

Byline Funding
Application
2018 – 2020



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MISSION STATEMENT

The International Students Union (ISU), formerly the International Students Board (ISB) and the International Students Programming Board (ISPB), is an organization dedicated to promoting dialogue and international awareness at Cornell. ISU achieves this by hosting and programming international events, as well as funding and co-sponsoring cultural organizations and internationally oriented activities. ISU also strives to provide a voice for the international community, and to communicate issues faced by international students on campus to the administration and to the rest of Cornell. ISU encourages students to approach the organization with any potential ideas or concerns that are relevant to the Cornell international community. While ISU does not take political stances on issues, the organization strives to defend and support the rights of all international students on campus.

The International Students Union (ISU) serves a crucial role in representing the international student population as well as fostering cross-cultural awareness and diversity on campus. ISSO statistics depict an increasing trend in Cornell's international enrollment; in 2016, 22.5% of Cornell's total admissions was comprised of international students, as compared to 21.23% in 2015 and 20.1% in 2014. In addition, there were over 320 international and cultural groups (representing over 30% of total organizations registered at Cornell University). An internationally focused organization is therefore essential to promoting international and cultural education on a campus that is becoming increasingly global.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article I – Name

The name of this organization is International Students Union (ISU), herein called the “Union”.

Article II – Purpose

To represent and advocate international student causes, to be a resource for international students on the Cornell campus, and to promote internationalism, which would be defined as including, but not limited to, the cross-cultural understanding of international life on campus and in Ithaca and the cooperation between trans-national groups and individuals on campus.

Article III – Membership to International Student Union

Any registered, resident student of the Cornell community who is interested in the purpose of the Union can be a member subject to the application process in Article V.

Article IV – Responsibilities

In light of the Union’s purpose as stated in Article II, its responsibilities include, but are not restricted to:

- A. To promote and fund international activities proposed by any undergraduate or graduate student group on campus.
- B. To represent, advocate, and liaison with the Cornell University administration for any issues concerning International students, both undergraduate and graduate, at a campus wide level.
- C. To lead initiatives that improve and uplift international student life on campus.
- D. To organize and plan events to promote and encourage diversity and cross cultural dialogue in a trans-national context.
- E. To maintain and prepare the annual budget and administer funds available to the Union to various organizations on campus.
- F. To maintain liaisons with Faculty Committees, International Students and Scholars Office, Students Assembly, the University, and local community.
- G. To foster cross cultural exchange through: the Union’s General Body Membership and meetings, events hosted by the Union, and events sponsored or co-sponsored by the Union[1]

Article V – Structure

The Union membership will be open to all Cornell students subject to an application process. General Body Meetings are open to all Cornell students. Members are expected to participate in different functions that include funding, public relations, internal operations, planning, and advocacy and will be placed in the corresponding team at the time of their acceptance by the current Union members

The Executive Board consists of 8 members: the President, 5 Vice Presidents, a Director, and the Student Assembly International Students Representative as an ex-officio member. There could be 7 members if the Student Assembly International Representative holds a different Executive Board position. Each Vice President will be responsible for one of ISU's main functions: funding, public relations, internal operations, planning, and advocacy. Besides hosting functional team meetings on a weekly basis and actively leading their respective functional teams, Executive Board members are expected to attend Executive Board Meetings, General- Body meetings, and functional team meetings if needed. Executive Board members are also required to prepare the By-Line Report for the Union every year. Application to the Executive Board is selective based on Article VI.

A. The Union consists of 5 functional teams. Functional teams are teams of students within the Union that work towards a specific function of the Union. Functional teams will meet at least once a week under discretion of the Vice President. The responsibilities of each functional teams are:

i. Funding Team:

- a. Appropriate the Union funds to intercultural events on campus based on applications received throughout the academic calendar.
- b. Further responsibilities of the team shall be determined by its Chair.

ii. Internal Operations Team:

- a. Plan a smooth recruiting process for the Union every year. This includes executing all necessary steps following the creation of applications.
- b. Ensure smooth functioning of General Body Meetings on a periodic basis.
- c. Maintain membership development through internal

events.

