

Cornell University Student Assembly

Student Assembly Meeting

AGENDA

October 5, 2023

4:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall/Zoom

ZOOM

Meeting ID: 927 5625 4940 | Passcode: 411537

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgment
3. Open Microphone
4. Approval of the Minutes
5. Consent Calendar
 1. [Resolution 25: Amending Resolution 23](#)
 2. [Resolution 27: Technical Amendments to Resolution 20](#)
6. Announcements
7. Reports
 1. Committee Reports
 2. VP of Finance
 1. [Collegiate Readership Program](#)
 2. [International Students Union](#)
 3. [Interfaith Council](#)
8. Presentations
9. Old Business Calendar
10. Resolutions Calendar
 1. Resolution 26: Promoting Engagement for the Fall 2023 Elections

2. Resolution 28: Creating an Ad Hoc Committee for Student Organization
11. Appointments and Vacancies Calendar
 1. Confirmation of International Student Affairs Committee New Members
 2. Appointments to UA Committees
 12. Adjournment

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Resolution 25: Amending Resolution 23

Abstract: In order to ensure that additional funding is used to best benefit the Cornell undergraduate population, the Student Assembly provides stipulations on the usage of the \$400,000 transfer to the Slope Day Programming Board.

Sponsored by: Nicholas Maggard '26, Clyde Lederman '26, Patrick Kuehl '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 10/02/2023

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 10/05/2023

Current Status: Pending Adoption

Whereas, the Student Assembly has an obligation to ensure that SAF funds are allocated in the best interest of the undergraduate population.

Whereas, the Student Assembly intends for the \$400,000 transfer to be used to provide as much additional benefit to the 2024 Slope Day as possible, instead of to a proceeding event.

Be it therefore resolved, Resolution 23 shall be amended to insert the following language, starting on line 29:

Be it further resolved, the Student Assembly mandates that the \$400,000 transfer be earmarked for usage towards the artist selection fee for the 2024 Slope Day.

Be it further resolved, the Student Assembly Vice President for Finance be authorized to enforce the provisions of this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Maggard '26

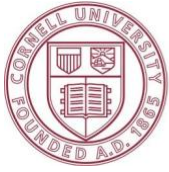
Parliamentarian, Student Assembly

Clyde Lederman '26

Vice President of Internal Operations, Student Assembly

Patrick Kuehl '24

President, Student Assembly



Resolution 26: Promoting Engagement for the Fall '23 Elections

Abstract: This resolution approves an additional funds allocation to the Student Assembly Elections Committee for the purpose of purchasing prizes to be randomly given away to undergraduate students who vote in the Fall 2023 Student Assembly elections.

Sponsored by: Rahul Verma '24, Patrick Kuehl '24

Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 10/2/23, Approved

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 10/5/23

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the Student Assembly elections have had lower levels of engagement in the past elections cycles, with 2,346 (15.6%) of the 15,024 eligible students voting in the Spring '23 elections.

Whereas, student engagement and voting in Student Assembly elections is essential to the proper representation of various student constituencies on campus and their interests.

Whereas, to increase civic engagement, the Elections Committee will be taking new initiatives to encourage voter participation.

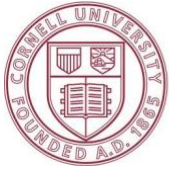
Be it therefore resolved, a total of \$600 from the reserve account be allotted to the Elections Committee to purchase three prizes that will be distributed to individuals who complete all eligible ballots for the Fall '23 elections.

Be it further resolved, winners of the prizes will be randomly chosen by the Office of Assemblies to ensure fairness in this process.

Be it further resolved, each individual, regardless of ballots completed, will only be eligible for one entry.

Be it further resolved, each individual will only be eligible to receive one prize, if an individual's name is drawn a second time, there will be a redraw.

Be it further resolved, No member of the Student Assembly or those running for election will be eligible to receive a prize.



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29 **Be it finally resolved,** the announcement and distribution of prizes of this giveaway will be
30 made the day after the announcement of the Fall '23 elections.

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32 **Respectfully Submitted,**

33 Rahul Verma '24

34 *Director of Elections, Student Assembly*

35 Patrick Kuehl '24

36 *President, Student Assembly*



Resolution 20: Amendments to Article IV of the Charter

Abstract: This resolutions amends Article IV of the Charter to revise and modernize language on aspects of the membership of the Assembly.

Sponsored by: Clyde Lederman '26, Nicholas Maggard '26, Agnes Coleman '26

Reviewed by: Internal Operations, 09/08/2023

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 09/08/2023

Current Status: Introduced

Whereas, Article IV of the Charter of the Student Assembly defines the compositon, qualifications of voting members, method of election, vacancy-filling procedure, and procedure for recalling voting members of the Assembly;

Whereas, the ambiguity following a vacancy in the Office of the President of the Student Assembly highlighted the need for revisions to imprecise language and poorly defined procedures in Article IV of the Charter;

Whereas, the Assembly seeks to update its governing documents to reflect current practices and ensure clarity of the documents' provisions;

Be it therefore resolved, that Article IV of the Charter of the Student Assembly be struck in its entirety, and the text contained in Appendix A to this resolution be inserted as Article IV of the Charter of the Student Assembly.

