

Cornell University Student Assembly

Organization	Student Activities Funding Commission
2018 – 2020 Allocation	\$98.00
2020 – 2022 Request	\$159.00
Appropriations Committee Recommendation	\$159.00*

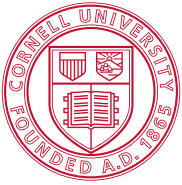
Rationale of the Committee

The Committee voted to fund the Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC) at \$159.00 for the 2020-2022 Byline Funding Cycle.

The Committee fully supports the work that SAFC does to fund as many student groups as possible on campus. While the SAFC attempts to fill the total amount requested for all of our campus organizations, we recognized that there were significant gaps in the amount of money requested of SAFC and the amount of money that there were receiving from byline, approximately a one million dollar gap.

Currently SAFC uses strict administrative rules and spending guidelines to try and conserve money and not run deficits every year. These strict guidelines are not only a hassle for student groups, but they also make it so that student groups do not get all the money that they need and want. To address this issue, SAFC presented to The Committee a list of initiatives that they plan on enacting next year, in order to lessen the strict regulations, they are currently enacting. These initiatives include but are not limited to, opening the time frame to submit organization budgets from 3 weeks to 3 months so that organizations have time to organize and put together a comprehensive budget. They also planned on

* Because the total Undergraduate Student Activity Fee must be a round number, the actual disbursement amount to SAFC will be rounded up in an amount equal to the amount required to round the total Student Activity Fee to the nearest whole number. At the time of this document being drafted (before potential appeals) SAFC would receive an increase of \$0.91 to make their actual allocation \$159.90. Hypothetically, if the SA approves an appeal to alter the allocation amount of a different organization by a non-integer number, then this figure would change. For example, funding any other organization at \$0.50 more would cause the rounding to instead only go up by \$0.41, which would yield a figure of \$159.41.



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restructuring the tier system and will accept budgets on a rolling basis so that student organizations can more effectively spend their money.

SAFC predicts that these changes in total will cost them about \$900,000 which is approximately equal to the amount that they are denying to student groups.

The Committee is confident that as these changes are enacted the additional \$61 that SAFC has been awarded will be able to bridge the current gap in requests and actual funding, that leaves many student groups frustrated and discouraged. The Committee looks forward on working with SAFC in the coming semester to create effective strategies to implement and uphold the proposed initiatives.

Vote Totals

The committee votes down from the highest amount proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage.

The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$159.00	11-0-2

Respectfully Submitted,

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