



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution # 30 Changes to Special Projects Funding

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Whereas, Special Projects Funding is meant to either improve the quality of undergraduate student life and/or to further the goals of the Student Assembly;

Whereas, there has previously been ambiguity with regards to who is eligible to receive Special Projects funding and limitations on funding related to that ambiguity;

Whereas, the current guidelines do not prohibit allocating the entire Special Projects budget during the first semester of the academic year which hinders the Student Assembly's ability to allocate money to proposals that are submitted during the second semester;

Whereas, Student Assembly members are often unaware of the remaining balance of the Special Projects budget when approving or denying a Special Projects request;

Be it further resolved, that the following changes be made to Section VII of the 2014-2015 Standing Rules

Rule 3

The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service through SA Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student life or to further the goals of the Student Assembly. Special Projects funding is a type of category spending. No more than 2/3 of the allocated Special Projects funding may be used in the fall semester.

Rule 6

The Appropriations Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$400 and under \$1,500 by a majority vote. Requests must be made public at a Student Assembly meeting in the form of an "Announcement/Report" before being approved. The Student Assembly, at-large, may reverse an Appropriations Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote.

Rule 8

The Vice President for Finance shall present a written report to the Student Assembly at-large, each time a special projects disbursement is made. Student Assembly members should also be made aware of the remaining funds in the Special Projects budget at the midpoint of each semester and at the conclusion of each semester.

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44 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the following rules be added to Section VII of the 2014-
45 2015 Standing Rules:

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47 Rule 9
48 Special Projects requests must have a designated sponsor(s) from the Student Assembly.
49 Student Assembly members cannot sponsor requests that are not directly related to their
50 constituency. Student Assembly members approached by requests unrelated to their
51 constituency are required to connect the sponsors of the request with the relevant member
52 of the Student Assembly.

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54 Rule 10
55 By a majority vote of either the Student Assembly or the Appropriations Committee, a
56 Special Projects Request shall be tabled until a later date, specified in the motion, until the
57 Assembly has an opportunity to review their overall Special Projects spending and to
58 determine if it is the most appropriate use of funding.

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60 **Be it finally resolved**, the Vice President for Public Relations will publicize these changes
61 to insure that all members of the Cornell undergraduate study body are aware.

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63 Respectfully Submitted,

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65 Matthew Stefanko '16
66 *Vice President of Finance, Student Assembly*

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68 Jordan Berger '17
69 *Parliamentarian, Student Assembly*

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72 *(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 11/17/2014)*