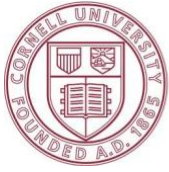
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Clyde Lederman '26

Interim Undesignated Representative, Student Assembly

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Parliamentarian, Student Assembly



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29 Agnes Coleman '26

30 *Deputy Parliamentarian, Student Assembly*

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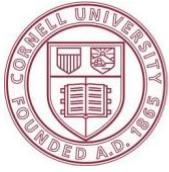
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APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION 20

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Composition

- A. The Assembly shall consist of 36 voting members.
- B. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected at-large by and from the University undergraduate student population as President of the Student Assembly.
- C. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected at-large by and from the University undergraduate student population as Executive Vice President of the Student Assembly.
- D. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as a Representative At-Large by virtue of attaining the second greatest number of votes in the most recent election for President of the Student Assembly; this office shall be distinct from that of a directly elected Representative At-Large.
- E. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as a Representative At-Large by virtue of attaining the second greatest number of votes in the most recent election for Executive Vice President of the Student Assembly; this office shall be distinct from that of a directly elected Representative At-Large.
- F. Seven voting members of the Assembly shall each be directly elected as a Representative At-Large by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole.
- G. Two voting members of the Assembly shall each be elected as a Minority Students Representative by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent minority students.
- H. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the Women's Issues Representative by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent women's issues.
- I. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the First-Generation College Students Representative by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent first-generation college students.
- J. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the Students with Disabilities Representative by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent students with disabilities.



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- 96 K. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the International Students Representative
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- 100 L. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as the LGBTQIA+ Representative by and from
101 the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
102 Transgender, Intersex, Asexual students.
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- 104 M. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as Veterans Representative, who shall have
105 previously served in the Armed Forces of the United States, by and from undergraduate student
106 population to represent students who have served previously served in the Armed Forces of the
107 United States.
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- 109 N. Four voting members of the Assembly shall each be elected at-large by and from the undergraduate
110 freshman student population to represent the same.
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- 112 O. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected at-large by and from the undergraduate
113 transfer student population to represent the same.
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- 115 P. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected by and from the undergraduate student
116 populations of each the following colleges and schools: the Brooks School of Public Policy; the
117 Dyson School of Business, the College of Architecture, Art and Planning; the School of Hotel
118 Administration; the College of Human Ecology, and the School of Industrial and Labor Relations.
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- 120 Q. Two voting members of the Assembly shall be elected by and from the undergraduate student
121 populations of each the following colleges and schools: the College of Agriculture and Life
122 Sciences, and the College of Engineering.
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- 124 R. Three voting members of the Assembly shall be elected by and from the undergraduate student
125 population of the College of Arts and Sciences.
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127 **Section 2: Qualifications of Voting Members** 128

- 129 A. Each voting member of the Assembly shall be registered, full-time undergraduate student at Cornell
130 for the duration of their term; no voting member of the Assembly shall represent a particular college
131 or school without being a registered, full-time student in the same; nor shall a voting member hold
132 office without meeting the qualifications set forth for election to that office.
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- 134 B. No member of the Assembly shall hold the office of more than one voting member, nor be absent
135 from the Ithaca Campus of Cornell University for more than three weeks during the academic year.



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137 C. Upon failing to satisfy the provisions of this section, no voting member may be deemed disqualified
138 absent an affirmative two-thirds vote of the seated members of the Assembly.
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140 141 **Section 3: Non-Voting Membership**

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143 A. Each undergraduate student shall be a non-voting member of the Assembly; such members may
144 participate in debate but may not to vote.
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146 B. The Assembly may designate any faculty member, employee, or graduate or professional student
147 as a non-voting member.

148 **Section 4: Method of Election**

- 149 A. Each voting member of the Assembly and undergraduate representative to the University Assembly
150 shall be elected by a single transferable voting system using the Hare Method, except as otherwise
151 provided for in this Charter.

152 **Section 5: Term of the Assembly**

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154 A. The term of each Assembly shall commence on May 1st and expire on April 30th annually; the term
155 of each voting and non-voting member shall be coterminous with the term of the Assembly.
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157 B. There shall be no limit as to the number of terms a member of the Assembly may serve.
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159 C. Each member shall take the oath of office and shall be bound to that oath for the duration of their
160 term prior to being seated.

161 **Section 6: Advisor and Advisory Board**

- 162 A. The University President may appoint one administrator or faculty member to serve as an advisor
163 to the Assembly.
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165 B. There shall be board to advise the Assembly known as the "Student Assembly Advisory Board,
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168 C. It shall be the responsibility of the Advisory Board to provide the Assembly with counsel and
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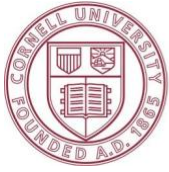
- 171 D. The Advisory Board shall consist of six alumni of Cornell University each of whom shall have
172 served either as a member of the Student Assembly or as a Student Elected Trustee; two members
173 of the Faculty Senate; the University President or their designee; and two members of the
174 Assembly.
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- 176 E. Each member of the Advisory Board, except for the University President, shall be appointed and
177 may be removed by the Assembly.

