

# **Student Assembly Meeting**

## AGENDA

# March 9, 2023

## 4:45 - 6:30pm

### MEMORIAL ROOM, WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL

#### <u>ZOOM</u>

Meeting ID: 947 1648 3660 | Passcode: 303164

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Land Acknowledgement of the Gayogohó:no (Cayuga Nation)
- 3. Late Additions to the Agenda
- 4. Consent Agenda: March 2 Meeting Minutes
- 5. Open Microphone
- 6. Announcements and Reports
  - 1. Late Additions Clarification- Valeria Valencia '23
- 7. Initiatives
- 8. Presentations and Forum
- 9. Business of the Day
- 10. New Business
  - 1. Resolution 26: PASA Special Projects Funding
  - 2. Resolution 27: TEDxCornell Special Projects Funding
- 11. Adjournment

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Minutes of the March 2, 2023 Meeting 4:45 PM – 6:30 PM 407 Willard Straight Hall

#### I. Call to Order

a. President V. Valencia called the meeting to order at 4:53pm

#### II. Roll Call

- a. Members Present [19]: S. Ali, M. Baker, S. Bhardwaj, D. Cady, R. Chatterji, P. Da Silveira, R. DeLorenzo, K. Everett, J. Kalinski, P. Kuehl, A. Lampert, K. Liu, C. Newell, A. Richmond, N. Son, M. Song, C. Ting, S. Williams, Y. Yuan, V. Valencia
- b. Members Excused: E. D'Angelo, G. Dong, B. Koth, A. Lewis, L. Lu, J. Mayen, B. Mehretu, D. Nachman, J.P. Swenson

#### III. Land Acknowledgment of the Gayogohó:no (Cayuga Nation)

a. President V. Valencia stated the land acknowledgment

#### IV. Late Additions to the Agenda

- a. A. Lambert motions to add Resolution 24 under New Business, passed by unanimous consent
- b. S. Bhardwaj motions to add Resolution 25 under New Business, passed by unanimous consent

#### V. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the February 23, 2023 meeting minutes
  - i. S. Williams motions to list S. Williams under "members present" in the roll call, passed by unanimous consent
  - ii. S. Bhardwaj motions to change "might not be able to" to "refuses" under Presentation and Forums, passed by unanimous consent
  - iii. S. Bhardwaj motions to approve the meeting minutes, passed by unanimous consent

#### VI. Open Microphone

a. None

#### VII. Announcements and Reports



- a. S. Williams states she met with the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education and the office is exploring new ways to promote academic programs given the ideas in Resolution 18.
  - i. Continues there is also an experience.cornell.edu platform that has opportunities that people can share
- b. D. Cady states himself and some others will be meeting with VP Lombardi on Monday to discuss the Plan B vending machine resolution
  - i. C. Ting asks what resolution is under consideration
  - ii. D. Cady responds the Plan B vending machine resolution exclusively for now
  - iii. S. Bhardwaj asks if he'll bring up the MD-gynecologist resolution
  - iv. D. Cady responds he recently had another meeting on Friday about that and is going to follow up, but those are separate conversations right now
- c. A. Lampert states there's a mental health app called Real and Cornell students get 1 month free if you'd like to promote it
- d. V. Valencia states President Pollack and VP Lombardi will be coming to the assembly April 16th and people can send in questions

#### VIII. Initiatives

a. S. Williams states they're working on an initiative with ConsentEd to give them some more funding and support if anyone is interested

#### IX. Presentation and Forums

- a. John Burdick the VP for Enrollment gave a presentation about financial aid at Cornell and current updates
  - i. J. Burdick fields questions from the assembly about the past and present financial aid situation at Cornell as well as what can be expected in the future

#### X. Business of the Day

a. None

#### XI. New Business

- a. Resolution 24 is presented by P. Da Silveira
  - i. P. Da Silveira gives historical background and context on the Resolution
  - ii. P. Da Silveira goes over the amendments that would be made to the bylaws
  - iii. V. Valencia asks if this position would be a voting member on exec?
  - iv. P. Da Silveira responds yes and clarifies the reasoning
  - v. V. Valencia provides historical context on the VP of Infrastructure role



