

Cornell University Student Assembly

Cornell University Student Assembly Agenda of the Thursday, October 8, 2015 Meeting 4:45pm-6:30pm in Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) Minutes of the October 1, 2015 Meeting
- III. Open Microphone
- IV. Announcements and Reports
 - a) *Arts & Sciences Representative McBride*: Arts & Sciences Advisory Council meeting
 - b) *Parliamentarian Berger*: Rights of Ex-Officio Reps
- V. Business of the Day
 - a) *Byline Packet*: Cornell Athletics
 - b) *Byline Packet*: Cornell Cinema
 - c) *Resolution 12*: Establishment of Cornell in China Programming Board
 - d) *Resolution 13*: Enhancing Duffield Hall
- VI. New Business
 - a) *Resolution 14*: Collecting LGBTQ+ Demographic Data



Undergraduate Student Activity Fee Figures

Current as of October 8, 2015

Recipient	10-12 A	12-14 A	14-16 A	16-18 Req	16-18 Rec
Student Activities Funding Commission (SAFC)	\$80.17	\$84.16	\$89.12	\$94.00	*
Slope Day Programming Board (SDPB)	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	*
Convocation Committee	\$8.50	\$10.50	\$12.50	\$14.50	*
Cornell Cinema	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.60	\$12.00	\$10.60
Cornell Concert Commission (CCC)	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	*
Athletics and Physical Education	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$10.30
Orientation Steering Committee (OSC)	\$6.60	\$7.60	\$8.72	\$10.22	*
CU Tonight	\$10.00	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50	*
ALANA	\$7.25	\$8.75	\$8.04	\$8.05	\$8.05
Cornell University Program Board (CUPB)	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	*
Club Insurance	\$4.70	\$5.10	\$5.10	\$5.10	*
Senior Days Committee	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$4.85	\$5.00	*
Collegiate Readership Program	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	*
Women's Resource Center	\$2.00	\$3.50	\$3.46	\$4.00	*
HAVEN: The LGBTQ+ Student Union	\$2.20	\$3.00	\$3.22	\$3.80	\$3.50
Class Councils	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.70	\$3.50	*
CU Emergency Medical Service (CUEMS)	\$3.84	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.50	\$3.24
International Students Union (ISU)	\$2.04	\$2.34	\$2.34	\$3.34	\$3.10
Welcome Weekend	\$2.75	\$2.55	\$2.55	\$2.78	*
WSH Student Union Board	\$1.25	\$1.80	\$2.00	\$2.26	*
Community Partnership Funding Board	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$6.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Cornell Minds Matter	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.00	*
Student Assembly (SA)	\$2.45	\$2.20	\$1.90	\$2.00	*
Alternative Breaks	\$1.00	\$1.35	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
Empathy, Assistance, & Referral Service (EARS)	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$1.50	*
Outdoor Odyssey	\$1.50	\$1.25	\$1.24	\$1.25	*
Slope Media Group	--	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	*
ECO – The Environmental Collaborative	--	--	--	\$0.76	\$0.76
Multicultural Greek Letter Council (MGLC)	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.50	\$0.50
Students Helping Students Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	*
Big Red Bikes	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	--	*
North Campus Programming Board	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.50	--	*
TOTAL	\$216.00	\$229.00	\$236.00	\$247.81	TBD

*Indicates Fall 2015 Funding Hearing has not occurred yet.

Fee-paying Enrollment for Fall 2015: 14,381



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Originally Presented on:	(10/06/15)
Type of Action:	Byline Report
Status/Result:	New Business

Organization	Athletics and Physical Education
2014-2016 Allocation	\$10.00
2016-2018 Request	\$11.00
Appropriations Recommendation	\$10.30

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Athletics and Physical Education at \$10.30 for the 2016-2018 By-Line Funding Cycle. Although the Committee appreciates that the department has not requested an increase over the past few cycles and wants to adjust for inflation, they do not believe the current request is justified through attendance numbers or Big Red Sports Pass enrollment. Additionally, the Committee felt like current levels of spending for advertisement within the Cornell Daily Sun and expenditure on some giveaways represented significant amounts of money with little return for students. The Committee encourages Athletics and Physical Education to work with more students when developing strategies for outreach in the future and to better track the number of students attending events when giveaways occur.