178 **Section 7: Attendance Requirement**

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- 180 A. Each voting member of the Assembly shall be required to attend all regularly scheduled and special
181 meetings of the Assembly.
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- 183 B. The Assembly may adopt rules governing the attendance of voting members and non-voting
184 members and sanctions for violation of such rules including removal from the Assembly; however,
185 the Assembly shall adopt no rule that permits or requires the removal of a voting member for their
186 absence from no fewer than four regularly scheduled meetings.
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- 188 C. The Assembly may not adopt attendance rules that interfere with the observance of a religious or
189 cultural holiday.

190 **Section 8: Vacancies**

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- 192 A. A vacancy shall exist in the office of a voting member of the Assembly or undergraduate
193 representative to the University Assembly before the expiration of the term of office upon the death,
194 resignation, removal, recall, disqualification, declination of or failure to elect a duly qualified
195 officeholder.
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- 197 B. A vacancy that exists in the office of any voting member of the Assembly between May 1st and the
198 conclusion of the Spring Semester, shall be filled by the candidate attaining the second greatest
199 number of votes in the most recent election for the same office.
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- 201 C. A vacancy that exists in the office of any voting member of the Assembly following the conclusion
202 of the Spring Semester shall be filled by the Assembly. At the next regularly scheduled meeting
203 following the creation of the vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by a roll-call vote; the vacancy
204 shall not be filled without a two-thirds affirmative vote of the seated membership of the Assembly.
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- 206 D. In the period between the creation of a vacancy in the office of President or Executive Vice
207 President and the election of a new officeholder, pursuant to Subsections B and C of Section 8 of
208 this Charter, the office shall remain vacant. The Assembly, by majority vote, may choose to



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209 exercise the powers of the vacant office of President or Executive Vice President, as needed to
210 continue the proper functioning of the Assembly.

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212 E. “In the period between the creation of a vacancy in the office of President and the election of a new
213 officeholder, pursuant to Subsection B and C of this Charter, the order of precedence of the
214 Officers, as established by the Bylaws, shall be used to determine who shall preside at meetings of
215 the Assembly, as Acting Chair. The Acting Chair shall exercise no authorities otherwise delegated
216 to the President except those as necessary for calling and presiding over the Assembly.”

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218 F. Any undergraduate student shall be eligible to fill a vacancy, provided they meet the qualifications
219 to hold office set forth in this article; notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a vacancy in
220 the office of a Representative At-Large elected by virtue of attaining the second greatest number
221 of in either the most recent election for President or Executive Vice President of the Assembly,
222 may, for the remainder of the term of the Assembly in which the vacancy was created, be filled by
223 as though the office were that of a directly elected Representative At-Large.

224 **Section 9: Recalling of Voting Members**

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226 A. Each voting member of the Assembly may be recalled by their constituency. To be recalled through
227 a member’s respective constituency, the following procedure shall be followed in the given order:

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229 1. A petition for the recall of the specific Assembly voting member will be registered with
230 the Office of the Assemblies before any signatures are obtained.

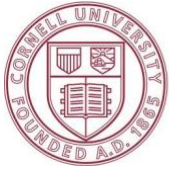
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232 2. Petitioning for recall shall last for a period of not more than fourteen days from the
233 registration of the petition. The required number of signatures shall be, for representatives
234 from a school or college, fifty percent plus one or one thousand from that constituency,
235 whichever is less, for at-large representatives, 15% of the student body. The petition will
236 be presented to the Office of the Assemblies.

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238 3. An informational forum will be scheduled and held within not more than one week of the
239 presentation of the petition, where a discussion of the recall will occur. The Assembly
240 voting member must have a reasonable opportunity to attend the forum.

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242 4. A special recall election will be scheduled for and held within not more than three days
243 after the informational hearing.

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245 5. Should the constituency vote to recall its representative, the seat shall be declared vacant.

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247 B. The Assembly may only recall a voting member by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the seated
248 members of the Assembly.



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250 **Section 9: Responsibilities of Voting Members**

251 A. SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies are required to make a
252 reasonable effort to arrange at least two meetings a semester with their respective academic dean
253 or associate dean(s) to discuss college/school specific issues and concerns. These representatives
254 will then report back to the Student Assembly at the next regularly scheduled SA meeting briefing
255 the Assembly on pertinent issues and occurrences that would take place as a result of these
256 meetings.

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258 B. SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies shall be charged with
259 gathering information about their particular college and representing their respective
260 constituencies, and voting according to their needs and desires.

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262 C. All voting representatives shall host at least one forum or outreach activity with individuals from
263 their respective constituencies and report all outcomes to the SA at the next regularly-scheduled
264 meeting following such an activity.

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266 D. All representatives may communicate regularly with their constituents through e-mail mailing lists
267 and listservs, which may be maintained by their respective college dean's office, the Department
268 of Campus Life, the Office of the Dean of Students, or the Office of the Assemblies.

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270 E. Any Student Assembly member, including the Vice President for Public Relations, must submit a
271 mass message (e-mail, advertisement, press release, etc.) to the Executive Board for approval. The
272 Executive Board may approve a message by a majority vote and the vote may be conducted by e-
273 mail. The e-mail records must be saved.

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Resolution 27: Amending the Previously Adopted Resolution 20

Abstract: These resolutions the previously adopted Resolution 20.

