable surplus without a concrete plan on how to spend it down. The Committee welcomes and encourages future increases in MGFC’s allocation once they have depleted their surplus. The Committee is confident in MGFC’s ability to carry out their mission with the recommended allocation of \$1.00.



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## Orientation Steering Committee (OSC)

### Group Profile

The Orientation Steering Committee fosters a safe environment in which volunteers successfully plan and execute an inclusive, positive, and fun Orientation for new students. Each August, the Orientation Steering Committee welcomes in over 3,000 freshmen to campus and arrange programming events to get them acclimated to campus. In January, the Orientation Steering Committee hosts smaller programming events to welcome in any Spring transfer students.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$10.40	\$10.40	\$11.00	\$11.00

### Analysis

The Orientation Steering Committee plays a crucial part in any undergraduate student's time at Cornell. This year, the OSC was able to successfully executive an in-person orientation for a freshman class that was bigger than ever before. The OSC is requesting a slight increase in their allocation due to a bigger freshman class and the need to accommodate for the multi-day move in modality that Cornell administration has chosen to follow in recent years. These changes, alongside vendor costs increasing, have led the OSC to need more funds. The Committee was appreciative of the work that the Orientation Steering Committee does in welcoming in every new freshman class. The Committee is confident in the Orientation Steering Committee's ability to achieve their mission with their new allocation of \$11.00.



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## Outdoor Odyssey

### Group Profile

Outdoor Odyssey helps new student transition into Cornell and helps them thrive by fostering community and creating opportunities for personal growth in an outdoor setting. This is accomplished by offering a variety of outdoor trips such as backpacking, rock climbing, and canoeing. Every year, several hundred freshmen take the opportunity to join Outdoor Odyssey and go on outdoor fieldtrips prior to coming to Cornell.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$1.75	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.00

### Analysis

The Committee was impressed with the level of care and enthusiasm that Outdoor Odyssey puts into their outdoor trips. Because of the unique challenges brought on by the COVID -19 Pandemic, Outdoor Odyssey was unable to host any outdoor trips last year. Because of this, Outdoor Odyssey accumulated a sizeable surplus. Because of this sizeable surplus, The Committee did not find it appropriate at this time to grant Outdoor Odyssey with an increased allocation. The Committee made the recommendation to Outdoor Odyssey to use more of their funding to subsidize the cost of outdoor trips for students of low-income backgrounds. The Committee welcomes and encourages an increase in the allocation of Outdoor Odyssey once their surplus is successfully spent down. At this time, The Committee is confident in Outdoor Odyssey's ability to successfully achieve their mission with the new allocation of \$2.00.





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## Professional Fraternity Council (PFC)

### Group Profile

The Professional Fraternity Council (PFC) unites and aligns all fifteen Professional Fraternal Organizations at Cornell while simultaneously promoting equitable recruitment practices and fostering diverse environments within each Professional Fraternity Organization (PFO). PFC is an organization that was first founded in 2020 and applied for Byline funding for the first time in the 2020-2022 Byline Cycle. Currently, approximately 750-1000 undergraduate students are a part of a Professional Fraternity Organization.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
--	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.00

### Analysis

The Professional Fraternity Council is a young organization as it was only founded in 2020. The purpose of PFC was to unite all PFO's and promote equitable and fair recruitment practices to yield a more diverse new member class within each PFO. The Committee agreed with PFC's mission, but did not find it appropriate to grant them Byline funding at this time.

The Committee was specifically concerned with PFC's inability to enforce their regulations, as outlined in Appendix B of the SA Charter, to their PFO's. Specifically, The Committee was concerned with PFC's ability to enforce ConsentEd trainings as well as the lack of active steps PFC was taking in promoting a diverse new member class with their PFO's. The Committee was also unsure if Byline funding was the best source of funds for PFC since only about 1,000 students are a part of a PFO (compared to the undergraduate student population of 15,000).

PFC tried to appeal The Committee's defunding decision to the Student Assembly, but The Assembly agreed with The Committee's defunding decision. To clarify, The Committee and the Student Assembly believe that a governmental body that looks over all 15 Professional Fraternity Organizations should exist and is of great benefit to the undergraduate population, but neither The Committee nor the Student Assembly agree Byline funding is the best avenue to fund this since only a small fraction of students would benefit from it.



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### Student Assembly (SA)

#### Group Profile

The Student Assembly is charged with examining matters of interest to the undergraduate student community, and making proposals to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University. Currently, there are 30 voting members on the Student Assembly representing different facets of the undergraduate student population.

#### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$0.87	\$4.00	\$1.50	\$1.50

#### Analysis

The Student Assembly is composed of 30 voting members representing different populations of the undergraduate student population. In the 2020-2022 Byline Cycle, the SA was funded at \$4.00. In the Spring of 2020, shortly after the implementation of the \$4.00 allocation, campus shut down because of the COVID -19 Pandemic. The SA decided to lower their allocation and donate some of their funds to the Access Fund. Even with all these measures, the SA still accumulated a significant surplus. If the Student Assembly were to request an allocation of \$4.00 as they did in the 2020-2022 cycle, then this surplus would have increased substantially. The SA thought it to be of student's best interest if their current surplus is spent down first and then request an increased allocation in the future if necessary. With the \$1.50 allocation, the Student Assembly is able to carry out their day-to-day business and fund their different committees effectively.



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**Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)**

**Group Profile**

The Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) is a student organization established by the undergraduate student body to promote the participation of Cornell undergraduates in decision making within the University. The SAFC allocates approximately \$2 million dollars to hundreds of student organizations on campus each year.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$98.00	\$137.91	\$137.91	\$113.28

**Analysis**

The Committee commended the work that SAFC did in restructuring and reforming their organization. This was a two-phased change, the first consisting of new guidelines for club funding that were implemented in the Fall of 2021. The second, which is expected to be implemented in the Fall of 2022, consists of redefining the current tier system of SAFC so that it is more equitable to diverse clubs.

This Byline cycle saw a lot of changes to SAFC. With the creation of the Cornell Club Sports Council, SAFC's allocation was lowered to match the level of funds that were given to CSC. With the increased allocation of Cornell Interfaith Council, SAFC's allocation was lowered to match the dollar amount in the allocation increase of CIC. With the divesting of the Professional Fraternity Council from Byline Funding, SAFC's allocation was increased to match the \$1 allocation that would have been given to PFC. With all these new changes to SAFC, their new allocation was set at \$113.28 in order to make the Undergraduate Activity Fee an integer.

SAFC plans to further restructure and reform itself in order to shift away funds from SAFC and into organizations with more thorough knowledge of club needs. The Committee commended SAFC's dedication to restructuring their system, but kindly reminded them of the clause in the SA Charter that requires 35% of the USAF funds to go directly to the SAFC. Any future attempts at further reducing SAFC allocation should be made with this stipulation in mind.

The Committee is confident that SAFC will be able to carry out its mission with the current allocation recommendation of \$113.28.



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## Students Helping Students (SHS)

### Group Profile

Students Helping Students is housed under the Financial Aid Review Committee (FARC) and is tasked with granting emergency grants to undergraduate members of the Cornell community. These grants have been specially beneficial to students of marginalized identities and students of color as they are the ones that request emergency grants from SHS most often.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
--	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

### Analysis

In the 2020, Students Helping Students became a Byline funded organization with an allocation of \$5.00. Students must be registered undergraduate students in order to be eligible for emergency grants under SHS. The maximum emergency grant amount that SHS can fund is \$1,000. Every semester, SHS grants anywhere from five to twenty or more emergency grants. During Cornell's virtual semesters, SHS was not able to fund as many emergency grants since most undergraduate students were not aware of SHS. This led to a substantial rollover amount to be accumulated by SHS. SHS came to The Committee with a concrete plan on how they will be spending down their rollover. This included collaborating with other campus organizations to spread the word of the ability of emergency grants as well as seeking the possibility of expanding eligibility criteria for which emergency grants could be funded.

The Committee believed that SHS should spend down their rollover first before receiving anymore Byline funds and as such, lowered their recommended allocation to \$1.00. Students Helping Students and the Student Assembly believed that lowering SHS's allocation to \$1.00 was too drastic. Specially given that students are currently still suffering from the unique consequences brought on by the continued COVID – 19 Pandemic. As such, the Student Assembly overturned The Committee's recommendation and voted to allocate SHS \$5. The Committee and the Student Assembly have full confidence that Students Helping Students will continue to be of incredible benefit to the undergraduate student population at Cornell with their allocation of \$5.00.



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## Slope Day Programming Board

### Group Profile

The Slope Day Programming Board is an organization that works with the Cornell community in order to plan and promote a Slope Day. Slope Day is a celebration held on Cornell's campus every Spring that celebrates the end of another successful year and serves as one of the longest standing traditions of Cornell University.