d. Plan a smooth election process for the Union when necessary. Including all necessary steps from Article VI.

e. Further responsibilities of the team shall be determined by its Chair/Co Chairs.

iii. Planning Team:

a. Plan and coordinate internal Union events for each academic year

b. Plan and coordinate Union events for each academic year open to the entire Cornell Community.

c. Further responsibilities of the team shall be determined by its Chair.

iv. Public Relations Team:

a. Organize and plan the publicity for Union recruitment each year so as to ensure a strong and large pool of applications.

b. Provide publicity support to all functional teams, and promotion of the Union.

c. Further responsibilities of the team shall be determined by its Chair.

v. Advocacy Team:

a. Plan and coordinate advocacy campaigns that impact international students on campus.

b. Effectively liaison with the Cornell University administration to support international students on campus.

c. Further responsibilities of the team shall be determined by its Chair.

B. The job descriptions of the Executive Board members are:

i. The President:

a. Casts a vote in case of a tie in an Executive Board meeting and election.

b. Oversees the Union and presides over meetings.

c. Represents and serves as a spokesperson for the Union.

d. Represents the Union in the Student Assembly, Graduate

Professional Student Assembly, and with other administrators of Cornell.

e. Sets the Union and Executive Board size as needed with respect to article VI–D.

f. Establishes the direction and growth of the Union.

g. Chairs weekly Executive Board meetings.

ii. The Vice President of Internal Operations:

a. Maintains records of all meetings and dealings of the Executive Board and the Union General Body, and provides them to the members of the Union either at meetings or upon request.

b. Coordinates with the President in the process of change of functional teams or removal of a Union member.

c. In the absence of President, oversees the Executive Board and presides over the meeting.

d. Coordinates and leads recruitment for the Executive Board and the Union.

e. Responsible, with the President, for planning and executing the General Body meetings.

f. Actively seeks to improve membership development and engagement, and maintain cohesion between the various functional teams.

g. Responsible, with the President, for organizing the election process.

iii. The Vice President of Funding:

a. Keeps a permanent record of financial transactions and reimbursements in consultation with the Union's assigned advisor.

b. Allocates funds upon approval of the Funding Team.

c. Informs the Executive Board of its financial affairs regularly during Executive Board meetings.

d. Serves as the contact person for all campus organizations seeking funding.

- e. Meets regularly with advisor to discuss and evaluate the financial condition of the organization.
- f. With the President and the Student Assembly International Representative, represents the Union before the Student Assembly.
- g. Coordinates meetings with Student Assembly Appropriation Committee.

iv. The Vice President of Planning:

- a. Leads Planning effort to organize internal and external events for the greater Cornell community.
- b. Coordinates the execution of ISU events that foster international awareness and cultural exchange.
- c. Chairs the Planning functional team.

v. The Vice President of Public Relations:

- a. Leads ISU Public Relations.
- b. Maintains contact with all student organizations on campus.
- c. Is responsible for branding and marketing the Union during recruitment and for ISU organized events.
- d. Chairs the Public Relations functional team group.

vi. The Vice President of Advocacy

- a. Forms ties with various International Clubs around campus.
- b. Forms ties with Cornell University's Administration.
- c. Initiates conversations with International Students.
- d. Identifies challenges concerning International students' experiences at Cornell.
- e. Hosts events, forums, and campaigns to help bring awareness to said challenges.
- f. Writes and submits Diversity Inclusion Plan to the SA in consultation with the Student Assembly International Students representative.
- g. Chairs the Advocacy functional team.

vii. Ex--Officio Member:

- a. Selected from the Student Assembly's International at-Large position(s).
- b. Acts as a liaison between the Union and the Student Assembly.
- c. Works in close conjunction with the Union's President and the VP of Advocacy as a member of the Advocacy team.

viii. Executive Board Members:

