

Resolution 36: Amending the Student Assembly Charter

Abstract: This resolution amends the current Student Assembly Charter to standardize the reporting guidelines and funding structure for each byline, further classify bylines based on their organizations operations, and promote the collaboration between different byline organizations.

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Whereas, lines 685-841 of the SA Charter, Appendix B: Student Assembly Guidelines for Funded Organizations, Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines will be struck from the current SA Charter.

Be it finally resolved, the following will be inserted in lines 685 of the SA Charter;

Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines

Each byline organization will be classified into a specific category based on operations. Each category will have a standardized set of spending guidelines.

1) Department

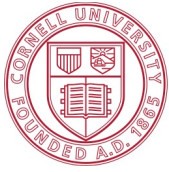
- a) Shall work with SCL Finance Manager and Campus Activities on a yearly basis to provide a consolidated and consistent financial report.
- b) Shall communicate openly and in real-time to the Student Assembly if financial changes are expected and/or needed.

2) Programming

- a) Shall work with SCL Finance Manager and Campus Activities on a yearly basis to provide a consolidated and consistent financial report.
- b) Shall submit all events in CampusGroups and track attendance
- c) Shall aim to have events on campus.

3) Primary Funding Boards

- a) Shall work with SCL Finance Manager and Campus Activities on a yearly basis to provide a consolidated and consistent financial report.
- b) Follow a standard set of Student Organization Funding guidelines that has specific appendices for each separate funding board (these guidelines are determined by Cornell University financial policies in accordance with Campus Activities).
- c) Have a funding tier system that does not exceed \$8,000 per organization per academic year.

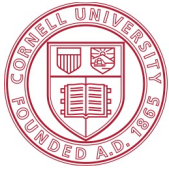


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- 36 i) For primary funding boards that also offer supplemental budgets, these cannot exceed
37 more than \$5,000 per semester per student organization.
- 38 d) Organizations falling under a primary funding board cannot receive funding from another
39 primary funding board.
- 40 4) Supplementary Funding Boards
- 41 a) Shall work with SCL Finance Manager and Campus Activities on a yearly basis to
42 provide a consolidated and consistent financial report.
- 43 b) Follow a standard set of Student Organization Funding guidelines that has specific
44 appendices for each separate funding board (these guidelines are determined by Cornell
45 University financial policies in accordance with Campus Activities).
- 46 c) Shall not allocate more than \$5,000 per semester per student organization.
- 47 d) Shall submit all events in CampusGroups and track attendance
- 48 e) Shall aim to have events on campus.
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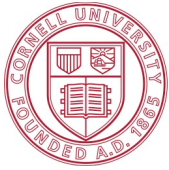
50 These categories are:

- 51 1) Department – A departmental byline is an organization (comprised of students and/or staff)
52 that are affiliated with a university department or unit. The department or unit manages the
53 allocated SAF funds for a specific operational reason that directly and positively impacts the
54 undergraduate student population. The byline partners with Campus Activities in determining
55 specific requirements to enable the organizations to function on campus.
- 56 a) Alternative Breaks
- 57 i) The Alternative Breaks allocation shall be managed and overseen by the David M.
58 Einhorn Center for Community Engagement.
- 59 ii) The Alternative Breaks allocation shall provide individual students with finance
60 support for Alternative Breaks opportunities.
- 61 iii) Alternative Breaks is a student-led organization of the David M. Einhorn Center for
62 Community Engagement committed to learning about social justice issues through a
63 racial equity and intersectional lens. By analyzing root causes and working to shift
64 societal narratives by addressing implicit biases, students are better prepared to
65 engage in meaningful service with community agencies.
- 66 b) Athletics & Physical Education
- 67 i) The Athletics & Physical Education allocation shall be managed and overseen by the
68 Cornell University Athletics Department.
- 69 ii) The Athletics Department shall provide, at no cost, a Big Red Sports Pass (BRSP) to
70 each undergraduate student. The BRSP shall provide free admission to all varsity
71 sports excluding Men's Varsity Ice Hockey.
- 72 c) Collegiate Readership Program
- 73 i) The Collegiate Readership Program allocation shall be managed and overseen by the
74 Cornell Library department.
- 75 ii) The Collegiate Readership Program shall provide free New York Times and Wall
76 Street Journal access for undergraduate students.
- 77 d) Community Partnership Funding Board



