



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution # 50 **2015 2nd SAFC Allocation Appeals**

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Hawaii Club:

Whereas, the Appropriations Committee voted 8 – 1 – 2 that the SAFC did err in rejecting funding for Hawaii Club's durable goods items [Aloha shirts, Pa'u (green), and Pa'u (white)]. The Committee disagreed with the Commission's interpretation of the shirts as for personal use. According to guideline 8.4.4.1, the Committee believes the items are not for personal usage and that the requisite storage space and description of items proves that they will be used by multiple members of the organization for up to three years.

Cornell Democrats:

Whereas, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did err in denying funding to the Cornell Democrats by a 6 – 2 – 3 vote. The Committee disagreed with the interpretation of the SAFC that the group intended to commit fraud and that they deserved to have their funding revoked according to 2.3.3. The Committee did not believe there was enough evidence to prove that the Cornell Democrats intended to misuse funds when partnering with Cornell in Washington.

Whereas, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Cornell Democrats for a specific event, the CDNY Conference, by a 3 – 5 – 3. The Appropriations Committee agreed with the interpretation that this conference's primary purpose was for partisan political activity and, thus, violated section 8.2.2.4.3. The Democrats' inability to provide significant documentation regarding the other non-political activities associated with the event gave little evidence to the Committee to agree with their appeal.

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

- The SAFC erred in denying funding to the Hawaii Club
- The SAFC erred in denying funding to the Cornell Democrats
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Cornell Democrats for their CDNY Conference

Respectfully Submitted,

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(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 3/10)