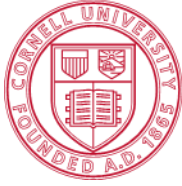
Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$11.00	2-10-2
\$10.30	9-3-2

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Stefanko
Vice President for Finance



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Originally Presented on:	(10/06/15)
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Organization	Cornell Cinema
2014-2016 Allocation	\$10.60
2016-2018 Request	\$12.00
Appropriations Recommendation	\$10.60

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Cornell Cinema at \$10.60 for the 2016-2018 By-Line Funding Cycle. Although the Committee believes that Cornell Cinema provides some value to students, they do not believe that an increase was justified given current attendance numbers relative to the amount students spent on tickets and the activity fee. Despite significant cost increases, the Committee does not believe it is the Fee’s responsibility to continually and consistently cover the rising cost of doing business within the cinema industry. Moving forward, the Committee suggests that Cornell Cinema determine ways to reduce costs by either more selectively showing screenings, reducing the number of days that Cornell Cinema is open, or find alternative mechanisms to reduce their costs. The Committee appreciates the importance of the cinematic experience to Cornell students, but they question whether or not the current model is sustainable given historical trends to request increases from the activity fee and raise ticket prices.

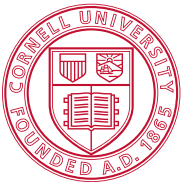
Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$12.00	3-10-1
\$11.60	3-8-3
\$11.10	6-7-1
\$10.60	11-2-1

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Stefanko
Vice President for Finance



Originally Presented on:	(10/01/15)
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #12
2 **Establishment of Cornell in China Programming Board and Sponsorship by**
3 **the Student Assembly**

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5 ABSTRACT: Resolution calling for the creation of an ad-hoc SA Committee that will plan and
6 provide programming events for international students in China.

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8 **Sponsored by: Erinn Liu '18, Mitch McBride '17**

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10 **Whereas**, International students are integral to the Cornell community

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12 **Whereas**, Cornell has a large Chinese population of both undergraduates and graduates students,

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14 **Whereas**, China is a large country and there is not much bonding among Cornell Chinese students in
15 China,

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17 **Whereas**, a large portion of Chinese students return to China during long breaks

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19 **Whereas**, Cornell's Chinese students indicate that they desire to have more events to bond them

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21 **Whereas**, the existing events that are sponsored by alumni are not free to Cornell Students

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23 **Whereas**, Erinn Liu proved from her work in the summer 2015 that this type of bonding event with free
24 admission can be successful

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26 **Whereas**, no monetary allocations are being requested from the Student Assembly,

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28 **Whereas**, there needs to be a programming board to manage these events

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30 **Whereas**, the programming board will be composed of 10-15 students who are interested in this type of
31 programming

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33 **Whereas**, the appointment of members on this committee will be at the sole discretion of the
34 Committee Chair (but reported to the Vice President of Internal Operations)

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36 **Whereas**, this programming board will act as a task force of Student Assembly

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38 **Whereas**, if successful, these programs will move beyond events in Beijing that will be held at least once
39 a year

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41 **Whereas**, the programming board will provide a report and presentation at the beginning of the fall
42 semester

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44 **Whereas**, the programming board will bear the logo of Student Assembly on its advertisements and
45 event information

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47 **Whereas**, for each event, before use of the Student Assembly name and logo, the SA Executive Board
48 will authorize the event sponsorship to confirm that the event is adhering to Student Assembly's
49 goals for this committee and the event is not harming the SA name or reputation
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51 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly gives its sponsorship and non-monetary support to
52 this Student Assembly Cornell in China Programming Board (CCPB) to create events for
53 Cornell's students in China. It also gives its sponsorship to the events hosted by this board.
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55 **Be it further resolved**, that the CCPB will be composed of both undergraduate and graduate students,
56 with undergraduate students making up the majority of the committee
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58 **Be it finally resolved**, that there will be an election for Chair, where, for at least the first year, the Chair
59 will be a member of the Student Assembly. This will be elected in an executive session in a
60 subsequent meeting.
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62 **Respectfully Submitted,**

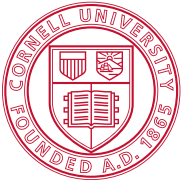
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64 **Erinn Liu '18**

65 *Engineering Representative, Student Assembly*
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67 **Mitch McBride**

68 *Vice President of Internal Operations, Student Assembly*
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70 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee 9/29/2015)*



Originally Presented on:	(10/01/2015)
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #13
2 **Enhancing the Layout of Duffield Atrium**

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4 ABSTRACT: This is recommendation for the College of Engineering to increase and improve the
5 current condition of chairs and tables in Duffield Atrium

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7 **Sponsored by:** Erinn Liu'18 Justin Selig '17

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9 **Whereas,** Duffield Atrium is the primary location for engineering students to collaborate on projects
10 and study on campus.

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12 **Whereas,** the current condition of tables and desks located in the atrium are outdated (compared to
13 similar study locations on campus), broken, and sparse.

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15 **Whereas,** Duffield Atrium is filled to capacity during exam season and students have difficulty finding
16 open space to study.

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18 **Whereas,** current rotund tables are insufficient for peer collaboration as much as rectangular tables.

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20 **Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly recommends to Duffield Atrium facilities that broken
21 or unstable tables and chairs be placed under consideration for renewal.

