



## Cornell University Student Assembly

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### **S.A. Resolution # 17 2014 SAFC Allocation Appeals**

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Club Golf:

**Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did err in denying funding for the Club Golf team by a 9 – 4 – 0 vote. Communication from administrators regarding approved registration status, evidence of delayed registration approval within Orgsync, and a thorough budget were enough to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the Club Golf team did everything according to the SAFC guidelines prior to the deadline.

Cornell Democrats:

**Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did not err in denying funding for specific line items by a 0 – 13 – 1 vote. First, the committee felt that tables and chairs did not fall under permitted expenses for durable goods in section 8.4.4.3. The committee indicated that any events directly applicable to Cornell students would occur on campus and these items could be rented from numerous locations. Second, the documentation provided for the SUNY Fredonia trip was insufficient as it lacked both a definitive location and proof of event occurrence. Multiple SAFC help documents indicate the necessity of these pieces of information and, thus, it cannot be proved that the SAFC erred in their decision.

Cornell Progressive:

**Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did not err in denying funding for the Cornell Progressive by a 1 – 9 – 3 vote. The committee felt that multiple email correspondences indicating needed approval from the Treasurer along with help sessions and guiding documents proved that the SAFC did not err in their interaction and funding decision with the Cornell Progressive.

Cornell Center for Jewish Living:

**Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did not err in denying funding for a Weber Grill for the Cornell Center for Jewish Living by a 1 – 11 – 2 vote. The committee felt that, according to their original funding request, the primary purpose of the grill was for social gatherings of members of the organization. Although the committee recognized that the grill had cultural significance because it would be used for kosher food, it felt that its primary or substantive purpose would be for social activity which opposes section 8.2.2.4.5 of the SAFC guidelines.

Cornell International Affairs Review:

**Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did not err in denying funding for the Cornell International Affairs Review by a 0 – 12 – 2 vote. The committee felt that the internal issues faced by CIAS were challenging and problematic, but that the SAFC was not responsible for this negligence and, consequently, did not make a mistake in denying funding.

Korean American Students Association:

**Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did not err in denying funding to a local event for KASA by a 0 – 14 – 0 vote. The committee felt that the location of the event was proof that the event was primarily social in nature and conflicted with section 8.2.2.4.5 of the SAFC guidelines.

Vietnamese Association:

**Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did err in denying funding for two events for the Vietnamese Association by a 12 – 1 – 1 vote. The committee felt that every item could reasonably be determined to be “necessary to carry out activities related to the organization’s purpose.”

Film Club:

**Whereas**, the Appropriations Committee voted that the SAFC did not err in denying funding for movie tickets to the Film Club by a 0 – 10 – 1 vote. The committee felt that the lack of specificity regarding when tickets would be used and for what purpose raised caution that the tickets could be used for social activities and violate section 8.3.4.3 of the SAFC guidelines. Additionally, the committee felt that because the tickets were not assigned to specific dates, the usage could violate section 8.2.2.2 of the SAFC guidelines which outlines appropriate dates for events.

Be it therefore resolved that, the Assembly adopt the following recommendations of the Appropriations Committee:

- The SAFC erred in denying funding to Club Golf
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Cornell Democrats
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Cornell Progressive
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Cornell Center for Jewish Living
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Cornell International Affairs Review
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Korean American Students Association
- The SAFC erred in denying funding to the Vietnamese Association
- The SAFC did not err in denying funding to the Film Club

**Be it further resolved that**, the SAFC shall only allocate money if all other funding criteria not considered by the Appropriations Committee are met, including funding caps or other guideline issues.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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*(Reviewed by: Appropriations Committee, 10/6)*