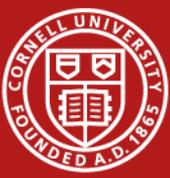


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Voting Council Meeting #2

19 October 2009



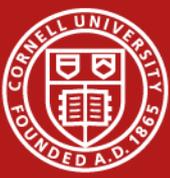
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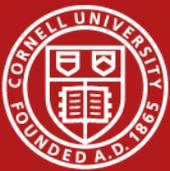
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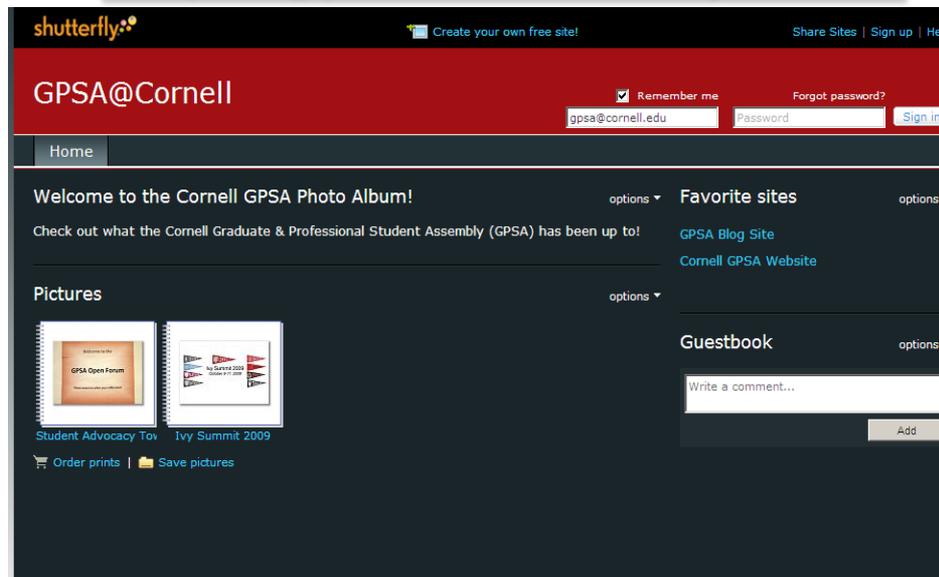


Vice President Operations Update

- Committee Reports are due to Brian by **10/31/09**
(emails went out last week)
- GPSA Ad-Hoc Committee on Graduate Mental Health
- GPSA Committee List-Serv: Will send Open Forum comments to these committees to focus GPSA business
- CALS Dean Search:
~10 grad students are meeting with the Search Committee:
October 26th, 2009 **10:15-11:00am** **316 Day Hall**

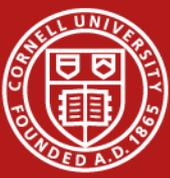


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Quick Links (under GPSA News):

- *PowerPoints to all meetings*
- *Student Advocacy Resource List*
- *GPSA Blog (with GPSA-INFO)*
- *GPSA Photo Album*



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<http://assembly.cornell.edu/GPSA/20091009IvySummit>



Ivy Summit 2009
October 9-11, 2009





R.2 Regarding the Reduction in Maximum Individual Funding for Cornell Students with Children and the Graduate Student Response

Whereas the Fiscal-Year 2009-2010 Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Childcare Grant maximum available individual funding is set tentatively at \$1500 with the last two funding cycles set at \$5000;

Whereas the reduction in funding is not due to a direct cut, but rather the transfer of the Grant's administration from the Office of Human Resources to the Graduate School and the Provost's Office reinstated the existing, but not enforced, maximum individual funding of \$1500;

Whereas the Childcare Grant is a unique assistantship program for Graduate and Professional Students with Children among our Peer Ivy League Institutions;

Whereas the Graduate and Professional Student Community (hereafter referred to as the GPSC) composed and circulated a letter entitled "Reduction in Child Care Grant 09/10 for Students with Children" addressed to the Cornell University's President Skorton, outlining and addressing the benefits of the initial Childcare Grant Program and the impacts of the Grant's alteration;