Sponsored by: Clyde Lederman '26, Nicholas Maggard '26, Agnes Coleman '26

Reviewed by: Internal Operations, 10/5/2023, 3-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 10/5/2023

Current Status: Placed on the Consent Agenda

Be it therefore resolved, the following text be substituted as the true and correct copy of Resolution 20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clyde Lederman '26

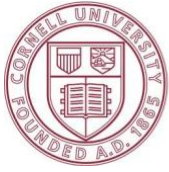
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Deputy Parliamentarian, Student Assembly



Resolution 20: Amendments to Article IV of the Charter

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Abstract: This resolutions amends Article IV of the Charter to revise and modernize language on aspects of the membership of the Assembly.

Sponsored by: Clyde Lederman '26, Nicholas Maggard '26, Agnes Coleman '26

Reviewed by: Internal Operations, 09/08/2023, 3-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 09/14/2023

Current Status: Adopted by the Assembly, 09/21/2023, 16-1-0

Whereas, Article IV of the Charter of the Student Assembly defines the compositon, qualifications of voting members, method of election, vacancy-filling procedure, and procedure for recalling voting members of the Assembly;

Whereas, the ambiguity following a vacancy in the Office of the President of the Student Assembly highlighted the need for revisions to imprecise language and poorly defined procedures in Article IV of the Charter;

Whereas, the Assembly seeks to update its governing documents to reflect current practices and ensure clarity of the documents' provisions;

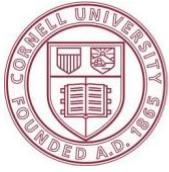
Whereas, Student Veterans provide Cornell University with a unique and valuable combination of perspective and leadership abilities.

Whereas, over 75 student veterans, reservists, and national guardsmen currently attend Cornell University.

Whereas, many student veterans hold identities that currently have low representation on campus, such as non-traditional age students and community college transfer students.

Whereas, there are student veterans in all undergraduate colleges at Cornell, and participate in a wide variety of student organizations, committees, and athletic teams.

Whereas, Cornell has committed infrastructure in the form of the Veterans' Program House to support the growing student veteran population, and is the only Ivy League institution to do so.



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55 **Whereas**, Cornell has integrated guidance and support systems through both admissions and
56 academic experiences by establishing a Student Veteran Advisor & Program Manager;

57 **Whereas**, Cornell has financially committed to the student veteran population through its
58 participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program;

59 **Whereas**, Cornell is the only Ivy League institution to be named a Purple Heart Institution, and
60 commit specific resources to those who have been wounded in combat and their family members;

61 **Whereas**, student veterans are committed to both serving and contributing to the climate and
62 conditions of Cornell University;

63 **Be it therefore resolved**, that Article IV of the Charter of the Student Assembly be struck in its
64 entirety, and the text contained in Appendix A to this resolution be inserted as Article IV of the
65 Charter of the Student Assembly.

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67 **Respectfully Submitted,**

68 Clyde Lederman '26

69 *Interim Undesignated Representative, Student Assembly*

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71 Nicholas Maggard '26

72 *Parliamentarian, Student Assembly*

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75 *Deputy Parliamentarian, Student Assembly*

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77 **APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION 20**

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79 **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

80 **Section 1: Composition**

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84 B. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected at-large by and from the University
85 undergraduate student population as President of the Student Assembly.

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- 87 C. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected at-large by and from the University
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- 90 D. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as a Representative At-Large by virtue of
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92 Assembly; this office shall be distinct from that of a directly elected Representative At-Large.
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96 President of the Student Assembly; this office shall be distinct from that of a directly elected
97 Representative At-Large.
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- 99 F. Six voting members of the Assembly shall each be directly elected as a Representative At-Large
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126 population of undergraduate students who currently or have previously served in the Armed Forces



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127 of the United States, except for undergraduate students who serve as members of the Reserve
128 Officer Training Corps, to represent students who currently or have previously served in the Armed
129 Forces of the United States.

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131 N. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected as Student Workers Representative by and
132 from the University undergraduate student population as a whole to represent undergraduate
133 students who are engaged in paid employment contemporaneously with their academic studies.

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135 O. Four voting members of the Assembly shall each be elected at-large by and from the undergraduate
136 freshman student population to represent the same.

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138 P. One voting member of the Assembly shall be elected at-large by and from the undergraduate
139 transfer student population to represent the same.

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142 populations of each the following colleges and schools to represent the same: the Brooks School of
143 Public Policy; the Dyson School of Business, the College of Architecture, Art and Planning; the
144 School of Hotel Administration; the College of Human Ecology, and the School of Industrial and
145 Labor Relations.

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147 R. Two voting members of the Assembly shall be elected by and from the undergraduate student
148 populations of each the following colleges and schools to represent the same: the College of
149 Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the College of Engineering.

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151 S. Three voting members of the Assembly shall be elected by and from the undergraduate student
152 population of the College of Arts and Sciences to represent the same.

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154 **Section 2: Qualifications of Voting Members**

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157 University for the duration of their term; no voting member of the Assembly shall represent a
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159 voting member hold office without meeting the qualifications set forth for election to that office.

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187 **Section 6: Advisor and Advisory Board**

188 A. The University President may appoint one administrator or faculty member to serve as an advisor
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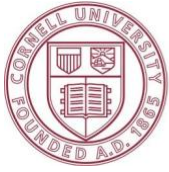
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192 which shall herein after be referred to as the “Advisory Board.”

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194 C. It shall be the responsibility of the Advisory Board to provide the Assembly with counsel and
195 guidance.