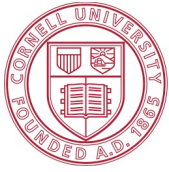
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- 78 i) The Community Partnership Funding Board allocation shall be managed and
79 overseen by the David M. Einhorn Center for Community Engagement.
- 80 ii) Community Partnership Funding Board seeks to foster student leadership and social
81 responsibility by encouraging students to take action against social problems through
82 student initiated service projects.
- 83 iii) Community Partnership Funding Board assists students in developing community
84 action projects and administers grants` to make these projects possible.
- 85 e) Empathy Assistance and Referral Service (EARS)
- 86 i) Empathy Assistance and Referral Service allocation shall be managed and overseen
87 by the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives.
- 88 f) Emergency Medical Service at Cornell University (CUEMS)
- 89 i) The CUEMS allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Office of Emergency
90 Management (OEM).
- 91 ii) CUEMS will provide the Student Assembly statistics in terms of call responses,
92 community education, and event standbys on an annual basis.
- 93 g) Minds Matter at Cornell
- 94 i) Cornell Minds Matter allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Skorton
95 Center for Health Initiatives.
- 96 ii) Cornell Minds Matter (CMM) promotes mental health awareness and emotional well-
97 being for all Cornell students by working to reduce the stigma of mental illness
98 through holding educational events and creating safe spaces to foster a healthy,
99 balanced lifestyle.
- 100 iii) CMM acts as a liaison between students, faculty, staff, and administration to advocate
101 for the student perspective on mental health resources and campus policies.
- 102 h) Tatkon Center for New Students: Orientation
- 103 i) The orientation allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Tatkon Center for
104 New Students
- 105 ii) The Assistant Director/Director in the Tatkon Center for New Students shall continue
106 to supervise the planning and implementation of all August and January orientation
107 activities.
- 108 iii) Tatkon Center for New Students: Orientation shall submit the results of the Student
109 Volunteer Feedback surveys to the Appropriations Committee.
- 110 i) Outdoor Odyssey
- 111 i) The Outdoor Odyssey allocation shall be managed and overseen by the David M.
112 Einhorn Center for Community Engagement.
- 113 ii) Outdoor Odyssey shall maintain their need-based financial aid program for students
114 who apply for pre-orientation trips and shall dedicate no less than \$20.00 per year
115 toward this program.
- 116 j) Student Assembly
- 117 i) The Student Assembly allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell
118 University Office of Assemblies Department.
- 119 ii) The Student Assembly Special Projects allocations should not exceed \$5,000 per
120 organization per academic year.



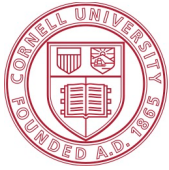
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- 121 k) Student Club Insurance
122 i) The Club Insurance allocation shall be managed and overseen by the Cornell
123 University Risk Management Department in conjunction with Campus Activities.
124 l) Students Helping Students Awards
125 i) The Students Helping Students allocation shall be managed and administered by the
126 Cornell University Financial Aid Department.
127 ii) The Students Helping Students Award provides assistance to students with necessary
128 emergency expenses incurred during the fall or spring semesters that cannot be
129 funded by other means.
130 iii) Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:
131 (1) travel expenses related to emergency situations (like the death of a relative)
132 (2) extra basic living expenses needed due to fire, destruction, or natural disaster;
133 replacement of stolen goods (not lost due to negligence)
134 (3) emergency medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance.
135 iv) The Students Helping Students Award is not designed to cover standard expenses
136 included in the budgeted cost of attendance for the academic year, non-emergency
137 expenses, expenses that are extravagant or non-utilitarian, and so forth.
138 v) The Student Assembly Financial Aid Review Committee (FARC), a committee
139 convened by the Student Assembly, reviews and approves grants anonymously.
140 2) Programming – A programming byline is an organization (comprised of mainly of students)
141 that are affiliated with a university department or unit. The department or unit along with the
142 student leaders manages the allocated SAF funds for a specific programmatic reason that
143 directly and positively impacts the undergraduate student population. The byline partners
144 with Campus Activities in determining specific requirements to enable the organizations to
145 function on campus.
146 a) Programming Council
147 i) Convocation Committee
148 (1) Convocation shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support,
149 financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
150 (2) At the time of the selection of Convocation Committee membership, the
151 Convocation Committee Chair must include at least six, but no more than ten
152 voting members of the SA that belong to that class year to participate as full
153 voting members of the Convocation Committee. SA members are expected to
154 abide by the same attendance rules as all other Convocation Committee members.
155 The SA Vice President for Finance shall serve as an ex- officio member of the
156 Committee.
157 ii) Cornell Concert Commission
158 (1) CCC shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)
159 and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
160 (2) The Cornell Concert Commission should seek to hold concerts for undergraduate
161 students in and around the Ithaca campus.
162 iii) Cornell University Class Councils



