Cornell University
Student Assembly

1   S.A. Resolution #22
2   Approval of the Spring 2019 Standing Rules
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4   ABSTRACT: The Student Assembly Bylaws state that the first meeting of the academic year must
5   be to approve the Standing Rules. This resolution proposes changes to the Standing Rules for the
6   Spring Assembly session.
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8   **Sponsored by: Joe Anderson '20**
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10 **Whereas**, Article IV Section 3 of the Student Assembly Bylaws state, "The first meeting of the
11 academic year shall be known as the Organizational Meeting and shall be for the purpose of
12 adopting the schedule for regular meeting and approving the standing rules;"
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14 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly President, the Executive Vice President, and the Parliamentarian
15 are charged with the responsibility of these Standing rules revision at the beginning of each
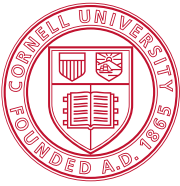16 semester;
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18 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly approve and adopt the Standing Rules from
19 Fall of 2018 Semester for the Spring 2019 Session of the 2018-2019 Academic Year with the
20 following change:
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22 Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly adopts these changes to the Standing Rules, in
23 Section 8, Subsection B:
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25 i. Rule 5: The Student Assembly may, through the process outlined in the Rules of this document,
26 choose to fund any project, program or service through Student Assembly Special Projects
27 that it deems will improve the quality of undergraduate student life or to further the goals of
28 the Assembly. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending.
29 ii. Rule 6: Special Projects funding may be requested by any registered undergraduate student of
30 Cornell University.
31 iii. Rule 7: Special Project funding requests of no more than $400 may be approved with joint
32 consent of the Student Assembly President and the Student Assembly Vice President for
33 Finance, thus avoiding the process for requests outlined in these Rules. Such consent must
34 be provided in writing to the Office of the Assemblies before any funds are disbursed. If the
35 President or the Vice President for Finance does not give consent, requestors of amounts of
36 up to $400 may also be funded by the process outlined in Rule 14 and Rule 15. After the
37 approval by the Student Assembly President and Vice President for Finance, the Vice
38 President for Finance must report the approval to the voting body of the Student Assembly.
39 If the Student Assembly President and Vice President for Finance wish to fund a project

40   more than one time per semester, the funding will require majority approval of the Student
41   Assembly.
42 iv. Rule 8: The Student Assembly Appropriations Committee shall decide upon special projects
43   requests submitted by the process outlined in Rule 14 and Rule 15. The SA, at large, may
44   reverse an Appropriations Committee decision to fund amounts over $400 by a two-thirds
45   vote of its members (not members present). After the Appropriations Committee funds any
46   project between $400 and $1500, the Vice President for Finance must report this funding to
47   the Assembly's general body at the next Student Assembly meeting.
48 v. Rule 9: Requests of $1500 and over that have been approved by the Appropriations Committee
49   require confirmation by a majority vote of the Student Assembly, at large.
50 vi. Rule 10: The Vice President for Finance shall present a written report to the Student Assembly
51   each time a special projects disbursement is made.
52 vii. Rule 11: Student Assembly committees can request funding from Special Projects only if a
53   funding request cannot be covered by the committee initiatives budget or a committee
54   specific budget allocation.
55 viii. Rule 13: Special Project Requests should include as much detail as possible, including, but not
56   limited to: informed estimates of all major costs, specific dates and times for events, event
57   location, names of speakers, expected attendance, and other funding sources for the event.
58 ix. Rule 15: In the request submitted to the Vice President of Finance by email, requestors must
59   provide the following information:
60   i. Name and NetID of Requestor
61   ii. Name(s) of Sponsoring Organizations (if any)
62   iii. Title of Event or Project
63   iv. Detailed Summary of Event or Project
64   v. Date(s) of Event or Project
65   vi. Location(s) of Event or Project, including any information about whether any
66   specific spaces have been reserved (if applicable)
67   vii. Total amount requested from the Student Assembly special projects funding
68   viii. Itemized list of expenses related to the Event or Project
69   ix. Itemized list of other income sources (if any) related to the Event or Project
70   x. Itemized list of co-sponsors and their contributions (if any).
71   xi. Expected attendance or size of potential for impact of Project or Event
72   xii. Plan for how this project or event will be accessible by all undergraduate
73   students.
74   xiii. Organizations receiving SAFC funding must detail why SAFC cannot be applied.
75 x. Rule 16: Projects or events must be accessible by all undergraduate students. The organization
76   seeking funding must show evidence of efforts to secure co-sponsorships and other means
77   of funding
78 xi. Rule 17: Special Projects does not grant funding for events or projects that have already
79   happened, except with the consent of the SA President and Vice President for Finance..
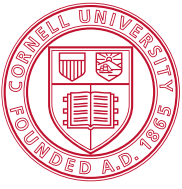
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82 **Respectfully Submitted**,
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84 Joe Anderson '20
85 *Executive Vice President, Student Assembly*
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87 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-0, 1/22/2019)*
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