



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #32 Addressing the Student Assembly Budget Surplus

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to allocate the Student Assembly's surplus towards the purchase of 34 tablet devices that will be available for rent to byline funded groups, a Student and Campus Life Fellowship program, and a fund for initiatives planned by the Cornell Social Consultants.

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Whereas, the Student Assembly expects all byline funded organizations to have a thorough plan for spending any surplus that exists within their budget;

Whereas, the Student Assembly has a surplus of \$39,000 and should follow the same guidelines for its own budget as it holds for other byline funded groups;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly allocate \$15,000 for the purchase of at least 34 tablet devices and cases for the use of the Student Assembly during its general body and Appropriations Committee meetings, and for use by any registered undergraduate student organization as approved by the Student Assembly Executive Committee;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly Executive Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Assemblies adopt guidelines for the use of the tablet device that include at least the following:

- Any byline funded organization can borrow the tablet devices any day except Monday and Thursday,
- Before the tablet devices can be lent to a byline funded organization, the President, Treasurer, and Advisor of the organization must sign a use agreement form, as provided by the Office of the Assemblies;

Be it further resolved, that the Vice President for Finance work with the Office of the Assemblies to identify a tablet device for purchase, purchase the tablet devices, and develop a system for use that ensures the longevity of the devices;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly allocates \$12,000 to establish a pilot program for a Student and Campus Life Fellowship Program for the spring semester. During the spring semester, these three Fellows will:

- Support the currently underserved resource centers through additional support and the allocation of three graduate students per semester to resource centers like the LGBTRC, the WRC, the A3C, 626, etc.
- Be provided a \$3,000 stipend per semester with an additional \$1,000 dedicated to various programming initiatives that they deem fit relevant to the project or projects that they are assigned.
- Work on projects determined and developed through a comprehensive planning and search process using input from students, student organizations, and the resource centers themselves, such as the planning of major conferences, the development of new initiatives or programs offered by the resource center, the support of students through office hours or attendance of

events, and many more. The Student Assembly would maintain multiple positions on the selection and allocation committees to ensure fluidity.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly allocates \$7,500 towards a fund for initiatives planned by the Cornell Social Consultants (CSC), who will work to promote constructive practices in their communities to help to create a more positive sexual climate on campus. Although the CSC's have been staffed and paid for by the Cornell administration, they have not been allocated money to carry out programming and resource-oriented initiatives.

- This money would be allocated over three years (\$2,500 per year)
- The Student Assembly would designate a liaison to work with the Social Consultants on spending this allocation and ensure collaboration between the Student Assembly and this group.

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly will review the specific finances allocated for each project before it moves forward with spending the funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

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