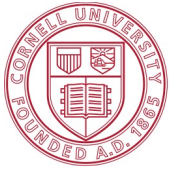
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- 163 (1) CC shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)
164 and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
165 (2) Class Councils will program and promote events related to class pride and
166 university traditions for each of the class years.
167 (3) The Senior Class Council will spearhead Senior Days.
168 (a) The majority of the funds allotted for Senior Days should be put toward
169 planning no ticket cost events.
- 170 iv) Cornell University Program Board
171 (1) CUPB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial,
172 etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities.
173 (2) The Cornell University Program Board should seek to hold events for
174 undergraduate students in and around the Ithaca campus.
- 175 v) Multicultural Community Fueled Activities Board
176 (1) MCFAB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial,
177 etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
178 (2) MCFAB shall seek to bring diverse programming to campus.
- 179 vi) Slope Day Programming Board
180 (1) SDPB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial,
181 etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
182 (2) The Slope Day Programming Board shall be in charge of selecting Slope Day
183 artists and collaborate with university offices in organizing Slope Day events for
184 Slope Day.
185 (3) All undergraduate students admission to Slope Day must be free, unless expressly
186 permitted by the SA.
- 187 vii) Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board
188 (1) SUB shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)
189 and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
190 (2) All events sponsored by the Student Union Board must take place in Willard
191 Straight Hall, unless specifically a part of welcome weekend and be aligned with
192 the mission and purpose of the Student Union Board constitution
- 193 3) Primary Funding Board – A primary funding board byline organization (comprised of
194 students partnering with an university advisor) serves as a primary funding source and
195 governing body for a specific category of student organizations. The byline partners with
196 Campus Activities in determining specific requirements to enable the organizations to
197 function on campus.
- 198 a) Club Sports Council
199 i) Club Sports Council shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support,
200 financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities.
201 ii) Club Sports Council must send two officers each academic year to the Safety
202 Training provided by Campus Activities and facilitated by the Club Sports Council.
203 This requirement must be completed before the club can access funds.



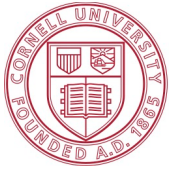
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- 204 iii) Sports Clubs members must sign electronic waivers each academic year via
205 CampusGroups. This requirement must be completed before the club can access
206 funds.
- 207 iv) Sports Clubs must send at least one officer to each monthly meeting held by the
208 Council.
- 209 b) Interfaith Council at Cornell
- 210 i) The Interfaith Council at Cornell shall receive advising (organizational guidance,
211 staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from the Office of
212 Spirituality and Meaning Making.
- 213 ii) Interfaith organizations must work with Campus Activities and the Office of
214 Spirituality and Meaning Making to ensure that all affiliated advisors have the proper
215 Risk Management requirements.
- 216 iii) Each organization under The Interfaith Council shall request funding for at least one
217 event open to the public, every academic year.
- 218 c) Student Activities Funding Commission
- 219 i) SAFC shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)
220 and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
- 221 ii) Collaborate with the other primary funding boards to ensure procedures/structures are
222 similar and consult with the Vice President of Finance within the Student Assembly if
223 changes/enhancements are needed.
- 224 4) Supplementary Funding Boards – A supplementary funding board byline organization
225 (comprised of students partnering with an university advisor) serves as an additional funding
226 source and programming body for qualifying student organizations and/or organizations that
227 may fit within their mission. The byline partners with Campus Activities in determining
228 specific requirements to enable organizations to function on campus.
- 229 a) ALANA Intercultural Programming Board
- 230 i) ALANA shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.)
231 and programmatic collaboration from the Dean of Students.
- 232 ii) ALANA will divide their funding between their programming/ overhead and
233 umbrella organizations.
- 234 iii) ALANA’s umbrella organizations include the following:
235 (1) Black Students United (BSU)
236 (2) Native American and Indigenous Students at Cornell (NAISAC)
237 (3) The Cornell Asian Pacific Student Union (CAPSU)
238 (4) La Asociación Latina (LAL)
239 (5) Cornell’s South Asian Council (SAC)
- 240 iv) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under
241 their umbrella.
- 242 b) CU Tonight Commission
- 243 i) CU Tonight shall receive advising (organizational guidance, staff support, financial,
244 etc.) and programmatic collaboration from Campus Activities
- 245 ii) CU Tonight shall promote non-alcoholic, late night social programming, on campus,
246 open to the entire Cornell community.