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23 **Be it further resolved,** that Duffield Facilities look into a cost-effective method to mitigate the above
24 concerns by replacing atrium tables and chairs.

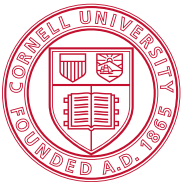
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26 **Be it finally resolved,** that facilities consider rectangular tables over circular tables to allow for easier
27 laptop usage and create more ample room for paper work.

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30 Respectfully Submitted,

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32 **Erinn Liu '18**
33 *Engineering Representative, Student Assembly*

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35 **Justin Selig '17,**
36 *Engineering Representative, Student Assembly*

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38 *(Reviewed by: Infrastructure Committee 10-0-0, September 29, 2015)*
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Originally Presented on:	10/8/2015
Type of Action:	Recommendation
Status/Result:	New Business

1 S.A. Resolution #14
 2 Collecting LGBTQ+ Demographic Data
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4 *ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to enhance the outreach of the LGBT Resource Center to improve the*
 5 *undergraduate experience for LGBTQ+ students*
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7 *Sponsored by: Philip Titcomb '17*
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9 **Whereas**, the vast majority of undergraduate students used the Common Application to apply for
 10 admission to Cornell University;
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12 **Whereas**, the Common Application asks applicants for demographic information, such as race,
 13 ethnicity, religion, and sex;
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15 **Whereas**, the Common Application does not ask applicants for information relating to sexual
 16 orientation, gender identity and/or expression;
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18 **Whereas**, not all applicants identify with their legal sex or their assumed or presumed sex assigned at
 19 birth, and not all applicants identify within the confines of the gender binary;
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21 **Whereas**, Cornell strives to be an inclusive university, regardless of gender identity and/or expression;
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23 **Whereas**, many other universities, including Columbia University, Dartmouth College, and the
 24 University of Pennsylvania, collect information regarding an applicant’s gender identity and/or
 25 expression, preferred pronouns, and/or sexual orientation/identity;
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27 **Whereas**, queer-identifying students, especially trans* students and queer students of color, and notably
 28 trans* students of color, often face social and academic exclusion in virtually all realms of life at Cornell
 29 University, according to the 2014 Hurtado Report;
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31 **Whereas**, the LGBT Resource Center cannot reach out to LGBTQ+ students until after they arrive to
 32 campus and seek out the LGBT Resource Center themselves;
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34 **Whereas**, both Cornell University and the LGBT Resource Center are currently unable to gauge
 35 important demographic information for queer students, such as persistence and retention rates;
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37 **Whereas**, as highlighted in the Association of American Universities’ 2015 report on Cornell University,
 38 16% of transgender, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming students had experienced nonconsensual
 39 sexual conduct, compared to 23% of women and 6% of men;
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41 **Whereas**, according to the AAU 2015 report, 29% of non-heterosexual females and 11% of non-
 42 heterosexual males reported experiencing non-consensual sexual conduct, compared to 22% and 5% of
 43 their heterosexual counterparts respectively;
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45 **Whereas**, according to the 2014 Hurtado Report, many queer students find it difficult to find queer
 46 resources on campus, including finding the LGBT Resource Center itself;

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48 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Cornell administration add an optional question on the Cornell
49 University supplement of the Common Application that asks for the applicant’s gender identity, using
50 either a blank, fill-in box or a drop-down with the following options:

- 51 • Agender
- 52 • Androgyne
- 53 • Demigender
- 54 • Genderqueer or gender fluid
- 55 • Man
- 56 • Questioning or unsure
- 57 • Trans man
- 58 • Trans woman
- 59 • Woman
- 60 • An identity not listed
- 61 • Prefer not to disclose

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63 **Be it further resolved**, that the Cornell administration add an optional question on the Cornell
64 University supplement of the Common Application that asks for the applicant’s sexual orientation, using
65 either a blank, fill-in box or a drop-down with the following options:

- 66 • Asexual
- 67 • Bisexual
- 68 • Gay
- 69 • Straight (Heterosexual)
- 70 • Lesbian
- 71 • Pansexual
- 72 • Queer
- 73 • Questioning or unsure
- 74 • Same-gender loving
- 75 • An identity not listed
- 76 • Prefer not to disclose

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78 **Be it further resolved**, that an optional question asking whether or not applicants would like to receive
79 information by the LGBT Resource Center be added to the Cornell supplement to simultaneously allow
80 correct self-identification and protect anonymity for queer students who are not out;

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82 **Be it finally resolved**, that the optional questions asking for applicants’ sexual orientation and/or
83 gender identity on the Cornell supplement to the Common Application will also be present on all other
84 future applications considered for admission into Cornell University from this point forward.

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86 *Respectfully Submitted,*

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89 **Philip Titcomb ‘17**
90 *LGBTQ+ Representative at-Large*

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92 *(Reviewed by: Diversity Committee, 10/4/15)*