



1 **Charter**
2 **Cornell University Student Assembly**
3 *As Amended on May 5, 2022*

4 **PREAMBLE**

5 After consultation with members of the student body, and to effect more extensive involvement in campus
6 governance through a University Assembly and constituent assemblies' representatives of faculty, students, and
7 employees, the President, through the authority granted him by the Board of Trustees, hereby establishes this Charter
8 for the Student Assembly of Cornell University.

9 **ARTICLE I: NAME**

10 The name of this organization shall be the Student Assembly of Cornell University (herein after referred to as the SA).

11 **ARTICLE II: OBJECT**

12 The object of this assembly shall be to effect more extensive involvement in campus governance in the undergraduate
13 student body. This is accomplished by charging the assembly with the authority and the responsibility to examine any
14 matters which involve the interests or concern the welfare of the student community and to make proposals
15 concerning those issues to the appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of the University.

16 **ARTICLE III: AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

17 **Section 1: Legislative Authority Over Policies**

18 The SA will have legislative authority over the policies of the Department of Campus Life and the Office of the Dean
19 of Students, and will have the authority to review the budgets and actions of said departments. Additionally, the SA
20 will have authority over its own policies and operations. Finally, no proposal of the SA shall be altered in any way
21 without the prior consent of the SA Executive Board or the SA. If approved by the SA Executive Board, the
22 alteration must be made public at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- 23 A. The SA shall by majority vote have the authority to require at any time information directly from a
24 department or a specific individual within that department concerning the budget, policies, or actions of said
25 department. The request for this information shall be made in the form of legislation at a SA meeting.
26 B. Should a request be refused, the SA by simple majority vote may request the information be given to the Vice
27 President for Student and Campus Life who shall forward it to the SA. The Vice President for Student and
28 Campus Life shall act unless otherwise directed by the President of the University, pursuant to Article 3,
29 Section 6.

30 **Section 2: Actions of the Assembly**



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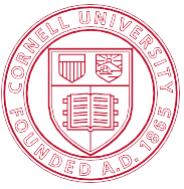
- 31 A. Pursuant to the legislative authority and responsibilities of the SA the six principal actions of the Assembly
32 are:
33 i. Legislation,
34 ii. Internal Policy Resolution,
35 iii. Investigation,
36 iv. Recommendation,
37 v. Sense-of-the-Body Resolution,
38 vi. Referenda
39 B. Legislation is action of the SA to carry out its legislative and policy-making functions.
40 C. Internal Policy Resolutions are actions to enact internal rule changes, and to make amendments to the SA
41 Charter.
42 D. Investigation is action of the SA to gain information on issues pertinent to its purview.
43 E. Recommendation is an action of the SA expressing the recommendation of the SA in policy areas over which
44 the SA through its Charter may or may not have policy-making power.
45 F. A Sense-of-the-Body Resolution, which may or may not be directed at a particular individual, organization or
46 event, is an expression of the opinion of the SA regarding a matter of student concern.
47 G. Call for a Referendum is an action of the student body to determine community opinion regarding matters of
48 student concern.

49 **Section 3: Reporting of Student Assembly Actions**

- 50 A. Reporting to the President – All actions, excluding internal policy changes that do not affect the Student
51 Assembly Charter, of the SA will be reported by the SA President to the University President. The SA will
52 respond to any requests for information from the University President on its actions. The University
53 President may also request reconsideration of legislation proposed by the SA. Such a request must be filed
54 within thirty days of notification of the legislation. The SA will take action on such a request, and, if the
55 legislation is upheld, the SA will inform the University President. If the legislation is upheld and if the
56 University President still deems the action to be defective, the University President may veto the action of the
57 SA. The University President will review all actions of the SA that have been reported to him or her and
58 provide a written response to those actions within 30 days. The University President, when appropriate, may
59 also designate another member of the university administration to provide an additional written response to
60 an action of the SA.
61 B. Reporting to Other Bodies – The SA will report in writing its actions to the GPSA, Employee Assembly, and
62 the Faculty Senate, in conjunction with reporting of the actions to the President of the University. The
63 actions will be reported following each meeting by a SA member designated by the SA.
64 C. Annual Report - The SA will present an annual report at or after the last SA meeting of the spring term to the
65 President of the University and the student population. The report will include a summary of the SA's work
66 during the preceding year and, in addition, describe any unresolved issues that are expected to arise in the
67 future. All members of the Cornell community will have access to this report. The report must be approved
68 by either a majority vote of the members present at the final meeting of the spring term or by a majority vote
69 of the voting membership of the Student Assembly electronically prior to being presented to the University
70 President.

71 **Section 4: Objection to Actions**

- 72 A. Objection of SA Actions by Another Assembly – Should another Assembly object to an action of the SA, at
73 its next business meeting, the SA will review the objection and either modify the original position to account
74 for the objections of the other constituency(ies) or will reaffirm the original action. The SA shall report to the
75 objecting body(ies) within five working days of reviewing the objection.



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- 76 B. Objection by SA of another Assemblies Actions – If the SA determines by a two-thirds vote that the action
77 of another constituency body impacts its constituency, comparable procedures for the reconciliation of the
78 differences will be pursued.

79 **Section 5: University Calendar**

- 80 A. The Provost will consult with the SA in the formulation of the University Calendar. The SA may review and
81 ask for reconsideration of the calendar before it becomes final. In addition, the SA may propose changes in
82 the calendar to the Provost.
83 B. The Provost shall make the calendar available for comment at least thirty days before public announcement
84 of the final calendar.

85 **Section 6: Presidential Information**

86 The SA may request and obtain specific information from the President of the University regarding any subject which
87 it deems of general student concern. If such a request is made, and said information is not furnished, the University
88 President will report to the SA the reasons why said information cannot be furnished within two regularly scheduled
89 SA meetings following the denial of the request. The SA will not request information falling into the following
90 categories: salary or wage records of specific individuals, academic or financial records of specific individuals, medical
91 or categorical (race, sex, age, etc.) records of specific individuals and information otherwise defined as confidential or
92 restricted by law.

93 **Section 7: President's Report**

94 The President of the University or his/her appointee will make a report in writing to the SA at the end of each
95 semester. This report will be due at the beginning of the last SA meeting of each semester. This report will include: 1)
96 the status of all policies and departments affected by campus governance legislation during the semester, 2) the status
97 of all SA legislative actions awaiting Presidential consideration, and 3) progress reports requested by the SA leadership
98 on any past legislative action(s).

99 **Section 8: Public Hearings, Forums, and Referenda**

- 100 A. The SA will have the authority and responsibility to conduct public hearings, forums, and referenda
101 concerning topics of current student interest, and to determine in other appropriate ways student needs and
102 opinions.
103 B. At two times during the course of the fall and spring semesters, a student or student group (referred to as the
104 “submitter”) may submit a referendum of any topic of current student interest to the Student Assembly
105 general body upon successful collection of support from at least 3-percent of the registered undergraduate
106 student body (submitters should plan to collect at least 450 undergraduate signatures) according to the
107 following procedure:
108 i. The referendum must contain a single or a series of referendum questions that are neutrally worded
109 and call for a yes/no response. Once the submitter has started gathering signatures, the question may
110 not be changed or modified in any way. Submitters must collect signatures (defined as a willfully
111 submitted record of first name, last name, and NetID) exclusively from registered undergraduate
112 students at Cornell University. Digital and print solicitation methods are permitted, provided that the
113 referendum question and sponsoring student or student organization are clearly visible. An electronic
114 form (ex, Google form) may be used to gather the names and NetIDs of students, but the final
115 submission must be on the appropriate form provided by the Office of the Assemblies.