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197 D. The Advisory Board shall consist of six alumni of Cornell University each of whom shall have
198 served either as a member of the Student Assembly or as a Student Elected Trustee; two members
199 of the Faculty Senate; the University President or their designee; two members of the Assembly;
200 and four other individuals whose qualifications shall be determined in the Bylaws of the Student
201 Assembly.



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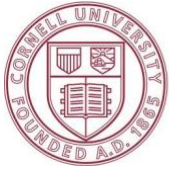
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203 E. Each member of the Advisory Board, except for the University President, shall be appointed and
204 may be removed by the Assembly.

205 **Section 7: Attendance Requirement**

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207 A. Each voting member of the Assembly shall be required to attend all regularly scheduled and special
208 meetings of the Assembly.
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210 B. The Assembly may adopt rules governing the attendance of voting members and non-voting
211 members and sanctions for violation of such rules including removal from the Assembly; however,
212 the Assembly shall adopt no rule that permits or requires the removal of a voting member for their
213 absence from no fewer than four regularly scheduled meetings.
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215 C. The Assembly may not adopt attendance rules that interfere with the observance of a religious or
216 cultural holiday.

217 **Section 8: Vacancies**

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219 A. A vacancy shall exist in the office of a voting member of the Assembly or an undergraduate
220 representative to the University Assembly before the expiration of the term of office upon the death,
221 resignation, removal, recall, disqualification, declination of or failure to elect a duly qualified
222 officeholder.
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224 B. A vacancy that exists in the office of any voting member of the Assembly or an undergraduate
225 representative to the University Assembly between May 1st and the conclusion of the Spring
226 Semester, shall be filled by the candidate attaining the second greatest number of votes in the most
227 recent election for the same office.
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229 C. A vacancy that exists in the office of any voting member of the Assembly or an undergraduate
230 representative to the University Assembly following the conclusion of the Spring Semester shall
231 be filled by the Assembly. At the next regularly scheduled meeting following the creation of the
232 vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by a roll-call vote; the vacancy shall not be filled without a
233 two-thirds affirmative vote of the seated membership of the Assembly.
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235 D. In the period between the creation of a vacancy in the office of President or Executive Vice
236 President and the election of a new officeholder, pursuant to Subsections B and C of Section 8 of
237 this Charter, the office shall remain vacant. The Assembly, by majority vote, may choose to
238 exercise the powers of the vacant office of President or Executive Vice President, as needed to
239 continue the proper functioning of the Assembly.



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241 E. In the period between the creation of a vacancy in the office of President and the election of a new
242 officeholder, pursuant to Subsection B and C of this section, the order of precedence of the
243 Officers, as established by the Bylaws, shall be used to determine who shall preside at meetings of
244 the Assembly as Acting Chair. The Acting Chair shall exercise no authorities otherwise delegated
245 to the President except those as necessary for convening and presiding over the Assembly.
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- 247 F. Any undergraduate student shall be eligible to fill a vacancy, provided they meet the qualifications
248 to hold office set forth in this article; notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a vacancy in
249 the office of a Representative At-Large elected by virtue of attaining the second greatest number
250 of in either the most recent election for President or Executive Vice President of the Assembly,
251 may, for the remainder of the term of the Assembly in which the vacancy was created, be filled by
252 as though the office were that of a directly elected Representative At-Large.

253 **Section 9: Recall of Voting Members**

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- 255 A. Each voting member of the Assembly may be recalled by their constituency. To be recalled through
256 a member's respective constituency, the following procedure shall be followed in the given order:
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- 258 1. A petition for the recall of the specific Assembly voting member will be registered with
259 the Office of the Assemblies before any signatures are obtained.
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 - 261 2. Petitioning for recall shall last for a period of not more than fourteen days from the
262 registration of the petition. The required number of signatures shall be, for representatives
263 from a school or college, fifty percent plus one or one thousand from that constituency,
264 whichever is less, for at-large representatives, 15% of the student body. The petition will
265 be presented to the Office of the Assemblies.
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 - 267 3. An informational forum will be scheduled and held within not more than one week of the
268 presentation of the petition, where a discussion of the recall will occur. The Assembly
269 voting member must have a reasonable opportunity to attend the forum.
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 - 271 4. A special recall election will be scheduled for and held within not more than three days
272 after the informational hearing.
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 - 274 5. Should the constituency vote to recall its representative, the seat shall be declared vacant.
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- 276 B. The Assembly may only recall a voting member by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the seated
277 members of the Assembly.
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279 **Section 9: Responsibilities of Voting Members**

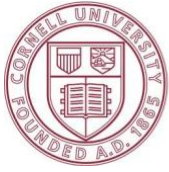


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- 280 A. SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies are required to make a
281 reasonable effort to arrange at least two meetings a semester with their respective academic dean
282 or associate dean(s) to discuss college/school specific issues and concerns. These representatives
283 will then report back to the Student Assembly at the next regularly scheduled SA meeting briefing
284 the Assembly on pertinent issues and occurrences that would take place as a result of these
285 meetings.
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- 287 B. SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies shall be charged with
288 gathering information about their particular college and representing their respective
289 constituencies, and voting according to their needs and desires.
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- 291 C. All voting representatives shall host at least one forum or outreach activity with individuals from
292 their respective constituencies and report all outcomes to the SA at the next regularly-scheduled
293 meeting following such an activity.
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- 295 D. All representatives may communicate regularly with their constituents through e-mail mailing lists
296 and listservs, which may be maintained by their respective college dean's office, the Department
297 of Campus Life, the Office of the Dean of Students, or the Office of the Assemblies.
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- 299 E. Any Student Assembly member, including the Vice President for Public Relations, must submit a
300 mass message (e-mail, advertisement, press release, etc.) to the Executive Board for approval. The
301 Executive Board may approve a message by a majority vote and the vote may be conducted by e-
302 mail. The e-mail records must be saved.

