



## Cornell University Student Assembly

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

Organization	Convocation Committee
2014-2016 Allocation	\$12.50
2016-2018 Request	\$14.50
Appropriations Recommendation	<b>\$14.50</b>

### Rationale of the Committee

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The Appropriations Committee recommends funding the Convocation Committee at \$14.50 for the 2016-2018 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee appreciates the significant amount of work being done by the Convocation Committee to consistently increase the excellence and prestige of its annual event. The Appropriations Committee understands the importance of remaining competitive with other universities and the necessity of an increase to be able to continue to make reasonable offers to speakers who request higher honorariums every year. Despite this increase, there were numerous members of the Appropriations Committee who expressed serious concern over the constant increase that the Convocation Committee expects from the Appropriations Committee during every byline funding cycle. They believe that this expected growth will reach its apex within the next few cycles and that alternative funding sources need to develop to be able to remain competitive over the next decade. The Committee recommends that Convocation continue its work advocating before the administration and trustees for increased access to funds.

### Vote Totals

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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
\$14.50	12-1-2

**Respectfully submitted,**

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