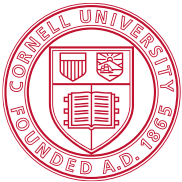


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Agenda of the Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 Meeting
4:45-6:30pm in the Lewis Auditorium, Room G76, Goldwin Smith Hall

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
- II. **Announcements**
- III. **Open Microphone**
- IV. **Byline Reports**
 - a. [Financial Aid Review Committee \(FARC\)](#)
 - b. [Student Assembly \(SA\)](#)
 - c. [Student Activities Funding Commission \(SAFC\)](#)
- V. **Business of the Day**
 - a. [Resolution 19: Creating Internal Elections Rules](#)
- VI. **Adjournment**



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Organization	FARC: Financial Aid Review Committee
2018 – 2020 Allocation	\$0.00
2020 – 2022 Request	\$5.00
Appropriations Committee Recommendation	\$5.00

Rationale of the Committee

The Committee voted to fund FARC (Financial Aid Review Committee) at \$5.00 for the 2020-2022 Byline Funding Cycle.

The Committee was very happy to see that FARC seeks to use byline funding to financially aid students who could not otherwise afford to participate in an unpaid summer internship. Specifically, the Committee touched on its importance for International students, who may not be allowed to take compensatory jobs alongside an unpaid internship. The Committee was pleased to see that FARC continues to help students in emergency situations by providing financial relief for various pop-expenses that may arise during any number of emergencies, like a surprise plane ticket, to name one. The Committee would like to see FARC pursue all possible avenues of marketing and exposure for these grants and relief funds. With the understanding that FARC works in conjunction with the Financial Aid Office, along with each college individually, the Committee recognizes the difficulty in taking the lead on marketing or proliferation of these grants. The Committee would still like to see FARC put an increased amount of effort into spreading the word of these support systems. Ultimately, the Committee's only issue stemmed from its deep approval of FARC and its mission.

The Committee fully supports FARC and is excited to work together to help more and more students through FARC's grants.

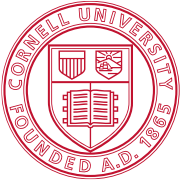
Vote Totals

The committee votes down from the highest amount proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage.

The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$5.00	11-0-1

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Gilmore
Appropriations Committee Member



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Organization	Student Assembly
2018 – 2020 Allocation	\$0.87
2020 – 2022 Request	\$4.00
Appropriations Committee Recommendation	\$4.00

Rationale of the Committee

The Committee voted to fund the Student Assembly at \$4.00 for the 2020-2022 Byline Funding Cycle.

The Committee recognized that the SA had been spending down a surplus, and that it is time for the SA to begin growing its byline allocation. The main point of contention regarded Special Projects funding. Committee members were happy to see the Special Projects fund grow, given its “Special” and “Emergency-based” nature, for groups that simply cannot incorporate some costs into an annual budget. But, the Committee pondered implementing stricter regulations with regard to Special Projects funding. Some thought that the increase in Special Projects funding would lead to arbitrary and “why-not” spending, when there are other viable sources of funds available on campus. The Committee still decided to give the SA a significant boost in funding and its full requested allocation. The Committee, overall, is appreciative of the SA’s work and its continued good use of its byline funding. It hopes to see the bulked Special Projects fund put to grand use.

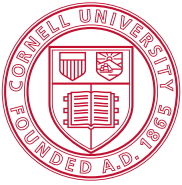
Vote Totals

The committee votes down from the highest amount proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage.

The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$4.00	7-4-1

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Gilmore
Appropriations Committee Member



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Organization	Student Activities Funding Commission
2018 – 2020 Allocation	\$98.00
2020 – 2022 Request	\$159.00
Appropriations Committee Recommendation	\$159.00*

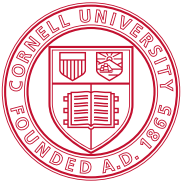
Rationale of the Committee

The Committee voted to fund the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) at \$159.00 for the 2020-2022 Byline Funding Cycle.