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Resolution 28: Creating an *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study Student Organization Policies

Abstract: This resolution establishes an *ad hoc* committee to study the polices governing student organizations.

Sponsored by: Patrick Kuehl '24, Clyde Lederman '26

Reviewed by: Internal Operations, 10/5/2023, 3-0-0

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 10/5/2023

Current Status: Placed on the Resolutions Calendar

Whereas, the Charter of the Student Assembly grants the Assembly the “authority and the responsibility to examine any matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community”;

Whereas, the Assembly is concerned with application, training, and dispute resolution policies and practices of student organizations, and the effect of those policies on the welfare of the undergraduate student body;

Be it therefore resolved, that there be established an *ad hoc* committee known as the “Committee on Student Organization Policies”, which shall be charged with studying the policies of student organizations and issuing a report on the same to the Assembly;

Resolved, that Committee on Student Organization Policies shall be composed of between six and twelve members, no fewer than half of whom shall be members of the Assembly;

Resolved, that the President of the Assembly is hereby authorized to appoint a chair and members of the Committee on Student Organization Policies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Kuehl '24

President, Student Assembly

Clyde Lederman '26

Interim Undesignated Representative At-Large, Student Assembly



Resolution 29: Increasing Engagement for the Human Ecology Representative Seat

Abstract: This resolution waives the petitioning requirement in the Human Ecology Representative race for the Fall '23 Student Assembly Elections.

Sponsored by: Rahul Verma '24, Patrick Kuehl '24

Reviewed by: Elections Committee, 10/5/2023

Type of Action: Internal Policy

Originally Presented: 10/5/2023

Current Status: New Business

Whereas, during the Fall '23 elections process thus far, no student had completed the candidate registration form and submitted petitions for the Human Ecology Representative seat.

Whereas, students have reached out to the Elections Committee expressing their interest in running for the seat after the extended petition period had already ended.

Whereas, to ensure a representative Student Assembly, a Human Ecology Representative would be pivotal, as a school that has been represented inconsistently over the past few years.

Be it therefore resolved, the petition requirement be waived for candidates interested in running for the Human Ecology Representative seat.

Be it further resolved, candidates must still submit a candidate registration form before 3 pm EST on Friday, October 6th to be eligible for listing on the ballot.

Be it finally resolved, a message be sent out on behalf of the Student Assembly to announce this update to the elections process as soon as possible for the Office of Assemblies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rahul Verma '24

Director of Elections, Student Assembly

Patrick Kuehl '24

President, Student Assembly

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Organization	Collegiate Readership Program
2022-2024 Allocation	\$4.30
2024-2026 Request	\$2.92
Appropriations Recommendation	\$2.92

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding the Collegiate Readership Program (CRP) at \$2.92 for the 2024-2026 SAF Allocation Cycle. The Committee supports CRP's mission to encourage lifelong learning, create a newspaper readership habit, and increase undergraduate student awareness of local, national, and international events. The Committee hopes that the CRP will continue to enhance the learning environment on Cornell's campus by offering students free access to the New York Times (NYT) and Wall Street Journal (WSJ) for years to come.

In a financial analysis of CRP, at the start of this academic year, the rollover balance amounted to 44.22% of its current annual allocation. Additionally, since the subscription prices of the NYT and WSJ have not increased over previous years, it is expected that the CRP will have the same expenses as those years. Due to this, and in alignment with the current goal to limit the amount of "locked-up" funds, the Appropriations Committee would like to see the current rollover account balance be utilized over the course of the next two academic years. As a result, the recommended CRP allocation of \$2.92 is designed to leave as little money as possible in the CRP rollover account by the end of the 2025-2026 academic year, while at the same time, continuing the NYT and WSJ subscriptions for all students.

For the 2024-2026 SAF allocation cycle, the Cornell Library Department neglected to turn in the application on time, and when granted an extension to complete it, still neglected to complete the application. As a result, the VP of Finance reached out to individuals who used to work in that department to figure out the rollover account balance and subscription prices. Since this \$2.92 request was not officially approved by this department, the Cornell Library Department would be allowed to appeal their allocation until November 16th, 2023 when the total SAF fee is presented to the Student Assembly.

Considering all the factors of CRP, and the necessity for it, the Appropriations Committee feels that an allocation of \$2.92 is necessary for the NYT and WSJ subscriptions.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$2.92	10-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

George Rocco DeLorenzo

Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

Cornell University Student Assembly

Organization	Interfaith Council at Cornell
2022-2024 Allocation	\$7.00
2024-2026 Request	\$7.00
Appropriations Recommendation	\$6.50

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding the Interfaith Council at Cornell (ICC) at \$6.50 for the 2024-2026 SAF Allocation Cycle.

