

Cornell University Student Assembly

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Type of Action:	Legislation
Status/Result:	New Business

1	S.A. Resolution #2
2	Ensuring Applicant Accessibility to SAFC Guidelines
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4 5	ABSTRACT: This resolution amends the SAFC Charter to help lower-tier organizations receive funding by incentivizing their attendance at a "Help Session."
6 7	<u>Sponsored by</u> : Gabe Kaufman '18
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9 10 11	Whereas, the Student Assembly is charged with effectively voicing the concerns of the undergraduate student body; and
11	With an and the Student Assembly is taken a with surveying the Student Asticities Funding
12 13 14	Whereas, the Student Assembly is tasked with overseeing the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) and approving amendments to the Charter thereof, from time to time, as the public interest requires it; and
14	as the public interest requires it, and
16 17	Whereas, it is in the interest of the undergraduate student body to ensure that as many register organizations as possible are able to secure funding from the SAFC; and
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19 20	Whereas, ensuring accessibility for all undergraduate students is a priority of the 2017-2018 Student Assembly; and
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22 23	Whereas, having a member of SAFC-funded organization attend a "Help Session" offered by the Student Activities Funding Commission reduces the chance that lower-tiered organization
24	will make a technical mistake and not receive funding; then
25 26	Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly amends the Bylaws of the SAFC to include the
20 27 28	following amendment in Appendix A: Funding Guidelines:
29	2.1.2. Help Sessions
30	All organizations that are, at the time of their application, assigned Tier 4, Tier 5, Tier 6, or
31	New Group (Tier 7) must demonstrate that the Treasurer, President, or Advisor attended at
32	least one of three help sessions at a pre-announced date. If the Treasurer, President, or
33	Advisor is unable to attend any of the three help sessions, they may designate another
34	member of the organization to attend a help session on their behalf.
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36	Organizations that do not meet the above requirement forfeit their right to demand a SAFC
37	Appeals Board Hearing, but may be granted such a hearing at the discretion of the Chair of
38	the SAFC Appeals Board for truly exceptional circumstances. The affected organization will
39	still retain the right to a budget hearing.
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42 Be it finally resolved, The Student Assembly strongly recommends that the Treasurer, President,
 43 Advisor, or a chosen designee of each SAFC-applicant attend a SAFC "Help Session" to
 44 reduce the probability that the organization they represent loses funding and that the quality
 45 of campus life is diminished; and
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47 Respectfully Submitted,

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 55 Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-1, 08/23/2017