The Committee fully supports the work that SAFC does to fund as many student groups as possible on campus. While the SAFC attempts to fill the total amount requested for all of our campus organizations, we recognized that there were significant gaps in the amount of money requested of SAFC and the amount of money that there were receiving from byline, approximately a one million dollar gap.

Currently SAFC uses strict administrative rules and spending guidelines to try and conserve money and not run deficits every year. These strict guidelines are not only a hassle for student groups, but they also make it so that student groups do not get all the money that they need and want. To address this issue, SAFC presented to The Committee a list of initiatives that they plan on enacting next year, in order to lessen the strict regulations, they are currently enacting. These initiatives include but are not limited to, opening the time frame to submit organization budgets from 3 weeks to 3 months so that organizations have time to organize and put together a comprehensive budget. They also planned on

* Because the total Undergraduate Student Activity Fee must be a round number, the actual disbursement amount to SAFC will be rounded up in an amount equal to the amount required to round the total Student Activity Fee to the nearest whole number. At the time of this document being drafted (before potential appeals) SAFC would receive an increase of \$0.91 to make their actual allocation \$159.90. Hypothetically, if the SA approves an appeal to alter the allocation amount of a different organization by a non-integer number, then this figure would change. For example, funding any other organization at \$0.50 more would cause the rounding to instead only go up by \$0.41, which would yield a figure of \$159.41.



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restructuring the tier system and will accept budgets on a rolling basis so that student organizations can more effectively spend their money.

SAFC predicts that these changes in total will cost them about \$900,000 which is approximately equal to the amount that they are denying to student groups.

The Committee is confident that as these changes are enacted the additional \$61 that SAFC has been awarded will be able to bridge the current gap in requests and actual funding, that leaves many student groups frustrated and discouraged. The Committee looks forward on working with SAFC in the coming semester to create effective strategies to implement and uphold the proposed initiatives.

Vote Totals

The committee votes down from the highest amount proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage.

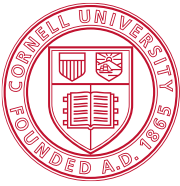
The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$159.00	11-0-2

Respectfully Submitted,

Moriah Adeghe

Vice President for Finance, Cornell Student Assembly



Originally Presented on:	(11/21/2019)
Type of Action:	Internal Policy
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #19
2 Creating Internal Elections Rules
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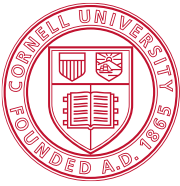
4 **Sponsored by: Nick Matolka '21**
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6 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly needs to create rules for its internal elections;
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8 **Be it therefore resolved**, the following be added to the Standing Rules:
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10 Section 9: Internal Elections

- 11 A. Rule 1: With **one week's notice**, the VP of Internal Operations will notify Assembly
12 members of a position that needs to be filled.
- 13 B. Rule 2: Assembly members will have until the **Sunday night** prior to internal elections
14 to submit an application. For a position, an Assembly member will be asked to answer
15 the following two questions:
16 1. Why do you want to serve in this position?
17 2. Do you have the time to effectively commit to this role?
- 18 C. Rule 3: Assembly members will be aware of applicants by **Monday night**. They will be
19 able to have access to the answers of the applicants' questions. The means of viewing
20 this information is at the discretion of the VP of Internal Operations
- 21 D. Rule 4: Following the release of the applicants' questions, Assembly members can send
22 in statements of an applicant until the **Wednesday night** prior to an internal election.
23 Statements may only be **positive** and **in support** of a candidate. The statements will be
24 submitted via Google Form. Only the President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian of
25 the Student Assembly will be able to view submissions.
- 26 E. Rule 5: Statements will be released on **Wednesday night** for the full Student Assembly
27 to view. Statements will only be released if they positively reinforce a candidate. Each
28 statement will be attached with the submitter's name. A statement will be vetted if they
29 impose an *ad hominem* attack on an opposing candidate.
- 30 F. Rule 6: In the case of an Assembly member having an egregious claim that should
31 disqualify a candidate, they should submit the claim via Google Form to the President,
32 Vice President, and Parliamentarian. It is at the discretion of the President, Vice
33 President, and Parliamentarian in how to proceed. At a minimum, they are **required** to
34 explain their choice to the submitter. If the disqualifying claim is released, the submitter
35 **will not** be identified.
- 36 G. Rule 7: An internal election will proceed as follows:
37 1. Each candidate will be given **three minutes** to talk. It is a time to reiterate their
38 answers and add any additional material.
39 2. Following all of the candidates' speeches, the President will read aloud all of the
40 claims submitted and approved.
41 3. Following the reading aloud of claims, deliberations will go on for at maximum
42 fifteen minutes. During this time, Assembly members can solely reaffirm a
43 candidate of choice, or reaffirm a statement made by a candidate of choice. At
44 no time can an Assembly member engage in in *ad hominem* attacks on any