ICC supports around 21 student organizations and is the liaison between spiritual/religious organizations, Campus Activities, The Office of Spirituality and Meaning Making, and the university. ICC seeks to promote interfaith dialogue and support spiritual life on campus, encouraging shared understanding and celebrating our differences.

ICC was created in 2015, and during the Fall 2019 semester, the Appropriations Committee voted to approve the organization for byline funding starting in the Fall of 2020. Before this time, all religious/ faith-based organizations were funded under SAFC, but as a part of the 4-year SAFC reforms, ICC was put in charge of this funding due to their knowledge of the topic. When this change occurred, ICC funded 8 umbrella organizations underneath them.

Operationally, ICC is comprised of a 5-person executive board that is dispersed across class years. Additionally, ICC has a g-body of 7-8 people and intends to recruit more people soon. ICC meets one time per week as an executive board to discuss the funding requests they have received and the strategic mission of the organization. Moreover, ICC frequently hosts townhall style events where a representative from each of their umbrella organizations can attend to discuss new topics.

ICC is considered a Primary Funding Board, which means umbrella organizations that receive money from ICC cannot also be funded by SAFC or Club Sports Council (CSC). Up until now, ICC has used the same funding tier structure as SAFC (\$250-500, \$1000, \$1500, \$2000, \$4000, \$8000). During the past few years, organizations have not been able to adjust their funding tiers. Additionally, ICC has a feature called *Flex Funds*, which are funds an umbrella organization can apply to in addition to their annual tier. Unlike other Primary Funding Boards, there is no maximum to how much *Flex Fund* an umbrella organization could receive. Up until now, out of all the money ICC allocated to umbrella organizations, approximately two-thirds of that money was dedicated to the annual tiers and one-third has been allocated to the *Flex Fund*.

Since ICC started to get SAF funding and the tiers have been locked, with some organizations growing/ shrinking, the discrepancy between an umbrella organization's annual funding tier and *Flex Fund* allocation has grown. Notably, there is one ICC umbrella organization that receives *Flex Funds* amounting to 19x what their annual tier allocation is. To address this problem, starting this academic year, ICC has started allowing organizations to change their annual funding tier. Moreover, ICC is changing the ratio of annual tier allocations to *Flex Funds*, which is now split 90% to 10% respectively. According to ICC, this move was decided because it was targeted to stop "locked-up" funds within their umbrella organizations. Lastly, ICC intends to also use their current rollover (76% of their current annual allocation) to fund the *Flex Fund* requests they get from umbrella organizations.

In discussion with other members of the Appropriations Committee, ICC possesses a few concerning factors that were noted during the hearing.

The first of these factors pertains to **the recent change in the ratio split between the annual allocation tiers and *Flex Fund* money**. Just like other Primary Funding Boards, ICC has faced the issue of annual tier money being “locked-up” within umbrella organizations. Although the decision to move from a 66/33 split to a 90/10 split was intended to target this issue, it is much more likely to do the opposite, further exacerbating this issue and contributing to unnecessary umbrella organization spending. Additionally, because ICC does not have a cap on the amount of money an umbrella organization can receive from its *Flex Fund* account and intends to use its current large rollover to replenish this account, this will simply contribute to the issue of unnecessary spending.

Even though ICC now has 5 additional umbrella organizations underneath them (making the new total 26 organizations), another notable factor is that even **accounting for these additional organizations, under ICC’s new structure, they have overestimated future annual expenses**, which were then used to justify the requested amount. With the conservative assumption that these new organizations will be at the \$4,000 tier, with the new recommended SAF allocation (\$6.50), by the end of the 2025-2026 academic year, ICC will still have a rollover account balance that is 29.68% of their new annual SAF allocation.

The last notable factor is that **some of ICC’s actions over previous academic years have not been aligned with its mission statement as an organization**. As a Primary Funding Board, ICC has a responsibility to allocate all the money it receives to the umbrella organizations underneath it. However, during the previous academic year, 5.76% of the money ICC expended was used to fund a bus trip to a rally in Washington DC. Additionally, without an umbrella organization auditing procedures in place, and off-the-record stories about some organizations using SAF money to purchase alcohol, ICC is currently not in alignment with University Funding Guidelines. With the stated goal, “*ICC seeks to promote interfaith dialogue and support spiritual life on campus*”, ICC is encouraged to adhere to its mission in upcoming years.

Considering all the factors of ICC, and how important religious/ faith-based organizations are for undergraduate students, the Appropriations Committee feels that a small decrease in ICC’s allocation is necessary for the successful, long-term growth of the organization. The Appropriations Committee also recommends ICC re-evaluate its new annual tier/*Flex Fund* ratio, as well as use its substantial rollover to fund any new umbrella organization tier adjustments. Furthermore, the Committee recommends ICC minimize the operational expenses of the organization and only fund events on the actual campus. Finally, the Committee recommends that ICC adopt a robust auditing system to decrease future misuse of SAF funds.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$7.00	0-10-0
\$6.90	0-10-0
\$6.80	0-10-0
\$6.70	0-10-0
\$6.60	0-10-0
\$6.50	10-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

George Rocco DeLorenzo

Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly

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Organization	International Students Union
2022-2024 Allocation	\$7.00
2024-2026 Request	\$10.00
Appropriations Recommendation	\$8.50

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding the International Students Union (ISU) at \$8.50 for the 2024-2026 SAF Allocation Cycle.