### Request and Recommendation

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$19.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00

### Analysis

The Committee was very impressed with all the hard work and dedication that the Slope Day Programming Board has always done in order for the Cornell community to have a fun and safe Slope Day. The Slope Day Programming Board came to The Committee with information that proved why an allocation of \$21.00 was necessary. This included that speaker fees remained the same, regardless of a virtual or in-person event. The Slope Day Programming Board also made The Committee aware of some expenses that were fixed and non-negotiable such as insurance and staging and facility costs. The Committee also made the recommendation to the Slope Day Programming Board to work with University administration to look for creative ways to cut down their annual expenditures on facilities which at this time exceed \$50,000. The Committee also commended the Slope Day Programming Board on having an alternative Slope Day in which students that do not wish to participate in the bigger celebration can participate in another, alternate activity to celebrate the end of the year.

The Committee and the Student Assembly look forward to the Slope Day celebrations that the Slope Day Programming Board is in the process of planning and has full confidence that a \$21.00 allocation will allow the Slope Day Programming Board to achieve this.



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**Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board (WSHSUB)**

**Group Profile**

The Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board (WSHSUB) aims to celebrate Willard Straight Hall's historical responsibility and Cornell's student culture by hosting events that build social relationships within the Cornell community, welcoming all students back to the start of the Fall and Spring semesters through fun and unique activities, and supporting and recognizing the cultural and social diversity of the student community throughout the school year. This year, the Welcome Weekend Committee has merged with the Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board.

**Request and Recommendation**

2018-2020 Funding	2020-2022 Funding	2022-2024 Request	2022-2024 Recommendation
\$0.50	\$0.50	\$3.30	\$3.30

**Analysis**

The Committee was impressed with the work that both the Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board (WSHSUB) and the Welcome Weekend Committee (WWC) do and commends their recent merge. The \$3.30 allocation recommendation comes from WSHSUB's and WWC's previous allocations combined plus an extra \$0.40. WSHSUB's funds are only allocated towards events, co-sponsorships and on-campus collaborations. Because of this, The Committee believed that any cut in funding would lead to a decrease in these desired events. Neither The Committee nor the Student Assembly did not believe it appropriate to decrease WSHSUB's allocation at this time. The Committee believes that WSHSUB will be able to achieve its mission with the allocation recommendation of \$3.30.



**Cornell University**  
**Student Assembly**

**Student Activity Fee Allocation Proposal**

2022-2024 Byline Funding Cycle

Organization	2020-2022	2022-2024		% Change
	Allocation	Request	Allocation	
ALANA Intercultural Board	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	33.3%
Athletics and Physical Education	\$9.08	\$9.08	\$7.13	-21.48%
Class Councils	\$2.35	\$8.35	\$7.40	214.89%
Club Insurance	\$5.10	\$5.50	\$5.50	7.84%
Collegiate Readership Program	\$3.00	\$4.30	\$4.30	43.33%
Community Partnership Funding Board	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	0.0%
Convocation	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	0.0%
Cornell Concert Commission	\$13.00	\$13.50	\$13.50	3.85%
Cornell University Program Board	\$13.55	\$13.56	\$13.56	0.07%
Cornell Interfaith Council	\$3.75	\$7.00	\$7.00	86.67%
Cornell Minds Matter	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.63	-34.8%
Cornell Sports Council	--	\$22.00	\$22.00	--
CU Emergency Medical Services	\$4.30	\$4.70	\$4.70	9.3%
CUTonight Funding Commission	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$8.00	-11.1%
Empathy Assistance & Referral Services	\$1.50	\$1.60	\$1.60	6.67%
ECO	\$1.00	\$0.81	\$0.75	-25.0%
Gender Justice Advocacy Center	\$4.80	\$3.45	\$3.45	-28.1%
Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union	\$4.20	\$4.40	\$4.40	4.76%
International Students Union	\$4.81	\$7.00	\$7.00	45.53%
Multicultural Greek Fraternity Council	\$1.00	\$1.07	\$1.00	0.0%
Orientation Steering Committee	\$10.40	\$11.00	\$11.00	5.7%
Outdoor Odyssey	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.00	-11.1%
Professional Fraternity Council	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.00	-100.0%
Student Assembly	\$4.00	\$1.50	\$1.50	-62.5%
Student Activities Funding Commission	\$137.91	\$137.91	\$113.28	-17.86%
Students Helping Students	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	0.0%
Slope Day Programming Board	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	0.0%
WSHSUB	\$0.50	\$3.30	\$3.30	560%
<b>Total Student Activity Fee</b>	<b>\$309.00</b>	<b>\$341.09</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>	<b>0.32%</b>