



# Cornell University Student Assembly

## Resolution 33: Approving Special Projects

### Funding Request for Project Hope at Cornell

*Abstract:* This resolution approves \$500.00 of Special Projects Funding to Project Hope at Cornell to partially fund their Hope Night event in April.

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*Reviewed by:* Executive Committee, 03/28/23, 5-0-1

*Type of Action:* Recommendation

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*Current Status:* New Business

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**Whereas**, the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 8: Spending Guidelines, Part B: Special Projects Funding outlines the purpose of Special Projects Funding and the process of approving funding requests.

**Whereas**, lines 281-283 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules explains the purpose of Special Projects Funding as follows:

Rule 5: The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through SA Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life or to further the goals of the SA. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending.

**Whereas**, lines 304-307 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules describes the approval process of Special Projects Funding as follows:

Rule 8: The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$400 and under \$1500 by a majority vote. The SA, 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.

**Whereas**, Hope Night is the largest event of Project Hope at Cornell and is held in Duffield Hall. This year's Hope Night will be on Friday, April 14th from 7-10 pm.

**Whereas**, student organizations will be invited to perform and cultural/service clubs will be invited to host games/activities. Additionally, there will be a large assortment of raffle prizes, complimentary catered food, merchandise sales, and a photo booth.

31 **Whereas**, all of our proceeds from the event will go directly towards supporting the education of  
32 underprivileged children in rural China and Hong Kong.

33 **Whereas**, Hope Night furthers the ideals of Diversity and Inclusion at Cornell by bringing  
34 diverse cultures together through food, activities, and performances. The booths featured at the  
35 event range from service organizations like Cornell American Red Cross, to cultural groups like  
36 Cornell Taiwanese American Association.

37 **Whereas**, performances will also highlight a variety of groups on campus, from Cornell Lion  
38 Dance to Cornell Sitara.

39 **Whereas**, catered food from Taste of Thai will be served to guests. Project Hope at Cornell is  
40 aiming to target individuals from all different backgrounds at Cornell and is excited to introduce  
41 an event with such diversity to our Cornell community.

42 **Whereas**, Project Hope at Cornell is planning on posting about the event on their Instagram  
43 account (using Instagram ads too), distributing quarter cards and flyers across the campus, and  
44 also asking different newsletters on campus to reach as many audiences as possible.

45 **Whereas**, Project Hope at Cornell is expecting 600 attendees at this year's Hope Night based off  
46 of the audience they attracted last year.

47 **Whereas**, categorical expenses are: Duffield Reservation (\$1020), Merchandise giveaways  
48 (stickers, volunteer shirts, \$1570.52), Merchandise for sale (panda plushies, panda pins,  
49 \$1042.80), Publicity (\$90), Decoration (\$34.54), Food (catering+supplies, \$4,081.68), Food  
50 (snacks+drinks, \$936.24), Raffle (\$1,480.72), Sound company (\$420), and Photo booth (\$650).

51 **Whereas**, Hope Night will be an open event to the entire Cornell community, free of charge. As  
52 described above, Project Hope at Cornell has a diverse set of performances and activities planned  
53 for the participants. Additionally, they have also prepared vegetarian and vegan options for the  
54 catered food we are serving so that people with dietary restrictions are able to enjoy the food as  
55 well.

56 **Whereas**, in the original funding request, Project Hope at Cornell requested \$500.00 of Special  
57 project funding for this event.

58 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly approves the \$500.00 Special Projects  
59 Funding disbursement to Project Hope at Cornell.

60 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover  
61 the cost of the Hope Night event on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

62 Respectfully Submitted,

63 George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

64 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*