



Cornell University Student Assembly

1 **Resolution 52: Approving Special Projects** 2 **Funding Request for Chinese Students and Scholars** 3 **Association at Cornell**

4 *Abstract:* This resolution approves \$1,500.00 of Special Projects Funding to the Chinese
5 Students and Scholars Association at Cornell to partially fund their Spring Festival Gala.

6 *Sponsored by:* George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

7 *Reviewed by:* Executive Committee, 02/12/24, 5-0-1

8 *Type of Action:* Recommendation

9 *Originally Presented:* 02/15/2024

10 *Current Status:* New Business
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12 **Whereas,** the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Rule 12: Spending Guidelines, Part B: Special
13 Projects Funding outlines the purpose of Special Projects Funding and the process of approving
14 funding requests.

15 **Whereas,** Part B: Special Projects Funding, section a, of the Student Assembly Standing Rules
16 explains the purpose of Special Projects Funding as follows:

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

21 **Whereas,** Part B: Special Projects Funding, section d, of the Student Assembly Standing Rules
22 describes the approval process of Special Projects Funding as follows:

23 section d: The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over
24 \$400 and under \$1,500 by a majority vote. The Assembly, at large, may reverse an
25 Executive Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The
26 request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

27 **Whereas,** The Spring Festival Gala is one of the largest annual events held by Cornell CSSA.
28 The organization invites different guests and organizations such as Breakfree and Cornell
29 ProYos to participate in this grand celebration. This year, they are excited to host the gala at the
30 upgraded Bailey Hall, expecting 900-1000 attendees. In addition to a diverse range of 12

31 programs such as dance, songs, skits, and traditional musical instrument performances, the gala
32 also includes various interactive activities for the audience, such as games and lottery events.
33 The gala offers a unique platform for Asian Cornellians to showcase their cultural heritage while
34 providing an educational experience about Asian traditions to students globally, thereby
35 enriching our campus's diversity and inclusivity.

36 **Be it further resolved,** that the Student Assembly approves the \$1,500.00 Special Projects
37 Funding disbursement to the Chinese Students and Scholars Association.

38 **Be it finally resolved,** that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover
39 the cost of the CSSA Spring Festival Gala.

40 Respectfully Submitted,

41 George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

42 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*