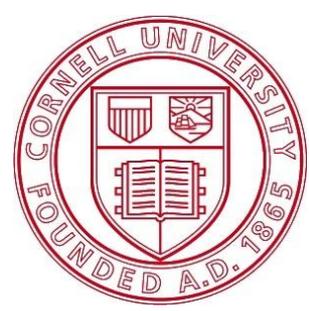
Whereas the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (hereafter referred to as the GPSA) serves as an official advocacy link between the Graduate and Professional Student Community and Cornell University's Administration as empowered in Article 2.01 of the GPSA Charter;

Be it therefore resolved that the GPSA submit with this resolution and publish on the GPSA website the letter "Reduction in Child Care Grant 09/10 for Students with Children" supporting the findings as it accurately reflects and is derived directly from the constituents that are affected, fulfilling the requirements of Article 2.01.b of the GPSA Charter;

Be it further resolved that the efforts of Cornell University's Administration to provide balanced and constructive assistance to the GPSC with Children be formally recognized;

Be it further resolved that GPSA Student Advocacy Committee be tasked with maintaining communication between Cornell University's Administration and the GPSC with Children fulfilling the requirements of Article 6.04.g of the GPSA Charter.

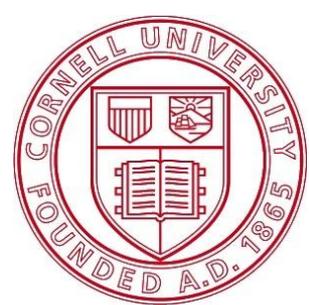
Be it finally resolved that this resolution be sent to David Skorton, President of Cornell University; Kent Fuchs, Cornell University Provost; Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students; Alison Power, Dean of the Graduate School; and Brenda Marston, Cornell Childcare Services Subcommittee Chair.



By-Line Funding Process

Timeline:

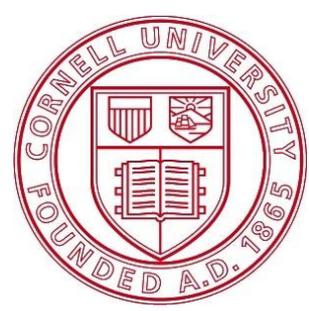
- Oct. 1 - application reviewed, committee meets
- Oct. 5 – byline groups present to GPSA Advisory
- Oct. 7 & 8 – byline groups present to Appropriations Committee
- Oct. 19 – funding DRAFT presented to GPSA Advisory
- Nov. 2 – Slope Day presents to GPSA Advisory, panel discussion on certain byline groups
- Nov. 16 – Next byline voting meeting
- Dec – Activity fee final vote due



By-Line Funding Requests

Current Funding Requests:

By-line Group	Prior By-Line Request	2010-2012 Request	Change in Dollars	% Change
Athletics	6.00	7.00	1.00	17%
Big Red Barn	7.00	7.00	0.00	0%
Club Insurance	4.70	5.10	0.40	9%
Cornell Cinema	11.00	11.75	0.75	7%
Cornell Concert Commission	5.75	5.75	0.00	0%
Cornell University Programming Board	3.55	3.55	0.00	0%
EMS	1.30	1.77	0.47	36%
Graduate Orientation	0.68	0.70	0.02	3%
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Slope Day Programming Board	1.50	4.00	2.50	167%
GPSA	2.76	3.50	0.74	27%
GPSA Finance Commission	24.25	26.00	1.75	7%
TOTAL	70.00	77.58	7.58	11%

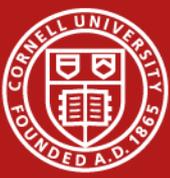


Charter Rules

- Activity Fee must be an even, whole number

\$68	
\$70	Current Fee
\$72	
\$74	
\$76	
\$78	Can't fund more than is requested

- The GPSA FC amount must be at least 35% of the total activity fee



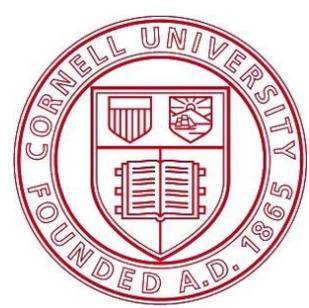
Activity Fee Voting Procedure (continued)

Considering all the byline groups that received the majority of YES votes, we now consider the Activity Fee as a whole.