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- 247 iii) CU Tonight shall provide a breakdown of how many organizations received funding
248 in specific financial brackets and number of events.
- 249 c) Environmental Collaborative
- 250 i) Cornell Environmental Collaborative shall receive advising (organizational guidance,
251 staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from the Campus
252 Sustainability Office.
- 253 ii) Environmental Collaborative unites student groups on-campus toward environmental
254 sustainability by doing the following:
- 255 (1) Increasing dialogue amongst environmental organizations and all other interested
256 organizations
- 257 (2) Launching and uphold meaningful venues for reducing negative environmental
258 impact and upholding social justice and to provide opportunities for all students to
259 gain knowledge and experience in relevant issues
- 260 (3) Provide support to and information for existing environmental initiatives
- 261 (4) Fostering meaningful relationships with Cornell's administration and the Ithaca
262 community
- 263 iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under
264 their umbrella.
- 265 d) Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition
- 266 i) Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition shall receive advising (organizational guidance,
267 staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from the Dean of
268 Students.
- 269 ii) The Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition shall collaborate with the Student Assembly
270 Womxn's Liaison Representative on safety, health, and other topics pertinent to
271 women on campus.
- 272 iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under
273 their umbrella.
- 274 e) Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union
- 275 i) Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union shall receive advising (organizational guidance,
276 staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic collaboration from the LGBTQ+
277 Resource Center.
- 278 ii) Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union's mission is to enhance the cultural and social
279 climate at Cornell University and to improve and enrich the lives of the LGBTQ+ and
280 Same Gender-Loving members of the community. This will be achieved through
281 funding, training, and administrative support for the organizations represented by
282 Haven so they may organize successful educational, social, and cultural programs and
283 serve as effective supportive environments.
- 284 iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under
285 their umbrella.
- 286 f) International Students Union
- 287 i) The purpose of the International Students Union is to represent and advocate
288 international student causes, to be a resource for international students on the Cornell
289 campus, and to promote internationalism, which would be defined as including, but



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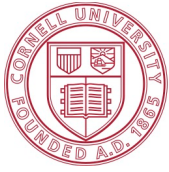
- 290 not limited to, the cross-cultural understanding of international life on campus and in
291 Ithaca and the cooperation between trans-national groups and individuals on campus.
292 ii) The responsibilities of the International Students Union are
293 (1) To promote and fund international activities proposed by any undergraduate or
294 graduate student group on campus, as well as leading initiatives that improve and
295 uplift international student life on campus.
296 (2) To represent, advocate, and liaise with the Cornell University administration for
297 any issues concerning International students, both undergraduate and graduate, at
298 a campus wide level.
299 (3) To organize and plan events to promote and encourage diversity and cross-
300 cultural dialogue in a trans-national context.
301 (4) To maintain and prepare the annual budget and administer funds available to the
302 Union to various organizations on campus.
303 (5) To maintain liaisons with Faculty Committees, International Students and
304 Scholars Office, Students Assembly, the University, and local community.
305 (6) To foster cross-cultural exchange through: the Union's General Body
306 Membership and meetings, events hosted by the Union, and events sponsored or
307 co-sponsored by the Union.
308 iii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under
309 their umbrella.
310 g) Multicultural Greek Fraternal Council (MGFC)
311 i) Multicultural Greek Fraternity Council (MGFC) shall receive advising
312 (organizational guidance, staff support, financial, etc.) and programmatic
313 collaboration from the Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL).
314 ii) Shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under
315 their umbrella.
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317 **Whereas**, lines 348-353 of the SA Charter, Appendix B: Student Assembly Guidelines for
318 Funded Organizations, Section 3: Eligibility, Subsection A state;

- 319 a. To receive byline funding applicants must:
320 i. directly and primarily serve/benefit the entire undergraduate Cornell
321 community
322 ii. allow all students equal access to services and/or participation
323 iii. request as part of their annual operating budget at least \$0.50 per student,
324 per year, from the SAF
325 iv. if a new applicant, present a petition of fifteen hundred (1500) registered
326 undergraduates to the Student Assembly

327 **Be it finally resolved**, the following will be inserted after line 353 of the SA Charter;

- 328 v. Be of university status and have an advisor who is provided by the university to
329 advise the operations of the organization.
330 vi. Have been a pre-registered university organization and be in good standing with
331 Campus Activities.



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332 vii. Be in the top tier of their current primary funding board (they have outgrown the
333 primary funding board model and thus seeking a higher level of recognition and
334 funding on campus).

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336 **Be it finally resolved,** the Student Assembly adopts these changes to standardize the reporting
337 guidelines and funding structure for each byline, further classify bylines based on their
338 organizations operations, and promote the collaboration between different byline organizations.

339 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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341 *VP Finance*, Student Assembly