- vi. P. Da Silveira states even though VP of infrastructure was put in by mistake it has been an on-going conversation for some time
- vii. P. Da Silveira goes over the changes that have been made to the Resolution since last week
- viii. M. Song asks what they see as the point of establishing an exec board position versus just better defining the roles and responsibilities
- ix. M. Baker states she thought it legitimized the position and made it flow nicely in the past
- x. P. Da Silveira states there's zero oversight for the SAIFC from the assembly and having the VP of Infrastructure would make it more responsible to the assembly
- xi. A. Lampert clarifies that everything the SAIFC approves has to be looked over by Dean Love
- xii. D. Cady asks if this position will strengthen the exec board or empower the infrastructure committee?
- xiii. M. Baker states the VP position is important to make sure the 75k is allocated and to hold that person in the SAIFC chair position accountable
- xiv. P. Da Silveira agrees the VP title does incline people to be more active. It will not make the infrastructure committee more powerful, but give it more attention and help and makes it responsible to the whole assembly
- xv. C. Taylor states it might be a good idea to make it more clear the type of oversight he hopes to achieve for the SAIFC
- xvi. C. Ting states she recommends making VP of Infrastructure a non-voting member
- xvii. P. Da Silveira states if the assembly is in favor of this, he is open to it, but he also doesn't want to minimize the position who controls 75k
- xviii. M. Baker states she thinks making it a non-voting member would not encourage the same participation as making it a voting member
- xix. S. Bhardwaj states in order to make the SAIFC chair more accountable it may make more sense to amend the charter, so that the SA could overturn a ruling of the SAIFC
- xx. P. Da Silveira responds that it would be very difficult to have the VP of Finance oversee the SAIFC, but would be open to having the SA be able to overturn SAIFC decisions
- xxi. V. Valencia asks if the chair of SAIFC would no longer exist because chair of SAIFC is mentioned in the charter



- xxii. C. Taylor states if he wants the position he's creating to be the chair of the SAIFC then there wouldn't be an issue, but he also should probably amend Appendix C of the charter to match
- xxiii. M. Baker motions to amend line 89 to add "the Vice President of infrastructure will serve as the chair of the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund Commission," passed by unanimous consent
- xxiv. P. Kuehl states the goal is to make the 75k benefit the most students, so if this Resolution would do that it seems like a no brainer
- xxv. S. Bhardwaj asks for opinions on having the SA being able to overturn any decision made by the SAIFC
- xxvi. M. Baker asks if there is any opportunity for the SA to overturn SAIFC decisions already
- xxvii. V. Valencia states the SAIFC decides and then just presents it to the SA
- xxviii. A. Lampert states it is done in the form of presentation and Dean Love has the opportunity to overturn it
- xxix. C. Taylor states the main oversight is that the SAIFC is bound to the Charter and Appendix C
- xxx. V. Valencia states if we want to make a change to how the SAIFC is allocated we would have to make an amendment to Appendix C
- xxxi. S. Bhardwaj states it makes the most sense to have a charter amendment, but this position seems redundant
- xxxii. P. Da Silveira asks why it seems redundant
- xxxiii. S. Bhardwaj states it doesn't seem to do a lot for oversight, but it is added to the exec board to just legitimize the position
- xxxiv. P. Da Silveira states it would legitimize the position and also get people to actually do work that can make a difference
- xxxv. C. Ting asks how a charter amendment would be done?
- xxxvi. V. Valencia responds it would have to be another resolution that is presented one week and voted on the next
- xxxvii. P. Da Silveira motions for a straw poll on Resolution 24
- xxxviii. S. Williams asks if there's any initiatives he hopes to see if this position is created
- xxxix. P. Da Silveira responds that he's hoping to see some work with project teams or roofie testing kits
  - xl. A. Lampert motions to postpone to next week, passed by unanimous consent
  - xli. Resolution 24 is postponed to next week