You can then request “amendments” to the funding a particular group receives.
Requires Simple Majority. Charter Rules previously stated still apply

Activity Fee must pass with 2/3 vote from SEATED VOTING MEMBERS.

If we fail to pass an Activity Fee by the end of the semester, the activity fee will revert back to the 2008-2010 activity fee (currently @ \$70.00)

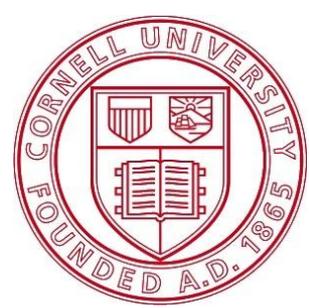


Orientation

GPSA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change
	\$.68	.70	.02	3%

- Orientation attended by majority of grad students
- No major funding increases in past years
- Looking to enhance orientation experience in the future

Requested Amount: \$.070
Recommendation to Fund: \$.070

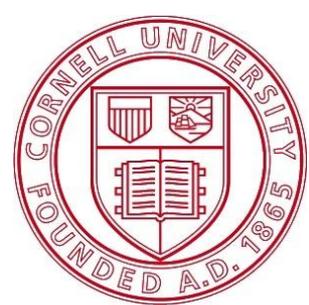


Club Insurance

	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	
GPSA	\$4.70	5.10	.40	9%	
	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	APPROVED
SA	\$4.50	4.70	.20	4%	TBD

- GPSA funds what is requested from Club Insurance
- Have contacted CI to determine reason for cost increase

Requested Amount: \$5.10
Recommendation to Fund: \$5.10



GPSA FC

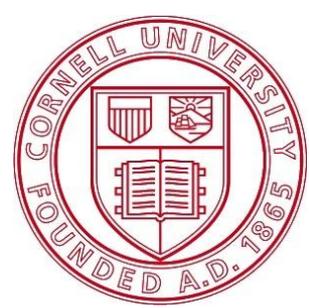
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Prior By-Line Funding

24.25

- Must be at least 35% of total activity fee

Recommendation to Fund: \$26.60

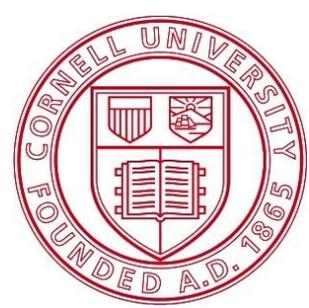


GPSA

GPSA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change
	2.76	3.50	.74	27%

- \$2.95 represents \$0.19 increase and a 7% increase
- Aligned with % increase for total activity fee

Requested Amount: \$3.50
Recommendation to Fund: \$2.95



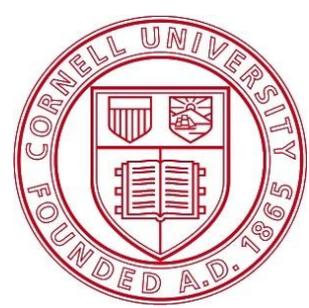
Big Red Barn

GPSA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change
	7.00	7.00	0.00	0%

- The only by-line funded group that is solely dedicated to professional & graduate students.
- Have seen a 10% increase in number of events held at the BRB.
- Have increased Barn rental fees 10-25%; instituted a \$75 cancellation fee
- Continue reaching out to more graduate & professional students.
 - Facebook Page
 - Investing in letter board for entrance & electronic welcome board for under stairs
- Invested in large screen TV to advertise events & for use during events
 - Did not purchase LCD projector as planned.
- Look to maintain quality of events for students without raising prices on them

