

Resolution 26: Approving Special Projects Funding Request for the Accessibility Case Competition

Abstract: This resolution approves \$697.61 of Special Projects Funding to the Cornell Intellectual Property and Ethics Club (CIPEC) for their Accessibility Case Competition to increase accessibility on Cornell's campus.

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Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 09/21/2021, 4-0-1

Type of Action: Recommendation

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Current Status: New Business

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 of approving funding requests.

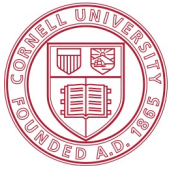
Whereas, lines 281-283 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules explains the purpose of Special Projects Funding as follows:

Rule 5: The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service 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 category spending.

Whereas, lines 294-297 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules describes the approval process of Special Projects Funding as follows:

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 Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

Whereas, CIPEC is hosting an Accessibility Case Competition to give students the platform to brainstorm ways to make Cornell's campus more accessible.



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Whereas, teams participating in the competition will be able to suggest solutions from both a structural and policy approach, which gives students of all majors a place within the competition.

Whereas, this initiative will not only seek to eliminate barriers on campus but also give students a platform to voice their ideas and create either physical/technological inventions or brainstorm policy initiatives.

Whereas, the competition will take place on 9/24, 10/07, 10/15, and 10/21.

Whereas, a cash prize of \$1000 will be awarded to the winner of the competition.

Whereas, CIPEC has printed posters and quartercards to place around campus, emailed numerous professors about having their advertisement graphic posted in their class slides, and sent in their graphic to be posted on the digital monitors on campus.

Whereas, the total expected cost of the Accessibility Case Competition is \$6,000 - most of which will be funded by the Bartels Fund and the Yang Tang Institute.

Whereas, the competition is focused around making campus more accessible, so everyone at Cornell is strongly encouraged to sign up.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly approves the \$697.61 Special Projects Funding disbursement to the Cornell Intellectual Property and Ethics Club (CIPEC) for their Accessibility Case Competition to increase accessibility on Cornell's campus.

Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover part of the cost of the event and other sufficient line items.

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly encourages all undergraduate students who can to attend and participate in CIPEC's Accessibility Case Competition that will be funded in part by Special Projects Funding.

Respectfully Submitted,

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