- a. Responsible for voting and deciding on execution of Union events.
- b. Responsible for voting on all Executive Board decisions such as elections and constitutional changes.
- c. Prepares the By-Line Report for the Union every year.
- d. Executive Board members reserve the right to share responsibilities of another member in special circumstances.
- e. If an Executive Board member fails to execute her/his duties, the Executive Board has the right to dissolve that member with 75% or more of votes from eligible members. The Executive Board member in question shall not vote.
- f. Executive Board members may assign the title of "Officer" to union members under the discretion of the Executive Board. Those members maintain their rights and duties as Union members.

ix. Director:

- a. Acts as a resource for the Executive Board for internal and external administrative tasks.
- b. Works closely with the President and the VP of Operations to lead special projects not specific to a functional team, acts in an advisory capacity for strategic and long term decisions for the Union and acts as a liaison between the old and new Executive Board after elections.
- c. Serves as interim President until the selection of a new president (described in Article VI) upon vacancy of the President position.

The Program Coordinator of the International Students and Scholars Office shall be the Advisor of the Executive Board.

Article VI – Election of Executive Board Members

A. Election of Executive Board members and Executive Committee members will be held whenever necessary each year for the following year and will typically take place towards the end of the Spring semester. The election procedure is duly described in Section F of this article.

B. The election must be duly publicized to the entire Union membership. The publicity may take the following forms: Notification in the ISSO newsletter, fliers, and advertisements in the media.

C. All Union members are eligible to be on the Executive Board.

D. The election procedures of the Executive Board are as follows

- i. Prospective members will send applications prior to the election to the incumbent President of the Union.

- ii. A screening interview with members of the current Executive Board will take place.

- iii. New members to the Executive Board will be selected as per the current needs of the organization with the election process described in Section F of this article.

E. The mechanics of election of VPs within the Executive Board are as follows

- i. All members who are running for positions, contested or not, shall go through the election process stated in F.

- ii. Contested Executive Committee positions, and names of those nominated to the positions, will be noted.

- iii. There will be a Selection Committee for elections which will elect the new Executive Board members. The mechanisms of this will be as section F.

- iv. If there is no candidate for the position, the members of the Selection Committee will vote amongst themselves to designate a person for the position. Process runs through until the position is filled.

- v. If a candidate runs uncontested, the Selection Committee will still vote after interviewing the candidate to determine whether they

are qualified for the position. If not, refer to E-iv.

F. Election Process

i. The Selection Committee will consist of current Executive Board members as well as 5 non-Executive-Board members from the Union. The incumbent President of the Union will chair this committee and will only vote in the case of a tie breaker.

ii. The 5 non-Executive-Board members must be from the Advocacy (1), Operations (1), Planning (1), Public Relations (1), and Funding (1) functional teams.

iii. Each non-Executive-Board member must be a member of the Union for at least one complete semester prior.

iv. The non-Executive-Board members of the selection committee will be elected by each functional team. Each member must attain the pluralist vote by all members of the team. Each member will be expected to make a short speech highlighting their impartiality and their commitment to the club. Non-Executive-Board members are responsible for reflecting the opinions of their electorate.

v. The election process for Executive Board members

Phase 1: Public Forum — A Public Forum -will be held to give all Union members the opportunity to question and evaluate candidates. Through the public forum, Union members can share their opinions and thoughts with the non-Executive-Board Selection Committee members. Candidates will be expected to make a 2 minute speech highlighting their impartiality and their qualities to be in a decision making position for the organization.

Phase 2: Interviews — Interviews will be conducted by the Selection Committee to give the Selection Committee the opportunity to ask candidates questions about the position they are running for. Upon interviewing candidates, the Selection Committee must vote on candidates for each position. A candidate is elected with majority vote of the Selection Committee.

vi. Regulations of election process

a. Selection Committee members shall not be revealed until 24 hours before the interviews. Candidates shall not

communicate with non-Executive-Board members of the Selection Committee about any subject relating to elections once names are released.

- b. Deliberations are strictly confidential, no information should leak outside the room.
- c. Selection Committee members must be present for the entirety of the election process in order to cast a vote.
- d. Non-Selection Committee Union members shall not attend any elections interviews.
- e. A member of the Selection Committee shall be designated as a moderator to remind everyone of the rules and ensure that discussions run smoothly.
- f. Majority vote will be determined as simple majority. If there is a tie, the president will be the tie-breaker.
- vii. Once the Selection Committee has deliberated, ballot sheets will be handed out. For each contested position, each Selection Committee member will vote for one person only, and write the person's name on the ballot. Ballot sheets will be collected and counted. The names of the new Executive Committee members will be announced.