Requested Amount: \$7.00

Recommendation to fund: \$7.00

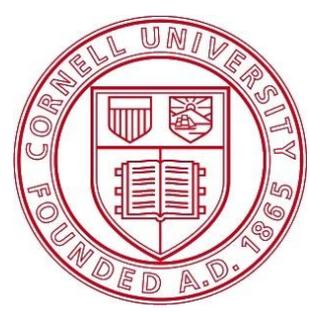


International Students Programming Board

	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	
GPSA	1.51	1.46	-0.05	-3%	
	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	APPROVED
SA	1.90	2.04	.14	7%	TBA

- A significant graduate population engages in international and cultural events
 - about 33% of the graduate and professional students are international
- Through active co-sponsorships, it attempts to target and include the cross-sections of the international community at Cornell
- Efforts made to advertise and target a wider audience in graduate population
- Status quo funding or cuts in funding would result in fewer activities and events
- \$0.05 decrease due to faculty turnover

Requested Amount: \$1.46
Recommendation to Fund: \$1.46

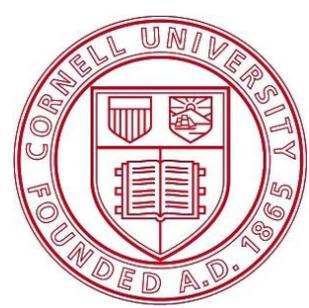


Cornell Concert Commission

GPSA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	
	5.75	5.75	0.00	0%	
SA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	APPROVED
	12.00	12.00	0.00	0%	12.00

- No increase in request for funding from previous cycle
- Cornell Concert Commission continues to operate successfully with fiscal parameters of previous years
- Last year \$30k transfer from CCC to Slope Day
 - CCC group agrees that no transfers will occur in future
- Statistics provided from concert pre-sales show that graduate students are taking advantage of concerts on campus
 - Grad attendance varies by show: 2% - 27%

Requested Amount: \$5.75
Recommendation to Fund: \$5.75



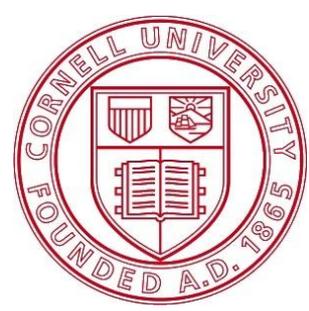
CU Programming Board

GPSA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	
	3.55	3.55	0.00	0%	

SA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	APPROVED
	7.50	7.50	0.00	0%	7.50

- Plans for 2 lectures, 2 entertainment events & 1 free event a year for ALL students.
 - Past Events: Bill Maher, Howie Mandel; Gov. George Pataki; BJ Novak; Stephen Colbert
- Howie Mandel took a huge loss → due to economic downturn and drop in number of parents coming to Parent's Week
 - CUPB tried to increase demand (i.e. TV time in Syracuse)
- Reorganized event scheduling and locations to attract larger audiences with lower costs.
 - Collaborating with State Theater to host events.
 - Utilizing Bailey Hall over Statler Hall & Barton Hall to cut costs

Requested Amount: \$3.55
Recommended to Fund: \$3.55

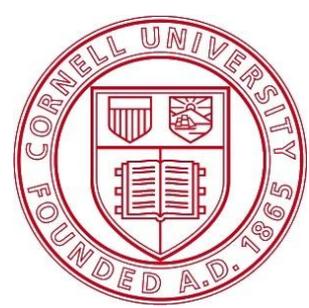


Emergency Medical Services

GPSA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	
	1.30	1.77	0.467	36%	
SA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	APPROVED
	3.36	3.84	0.468	15%	3.84

- Primary request is to fund new, second EMS vehicle
- Recently moved to 24/7 operations
- Application showed good budgeting sense; forward looking