- b. Resolution 25 is presented by S. Bhardwaj
  - i. S. Bhardwaj summarizes the Resolution
  - ii. A. Lampert asks if they did end up paying taxes would tuition be raised for students?
  - iii. S. Bhardwaj responds she doesn't think so
  - iv. C. Lederman continues it's a relatively small expenditure for the university
  - v. D. Cady responds it could cause a raise in tuition from conversations he has had. He agrees with the sentiment, but doesn't know if this is in the best interest of all students given the possible implications for tuition
  - vi. S. Bhardwaj states in previous years when the MOU was re-negotiated it did not have an effect on tuition being increased and this did not happen at other Ivy League schools who did this either
  - vii. J. Kalinski asks what OSGR will feasibly be able to do to support this given their work force?
  - viii. S. Bhardwaj states she is willing to get involved with OSGR and help them with recruitment. She can also possibly help them to foster relationships with more students
  - ix. A. Richmond asks why Cornell should be treated any differently than any other non-profit organization?
  - x. S. Bhardwaj responds that Cornell disproportionately uses the city's resources without paying for them and that isn't fair
  - xi. P. Kuehl states he can't find anything about the Make Cornell Pay Campaign
  - xii. S. Bhardwaj states it's the 2023 campaign for the Ithaca DSA and the rollout of their materials is beginning soon. If it would be more comfortable, we could remove the association with the campaign and just keep the ideas
  - xiii. P. Kuehl responds that would make him more comfortable
  - xiv. S. Bhardwaj motions to amend line 66 to remove "emphatically supports the Make Cornell Pay Campaign," passed by unanimous consent
  - xv. S. Williams provides anecdotes about the tcat difficulties that community members are facing
  - xvi. D. Nachman asks about the other movements at Ivy league schools
  - xvii. S. Bhardwaj states the footnote goes into more details, but they have been successful
  - xviii. C. Lederman states this Resolution is about equity and finding ways for Cornell to support the city
  - xix. M. Song states that at other schools nothing happened to tuition
  - xx. M. Baker motions to straw poll
  - xxi. M. Baker motions to end debate, D. Cady dissents to continue debate



> xxii. In a vote of 14-5-1, the motion passes xxiii. In a vote of 11-3-2, Resolution 25 passes

#### XII. Adjournment

- a. S. Williams motions to adjourn, passed by unanimous consent
  - i. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Megan Birmingham Clerk of the Assembly



# Resolution 26: Approving Special Projects Funding Request for the Pan-African Student Association (PASA)

4 *Abstract*: This resolution approves \$1,500.00 of Special Projects Funding to the Pan African

5 Student Association to partially fund their annual fashion show Afrik.

6 Sponsored by: George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

7 *Reviewed by*: Executive Committee, 03/06/23, 5-0-1

- 8 *Type of Action*: Recommendation
- 9 Originally Presented: 3/9/2023
- 10 *Current Status*: New Business11
- 12 Whereas, the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 8: Spending Guidelines, Part B:
- 13 Special Projects Funding outlines the purpose of Special Projects Funding and the process of

14 approving funding requests.

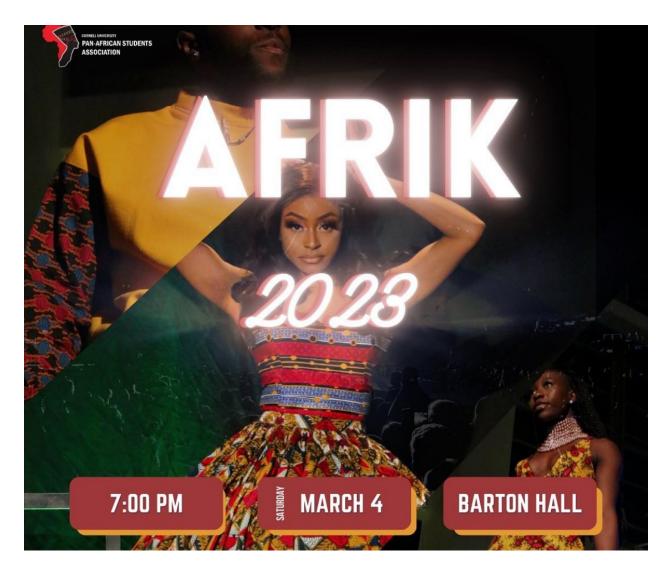
Whereas, lines 281-283 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules explains the purpose of SpecialProjects Funding as follows:

17 Rule 5: 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
- life or to further the goals of the SA. Special Projects funding is a type of categoryspending.
- Whereas, lines 304-307 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules describes the approval process
   of Special Projects Funding as follows:
- 23 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
- 25 Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should
- 26 be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

Whereas, Afrik is an annual display and celebration of African cultures and their immensediversity put on by the Pan-African Student Association.

