

Resolution #40: Spring Festival Gala Special Funding Project

Abstract: This resolution approves \$5,000 of Special Projects Funding to the Cornell Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) for their Spring Festival Gala to promote the value of diversity and cultural inclusion.

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Reviewed by: Executive Board, 5-0-1

Type of Action: Recommendation

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Current Status: New Business

Whereas, CSSA will be hosting the Spring Festival Gala, which is the biggest event celebrating Chinese New Year, the most important festival of Chinese Culture, even Asian cultures.

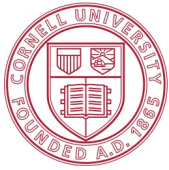
Whereas, this event will not only be a celebration but also give Asian students a chance to connect with their cultures/communities and provide a chance for all students at Cornell to learn more about Asian cultures.

Whereas, the Spring Festival Gala will take place on 2/12/2022 at Statler Auditorium.

Whereas, gift packs with Chinese traditional snacks and spring festival-related objects worth around \$4000 will be given to all attendees and those cultural clubs that bring up Chinese traditional shows on stage.

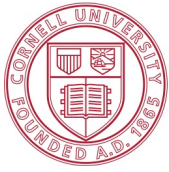
Whereas, during the event, CSSA will hold interactive games for all the participants, and prizes worth \$1900 will be given to six winners.

Whereas, due to the COVID situation and health concerns related to the pandemic, CSSA will record the shows on the gala if not send the live stream to Youtube for those students and faculties who are interested in Chinese culture but have health concerns to come to an in-person event.



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- 27 **Whereas**, CSSA bought a camera and lens for the aforementioned special needs costing
28 \$3998.99; this camera is used to record the entire event and film a documentary that promotes
29 stories about Chinese New Year.
- 30 **Whereas**, CSSA has printed fliers and quartercards to hand out on campus, advertised on
31 multiple social media platforms with their designed posters to attract the entire Cornell
32 community to come together to celebrate the Spring Festival.
- 33 **Whereas**, the Spring Festival Gala is open to everyone at Cornell.
- 34 **Whereas**, it is not only a significant event that honors Asian culture but also a great opportunity
35 to increase connection and build bridges between different cultural groups.
- 36 **Whereas**, during the carnivorous pandemic in the past two years, the Asian community had
37 suffered significantly due to racism and anti-science misjudgments.
- 38 **Whereas**, therefore it is critically important that the Chinese New Year can be successfully
39 hosted to create an accessible and inclusive environment for Asians and all ethnic groups.
- 40 **Whereas**, the office of the International Student Liaison at large and the Chinese Students and
41 Scholars Association is dedicated to promoting internationalism, cultural diversity, and inclusion
42 at Cornell.
- 43 **Whereas**, hence the Spring Festival Gala symbolizes cultural diversity and racial inclusion.
- 44 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the resolution approves \$5,000 of Special Projects Funding to the
45 Cornell Chinese Students and Scholars Association for their Spring Festival Gala to promote the
46 value of diversity and cultural inclusion.
- 47 **Be it further resolved**, that the International Student Liaison at Large JohnJohn Jiang '22 would
48 represent the student assembly to oversee and communicate with CSSA regarding all the issues
49 in the Spring festival gala.
- 50 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding is used to cover
51 part of the cost of the event and other sufficient line items.
- 52 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly encourages all undergraduate students who
53 can attend and participate in CSSA's Spring Festival Gala that will be funded in part by Special
54 Projects Funding.



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55 Respectfully Submitted,
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