



# Cornell University

## Student Assembly

### 1                   **Resolution 79: Approving Special Projects** 2                   **Funding Request for Ghanaians at Cornell**

3    *Abstract:* This resolution approves \$3,775.00 of Special Projects Funding to the Ghanaians at  
4    Cornell to partially fund their Africa Week events beginning April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

5    *Sponsored by:* Zora deRham '27

6    *Reviewed by:* Executive Committee

7    *Type of Action:* Recommendation

8    *Originally Presented:*

9    *Current Status:* New Business

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

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

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

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

22            section e: Requests \$1,500 and over shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the  
23            Executive Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at  
24            large. The Assembly, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$1,500 or greater.  
25            The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

26    **Whereas**, Africa Week programming is an annual flagship program of many of Cornell's African  
student organizations, such as Nigerian Students Association, Ghanaians at Cornell, Pan African  
Students Association, East African Students Together, Eritrean Ethiopian Students Association,  
African Dance Repertoire, and Scholars in Our Society and Africa. Important and beloved events  
displaying vibrant African cultures include the African Wedding and Afrochella. The event will  
celebrate Africa Week's tenth iteration and holds particular significance for all involved.

- 27 **Whereas**, Africa Week will begin April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Attendance of at least 300 is expected. Costs include guest music artists for Afrochella, travel for special guests, event setup, catering, and props for the African Wedding.
- 28 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly approves the \$3,775.00 Special Projects  
29 Funding disbursement to Ghanaians at Cornell.
- 30 **Be it further resolved**, that the Ghanaians at Cornell must ensure they can register this  
31 event by the required deadline, as dictated by University Policy.
- 32 **Be it further resolved**, should this planned event be canceled or otherwise not occur, or total  
33 expenses be less than the expenses elements outlined in their proposed budget, Ghanaians at  
Cornell will be required to give back to the Student Assembly all the unspent allocated monies  
proposed for this event.
- 34 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to partially  
cover the cost of Africa Week beginning April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 35 Respectfully Submitted,
- 36 Zora deRham '27
- 37 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*