G. Specific for the Director position

- i. The new Executive Board, in consultation with the old Executive Board, will select the Director position.
- ii. The Director should be a member who has shown extensive contribution to the Union, either as a past Executive Board member, or reflected through their sustained contributions to the betterment of the Union
- iii. After consulting with the old Executive Board's recommendations, the Director will be selected by a minimum two-thirds majority vote of the new Executive Board.

Article VII – Membership application to the Union

- A. Prospective members should fill out a form at a recruiting event or email the VP of Operations.
- B. Applicants will then go through a recruitment process which includes a resume drop, an online application, and interviews with current Union members. Applicants will be judged on the basis of their diversity,

potential contributions to the progress of the union, and cultural and functional fit with the current needs of the organization.

C. Applicants will be decided upon by all current Union members present at a deliberations meeting held by the VP of Internal Operations and the President. Members must attend at least 3 General Body meetings and participate in at least 1 functional team event to be considered part of the ISU[2] .

Article VIII – Removal of Executive Board/Union Members

A. Concerning Executive Board Members

- i. A petition signed by 75% of functional team will be necessary for the Executive Board to consider the removal of a VP of the corresponding functional team.
- ii. If any member fails to meet the requirements of her/his office, 75% majority vote of the Executive Board can remove her/him from the Executive Board. The president's removal shall also be decided by a 75% vote of the Executive Board members.
- iii. Arriving ten minutes late unexcused at an Executive Board meeting constitutes a half- absence, while arriving one hour or more after the beginning of the meeting under similar conditions is counted as a full absence.
- iv. Three unexcused absences (and two for the first semester of new members) will be allowed per semester. If someone exceeds that allowance, each case will be assessed individually. The President will speak with the member, and the Executive Board will discuss the case in light of the member's contributions and other factors.

B. Concerning Union Members

- i. A Union member can be removed from the Union under discretion of the Executive Board.

Article IX – Mechanics of Meetings

A. Functional Team Meetings

- i. Meetings will take place weekly during the academic calendar, except during school holidays, and will be presided upon by the team's VP.
- ii. In the event that members of the Union feel that Executive Board members should clarify their actions, the President is required to

call a meeting of the Executive Board within two weeks of receiving a petition to that effect, signed by at least one--third of the Union members.

iii. Three unexcused absences for general Union members (and two for the first semester for new members) will be allowed per semester. If someone exceeds that allowance, each case will be assessed individually. The President will speak with the member, and the Executive Board will discuss the case in light of the member's contributions and other factors.

iv. Excuses must be up to the discretion of the VP of the Functional Team and excuses are encouraged to be a minimum of 24 hours prior.

B. Specific for the Funding Team

i. Quorum will be one--half of the Funding Team, of whom one must be the VP of Funding, unless they are excused.

ii. The VP of Funding will not vote during a decision--making process, unless there is a tie. In case of a tie, the VP may cast a vote, or call for a revote, at their discretion.

iii. Voting on decisions must be blind in order to remove any biases.

C. Executive Board Meetings

i. The Executive Board will meet weekly to discuss Functional Team updates and determine the short and long term goals for the organization.

ii. The meetings will be presided upon by the President and in their absence, by the VP of Internal Operations.

D. General Body Meetings

i. Meetings will take place every alternate week during the academic calendar, except during school holidays or on an ad-hoc basis determined by the President in consultation with the Executive Board.

ii. The VP of Internal Operations, in collaboration with the Executive Board and the Internal Operations Team, will plan and preside over the General Body meetings. Attendance is mandatory for all Union members.

iii. More than 3 unexcused absences in a semester is grounds for a hearing with the Executive Board, which will then decide on the membership status of the members in question.

iv. The purpose of the meetings is to improve synergy and cohesion among various functional teams, provide general updates for each team, and provide membership development and team building for all Union members.