Requested Amount: \$1.77
Recommendation to Fund: \$1.77

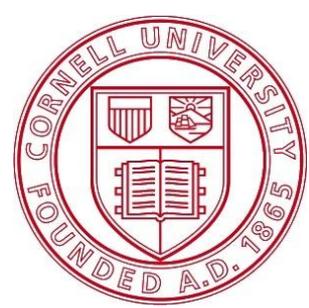


Cornell Cinema

	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	
GPSA	11.00	11.75	.75	6.8%	
	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	APPROVED
SA	11.00	11.75	0.75	6.8%	TBA

- Primary reason for increase due to \$16k in funding cuts made by other sources (i.e. NY state grants)
- Grads make up about 25% of total tickets sales according to informal audience polling
- Has reduced # of titles to reduce expenses
- Same amount of fund increase for GPSA and SA
- Survey sent out and responses from grad students
- Appropriation Committee recommends a better method to assess graduate participation in cinema

Requested Amount: \$11.75
Recommendation to Fund: \$11.30

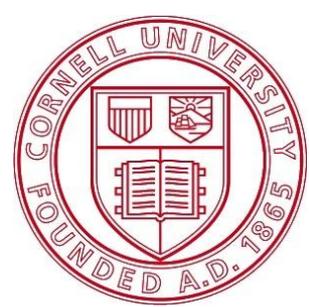


Athletics & Physical Education

GPSA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	
	6.00	7.00	1.00	17%	
SA	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	HEARING FOR
	9.95	10.00	0.05	1%	10/26/09

- Primary request is to bring parity with undergraduates (note: proposed undergraduate \$10 fee is composed of \$7.00 for Big Red Sports Pass and \$3.00 for undergraduate-specific marketing)
- Athletics has not requested an increase since 2001
- Athletics agrees not to request more in next funding cycle AND not to raise men's ice hockey ticket price for graduate and professional students during this funding cycle.
- Athletics is willing to work with graduate and professional students: increased men's ice hockey season tickets from 200 to 250; first option for unsold undergraduate tickets for men's ice hockey season tickets; extend student price for men's ice hockey to spouses
- Athletics will put guarantees in writing

Requested Amount: \$7.00
Recommendation to Fund: \$7.00

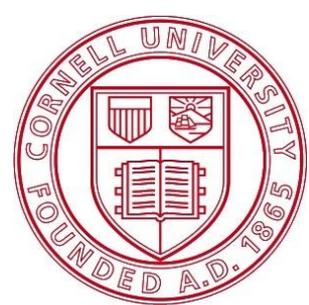


Slope Day Programming Board

	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	
GPSA	1.50	4.00	2.50	167%	
	Prior By-Line Funding	2010-2012 Request	Change	% Change	APPROVED
SA	15.00	18.00	3.00	20%	18.00

- Primary request for increase is based on withdrawal of university funding to event and desire to maintain fiscal balance.
- Increase from previous cycle was composed in April 2009 before utilization statistics from Slope Day 2009 were available
- Slope Day 2009 statistics show (based on card swipes at various gates):
 - 1,789 graduate scans (1,592 unique scans; 197 re-entered)
 - 11,139 undergraduate scans (8,831 unique scans; 2,308 re-entered)
- Graduate and professional students = 13 % of all attendees
- SDPB suggest that \$3.24 is an equitable amount (represents ratio of graduate student usage and fee to undergraduate usage and fee)

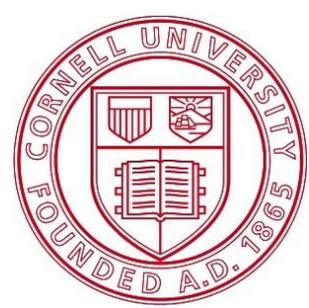
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Recommendation to Fund: \$2.82



Recommendation Summary

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International Students			
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GPSA	2.76	3.50	2.95
GPSA Finance Commission	24.25	26.00	26.60
TOTAL	70.00	77.58	76.00



Next Steps

Call to Vote Today:

- BRB
- Club Insurance
- Cornell Concert Commission
- CUPB
- Grad Orientation
- International Students Programming Board
- GPSA

Discussion Only Today:

- Cornell Cinema
- Athletics
- EMS
- Slope Day

TBD

- GPSA FC → 35% rule



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