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- 116 ii. The deadlines for submission of referendums will be a date to coincide with the deadlines of the
117 election materials for the Fall and for the Spring. All deadlines will be advertised through the SA
118 monthly newsletter as well as the other usual publicity instruments. Once a referendum question with
119 the appropriate number of signatures has been submitted, the SA general body will roll call vote by
120 simple majority whether to hold the referendum. The vote will also make the provision for two
121 collective community votes. If the SA votes by a margin of 80% or more of voting members to NOT
122 hold the referendum, the referendum is suspended. If the SA votes by simple majority but less than
123 80% of the vote to NOT hold the referendum, the submitter may overturn the decision of the SA by
124 collecting the signatures of at least 10-percent of the registered undergraduate student body using the
125 same method described in section A. 2. Once a referendum is approved or has gathered the support
126 of at least 10-percent of the registered undergraduate student body, the following timeline will be
127 observed:
- 128 a. STATEMENT PERIOD. The Student Assembly Executive Vice President will put out a
129 call for pro or con statements regarding the referendum question. Any member of the
130 Cornell community may submit a statement. Each statement will be no longer than 300
131 words. The statements must pertain to the topic of the referendum question. The deadline
132 for pro or con statements will be seven (7) days from when the call was first made public.
 - 133 b. PROMOTIONAL PERIOD. Once the seven-day statement period has ended, the Student
134 Assembly Vice President for Public Relations has a period of three (3) days to promote the
135 referendum question and any submitted statements. The Office of the Assemblies will
136 distribute via email to all registered undergraduate students the following: information on
137 when and how to vote in the referendum, the referendum question, and any pro or con
138 statements submitted.
 - 139 c. VOTING PERIOD. The Office of the Assemblies will conduct the referendum on the next
140 business day following the conclusion of the promotional period. The voting period will be
141 exactly 36 hours. The Office of the Assemblies will display any pro or con statements
142 submitted during the statement period on the poll.
- 143 iii. The Office of the Assemblies will publicly release the results of the referendum within one business
144 day following the conclusion of the Voting Period, including the percentage of the undergraduate
145 population that voted.
- 146 iv. If a referendum has a majority of votes in favor of the submitter, then the President of the Student
147 Assembly will communicate the referendum question, a summary of each side of the argument, and
148 the results of the referendum to the Office of the President in the form of a referendum action.
- 149 v. The Office of the Assemblies will record and make publicly available all communication between the
150 President of the Student Assembly and the Office of the President.

151 **Section 9: Authority to Appoint Delegates, Committee Members and Liaisons**

- 152 A. Two members will be selected from and by the membership of the SA to serve as voting members of the UA
153 and to act as a liaison between the UA and the SA. Elections for the two SA voting members to the UA shall
154 be by separate secret ballots. Elections will be conducted using a single transferable vote system. The
155 President may not be one of the SA representatives to the UA. The remaining two undergraduate student
156 members of the UA shall be elected by the undergraduate student body at the time of SA's spring elections in
157 the same manner as SA voting members. Elected representatives to the UA shall serve for one calendar year,
158 taking office June 1st. Elected representatives to the UA shall serve for one calendar year, taking office June
159 1st. Should a seat on the UA be empty, the seat shall be declared vacant. Undergraduates may not hold a
160 directly elected seat in both the UA and the SA during the same term.
- 161 B. If at any time during the course of an academic year, a UA member elected directly from the undergraduate
162 student body should leave his office, then the seat shall be filled by the next highest-ranking non-winning



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163 candidate. If there should not be a next highest-ranking non-winning candidate after the special election, the
164 seat will be filled by the undesignated at-large candidate receiving the most number of votes in the preceding
165 spring election.

- 166 C. The SA will have the authority to appoint student members of the UA committees.
- 167 D. The SA will have the authority to appoint student members to be liaisons to departments and administrators
168 in the University.
- 169 i. During the process of committee appointments, the following two appointments must be made:
170 liaison to the Athletic Department and liaison to the Dean of Faculty. The liaison positions shall have
171 the responsibility of increasing the communication between the SA and the respective University
172 departments.
 - 173 ii. At the time that committee appointments are made, the SA will appoint one member to serve as
174 Liaison to the Provost. The student will interact and work directly with the Provost on issues that
175 affect and concern students on a regular basis during the member's term of office.
 - 176 iii. At the time that committee appointments are made, the SA will appoint at least one undergraduate
177 student to serve as liaison to the Student Health Fee Advisory Committee. The liaison will be a
178 voting member of the Committee.
 - 179 iv. At the time that committee appointments are made, the SA will appoint one undergraduate student
180 to serve as Liaison to the Student Health Plan Advisory Committee. The liaison will be a voting
181 member of the Committee.

182 **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

183 **Section 1: Composition**

- 184 A. General Composition – The SA will consist of 30 voting members who are registered undergraduate students
185 at Cornell University. Up to two additional votes shall be allocated to the entire community of undergraduates
186 as a whole present at a Student Assembly meeting on motions that express the opinion of the assembly. Such
187 community votes shall be allowed only as provided by the Assembly in its bylaws. Twelve voting members of
188 the SA will be elected by and from the student populations of the colleges and schools, one from each: the
189 Dyson School of Business, the College of Architecture, Art and Planning; the School of Hotel
190 Administration; the College of Human Ecology; and the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Two each
191 shall be elected from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Engineering; and three
192 shall be elected from the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition, thirteen voting members will be elected
193 at-large by and from the University undergraduate student population as a whole; two at-large seats are to be
194 reserved for candidates seeking the offices of President and Executive Vice President of the Student
195 Assembly and must be explicitly designated as such; two at-large seats are to be reserved for non-constituent,
196 undesignated at-large group candidates who do not run for President or Executive Vice President; one at-
197 large seat is to be reserved for candidates seeking to represent students with disabilities; two at-large seats are
198 to be reserved for candidates seeking to represent minority students; one at-large seat is to be reserved for
199 candidates seeking to represent international students; one at-large seat is to be reserved for candidates seeking to
200 represent womxn's issues in relation to the broader Cornell community; one at-large seat is to be
201 reserved for candidates seeking to represent First Generation College students; and one at-large seat is to be
202 reserved for candidates seeking to represent the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Asexual,
203 Genderqueer, Pansexual, Questioning, Two-Spirit, and etc. community. The two remaining non-constituent,
204 undesignated at-large seats are to be contested by candidates running for President and Executive Vice
205 President and by non-constituent, undesignated at-large group candidates not running for President or
206 Executive Vice President. Five seats shall be elected by and from new students entering in the fall. Should
207 there be no candidate running for a given seat, the seat shall be considered vacant.
- 208 B. Ex-officio Membership – All undergraduate members of the Cornell student body are considered non-voting



209 members of the SA, and are encouraged to attend and participate in meetings. The SA may designate ex-
210 officio membership to any member of the Cornell Community as deemed necessary for the operation of the
211 Student Assembly

212 C. Specification of New Student Seats – Four new student seats shall be elected and held by new students
213 entering in the fall semester. One additional seat shall be designated the Transfer Seat and shall be elected by
214 incoming transfer students and held by a transfer student who has entered the university that fall.

215 D. Qualifications for Voting Membership - SA members elected from the various colleges and schools must be
216 registered students in their respective colleges and schools by the beginning of the fall term of the academic
217 year for which they were elected. SA members must resign their position if they cease to be a registered, full-
218 time undergraduate student in their respective college. SA members elected at-large must be registered
219 students at Cornell by the beginning of the fall term of the academic year for which they were elected. SA
220 members must resign their position if they plan to be away from the Ithaca campus for an extended period of
221 time (i.e. a semester). Any SA member who vacates their current seat after being elected or re-elected to a
222 position will forfeit their new seat. The forfeited position will devolve to the next runner up, and should there
223 be no runner-up the seat will be re-run in the fall elections.

224 Section 2: Election of Voting Members

225 The President, Executive Vice President, Undergraduate Representative to the University Assembly, and other
226 Undesignated at Large representatives will be elected by a single transferable voting system. Voters may rank all
227 candidates on the ballot for each of these races and any ballot that has candidate(s) who is/are unranked the ballot
228 shall not be invalidated and will count towards the ranked candidate. All other representatives shall be elected by a
229 plurality voting system. Voters will cast one vote per available seat, (e.g. if three Arts and Sciences representatives are
230 to be elected, the voter will vote for three candidates).

231 Section 3: Terms

232 All elected members are elected to a term, ending on June 1st, with no limit as to the number of terms they may serve.
233 Prior to being seated at the beginning of their term, each member shall take the oath of office. and shall be bound to
234 that oath for the duration of their term.

235 Section 4: Advisor

236 The University President will appoint one member of the administration to serve as consultant to the SA at its
237 meetings.