- 29 Whereas, each year hundreds of attendees show up in their most stunning attire to cheer on
- 30 student models, support local & outside fashion designers, experience revolutionary displays and 31 representations of African cultures, and enjoy being in community.
- Whereas, PASA continuously aims to promote engaging community involvement by hosting
   multiple events throughout the school year that connects those with African heritage.
- Whereas, last year Afrik was hosted at Duffield Hall, and it was such a success that this year it was held at Barton Hall. With this change, there has been an increase in the fixed costs required to rent the space to host the event.
- 36 to rent the space to nost the event.
- 37 Whereas, while all models are Cornell students, the majority of the designers are professionals
- that we pay to craft custom clothing items and fly into Ithaca to view the show, increasing the
- 39 overall cost of the program.
- 40 Whereas, the Student Assembly is about promoting community involvement on Cornell's
- 41 campus, and Afrik is nothing short of a complete embodiment of our values and mission
- 42 statement as the event has become a tradition in the Black Cornell community.
- Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly approves the \$1,500.00 Special Projects
  Funding disbursement to Pan-African Student Association.
- Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover
   the cost of Afrik from the organizations operating budget.
- 47 Respectfully Submitted,
- 48 George Rocco DeLorenzo '24
- 49 Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly





#### **Resolution 27: Approving Special Projects** 1 **Funding Request for TEDxCornell** 2 3 Abstract: This resolution approves \$3,000.00 of Special Projects Funding to TEDxCornell to 4 partially fund their annual TED talk event in April. 5 Sponsored by: George Rocco DeLorenzo '24 6 Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 03/06/23, 5-0-1 7 Type of Action: Recommendation 8 Originally Presented: 3/9/2023 9 Current Status: New Business 10

- 11 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 ofapproving funding requests.
- Whereas, lines 298-300 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules explains the purpose of SpecialProjects Funding as follows:
- 16 Rule 5: 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 category19 spending.
- Whereas, lines 315-318 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules describes the approval process
   of Special Projects Funding as follows:
- 22 Rule 9: Requests \$1500 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 SA, at large, is only required to confirm requests of \$1500 or greater. The
- 25 request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.
- Whereas, TEDxCornell hopes to create an environment in which students and community members can discuss ideas and connect with great speakers and performers.
- Whereas, TEDxCornell is dedicated to the movement to spread ideas that matter by hosting
  speakers from around the world to give TED talks right here at Cornell. The organizations events

- 30 are attended by a mix of students, faculty, and local Ithaca community members. Additionally,
- 31 previous virtual events have had over 4,000 attendees.
- 32 Whereas, TEDxCornell plans to advertise both online and in-person by using the club's social
- 33 media account on Instagram to advertise the event. TEDxCornell will also print posters for the
- 34 event and post them throughout academic buildings to advertise for the TEDxCornell
- 35 Conference.
- 36 Whereas, the current income statement of this TEDxCornell event is attached to the back of this
- 37 resolution. TEDxCornell expects to have 400 student attend the event.
- 38 Whereas, TEDxCornell plans to make the event as accessible as possible by pricing tickets at
- 39 \$3, which is lower than last year. Additionally, TEDxCornell is posting the talks on their
- 40 YouTube channel so that anyone can watch for free. For inclusion efforts, they have chosen a
- 41 diverse array of speakers for our conference, ranging from Cornell students to speakers from
- 42 Poland.
- Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly approves the \$3,000.00 Special Projects
   Funding disbursement to TEDxCornell.