The International Students Union (ISU) is an organization dedicated to promoting dialogue and international awareness at Cornell University. ISU achieves this by hosting and programming international events, as well as funding and co-sponsoring cultural organizations and internationally oriented activities. ISU also strives to provide a voice for the international community, and to communicate issues faced by international students on campus to the administration and to the rest of Cornell. ISU encourages students to approach the organization with any potential ideas or concerns that are relevant to the Cornell international community. While ISU does not take political stances on issues, the organization strives to defend and support the rights of all international students on campus.

Operationally, ISU is comprised of a 7-person executive board that is dispersed across class years. Additionally, ISU has a g-body of around 50 people and has 5 functional teams: finance, planning, advocacy, publicity, and internal operations. ISU meets one time per week as an executive board to make sure the functional teams are on track to achieve their goals or current projects.

Since ISU is considered a Supplementary Funding Board, they have two primary functions: review/ approve the funding applications submitted by undergraduate organizations for events and develop their own programming initiatives that any undergraduate student can attend. At this current time, there is no cap on the amount of money an undergraduate organization can receive from ISU, however, each undergraduate organization can only apply 3 times per academic year.

Regarding finances, in an analysis of the previous academic year's expenses, approximately 69.4% of it was allocated to 36 different undergraduate organizations, 5.1% of it was spent on internal expenditures, and 25.5% of it was spent on ISU-organized events. Additionally, coming into this academic year, ISU had a rollover account balance which was 71.22% of their annual SAF allocation. Lastly, ISU has projected that their expenses in the 2023-2024 academic year will be approximately 1.4x their current annual allocation.

Breaking down these expense categories, between the 36 organizations that received money from ISU in the past academic year, the average money each of these organizations received was 29.78% larger than the median of these values. Diving deeper into the data, there are 4 to 5 of these organizations that receive double/ triple the amount other organizations receive. Although this may be a function of those organizations having more members since ISU only has a cap on the number of applications an organization can submit and does not have a cap on the amount of money an organization can receive, it is not currently operating like other supplementary funding organizations, such as CU Tonight.

Concerning the internal expenditures of ISU, while a small proportion of this money is spent on digital infrastructure tools and marketing, a significant amount of it is spent on social events and annual retreats. When questioned about these large retreat expenses, it was discovered that the retreat consisted of renting a property for the night an hour away, traveling there, and returning the next morning. Additionally, their adult advisor is not present at these retreats and currently has little oversight about what occurs there. During the early portion of the Appropriations Committee hearing, the ISU representative referred to the organization as a “social club”. The VP of Finance reminded the representative that, while ISU members can have fun, the organization is still a Supplementary Funding Board and must operate as such. Furthermore, after totaling these retreat and social event expenses, the amount was nearly double the \$4,000 maximum as stipulated by the Student Assembly Charter.

Regarding the ISU-organized events, in the previous academic year, ISU organized 6 separate events: Global Social, Letters to Home, Casino Night, Fall Fundraiser, Professional Development Workshop, International Gala, and Sports Event. While the Appropriations Committee appreciates the efforts of ISU to balance funding with programming, there are notable callouts with these events. Firstly, any event organized by ISU needs to be able to be attended by any undergraduate student and cannot be restricted to specific populations. Next, while giveaways are okay so long as everyone has an equal opportunity at winning, the Committee wants to highlight that the monetary value of these items should be kept within a reasonable range with respect to the cost of the event. In some cases, giveaway items amounted to nearly half the cost of these ISU-organized events. Finally, in the 2022-2023 academic year, 74.62% of the expenses from the ISU-organized events category were spent on Cornell (Statler) Catering services, and so for future programming, the Appropriations Committee advocates that ISU seek less expensive food alternatives.

Transitioning to the recommendation for the 2024-2026 SAF Allocation cycle, the Appropriations Committee felt that, despite the pressing financial factors highlighted above, a small increase to \$8.50 would suffice given ISU’s current operational structure. With this recommended amount, the Appropriations Committee feels that ISU should re-evaluate its cost structure to make it work. Firstly, the Committee recommends ISU implement a \$5,000 per academic year cap on the amount of money a single organization can receive from them to mirror the structure of other Supplementary Funding Boards. Next, in future academic years, ISU needs to pay closer attention to its operational expenses and cannot spend more than \$4,000 per year on social events/ retreats. Furthermore, instead of planning to host an ISU-organized concert in future academic years, ISU is encouraged to coordinate with other concert planning organizations to capitalize on the cost synergies they can provide. Lastly, ISU is encouraged to find cost-optimal alternatives to Statler catering for ISU-organized events. If all these steps are followed in the next two years, their current large rollover is spent down, and a \$8.50 SAF allocation is granted, ISU will still finish the 2025-2026 academic year with a rollover account balance that is approximately 13% of their new SAF allocation (\$8.50).

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$10.00	0-10-0
\$9.90	0-10-0
\$9.80	0-10-0
\$9.70	0-10-0
\$9.60	0-10-0
\$9.50	0-10-0
\$9.40	0-10-0
\$9.30	0-10-0
\$9.20	0-10-0
\$9.10	0-10-0
\$9.00	0-10-0
\$8.90	0-10-0
\$8.80	1-9-0
\$8.70	3-7-0
\$8.60	4-6-0
\$8.50	10-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly