



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Type of Action:	Byline Report
Status/Result:	New Business

Organization	CUTonight
2014-2016 Allocation	\$9.50
2016-2018 Request	\$9.50
Appropriations Recommendation	\$8.55

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding CUTonight at \$8.55 for the 2016-2018 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Appropriations Committee recognizes the significant amount of improvement made by CUTonight to better the programming of the organizations that they fund and support. With that being said, the Appropriations Committee believes that the funding cap for organizations that program late into the evening should not be set at \$5,000, but at a more appropriate level like \$4,000. Additionally, the Appropriations Committee does not agree with CUTonight when they indicate they need a surplus that reflects roughly 10% of their budget. Given the organization's ability to fund events at whichever level they deem appropriate – and with numerous funding cycles – the Committee does not believe they are at risk to spend more than they are receiving from the Student Activity Fee. Finally, the Appropriations Committee highly encourages CUTonight to determine ways to accurately track attendance figures for all of their funding recipients rather than relying on broad estimates from one member of the board and the organizations themselves.

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
\$9.50	1-10-1
\$8.55	10-0-1

Respectfully submitted,

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