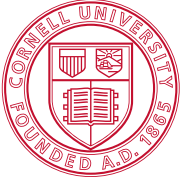


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- 45 candidate or intentionally make false statements against any candidate. In
46 addition, an Assembly member cannot add additional information that hasn't
47 been stated during the meeting. If an Assembly member violates this rule, the
48 President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian reserve the right to excuse the
49 Assembly member from the internal election and they will not be allowed to
50 vote.
- 51 H. Rule 8: The sequence of events illustrated must take place prior to an internal election. In
52 the case of a vacancy appearing that needs immediate filling via internal elections, the
53 timeline should be modified to fit accordingly.
- 54 I. Rule 9: Each candidate will document and release a log of all Assembly members that
55 they meet with in lobbying for a position. Each candidate will document who they met
56 with, the length of the meeting, and the material discussed. They will be released via the
57 medium of choosing of the VP of IOPS.
- 58 J. Rule 10: This process will also be implemented during the mass internal elections at the
59 end of the school year.

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61 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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63 Nick Matolka '21
64 *Undesignated Representative-At-Large, Student Assembly*
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66 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 6-0-0, 11/19/2019)*



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SA RESOLUTION 24: RECOMMENDATION FOR THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE FOR 2020-2022

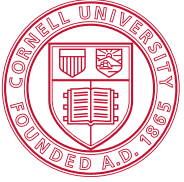
Sponsored by: Moriah Adege, on behalf of the Student Assembly Appropriations Committee

1 **WHEREAS**, The SA Charter, §Appendix A states:

- 2 a) The Student Assembly (the Assembly), through the delegated authority of the President and the
3 Board of Trustees, is charged with the allocation of the Student Activity Fee (SAF). This fee is
4 mandatory for all undergraduate students of the University and shall be used to fund
5 participation in, and viewing of, activities and programs that benefit the Cornell community.
6 The SAF shall be determined during the fall semester of every odd-numbered year and be
7 subject to the approval of the President of the University.
- 8 b) Neither a check-off option nor an option to pay an amount in addition to the established SAF
9 for specific programs or services will be allowed for purposes of exempting a student from
10 paying the full amount of the SAF.
- 11 a. Exceptions may be considered if recommended and approved by the Student Assembly
12 and approved by the President of the University.
- 13 c) These procedures shall be reviewed by the Student Assembly, the GPSA, and a representative
14 of the President of the University, at least every four years in a non-fee-setting year.

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16 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Student Assembly recommends the Student Activity Fee
17 be set at \$331.00, to be distributed as follows (with details on the accompanying Appendix);

- 18 a) **ALANA Intercultural Board** \$15.00
19 b) **Collegiate Readership Program** \$3.00
20 c) **Community Partnership Funding Board** \$2.00
21 d) **Cornell Alternative Spring Breaks** \$2.00
22 e) **Cornell Concert Commission** \$13.00
23 f) **Cornell Interfaith Council** \$3.75
24 g) **Cornell Minds Matter** \$2.50
25 h) **Cornell University Class Councils** \$2.35
26 i) **Cornell University Emergency Medical Services** \$4.30
27 j) **Cornell University Program Board** \$13.55
28 k) **CU Tonight Commission** \$9.00
29 l) **Department of Athletics & Physical Education** \$9.07
30 m) **ECO – Cornell Environmental Collaborative** \$1.00
31 n) **Empathy Assistance & Referral Services (EARS)** \$1.50
32 o) **Gender Justice Advocacy Center** \$4.80
33 p) **Haven: Cornell’s LGBTQ Student Union** \$4.20