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover
 the cost of the TEDxCornell event on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

- 47 Respectfully Submitted,
- 48 George Rocco DeLorenzo '24
- 49 Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

TEDxCornell Ever	nt		
Revenues			
Expected Ticket Rev (400 tickets at \$3)		\$	1,200.00
Charles H. Dyson School of AEM			500.00
SAFC Fall Allocation			1,000.00
Student & Campus Life			3,000.00
*Student Assembly Special Projects			3,000.00
Total Revenues		\$	8,700
Costs			
Statler Auditorium Rental	\$ 1,500.00		
Speaker Lodging and Travel	4,982.31		
Meals and Catering	369.42		
Stage Design (Letters, Rug, Tablecloth)	2,404.99		
Speaker Gifts	517.94		
Marketing Materials	1,410.00		
Videography	1,200.00	_	
Total Costs		\$:	12,384.66
Net Operating Income		\$	(3,684.66)

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### TEDxCornellUniversity Documentation of Expenses Spring 2023

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#### 1. Venue Rental - \$1,500

\$1,500 for full day (necessary for hosting event & dress rehearsals)

## Auditorium

The auditorium space includes the Alice Statler Auditorium and the Alice Statler Auditorium Lobby, which may be reserved separately.





#### Alice Statler Auditorium

The Alice Statler Auditorium is one of the largest capacity classrooms on campus. The Instructional Technology department oversees all technical aspects of the auditorium, including lighting, sound, and projection, and provides full technical support during all auditorium events.

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,	Capacity: 715, seated (467, main floor; 248, balcony)
	<b>Cost:</b> \$750, half day; \$1,500, full day
	Availability: Daily
	Interested in reserving this space? Please read our <u>policy statement</u> and fill out the <u>reservation</u> request form.

#### 2. Stage Design – \$2,404.99

#### a. TEDxCornell Letters: \$2,287.28

Large Foam letters to be used on stage - tradition for TEDx events and can be used for future events.

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# 4. Review your order

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Product		Qty		Subtotal
Large Foam Letters	-	1	+	\$2,211.40
View Details				

Subtotal	\$2,211.40
Oversized Shipping [?] Items 30" in height and over or connected words 40" in length/width and over are subject to additional shipping charges. To avoid additional fees, reduce the dimension of the order.	\$42.89
<b>Shipping</b> Standard (3-6 Business Days + Manufacturing)	\$32.99
Grand Total	\$2,287.28

#### b. Big red rug

Design: \$96.12

A larger rug for stage design - tradition for TEDx events.

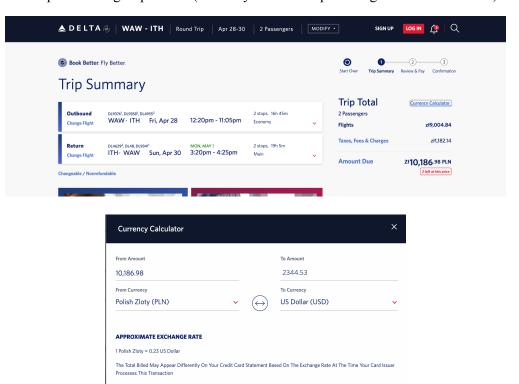
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#### c. Table Cloth : \$21.59

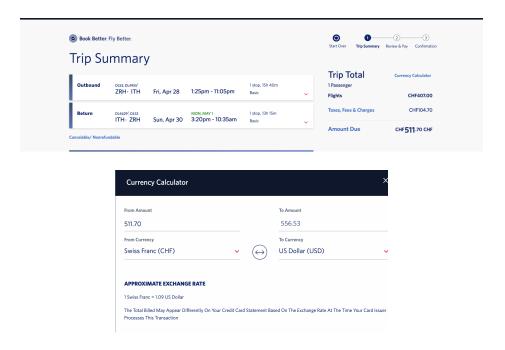
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#### 3. Speaker Transportation Fees - \$4,982.31

