



APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Organization: CUTonight Funding Commission

Date: November 8, 2010

The Appropriations Committee wanted to commend CUTonight for its diligence and attention in putting together a budget report and running its funding operation. The Committee felt that CUTonight funds many very successful and highly attended late-night events on campus. In addition, the Committee discussed a few major issues.

First, committee members recognized the slack in funding vs. spending and some wondered if this was a result of an overallocation from the SAF to the organization. Others commented that many funding boards have to struggle with large rollovers as well and a funding board may still be efficient notwithstanding a large surplus. Regardless, committee members wanted to encourage CUTonight liaisons to continue to work with funded organizations to control costs for events to minimize rollovers and surpluses. In addition, the Committee wanted to impress upon CUTonight to keep its selectivity high for funding applications and felt that more direct promotion to undergraduate organizations could be beneficial.

Second, the Committee discussed the role of liaisons in coordinating the programming of funded organizations. Many committee members pointed out the dangers of "overprogramming" and felt that CUTonight should encourage collaboration on funded events wherever reasonable. There was a lot of consensus that the liaison system is valuable and CUTonight should continue to exploit this organizational strength.

Finally, committee members wanted to encourage CUTonight to continue to follow-up with organizations after their events and improve the incentives for groups to send in such reports.

Overall, the Appropriations Committee felt that CUTonight is a very important force on campus in promoting late-night programming and believes it unequivocally funds successful, high-demand programming.

Respectfully submitted,

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