

Resolution 2: Adding Two Reserved Seats for First-Year Students to the Appropriations Committee

Abstract: This resolution adds two reserved seats for first-year students to the Appropriations Committee. This addition will help to ensure the continued functions of the Appropriations Committee in the future.

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Type of Action: Legislation

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Current Status: New Business

Whereas, the Appropriations Committee of the SA is the financial branch of the SA;

Whereas, the Appropriations Committee reviews all requests for SA funding as well as the policies and guidelines regarding the Student Activity Fee and those organizations, which receive funding from it;

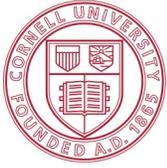
Whereas, the Appropriations Committee is currently made up of a committee chair and 15 voting members (8 selected by the SA, and 7 non-SA undergraduate students selected by the SA Executive Committee);

Whereas, the bylaws state that the voting members are to be selected during the organizational meeting in the spring semesters, so there is no opportunity for elected incoming first-year students to participate on this committee;

Whereas, the first-year students will be directly affected by the funding allocations of the two-year byline cycles, so they should have equal opportunity to participate in the decisions regarding the funding allocations;

Whereas, in order to ensure that the Appropriations Committee continues to meet quorum and function more generally, two seats will be added, rather than converted, for first-year students to fill;

Whereas, in order to maintain an odd number of committee members, such that the committee chair would cast a tie-breaking vote, an even number of reserved seats for first-year students should be added;



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Be it therefore resolved, two seats reserved for first-year students will be added to the Appropriations Committee, expanding the composition from 15 to 17 committee members;

Be it further resolved, lines 373-375 under “Section 3: Operational Committees” of the Student Assembly Bylaws will be amended to read as follows:

The Committee shall consist of 8 voting members of the SA, to be selected by the Assembly at large during their organizational meetings; the VP Finance, who shall serve as Chair; 8 undergraduates at-large to be selected by the Executive Cabinet, **at least one being a freshman; and 1 new student voting member of the SA, to be selected internally by the Assembly at large following the Fall election.**

Be it finally resolved, the addition of two reserved seats for first-year students will go into effect for the 2022-2024 By-Line Funding Cycle.

Respectfully Submitted,

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