Article X – Internal Administrative Spending

Internal administrative spending is defined as any expenditures incurred on activities only limited to the internal membership of the Executive Board for any administrative purposes. The Union shall not spend more than 5% of its total Student Activity Fee allocation on administrative spending.

Article XI – Guidelines for Co--Sponsorship:

The following guidelines may be followed for funding a co--sponsored event:

- A. Consider the cost--benefit ratio for the event.
- B. Consider the anticipated size and profile (diversity) of the crowd attending the event.
- C. Consider the percentage of the total budget requested from the Funding Team and that the organization has explored other possible funding resources.
- D. Consider whether the event is open to the entire Cornell community and promotes internationalism and/or multiculturalism. If the event does not fall under any of the aforementioned categories, the Funding Team can only fund publicity materials. All other events will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- E. Prioritize funding for small and new organizations, but not at the expense of the former points (Article IX A--D).
- F. All student organizations, to be considered for co--sponsorship, must have registered their organization with the Student Activities Office under the Dean of Students. If not possible, the co--sponsorship applicants must be recognized by some element of the university, either through professors, departments, or student organizations. ISU will also co--sponsor events organized by Program Houses and Study Programs (provided they meet the criteria outlined in Article IX A-D).
- G. To avoid double funding of a particular item using Student Activity

Fee (SAF) money, each group seeking co--sponsorship will be required to detail what SAFC/GPSAFC funding is to be used for. ISU co--sponsorship can be used for items not covered by SAFC/GPSAFC funding (e.g. Food) as well as to supplement SAFC/GPSAFC funding where this is not adequate to cover a particular item. ISU can also explicitly state what portions of a particular budget it will not fund.

H. Student organizations are required to submit one copy of the completed budget proposal per member of the Funding Team, prepared according to the Team's recommended outline (which will be made available to all students organizations), to the Funding Team preferably at least two weeks prior to the proposed event. This procedure will give the Funding Team sufficient time to review the proposal and address any issues that may arise. Budgets can be submitted up to two weeks after the event but are not guaranteed an equal review and/or funding disbursement. Late applications may be subject to a penalty.

I. Union members who are applying on behalf of their other affiliated organizations may not be present for the discussion of their funding request or participate in the voting process.

J. If a Funding Team member holds an officer position in another organization that applies for funding, they will be prohibited to vote on any decision relating to that organization

K. The financial advisory committee will review the budget before submitting it to the Funding Team for hearing. If not properly prepared, the financial advisory committee may ask an organization to revise the budget. Once the budget is submitted to the Funding Team for hearing, decisions may be based on the available information, rather than sending back the budget for additional information.

L. If a student organization feels that it was not treated fairly, it has the right to appeal to the Funding Team to reconsider the funding decision. The appeal must be made within a week after the funding decision.

M. The Funding Team must review all budget proposals. A full quorum (one--half) of the Funding Team is required to allocate funds. In the case that an organization is unable to have its budget reviewed at a regular meeting before the event (for some acceptable reason), the Funding Team may call an emergency meeting to review the budget.

O. ISU reserves the right to ask for copies of receipts from groups and

examine the group's budget after an event has taken place.

P. Co--sponsorship handling & budget hearing procedures

- i. The Funding Team member collecting the budget should review it for completeness. If items are missing or the budget is incorrect, the group should be contacted and requested to bring the necessary information / budget corrections with them to the funding hearing
- ii. At the budget hearing the group will be asked to present itself, its mission and outline the budget to be considered for co-sponsorship. The Funding Team members are then free to ask questions to the group representative with due regard to the former points (Article IX A--F)
- iii. During closed session: The VP of Funding will allow 5 minutes of open forum to discuss event. Then a call for dollar amounts will be made. A second from another Funding Team member is required for each figure suggested. The person suggesting must give reasons for their figure. When all suggested amounts have been presented, voting will take place by hands starting with the lowest suggested sum. If there is a tie, the VP of Funding will cast their vote.
- iv. Groups will be contacted at the latest by the following Tuesday evening with the decision of the Funding Team. The e-mail will explain in detail the reason for any deductions made by the Funding Team and include any suggestions made during the group's presentation, as well as indicate the amount funded. The e-mail must also specifically request that all publicity acknowledges ISU co--sponsorship. If the event has an entrance fee a request will be made at this time for two complimentary tickets to permit members to attend according to the guidelines (outlined in Article IX M).
- v. Groups that are late or failed to appear at a previous hearing are not guaranteed an equal review and/or funding disbursement. They may be subject to a penalty.
- vi. Groups that fail to include ISU's logo as a sponsor on their publicity material (online and printed) may be penalized.