238 Section 5: Absentees

239 Any voting members who are absent for three regularly scheduled meetings cumulatively during their term will have
240 their position vacated. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, a member will not be counted as if they were
241 absent for an interview for a job, graduate school, or scholarship; if they were attending a required academic event for
242 which accommodations could not be made; if they were representing the Student Assembly in an official capacity; if
243 they were tending to a family emergency; or if they were under the care of a physician. The Executive Committee will
244 review each circumstance individually and will determine a decision within 7 days of the request. Executive
245 Committee may avert such a vacancy by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of seated voting members of the Executive
246 Committee. The vote would be conducted by secret ballot. The Executive Committee should consider the reasoning
247 for past absences, the likelihood of future absences, and the representative's supplemental actions to represent their
248 respective constituency in making their decision. The same action must be taken if the Executive Committee wishes



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249 to avert a vacancy whenever the three cumulative absences mark is exceeded. The Director of Elections will serve as
250 Chair for these meetings. In the event that a Student Assembly member is observing a religious holiday on the day of
251 a Student Assembly meeting, and that religious holiday has not already been accommodated for in the yearly Student
252 Assembly schedule, Student Assembly members may contact the Vice President of Internal Operations for an excused
253 absence before the start of the weekly meeting.

254 **Section 6: Vacancies**

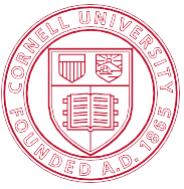
255 All vacancies will be filled by seating the highest ranked non-winning candidate in the last election from the same
256 constituency. If the highest ranked non-winning candidate declines, the seat will be offered to the next highest ranked
257 non-winning candidate. If this procedure has been followed and the seat still remains vacant, the SA will solicit
258 candidates from the unrepresented constituency during the first two weeks of the academic term immediately
259 following the declaration of vacancy. If there is more than one candidate, an election will be held within the
260 appropriate constituency, and the winner will be seated. If there is only one candidate, he or she will be seated
261 immediately. If there are no candidates for a particular vacant seat, such seat will be labeled Undesignated and filled by
262 the runner-up in the Undesignated At-Large election. At the time for the next election, such seat will return to its
263 previous designation. Vacant seats shall not figure into quorums or vote counts; only filled seats may. SA members
264 who are college representatives and who leave their college will vacate their seats. Should a seat remain vacant or be
265 vacated following the special election and there are no non-winning candidates from that constituency to fill the
266 position, it shall be filled by the undesignated at-large candidate receiving the most number of votes in the preceding
267 spring election. Should an undergraduate seat on the UA remain vacant after following these procedures, the SA may
268 appoint an individual to assume the UA seat.

269 **Section 7: Recalling of Voting Members**

- 270 A. If a voting SA member is to be recalled, they may be recalled either through their constituency or through the
271 SA. To be recalled through a member's respective constituency each of the following procedures must be
272 followed in the given order:
- 273 i. A petition for the recall of the specific SA voting member will be registered with the Office of the
274 Assemblies before any signatures are obtained.
 - 275 ii. Petitioning for recall shall last for a period of not more than fourteen (14) days from the registration
276 of the petition. The required number of signatures shall be: for representatives of a college
277 constituency - 50% plus one or 1000 from that constituency, whichever is smaller; for at-large
278 representatives - 15% of the student body. The petition will be presented to the Office of the
279 Assemblies.
 - 280 iii. An informational forum will be scheduled and held within not more than one (1) week of the
281 presentation of the petition, where a discussion of the recall will occur. The SA voting member must
282 have a reasonable opportunity to attend the forum.
 - 283 iv. A special recall election will be scheduled for and held within not more than three (3) days after the
284 informational hearing.
 - 285 v. Should the constituency vote to remove its representative the seat shall be declared vacant.
- 286 B. To be recalled by the SA, two-thirds of the voting membership must vote in favor of recalling the SA member.

287 **Section 8: Responsibilities of Voting Members**

- 288 A. SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies are required to make a reasonable effort
289 to arrange at least two meetings a semester with their respective academic dean or associate dean(s) to discuss
290 college/school specific issues and concerns. These representatives will then report back to the Student



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291 Assembly at the next regularly scheduled SA meeting briefing the Assembly on pertinent issues and
292 occurrences that would take place as a result of these meetings.

- 293 B. SA members who represent specific college or school constituencies shall be charged with gathering
294 information about their particular college and representing their respective constituencies, and voting
295 according to their needs and desires.
- 296 C. All voting representatives shall host at least one forum or outreach activity with individuals from their
297 respective constituencies and report all outcomes to the SA at the next regularly-scheduled meeting following
298 such an activity
- 299 D. All representatives may communicate regularly with their constituents through e-mail mailing lists and
300 listservs, which may be maintained by their respective college dean's office, the Department of Campus Life,
301 the Office of the Dean of Students, or the Office of the Assemblies
- 302 E. Any Student Assembly member, including the Vice President for Public Relations, must submit a mass
303 message (e-mail, advertisement, press release, etc.) to the Executive Board for approval. The Executive Board
304 may approve a message by a majority vote and the vote may be conducted by e-mail. The e-mail records must
305 be saved.

306 **ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS**

307 **Section 1: Proposal of Amendments**

308 This charter may be amended at any regular meeting of the assembly by a two-thirds vote of the entire voting
309 membership, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.
310 Amendments may be presented to the assembly by voting members or by community petition with at least 100
311 Cornell undergraduate student signatures. Any changes made to the attendance policy after the second meeting of the
312 term will not go into effect until the following term.

313 **Section 2: Presidential Approval**

314 Amendments to this Charter are subject to the approval of the President of the University. Should the University
315 President disapprove the amendments affected by this section, the University President will present a detailed verbal
316 or written report to the SA indicating the reasons for disapproval. The report will be presented within thirty (30) days
317 of receipt of the proposed amendments by the University President.

318 **Section 3: Official Copy**

319 The Office of Assemblies shall update the official copy of the charter within five business days of receiving notice of
320 any amendment's ratification.

321 **APPENDIX A: GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE** 322 **STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE**

323 **Section 1: Preamble**

324 The Student Assembly (the Assembly), through the delegated authority of the President and the Board of Trustees, is
325 charged with the allocation of the Student Activity Fee (SAF). This fee is mandatory for all undergraduate students of
326 the University and shall be used to fund participation in, and viewing of, activities and programs that benefit the



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327 Cornell community. The SAF shall be determined during the fall semester of every odd-numbered year, and be
328 subject to the approval of the President of the University.

329 Section 2: Definitions

- 330 A. The following terms, which appear frequently in this Appendix, shall be defined as follows:
- 331 i. Organization: a registered Independent or University organization that has authorization to receive
332 funding.
 - 333 ii. SAFC: Student Activities Funding Commission, the designated Finance Commission of the Student
334 Assembly.
 - 335 iii. New applicant: an organization that did not receive funding in the previous two funding cycles.
 - 336 iv. Returning applicant: an organization that did receive funding in the previous two funding cycles.
 - 337 v. Funding cycle: a two-year period of time spanning from the start of the third quarter of an even-
338 numbered year to the end of the second quarter of the next even-numbered year (e.g. July 1, 2006 to
339 June 30, 2008).
 - 340 vi. Petition: document to collect signatures that includes the name of the organization, its mission
341 statement, and monetary request. All petitions must be registered with and prepared by the Office of
342 the Assemblies.
 - 343 vii. By-line funding: line item funding that comes directly from the SAF and not from an intermediary
344 source, such as the SAFC.
 - 345 viii. Appropriations Committee: a committee of the Student Assembly as outlined in the Student
346 Assembly Bylaws.

347 Section 3: Eligibility

- 348 A. To receive byline funding applicants must:
- 349 i. directly and primarily serve/benefit the entire undergraduate Cornell community
 - 350 ii. allow all students equal access to services and/or participation
 - 351 iii. request as part of their annual operating budget at least \$0.50 per student, per year, from the SAF
 - 352 iv. if a new applicant, present a petition of fifteen hundred (1500) registered undergraduates to the
353 Student Assembly
- 354 B. Except at the discretion of the Assembly and with approval of the President, organizations must also:
- 355 i. be a registered organization
 - 356 ii. be student-directed and student-led
 - 357 iii. possess a University operating account with internally controlled funds
 - 358 iv. have a Cornell-employed advisor with oversight of its account
 - 359 v. be previously funded by either the SAFC, the Student Assembly, or a University department/unit

360 Section 4: Procedure

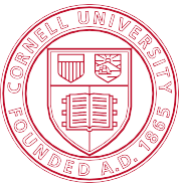
- 361 A. Application
- 362 i. The Office of Assemblies shall make application materials available for all interested applicants at
363 least 3 weeks before the deadline.
 - 364 ii. By 4:00 pm on July 30th preceding a fee-setting year, each applicant must submit, using forms that are
365 hosted on the website of the Office of the Assemblies, a preliminary application including:
 - 366 a. name of applicant,
 - 367 b. a preliminary request in dollars per student per year,
 - 368 c. checklist statement regarding eligibility criteria,



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- 369 d. current primary and secondary contacts for the organization including email and phone
370 contact information, and,
371 e. if a new applicant, petitions bearing the signature of fifteen hundred (1500) undergraduate
372 students registered in that semester.
- 373 iii. If the number of valid signatures is found to be under 1,500, the organization will be informed and
374 will have until the end of finals to procure the missing signatures, at the discretion of the Vice
375 President of Finance.
- 376 iv. At least one week before the deadline for final application submission, the Vice President for Finance
377 shall convene mandatory meetings for the Presidents, Treasurers, and Advisors of all applicants
378 a. the Appropriations Committee shall review each applicant's application and approve the
379 detail of each applicant's financial statements.
380 b. applicants shall notify the Vice President for Finance if their final request will differ from
381 their preliminary request.
382 c. The Vice President for Finance can grant an extension for all organizations if there is a delay
383 in the availability of application materials.
- 384 v. By noon on Friday of the third week of the fall semester in which classes are held in a fee setting
385 year, each applicant must submit in print and digitally in a single file, using forms provided by the
386 Office of the Assemblies, a final application including:
387 a. mission statement, of the organization or program, not to exceed one page,
388 b. written organization profile, not to exceed three pages, including:
389 1. officers,
390 2. number of members, and
391 3. description of activities, programming, and events conducted in the present cycle,
392 c. summary of request for funding, not to exceed two pages, including a final funding request,
393 and describing how the applicant intends to use funding and summarizing any changes if the
394 applicant is a returning applicant,
395 d. financial statements for the past two academic years, the current academic year, and financial
396 projections for the two following years based on requested funding levels during the funding
397 cycle, and
398 e. an analysis of the current academic year's financial statements showing hypothetical
399 spending on each budget item in an organization's financial statements if the organization
400 received 10%, 25%, and 35% less funding than its current allocation².
- 401 vi. Applicants may submit materials in excess of specified numbers of pages only with written
402 permission by the Vice President for Finance.
- 403 vii. The Office of the Assemblies will make received application materials available for public viewing
404 online. Any pages containing confidential information must be explicitly stamped "confidential" and
405 clearly identified to distinguish them from the publicly viewable portion of the application.
- 406 B. Preliminary Report by Appropriations Committee
- 407 i. By the last day of classes in the academic year preceding a fee-setting year, the Vice President for
408 Finance will report each request received and the total amount of requests received in dollars per
409 student per year to the Assembly, the Vice President for Student and Campus Life, and the President
410 of the University.
- 411 ii. Before the deadline for final applications, the Vice President for Finance will report to the Assembly
412 on the eligibility of each applicant, identifying:
413 a. any new applicants that do not meet one or more eligibility criteria, and
414 b. any returning applicants that do not meet one or more eligibility criteria which the Assembly
415 may not waive.
- 416 iii. The Assembly may waive those eligibility requirements it is empowered to waive on a per
417 organization basis for any organization for the remainder of the semester. Such organizations may
418 then proceed through the appropriation process, provided they meet all other eligibility criteria not



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419 waived by the Assembly.

420 C. Appropriation Process

- 421 i. Within one week after the deadline for final applications, the Appropriations Committee (the
422 committee) shall convene to review applications.
- 423 ii. For each applicant deemed to be eligible or for which eligibility criteria are waived by the Assembly,
424 the committee will:
 - 425 a. arrange a hearing where the applicant may address questions of the committee,
 - 426 b. decide whether to fund the applicant in any amount, and,
 - 427 c. if it decides to fund the applicant, adopt an allocation in dollars per student per year of no
428 less than fifty cents and no more than the request submitted by the applicant (this guideline
429 can be waived for the Student Activities Funding Commission's allocation).
- 430 iii. At each meeting of the Assembly immediately preceding such a meeting of the committee, the Vice
431 President for Finance will report the date, time, and location of the meetings as well as the names of
432 applicants the committee intends to review.
- 433 iv. At each meeting of the Assembly immediately following such a meeting of the committee, the Vice
434 President for Finance will introduce a written report, including:
 - 435 a. name of applicant,
 - 436 b. amount requested by applicant,
 - 437 c. amount of allocation recommended by committee,
 - 438 d. rationale explaining committee's recommendation, and
 - 439 e. a brief response from the applicant, including any request to appeal to the Assembly. The
440 Vice President for Finance may set a deadline for the applicant to submit a response,
441 provided the deadline is no less than one business day after the applicant receives notice of
442 the committee's decision.
- 443 v. The Vice President for Finance must inform each applicant of the time and location of any meeting
444 where the report is to be presented or reviewed and must advise each applicant to send a
445 representative who may answer questions of assembly members.
- 446 vi. If an applicant chooses to appeal the committee's recommendation, the Assembly will reconsider the
447 recommendation of the committee. The Office of Assemblies will provide several copies of complete
448 application materials at any meeting where the assembly considers appeals.
- 449 vii. The Vice President for Finance will also file minutes of the committee's meetings with the Office of
450 the Assemblies.
- 451 viii. The committee will submit its final recommendation, including individual allocations, to the
452 Assembly in the form of a legislative at least two weeks before the end of the fall semester.

453 D. Student Assembly Appropriation Process

- 454 i. The Assembly shall not adopt the recommendation of the Appropriations Committee at the same
455 meeting that it is proposed.
- 456 ii. The Assembly shall provide notice to all applicants at least one full day in advance at any meeting
457 where legislation related to its funding is discussed.
- 458 iii. The President of the Assembly will transmit its recommendation to the President for consideration
459 by the last day of finals of the fall semester, including:
 - 460 a. the total amount of SAF recommendation,
 - 461 b. the allocations of each by-line funded organization, and
 - 462 c. a short description of each organization.

463 Section 5: Specifications

- 464 A. Members of the Assembly or the Appropriations Committee must disclose to the Vice President for Finance
465 any personal affiliations with applicants and must recuse themselves from any business related to such



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- 466 applicants to prevent conflicts of interest.
467 B. Members of the Assembly and of the Appropriations Committee must sign a confidentiality statement and
468 submit it to the Office of the Assemblies before they are seated in the fall semester of a fee-setting year.

469 **Section 6: “Check-off” or “Pay-extra” Options**

470 Neither a check-off option nor an option to pay an amount in addition to the established SAF for specific programs
471 or services will be allowed for purposes of exempting a student from paying the full amount of the SAF. Exceptions
472 may be considered if recommended and approved by the Student Assembly and approved by the President of the
473 University.

474 **Section 7: Voting**

475 Proxy votes shall not be permitted for decisions of the Student Assembly regarding the SAF during the SAF allocation
476 process. The Student Assembly must approve the appropriations committee decisions by a majority of Student
477 Assembly members present at the meeting and can overturn an appropriations committee decision by a two-thirds
478 (2/3) vote of Student Assembly members present at the meeting. If the Student Assembly overturns a decision of the
479 appropriations committee, the Student Assembly must decide Activity Fee funding for that organization by a majority
480 of the Student Assembly members present at the meeting. After all appropriations committee decisions have been
481 approved or overturned, the Student Assembly must approve the SAF by a majority of the voting membership of the
482 Student Assembly

483 **Section 8: Freedom of Information**

484 Unless otherwise noted, all documents regarding the SAF shall be considered public and shall be available to members
485 of the Cornell community for review within 24 hours of their request. All deliberations regarding allocations and
486 authorization shall be conducted in open session unless otherwise required by university policy or law. If a closed
487 session is necessary to review or discuss confidential materials, discussion in such session must be limited only to
488 those materials and no vote may be taken regarding the disposition of the request itself. Confidential materials may be
489 disclosed publicly only at the discretion of authorized university personnel.

490 **Section 9: Conference with GPSA**

491 If a disparity arises in funding levels between the GPSA and SA of an organization that is funded by both, the
492 financial officers of each body will meet to discuss the discrepancy and recommend action to their respective bodies.

493 **Section 10: Default**

494 If the Assembly does not adopt a recommendation in the fall semester of a fee setting year, its recommendation shall
495 be presumed to be that all individual by-lines revert to the same level as in the current funding cycle with the
496 following exception:

- 497 1. Should an applicant’s newly approved allocation be less than that of the current cycle, the applicant shall
498 receive the lower allocation.

499 **Section 11: Amendments**



500 Appendix A may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Assembly. In order to ensure consistency and
501 fairness to the applicants and student body at-large, no amendments to this appendix may be adopted during the fall
502 semester of a fee-setting year.

503 **Section 12: Review**

504 The SA and the GPSA and a representative of the President of the University shall review these guidelines and the
505 procedures established in accordance therewith at least every four years in a non-fee-setting year (e.g. 2014-2015,
506 2018-2019). This review shall be conducted with strict adherence to the guidelines set forth by the Board of Trustees
507 in Attachment A: Criteria for Setting and Allocating the Student Activity Fee (03/01/99).

508 **Section 13: Criteria for Setting and Allocating the Student Activity Fee from the** 509 **March 1, 1999 Delegation of Authority**

- 510 A. Pursuant to a letter dated March 1, 1999, the President of the University has delegated responsibility for the
511 setting and allocation of the Student Activity Fee to the Student Assembly (SA) and the Graduate &
512 Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) within the following guidelines:
- 513 B. The SA and the GPSA shall each amend their respective charters to include the criteria for the setting and
514 allocation of the Student Activity Fee, including the guidelines set forth herein and which criteria shall be
515 reviewed by and meet the approval of the President of the University.
- 516 C. The Student Activity Fee for undergraduate students and for graduate and professional students shall be set
517 every two years for a period of two years by the SA and the GPSA, respectively.
- 518 D. The amount of the Student Activity Fee shall be determined by the last day of classes in the fall semester of
519 the fee-setting year by the SA and the GPSA, after substantive input and active participation in the fee-setting
520 process by their constituencies. In the event the SA or the GPSA is unable to meet this deadline, the
521 applicable Student Activity Fee will default to the amount and allocation currently in effect during the fee-
522 setting year. The final report must be sent to the President of the University by the last day of finals of the fall
523 semester.
- 524 E. In general, in order to be considered for funding from the monies collected through the Student Activity Fee,
525 an organization must meet the following criteria:
- 526 i. Register as a student or university organization with the Student Activities Office
 - 527 ii. Allow students equal access to the services being provided by the organization or participation in the
528 organization's activities
 - 529 iii. Operate primarily for students by students with funds disbursed through a university operating
530 account
 - 531 iv. Have an advisor to assist with oversight of the university operating account.
- 532 F. Funding from the monies collected through the Student Activities Fee may be provided directly to an
533 organization, which applies for and receives "by-line" funding status, outside of the established Student
534 Activities Funding Commission or Graduate and Professional Student Activities Funding Commission
535 processes. In addition to the general criteria set out above, an organization wishing to receive by-line funding
536 must demonstrate:
- 537 i. Its activities are of direct and primary benefit to the entire Cornell community represented by the
538 respective assembly; and
 - 539 ii. It has a demonstrated budgetary need equivalent to at least 50 cents per student per year.
- 540 G. The SA and the GPSA may also elect to provide by-line funding for other programs and services, which are
541 not registered organizations (e.g., Students Helping Students, club insurance) but whose organizational
542 structure and programs and services are consistent with the criteria outlined above for by-line funded
543 organizations. Such funding would require the approval of the respective assembly and the President of the
544 University.



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- 545 H. The SA and the GPSA will ensure that an appropriate balance is maintained between funds allocated to by-
546 line funded organizations and the Student Activities Funding Commission or Graduate and Professional
547 Student Activities Funding Commission, respectively. The SA and GPSA shall allocate no less than 35% of
548 their respective Student Activity Fees to the applicable Finance Commission for disbursement among non-
549 by-line funded organizations.
- 550 I. The SA shall ensure that the Student Activity Fee is an even dollar amount without change. The SA shall be
551 permitted to increase the Student Activities Funding Commission's allocation above their request to reach an
552 even dollar amount.
- 553 J. Neither a check-off option nor an option to pay an amount in addition to the established Student Activity
554 Fee for specific programs or services will be allowed for purposes of exempting a student from paying the full
555 amount of the Student Activity Fee, due to the funding instability inherent in administering such a system.
556 Exceptions may be considered if recommended and approved by the respective assembly and approved by
557 the President of the University.
- 558 K. These guidelines and the procedures established in accordance therewith shall be reviewed by the SA and the
559 GPSA and a representative of the President of the University at least every four years in a non-fee-setting
560 year.

561 APPENDIX B: STUDENT ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR FUNDED 562 ORGANIZATIONS

563 Section 1: Preamble

564 Each organization that receives funding from the Student Assembly (SA) through the Student Activity Fee (SAF) is
565 subject to Guidelines set by the Assembly in consultation with the Graduate & Professional Student Assembly
566 (GPSA), these organizations, and the Cornell student body.

567 Section 2: Student Assembly's Role and Obligations

- 568 A. **SA Charge:** As the student-elected governing body at Cornell University, the SA shall seek out and voice
569 effectively the interests and concerns of the student body.
- 570 B. **Notice of Current Governing Documents:** The SA shall provide each by-line funded organization, the
571 Director(s) of Campus Activities, Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students with a current copy of
572 these Guidelines, as well as the SA Charter and the SA Appropriations Committee Charge and Guidelines
573 each year.
- 574 C. **Notice of Pending Legislation:** Each by-line funded organization, the Director(s) of Campus Activities,
575 Campus Life, the GPSA, and the Dean of Students shall be notified of any SA, SA Appropriations
576 Committee, or other meeting in which legislation concerning or affecting Fee recipients is pending.
- 577 D. **Outreach:** The SA Vice-President for Finance shall, wherever possible and as often as possible, attend
578 meetings of each organization throughout the year.
- 579 E. **Enforcement, Violations & Penalties**
- 580 i. The SA Vice-President for Finance shall be charged with investigation of all accusations regarding
581 violations of these guidelines and will report such findings to the SA.
 - 582 ii. If the SA determines that an organization has committed a violation, the SA may impose a fine,
583 reduction or revocation of the organization's by-line funding allocation. In order for a fine,
584 reduction, or revocation of funding to occur, a two-thirds majority of the SA must concur. Reasons
585 for a fine, reduction, or revocation of funding include, but are not limited to, violation of these rules,
586 violation of campus policies, or violation of contract. Any money garnered from a fine on an
587 organization shall be placed in the Special Projects Fund of the Student Assembly. If a reduction or



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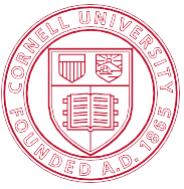
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588 revocation of funding affecting the remainder of the funding cycle occurs, the University shall
589 attempt to reduce the SAF to reflect the lower amount. Excepting that, the money shall revert to the
590 Special Projects Fund.

