

Resolution 9: Amending the Student Assembly Charter

Abstract: This resolution amends the current Student Assembly Charter to allow mobility in addressing the current financial reporting completed by organizations as a part of the SAF final application process. Additionally, this resolution removes the requirement to submit a written final application to the Office of Assemblies and instructs organizations to bring 17 printed copies to their appropriations meeting hearings. Finally, this resolution adds qualitative questions to the final application, allowing for members of the Appropriations Committee and Student Assembly to better understand what the applicant does and the struggles they are currently facing.

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Current Status:

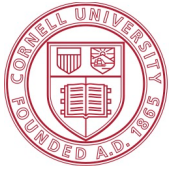
Whereas, after vetting the contents with the stakeholders of the previous Resolution 4 updates to Appendix A: Guidelines for the Allocation of the Student Activity Fee, Section 4: Procedure, multiple issues concerning financial reporting were brought up.

Whereas, according to the current charter, no amendments may be adopted to Appendix A during the fall semester of a fee-setting year.

Appendix A, Section 11: "Appendix A may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Assembly. In order to ensure consistency and fairness to the applicants and student body at large, no amendments to this appendix may be adopted during the fall semester of a fee-setting year."

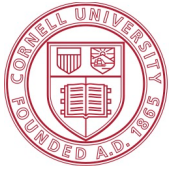
Whereas, to ensure these changes to reporting financial, programming, and/ or organizational information are sorted out by the first day, it is necessary to amend lines 384-405 of the Student Assembly Charter, Appendix A: Guidelines for the Allocation of the Student Activity Fee, Section 4: Procedure.

Whereas, lines 384-405 of the SA Charter, Appendix A: Guidelines for the Allocation of the Student Activity Fee, Section 4: Procedure, will be struck from the current SA Charter.



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- 37 **Be it therefore resolved**, the following will be inserted in line 384 of the SA Charter;
- 38 iii. Each applicant must bring 17 printed copies of all final application materials
39 submitted to their scheduled hearing with the Appropriations Committee.
- 40 iv. Each applicant must digitally submit all final application materials by the deadline
41 through Campus Groups, which will include:
- 42 a. name of applicant,
43 b. mission statement, of the organization or program,
44 c. all meeting minutes from executive board and general body meetings,
45 d. current primary contact information for the organization including email
46 and phone numbers
47 e. number and names of all members currently a part of the organization
48 f. description of activities, programming, and events conducted in the
49 present cycle,
50 g. checklist statement regarding eligibility criteria that includes,
51 i. being a registered organization,
52 ii. being student-directed and student-led,
53 iii. possessing a University operating account with internally
54 controlled funds,
55 iv. directly and primarily serve/benefit the entire undergraduate
56 Cornell community,
57 v. allowing all students equal access to services and/or participation,
58 vi. requesting as part of their annual operating budget at least \$0.50
59 per student, per year, from the SAF,
60 vii. having a Cornell-employed advisor with oversight of its account,
61 viii. being of university status and have an advisor who is provided by
62 the university to advise the operations of the organization,
63 ix. having been a pre-registered university organization and be in
64 good standing with Campus Activities, and,
65 1. been previously funded by either the SAFC, the Student
66 Assembly, or a University department/unit, or
67 2. being in the top tier of their current primary funding board
68 (they have outgrown the primary funding board model and
69 thus seeking a higher level of recognition and funding on
70 campus), or,
71 3. if a new applicant, present a petition of fifteen hundred
72 (1500) registered undergraduates to the Student Assembly.
- 73 h. a requested amount in dollars per student per year compared to the
74 previous allocation amount in the last funding cycle,
75 i. a description of the reason for asking for an increase, decrease, or the
76 same funding from the previous funding cycle,
77 j. answers to the following qualitative questions,
78 i. what is one issue or struggle consistently faced by your



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- 79 organization?
- 80 ii. aside from financial contributions, in what aspect can the
- 81 Appropriations Committee and the SA support the organization?
- 82 iii. how will the organization be impacted if the SAF allocation is
- 83 decreased or not increased (remaining the same) for the current
- 84 allocation cycle?
- 85 v. fulfillment of all additional specific requirements for reporting financial,
- 86 programming, and organizational information, determined at the discretion of the
- 87 current Vice President of Finance, which will be made a part of the final
- 88 application one week prior to the start of the fall semester during a fee-allocating
- 89 year.
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91 **Be it further resolved,** that the Student Assembly Vice President of Finance disseminate these

92 specific additional requirements to currently funded byline organizations by no later than one

93 week before the first day of the fall semester, and as soon as these additional requirements are

94 determined.

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96 **Be it finally resolved,** the Student Assembly adopts these changes to enhance and specify the

97 reporting of financial, programming, and organizational information of the Student Activity Fee

98 final application.

99 **Respectfully Submitted,**

100 Rocco DeLorenzo '24

101 *VP Finance, Student Assembly*