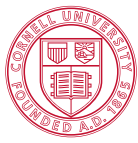
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- 34 q) **International Students Union (Board)** \$4.81
- 35 r) **Multicultural Greek & Fraternal Council** \$1.00
- 36 s) **Orientation Steering Committee** \$10.40
- 37 t) **Outdoor Odyssey** \$2.25
- 38 u) **Professional Fraternity Council** \$0.50
- 39 v) **Senior Convocation** \$18.00
- 40 w) **Senior Days** \$5.10
- 41 x) **Slope Day Programming Board** \$21.00
- 42 y) **Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)** \$159.91
- 43 z) **Student Assembly** \$4.00
- 44 aa) **Student Club Insurance** \$5.10
- 45 bb) **Students Helping Students** \$5.00
- 46 cc) **The Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board** \$0.50
- 47 dd) **Welcome Weekend Committee** \$2.00

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50 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**
51 **Moriah Adeghe '21**

52 Vice President for Finance and Appropriations Committee Chair, Student Assembly



SA R24.Appendix
Student Activity Fee Allocation
2020-2022 Byline Funding Cycle

Organization	2018-2020 Allocation	2020-2022 Request	2020-2022 Allocation	% Change
ALANA Intercultural Board	\$8.10	\$15.00	\$15.00	85.0%
Collegiate Readership Program	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	200.0%
Community Partnership Funding Board	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	0.0%
Cornell Alternative Spring Breaks	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	0.0%
Cornell Concert Commission	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	0.0%
Cornell Interfaith Council	-	\$3.75	\$3.75	-
Cornell Minds Matter	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.50	25.0%
Cornell University Class Councils	\$2.35	\$2.40	2.35%	0.0%
Cornell University Emergency Medical Services	\$3.60	\$4.30	\$4.30	19.0%
Cornell University Program Board	\$8.55	\$13.55	\$13.55	58.0%
CU Tonight Commission	\$7.82	\$9.00	\$9.00	15.0%
Department of Athletics & Physical Education	\$9.08	\$9.08	\$9.08	0.0%
ECO – Cornell Environmental Collaborative	\$0.76	\$1.00	\$1.00	32.0%
Empathy Assistance & Referral Services (EARS)	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	0.0%
Gender Justice Advocacy Center (prev. Women’s Resource Center)	\$4.00	\$4.80	\$4.80	20.0%
Haven: Cornell’s LGBTQ Student Union	\$3.80	\$4.20	\$4.20	11.0%
International Students Union (Board)	3.90	\$4.81	\$4.81	23.0%
Multicultural Greek & Fraternal Council (prev. Multicultural Greek Letter Council)	\$0.67	\$1.00	\$1.00	49.0%
Orientation Steering Committee	\$10.40	\$10.40	\$10.40	0.0%
Outdoor Odyssey	\$1.75	\$2.50	\$2.25	29.0%
Professional Fraternity Council	-	\$1.25	\$0.50	-
Senior Convocation	\$16.50	\$18.00	\$18.00	9.0%
Senior Days	\$4.85	\$5.90	\$5.10	5.0%
Slope Day Programming Board	\$19.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	11.0%
Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)	\$98.00	\$159.00	\$159.91	63%
Student Assembly	\$0.87	\$4.00	\$4.00	360%
Student Club Insurance	\$5.10	\$5.10	\$5.10	0.0%
Students Helping Students	-	\$5.00	\$5.00	-

The Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$0.50	0.0%
Welcome Weekend Committee	\$2.40	\$2.50	\$2.40	0.0%
Total Student Activity Fee	\$234.00	\$332.29	\$331.00	41%

This chart does not show Slope Media Group, an organization that received byline funding in the current cycle and did not apply for byline funding for this upcoming cycle. The amount allocated for SAFC reflects the rounding up necessary to make the fee an integer.