591 Section 3: General Guidelines

592 All recipients of the SAF shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- 593 A. **Eligibility:** SAF allocations are to be used primarily for the benefit of undergraduate students. Organizations
594 that have the capability to be student run and led shall be primarily student run and led.
- 595 B. **Event Ticketing:** For all events (concerts, lectures, films, etc.) funded by the Fee allocations and for which
596 admission is charged:
- 597 i. Cornell students shall receive a reasonable discount per event to reflect their prior contribution via
598 the SAF.
 - 599 ii. Cornell students shall receive the first opportunity to purchase tickets (or otherwise should have a
600 substantial amount of tickets reserved for student use).
 - 601 iii. The Appropriations Committee or the Executive Committee shall have the ability to request that
602 organizations publish a report to the SA on the amount of money received for an event, where that
603 money has been allocated, total attendance, and how much money was spent on the event.
- 604 C. **Attendance Tracking:** Each By-line Funded Organization shall, whenever possible, provide accurate
605 attendance figures. Organizations shall conduct a review during each Byline Funding Cycle of the demographics
606 of students who use and are impacted by their services and shall report to the SA Appropriations Committee the
607 attendance figures, expenditures, and incomes generated from each event held during the two previous academic
608 years. Organizations shall record the number of undergraduates who attend each program and event, utilizing
609 the built-in system in Campus Groups that allow individuals to sign up for events. Such figures may also be
610 acquired through a number of measures including swiping Cornell ID's, using a ticketing system, keeping a sign in
611 sheet, or having someone at the door count entrants. For events that are expected to exceed a capacity of 100
612 attendees, organizations are required to track attendance through a ticketing system or using Cornell ID Scanners.
613 For organizations unable to purchase their own scanners, scanners will be available to rent through the Office of
614 the Assemblies. For events where tracking attendance would provide an unnecessary burden to organizations, a
615 brief written statement explaining why attendance was not taken is required.
- 616 D. **Funds Reporting:** Organizations shall operate using their accumulated surplus and the Student Activity
617 Fee disbursement. During each Byline Funding Cycle, organizations are expected to report on the
618 supplemental cost per-student provided for by SAF. Organizations shall track both undergraduate and graduate
619 contributions to events and programming. Organizations shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance if they
620 are expected to require more than their SAF allocation in a given year
- 621 E. **Public Promotion & Engagement:** Each organization shall regularly advertise its existence and encourage
622 student participation at its meetings, which shall be open to the public. Each byline-funded organization and its
623 sub-organizations will be required to include the SA logo or the following statement on all fliers, posters,
624 promotions, programs, and literature "Funded in part by the Student Assembly".
- 625 F. **Funds Partitioning:** SAF money will preferably be held in a separate University account for accounting and
626 reporting purposes. Otherwise all expenditures from SAF money shall be authorized by the Organization in
627 accordance with its governing documents. These requirements apply to all organizations unless explicitly
628 exempted in this Appendix or waived by a two-thirds vote of both the Appropriations Committee and the
629 Student Assembly. The waiver shall apply for one by-line funding cycle.
- 630 G. **Prohibition on Compensation:** No Advisor, President, Treasurer, staff member, other officer, or member
631 of an organization may be compensated from an organization's SAF account or SAF earned income account.
- 632 H. **SA Liaisons:** The SA shall have the option of appointing a Student Assembly member to serve as a non-
633 voting liaison to each organization or, where appropriate, to its Executive Board. If an organization feels their
634 liaison is failing in their duty, a new liaison may be appointed.



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- 635 I. **Off-Year Reporting:** During the fall of even-numbered calendar years each organization shall provide the
636 Appropriations Committee with a written account of the use of its fee allocation and operations for the
637 previous academic year, and an optional oral summary of its activities (unless mandated otherwise by the
638 Appropriations Committee), including usage statistics and future programming plans. The SA Vice President
639 for Finance will conduct an unofficial vote regarding the committee's recommendation on whether or not the
640 organization should receive an increase in funding, a decrease in funding or maintenance of funding at its
641 current level. The SA Vice President for Finance shall then provide a written summary report of these
642 meetings to the SA.
- 643 J. **New Organization Reporting:** Organizations receiving By-Line funding for the first time in the current
644 funding cycle shall report each semester to the Appropriations Committee on their operations and finances.
- 645 K. **Sub-Organizations:** All organizations that fall under a byline-funded umbrella organization must be
646 registered. Byline-funded organizations shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each
647 organization under their umbrella. If applicable, each sub-organization shall receive funding from its umbrella
648 organization for at least one event open to the public, every academic year. Sub-organizations shall only apply for
649 funding from their umbrella organization and will not be allowed to receive funding from any other byline-funded
650 organization, including SAFC. Umbrella organizations will similarly be ineligible to receive funding from other
651 byline-funded organizations. Byline-funded organizations shall provide a semesterly budget report for all the
652 events held by sub-organizations during the two previous academic years.
- 653 L. **Conferences:** Organizations may send Executive Board member(s) to one annual conference, if desired. The
654 Appropriations Committee must approve organization's conference expenditures and each organization must
655 demonstrate to the committee that conference attendance will benefit the Organization's ability to achieve its
656 mission statement. Organizations shall request approval in their annual fall report to the SA.
- 657 M. **Spending Limitations:** All conferences, teambuilding, banquet, training, and other social expenditures for
658 organization members, in sum, shall be no greater than \$4,000 or 10% of the organization's by-line allocation,
659 whichever is less. This rule shall not apply to SAFC-funded organizations.
- 660 N. **Governing Document Approval:** All organizations must submit any changes in the Organizations' bylaws,
661 constitution, or other governing documents to the SA for its approval.
- 662 O. **Non-discrimination:** All organizations receiving Student Activity Fee funds directly or that receive such
663 funds indirectly from a by-line funded organization shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived
664 age, race, religion, creed color, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
665 military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status, domestic
666 violence victim status, or any combination of these factors when determining its membership and when
667 determining the equal rights of all general members and executive board members, respectively, which shall
668 include, but are not limited to, voting for, seeking, and holding positions within the organization.
669 Additionally, all organizations receiving funding from the Student Activity Fee and that serve as a funding
670 source for other organizations on campus shall not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived age, race,
671 religion, creed, color, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military
672 violence victim status, or any combination of these factors when awarding funding.
- 673 i. Notwithstanding these requirements, a club sport may make requirements based on competitive
674 athletic skill which may result in a club sport of one or predominantly one gender. Organizations may
675 also make requirements based on vocal range or quality which may result in a chorus or choruses of
676 one or predominantly one gender. Organizations that participate in activities with governmental age
677 restrictions may also make appropriate requirements on the basis of age.
 - 678 ii. Organizations may also enforce uniform standards of conduct as a prerequisite for obtaining some or
679 all rights of general members and executive board members, respectively, so long as said standards
680 are protected by the 1st Amendment of the United States Constitution in the context of a public
681 university and do not impede enforcement of Appendix B, Section II, subsection E.
 - 682 iii. Each organization receiving Student Activity Fee funds directly from the Student Assembly shall
683 include a "Non-discrimination Clause" section in its bylaws, constitution or other governing
684 documents reflecting this policy.



685 **Section 4: Organization Specific Guidelines**

686 Furthermore, individual organizations shall adhere to the following additional Guidelines:

687 A. ALANA Intercultural Board

- 688 i. 13.6% shall be used to fund ALANA's member organizations as outlined in the ALANA constitution
- 689 ii. 20% per student per year of the ALANA allocation shall be used to fund the MCFAB program each
- 690 year.
- 691 iii. MCFAB shall seek to bring diverse programming to campus.
- 692 iv. 12.6% per student per year of the ALANA allocation shall be contributed toward funding umbrella
- 693 organizations as outlined in the ALANA constitution. Umbrella organizations shall not apply for
- 694 SAFC funding. These organizations are:
 - 695 i. Black Students United (BSU)
 - 696 ii. Native American and Indigenous Students at Cornell (NAISAC)
 - 697 iii. The Cornell Asian Pacific Student Union (CAPSU)
 - 698 iv. La Asociación Latina (LAL)
 - 699 v. Cornell's South Asian Council (SAC)
 - 700 vi. The Multicultural Concert Funding Advisory Board (MCFAB)
- 701 v. 14% per student per year of the ALANA allocation shall be contributed towards ALANA's own
- 702 administrative costs and programming needs such as general body meetings and other intercultural
- 703 programming

704 B. Athletics & Physical Education

- 705 i. The Athletics Department shall provide, at no cost, a Big Red Sports Pass (BRSP) to each
- 706 undergraduate student. At least \$5.23 per student per year of the total annual Athletics allocation may be
- 707 spent towards providing the BRSP. The BRSP shall provide free admission to all varsity sports
- 708 excluding Men's Varsity Ice Hockey.
- 709 ii. In collaboration with the Sports Marketing Group, the Athletics Department will promote Cornell
- 710 Athletic events to the entire Cornell community. At most \$1.40 per student per year of the annual
- 711 Athletics'
- 712 allocation may be spent towards providing marketing and promotions.

