

Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #31

Donating SA Communications Committee Funds to the Student Access Fund

ABSTRACT: This resolution approves the transfer of funds from the SA Communications Committee to the Student Access Fund to support students with demonstrated needs given the many aspects of the Cornell college experience that might not be accessible to low-income students.

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Whereas, the SA Communications Committee was granted \$1,000 for the 2020-2021 school year under the SA Appropriations Committee;

Whereas, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SA Communications Committee has deemed this allotment of funds in excess of what is necessary to operate;

Whereas, the Student Access Fund typically reimburses up to \$500 for expenses not covered by financial aid or other university programs for students with demonstrated needs;

Whereas, the Student Access Fund grants funds pertaining to bus passes, gym memberships, winter coats, medical expenses, professional attire for an interview or internship, or travel home to attend the funeral of an immediate family member;

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Student Access Fund to pivot to emergency operations following the influx of requests;

Whereas, the Student Access Fund has turned out to be really critical in this moment for Cornell to continue to serve its most vulnerable populations equitably;

Be it therefore resolved, the SA Communications Committee shall donate \$850 from its operating budget to the Student Access Fund to support students with demonstrated needs;

Be it further resolved, these funds shall be administered through the Office of the Dean of Students, which manages the Student Access Fund;

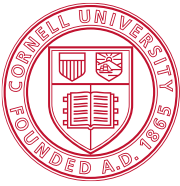
Be it finally resolved, that these funds be used to provide access to financial support for undergraduates in need during these unprecedented times.

Respectfully Submitted,

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