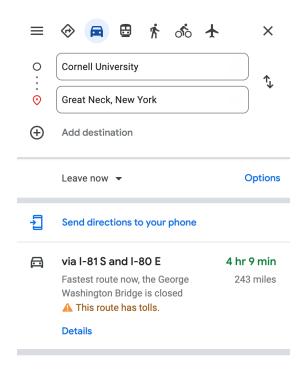
Warsaw, Poland to Ithaca, NY for two speakers - \$2344.53
 Note: Currency is equivalent to \$2344.53 USD as of Feb 18, 2023.
 Speaker is a group of two (currently in Ukraine providing humanitarian relief).



b. Zurich, Switzerland to Ithaca, NY for one – \$556.53
 Note: Currency is equivalent to \$556.53 USD as of Feb 18, 2023



 c. Long Island, NY to Ithaca, NY(Round Trip) - \$318.33 IRS Mileage Rate 2023 - \$0.655 Distance to Cornell University - 243 miles

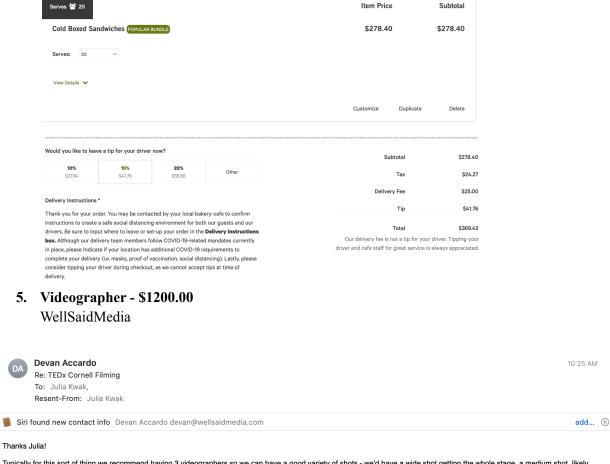


d. Housing in Ithaca, NY for two nights - \$1762.92
3 rooms @ approximately \$250 per night

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Fri, Apr 28, 2023	\$ 249.00
Sat, Apr 29, 2023	\$ 249.00
Subtotal	\$ 498.00
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Total	\$ 587.64

#### 4. Meals & Catering - \$369.42

For speakers & team members (approximately 20) during dress rehearsal prior to the event. Order Summary



Typically for this sort of thing we recommend having 3 videographers so we can have a good variety of shots - we'd have a wide shot getting the whole stage, a medium shot, likely from a side angle, and a closeup. That gives the best coverage and adds visual variety for a high quality final product. We could do that approach for \$1,500. Since I know budget is a consideration, we could alternatively do a 2-camera approach for \$1,200. Let me know what you think - if you let me know which approach you're interested in I can put together a full production proposal for you. Thank you!

-Devan



Devan Accardo | Managing Producer devan@wellsaidmedia.com 607-273-2403 330 E. State St., Suite 1R Ithaca, NY 14850 wellsaidmedia.com

See More from Julia Kwak

#### 6. Gifts (Speaker Plaques) - \$517.94

#### Email screenshots of quote from vendor:

**TEDxCornell Option 2** 

Sam Straus (he/him/his) samstraus.com (818)-404-8601 Net ID: sis35

On Jan 14, 2023, at 8:30 AM, Sean Higgs <seanhiggs02@gmail.com> wrote:

Sam,

1.) Perfectly good for verbiage!

2.) Paypal G&S is perfectly okay, but that fee will be have to be added to total. It's 3.49% + \$.49 fixed. Total bill comes to \$517.94.

Thanks again, Sean

On Dec 3, 2022, at 6:24 AM, Samuel Straus <<u>sis35@cornell.edu</u>> wrote:

Hi Sean,

Thank you for your prompt response!

Last spring, we spoke about a discounted rate for purchasing in larger quantities (e.g., 10 units). If you are able to offer a discounted rate, we may be interested in the 10 units. However, if you are inflexible, we will likely only order 1-2 units. Please understand TEDxCornell is a studentrun organization with limited funding; therefore, we have to be uber cautious in regards to our spending.

Thank you as always, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best, Sam Straus :)

Sam Straus (he/him) <u>samstraus.com</u> (818)-404-8601 Net ID: sis35