713 C. Class Councils

- 714 i. Provide a semesterly budget report for all Class Councils Events.
- 715 ii. The Class Councils allocation shall be divided between the four class years in proportions determined
- 716 by the organization.
- 717 iii. An amount determined by the SA Appropriations Committee during the fall semester of a Byline-Funding
- 718 Year shall be allocated to Senior Days.
 - 719 i. Senior Days intends to maintain a series of events that all Cornellians look forward to at the
 - 720 end of their four years at Cornell during Senior Week, one of the most looked forward to
 - 721 series of events for Cornellians. Due to the high demand for programs and events just for
 - 722 seniors, Senior Days fills that void by planning events throughout the month of May and the
 - 723 entirety of Senior Days to the last few days before Commencement.
 - 724 ii. SAF-funded events offered by Senior Days will be open to all seniors and at least 90% of the
 - 725 SAF-allocation will go towards free, non-ticketed events.

726 D. Club Sports Council

- 727 i. Club Sports Council must send two officers each academic year to the Safety Training provided by Campus
- 728 Activities and facilitated by the Club Sports Council. This requirement must be completed before the club
- 729 can access funds.
- 730 ii. Sprots Clubs members must sign electronic waivers each academic year via CampusGroups. This



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- 731 requirement must be completed before the club can access funds
732 iii. Sports Clubs must send two officers each academic year to a Diversity and Inclusion workshop sponsored
733 by the Club Sports Council.
734 iv. Sports Clubs must send at least one officer to each monthly meeting held by the Council.
735 E. Collegiate Readership Program
736 i. The SA Vice President for Finance or a Student Assembly member appointed by the SA shall oversee the
737 operations and finances of the Collegiate Readership Program and liaise with the Cornell Library
738 ii. The Collegiate Readership Program shall provide free New York Times and Wall Street Journal
739 access for undergraduate students.
740 iii. The SA Vice President for Finance or a Student Assembly member appointed by the SA shall prepare and
741 present a report to the Student
742 Assembly at the end of each academic year with information regarding readership and an analysis of
743 the current distribution locations. Any proposed changes in locations or proportions must be
744 approved by a majority vote of the SA.
745 iv. The SA Vice President for Finance shall report to the Student Assembly the amount allocated to the
746 New York Times and Wall Street Journal.
747 F. Community Partnership Funding Board
748 i. The Board shall use Activity Fee money for the funding of projects. Administrative expenses shall be
749 paid by the Board's parent body, the Public Service Center, or other non-activity fee sources of funding.
750 ii. Projects funded are to be decided by the Board. Those projects are to be included in the annual
751 report to the SA Appropriations Committee and the Community Partnership Funding Board website
752 G. Convocation Committee
753 i. At the time of the selection of Convocation Committee membership, the Convocation Committee
754 Chair shall invite at least six voting members of the SA that belong to that class year to participate as full
755 voting members of the Convocation Committee. SA members are expected to abide by the same
756 attendance rules as all other Convocation Committee members. The SA Vice President for Finance shall
757 serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee.
758 ii. Convocation shall announce speaker selection first at a Student Assembly meeting.
759 H. Cornell Concert Commission
760 i. The Concert Commission shall seek to produce at least one act each semester in Barton Hall, Lynah
761 Rink, or similar venue.
762 ii. The Concert Commission shall put on at least one free concert during the academic year.
763 I. Cornell University Emergency Medical Service
764 i. CUEMS may save no more than \$30,000 per each two-year funding cycle toward the purchase of a
765 new vehicle.
766 ii. CUEMS will provide the Student Assembly statistics in terms of call responses, community education, and
767 event standbys on an annual basis.
768 J. CU Tonight Commission
769 i. CUTonight shall promote non-alcoholic, late night social programming, on campus, open to the
770 entire Cornell community.
771 ii. CUTonight shall send at least one representative to every funded event with the intention of
772 reviewing the event
773 iii. CUTonight shall provide applicant organizations the opportunity to appeal the decisions of the
774 Committee to the Appropriations Committee.
775 iv. CUTonight shall develop and adhere to a rubric and written hearing procedures off of which the
776 commission will evaluate applicants. This rubric and these procedures shall be submitted to the SA
777 Vice President for Finance for approval by the Appropriations Committee.
778 v. CUTonight shall forward the results of the rubric to the SA Vice President for Finance after each
779 CUTonight funding cycle.
780 K. Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition



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- 781 i. The Gender Justice Advocacy Coalition shall collaborate with the Student Assembly Womxn's
782 Liaison Representative on safety, health, and other topics pertinent to women on campus.
783 ii. GJAC shall set a two-year budget for Feminism Food for Thought not to exceed \$10,000.
784 iii. GJAC shall notify the SA Vice President for Finance of the total SAF spending on Feminism
785 Food for Thought before the final Student Assembly meeting each May.
786 iv. When 50% of the two-year budget has been exhausted, the GJAC shall notify the SA Vice President for
787 Finance
788 v. GJAC shall strive to maximize and strive to track attendance at this event.
- 789 L. Interfaith Council at Cornell
790 i. The Interfaith Council shall provide a description of how funds are allocated to each organization under
791 their umbrella.
792 ii. Each organization under The Interfaith Council shall receive funding for at least one event open to the
793 public,
794 every academic year.
795 Organizations under the Interfaith Council at Cornell shall not apply for SAFC funding.
- 796 M. Orientation Steering Committee
797 i. The Assistant Director/Director in the Tatkon Center for New Students shall continue to supervise the
798 planning
799 and implementation of all August and January orientation activities.
800 ii. By the last meeting of the Spring Semester, OSC shall present a tentative report, subject to change about
801 initial OSC student-led late-night programming plan for the upcoming Orientation week.
802 iii. OSC shall continue to contribute funding and planned programming for new transfer students during
803 August and January Orientation and new students during January Orientation.
804 iv. OSC shall submit the results of the Student Volunteer Feedback surveys to the Appropriations Committee.
805 v. OSC shall work to reduce the costs of apparel.
- 806 N. Outdoor Odyssey
807 i. Outdoor Odyssey shall maintain their need-based financial aid program for students who apply for
808 pre-orientation trips and shall dedicate no less than \$20,000 per year toward this program.
809 ii. Outdoor Odyssey shall conduct a review during the 2020-2022 Funding Cycle of the demographics
810 of those who attend.
811 iii. Outdoor Odyssey shall investigate creating trips accessible for the differently abled and shall report their
812 findings to the Student Assembly before the final Student Assembly meeting in the fall of each even year.
- 813 O. Slope Day Programming Board (SDPB)
814 i. The allocation for the SDPB shall be used exclusively for programming and publicity for an event at
815 the end of the spring semester.
816 ii. The SDPB shall organize a non-alcoholic Slope Fest event concurrent to Slope Day.
817 iii. SDPB shall offer all undergraduate students free admission to Slope Day, unless expressly permitted
818 by the SA.
819 iv. The Slope Day Programming Board shall collect demographic information from all Slope Day
820 entrants. These statistics shall be reported to the SA and GPSA the Fall Semester following Slope
821 Day.
822 v. The Slope Day Programming Board shall set a price floor for non-activity fee paying individuals
823 approximately equal to the total activity fee disbursement divided by projected undergraduate
824 attendance. The price paid by non-activity fee paying individuals shall be no less than the activity fee
- 825 P. Student Activities Funding Commission
826 i. SAFC shall publish and make publicly available a written account of the organizations requesting
827 funding, the amount requested, the amount rewarded, and the amount spent.
828 ii. Criteria for funding of undergraduate student organizations may not be altered or waived without the
829 explicit approval of the SA.
830 iii. SAFC shall develop and adhere to the guidelines of which the commission will fund undergraduate



831 student organizations. These guidelines shall be submitted and presented to the Appropriations
832 Committee (and other committees by request).

