



Cornell University
Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #40
Usage of the Student Assembly Surplus

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to spend the Student Assembly’s surplus on the creation of Diversity Fellows, replenishing the Students Helping Students Fund, additional resources for Social Consultants, and increasing the Diversity Innovation Fund.

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Whereas, all byline funded organizations are expected to have a thorough plan for spending their surplus and the Student Assembly currently operates a surplus of \$39,000;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly allocates \$15,000 to establish a pilot program for a Student and Campus Life Fellowship Program for the next two years. During the next four semesters, one fellow per semester will:

- Support the currently underserved resource centers through additional support and the allocation of one graduate student per semester to a variety of issues areas that are currently not addressed including, but not limited to, students with disabilities, veterans, first generation students, etc.
- Be provided a \$3,000 stipend per semester with an additional \$750 dedicated to various programming initiatives that they deem 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 \$2,500 per year over the next three years toward 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;

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly allocates \$9,000 towards the Students Helping Students Fund which provides students with grants in the case of family emergency or unexpected crises;

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly allocates \$7,500 to the Diversity Innovation Fund which promotes sustainable approaches and services that aim to make Cornell University a more accessible and/or inclusive campus;

Respectfully Submitted,

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