



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution # 49 2015 SAFC Allocation Appeals

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Whereas, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did not err in denying the following organizations funding by the following vote totals:

Illuminations – 0 – 9 – 2
Cornell Vegan Society – 0 – 10 – 1
Alabaster Group – 0 – 10 – 1
Red Solo Cuppella – 0 – 6 – 5
Logos Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy – 1 – 7 – 3
MEChA – 1 – 7 – 3
Hotel Ezra Cornell – 1 – 7 – 3
Fanclub Collective – 1 – 7 – 3
Delta Sigma Pi – 1 – 6 – 3
Cornell Business Review – 1 – 6 – 4
Women's Rugby – 1 – 7 – 3
History of Art Majors' – 1 – 7 – 3

Whereas, policy 2.1.1 states that all organizations must complete the following by the budget deadline: “president(s), treasurer(s), and advisor must affirm their approval for each request either by digital or by written signature as the commission provides,”

Whereas, all of the above organizations failed to receive the appropriate number of signatures by the budget deadline,

Whereas, the Appropriations Committee did not believe clauses found within 3.1.6.6 – section regarding Special Cancellation requests – regarding “circumstances that were unforeseen” applied to the entirety of the Guidelines making all cases of unforeseen circumstances charged by each student organization inapplicable to the interpretation of error on behalf of the SAFC,

Whereas, over 400 other student organizations were able to receive three signatures on OrgSync by the deadline and that no complaints were filed throughout the budget period regarding technological difficulties or OrgSync issues,

Whereas, numerous resources were made available throughout the entirety of the budget period to student organizations in regards to the signature requirement including the following:

- E-mails sent out on 1/16 and 1/29
- Help sessions held on 2/2 and 2/3

- Office hours held on 2/5
- A comprehensive, step-by-step document on OrgSync entitled “How to submit a budget”

Be it therefore resolved that, the Assembly adopt the following recommendations of the Appropriations Committee:

- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to Illuminations
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Cornell Vegan Society
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Alabaster Group
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to Red Solo Cuppella
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to Logos Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy
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- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to Hotel Ezra Cornell
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to Fanclub Collective
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to Delta Sigma Pi
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Cornell Business Review
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the History of Art Majors’ Society

Respectfully Submitted,

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(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 3/2)