833 Q. Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board

- 834 i. All events funded by WSH SUB must either take place in Willard Straight Hall or the surrounding
835 environments and be directly associated with the purpose and mission of WSH.
836 ii. WSH SUB shall not purchase and dispense giveaways including but not limited to gold or silver
837 plates and graduation gifts.

838 An amount determined by the SA Appropriations Committee during the fall semester of a Byline Funding
839 Year shall be allocated to the Welcome Weekend

- 840 i. Welcome Weekend shall seek to hold events during the first two weeks of each semester
841 ii. Welcome Weekend shall offer the TGIF Midnight Breakfast, for free only to undergraduates,
842 and shall record undergraduate attendance.
843 iii. Welcome Weekend shall seek out co-sponsorship where applicable.

844 **Section 5: Duration and Supersession**

- 845 A. Once approved by the SA, these Funding Guidelines shall take effect on July 1, 2018 and shall expire on June
846 30, 2020, unless amended or renewed by the SA. These rules require a two-thirds majority of SA members
847 present to be amended.
848 B. These Funding Guidelines supersede all previous legislation of the SA and its predecessor bodies, as well as
849 all charters, constitutions, bylaws, and other legislation of all SAF recipients and other student organizations.
850 C. Guidelines for organizations that also receive funding from the GPSA may be amended only after
851 consultation with the GPSA.

852 **APPENDIX C: GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE**
853 **STUDENT ASSEMBLY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

854 **Section 1: Preamble**

855 The Student Assembly (the Assembly), is charged with the allocation of the Student Assembly Infrastructure Fund
856 (SAIF). Applications for funding provided by the SAIF must be reviewed annually by the SAIF Committee and are
857 subject to overview by the Appropriations Committee.

858 **Section 2: Sources of Funding**

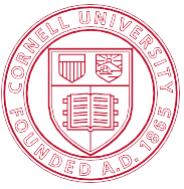
859 By the first of November of every year, the annual pay out of the SAF endowment fund will be transferred into the
860 SAIF under the Student Disbursement Account of the Assembly.

861 **Section 3: Closing of Account at Year End**

862 By the last regularly scheduled Student Assembly meeting of the fall semester, the chair of the SAIFC will deliver a
863 report to the Assembly of all funds, committed, spent and unspent, remaining in the SAIF Disbursement Account.

864 **Section 4: Definitions**

865 The following terms, which appear frequently in this Appendix, shall be defined as follows:



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- 866 A. Organization: a registered Independent or University organization that has authorization to receive funding.
867 B. Application: the request to receive a funding award from the SAIF for a project or initiative.
868 C. Applicant: any individual student, group of students, organization, or group of organizations who submits an
869 application to receive a funding award from the SAIF.
870 D. SAFC: Student Activities Funding Commission, a committee of the Student Assembly, as outlined in the
871 Student Assembly Bylaws.
872 E. Byline funding: line item funding that comes directly from the SAF as described under Appendix A of the
873 Student Assembly Charter.
874 F. Appropriations Committee: a committee of the Student Assembly, as outlined in the Student Assembly
875 Bylaws.

876 **Section 5: Purpose**

877 The purpose of the SAIF is to financially support projects and/or initiatives that improve infrastructure or facilities
878 on campus that contribute to the undergraduate experience of Cornell students.

879 **Section 6: Eligibility**

880 To be eligible to receive a funding award from the SAIF, an application for a project or initiative must:

- 881 A. be developed and organized and submitted by Cornell undergraduates;
882 B. allow Cornell undergraduate students equal access to the benefits of the project;
883 C. be an initiative located on the Ithaca campus of Cornell University;
884 D. Be reliant on an SAIF funding award in order to be completed in a timely fashion;
885 E. not have previously requested and received a funding award from the SAIF for the same purpose.

886 **Section 7: Permitted Applications**

887 The following applications represent some, but not all, of the eligible projects or initiatives that, if they are not among
888 the list of prohibited applications, may receive funding awards from the SAIF:

- 889 A. a renovation of a room or building
890 B. the construction of new infrastructure (ex. Bike racks, electrical outlets, water fountains)
891 C. an opportunity to increase the size of a capital goods expenditure to receive an unforeseen benefit (i.e. a
892 planned renovation by the administration could be substantively expanded via student support); and
893 D. a project or initiative that needs initial start-up funding before it can become eligible for other sources of
894 funding on campus.
895 E. a web-based application that provides benefits to Cornell undergraduate students.

896 **Section 8: Prohibited Applications**

897 The following applications are prohibited from receiving funding awards from the SAIF:

- 898 A. an application that did not receive funding or failed to get reimbursed from other sources due to an error on
899 behalf of the applicant;
900 B. requests to help an applicant avoid running a deficit resulting from a lack of adequate planning;
901 C. an application to cover the costs of a regularly occurring project or initiative; and



- 902 D. an application that directly or indirectly subsidizes the cost of tuition of an individual student.

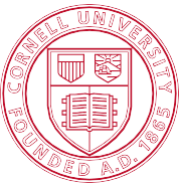
903 **Section 9: Procedure for Determining Funding Awards**

904 A. Release of Application

- 905 i. The chair of the SAIF Commission (SAIFC) is responsible for submitting the application to receive
906 funding from the SAIF to the Office of the Assemblies by the second regularly scheduled Student
907 Assembly meeting.
- 908 ii. The Office of the Assemblies shall make the application provided by the chair of the SAIFC available
909 to all eligible applicants by the third regularly scheduled Student Assembly meeting, or one week
910 following the meeting with the SAIF Chair, whichever is sooner.
- 911 iii. The chair of the SAIFC shall create a publicity plan, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of
912 the Student Assembly, detailing how the SA will make all students aware of the SAIFC. This plan
913 shall be approved by the Executive Committee by the second regularly scheduled Student Assembly
914 meeting of the Fall semester.
- 915 iv. The chair of the SAIFC is responsible for releasing a timeline by the third regularly scheduled
916 Student Assembly meeting of the Student Assembly each semester consisting of the deadline for
917 applications, when those applications will be reviewed by the SAIFC, and when those funding awards
918 will be announced.
- 919 v. The chair of the SAIFC may choose to hold additional SAIFC meetings to evaluate all received
920 applications that have not yet been reviewed in addition to the dates released in the timeline on the
921 first day of each semester.

922 B. Funding Award Evaluation Process

- 923 i. For each application, the SAIFC will:
- 924 a. arrange a hearing where the proposers of the application may address questions of the
925 committee,
- 926 b. determine if the application is eligible to receive a funding award from the SAIF,
- 927 c. decide the order in which applications are voted upon to receive funding awards by first
928 holding a ranked order vote by committee members. Once SAIFC has established
929 application rankings, the vote on funding awards will proceed from the highest ranked
930 application and so on in descending order.
- 931 ii. After the SAIFC evaluates an application, the chair of the SAIFC must issue a written report which
932 includes the:
- 933 a. name of the applicant,
- 934 b. project or initiative requested in the application,
- 935 c. date that the SAIFC reviewed the application,
- 936 d. funding award amount requested by the applicant,
- 937 e. funding award granted by the SAIFC and what that funding award is as a percentage of the
938 available funding in the SAIF at the beginning of that academic year, and
- 939 f. rationale explaining the SAIFC's decision
- 940 iii. All funding awards granted by the SAIFC must be approved by the Dean of Students before
941 becoming finalized.
- 942 iv. If the applicant has a University operating account with internally controlled funds and oversight by a
943 Cornell-employed advisor, the Vice President for Finance will approve the transfer of funds from the
944 SAIFC into their account. If the applicant does not have an account that meets these eligibility
945 requirements, the amount of the funding award will be separated from the remaining balance of the
946 SAIF and expenses will be processed through regular university accounting procedures through the
947 Office of Assemblies, like all others under the Student Assembly budget.
- 948 vi. At each meeting of the Assembly immediately following the final approval of a funding award by the



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- 949 Dean of Students, the report associated with the application must be included in the meeting's
950 agenda.
- 951 vii. The chair of the SAIFC will file any reports or minutes of committee meetings pertaining to the
952 SAIF with the Office of the Assemblies.
- 953 viii. The chair of the SAIFC shall regularly report to the Assembly on the progress of projects and shall
954 inform the Assembly of any setbacks the Commission faces in implementing its projects