



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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## S.A. Resolution #17 Reduction of Convocation Committee's Student Activity Fee Allocation

ABSTRACT: This resolution is putting in place a temporary reduction of Convocation Committee's SAF allocation due to their violation of Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter.

### **Sponsored by: Uche Chukwukere '21**

**Whereas,** The Student Assembly, through the delegated authority of the President and the Board of Trustees, is charged with the allocation of the Student Activity Fee (SAF)

**Whereas,** The Student Assembly Charter, Appendix B Section 2E States:

If the SA determines that an organization has committed a violation, the SA may impose a fine, reduction or revocation of the organization's by-line funding allocation. In order for a fine, reduction, or revocation of funding to occur, a two-thirds majority of the SA must concur. Reasons for a fine, reduction, or revocation of funding include, but are not limited to, violation of these rules, violation of campus policies, or violation of contract. Any money garnered from a fine on an organization shall be placed in the Special Projects Fund of the Student Assembly. If a reduction or revocation of funding affecting the remainder of the funding cycle occurs, the University shall attempt to reduce the SAF to reflect the lower amount. Excepting that, the money shall revert to the Special Projects Fund;

**Whereas,** Convocation Committee is in current violation of Appendix B, Section 4, part F, i which states, "At the time of the selection of Convocation Committee membership, the Convocation Committee Chair shall invite all voting members of the SA, directly-elected undergraduate members of the UA, and student-elected trustee(s) that belong to that class year to participate as full voting members of the Convocation Committee. The SA Vice President for Finance shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee."

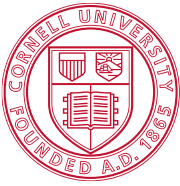
**Whereas,** At the time that the Convocation Committee membership selection was under way, no voting members of the Cornell Student Assembly that belonged to the class of 2021 were extended invitations and still have not been extended invitations to join the Convocation Committee

**Whereas,** The SA Vice President for Finance should be able to serve as an ex-officio member of the committee and should have the opportunity to be involved in all committee meetings in any fashion regarding Convocation Committee.

**Whereas,** the Convocation Committee has had multiple opportunities to specifically work with members of the Appropriations Committee and the Student Assembly to resolve these violations since the Spring 2020 academic semester.

**Whereas,** Convocation Committee has blatantly disregarded and refused to comply with Appendix B, Section 4, part F, i, and has claimed that they have provided compromises and "flexibility" in order to comply where they have offered none.

**Whereas,** the Convocation Committee and the work that they do is important to the Cornell community and they must have accurate and fair representation on the committee.



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**Be it therefore resolved,** Convocation Committee's Student Activity Fee allocation be reduced and access to remaining funds suspended until full compliance with Appendix B of the Student Assembly charter is met

**Be it finally resolved,** Convocation Committee's current SAF allocation at \$18.00 per student per year be reduced to \$0.50 per student per year and the funds generated from the reduction be placed in the Special Projects fund until full compliance with Appendix B of the Student Assembly Charter is met.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Uche Chukwukere '21

*Vice President for Finance*

*(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 5-0-2, 11/18/2020)*