Article XII – Subcommittees

- A. The Executive Board may form ad hoc subcommittees from time to time for any special function, as it finds necessary.
- B. The Executive Board may select members from the subcommittees

from within the Executive Board and/or outside the Executive Board.

C. Subcommittees will report to the respective members of the Executive Board.

D. All decisions of the subcommittees will be subject to the approval of respective Executive Board members, unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Board.

Article XIII – Amendments

A. Any member of the Union may propose an amendment to this constitution.

B. An amendment shall be passed by a two--thirds majority vote of the Executive Board.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Instructions to groups seeking co--sponsorship from ISU. The following information is available on the ISU website (www.isucornell.com), as well as the OrgSync page (<https://orgsync.com/72626/chapter>)

- Your group must be recognized by the university. The group is encouraged to be registered with the Students Assemblies Office. Contact Roxanne Edsall for more information.
- We can fund events by Program Houses and Study Programs.
- Events must be open to the entire Cornell Community.
- Groups, on occasion, may request funding for overseas events and trips, contingent upon the event/trip following ISU's usual funding criteria. Following the trip, groups who receive funding for such events are required to present their experiences/trip in an ISU- sponsored event. Such funding grants may be competitive.
- We cannot sponsor events where a portion of ISU co--sponsorship funds would go to charity. Only operating expenses would be covered. However, a donation box is permitted.
- We can fund events up to two weeks after they have taken place, provided that the co--sponsorship form was submitted before the event in question.
- Groups can be funded up to thrice per semester.

Funding Procedure:

Follow SAFC guidelines, with the exception of food.

- Indicate on the form the date submitted and e-mail the ISU VP of Funding to inform them of the co--sponsorship request.
- Provide 1 copy of the budget proposal per Funding Team member, and an equal number of copies of any additional information you wish to include.
- We fund on an event by event basis and can provide a maximum of \$1000 (see below) for events with less than 250 attendees. Events that are likely to have over 250 attendees or involve the organization of several groups may receive a greater maximum funding disbursement.
- 10- minute hearings will take place during regular Funding hearings.
- You will be contacted by e-mail of the Funding Team's decision within 2 days of the hearing.
- If the budget proposal is incomplete in any way, the Funding Team can ask the group to return the following week to present a revised budget.
- If your event obtains funding from ISU, all publicity (tickets, flyers,

posters) for the event must contain the following: the ISU logo, as well as “Co--sponsored by ISU.”

- ISU reserves the right to ask for copies of receipts from groups and examine the group’s budget after an event has taken place.

Appendix 2: Non-discrimination Clause

- As an organization, ISU will not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any combination of these factors when determining its membership and when determining the equal rights of all general Union members and Executive Board members, respectively, which shall include, but are not limited to, voting for, seeking, and holding positions within the organization.

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

The ISU is composed of different teams: Funding, Planning, Advocacy, Operations, and Publicity and a general body. The president and the executive board are detailed below as well as the general structure of the organization. The Vice President of Finance handles the budgeting and funding decisions democratically decided by the board while the Vice President of Planning is in charge of the programming functions of the Board. The responsibilities for the other Executive Board officers are outlined in the constitution in section 5. The structure is as follows: the president conducts the funding meetings (and cannot vote) while every other board member has an equal vote on the final funding amount (post a hearing). The Executive Board member each have a particular functional area they are in charge of and each functional group has a sub-team working under their respective VP. Funding team members are expected to attend every hearing (a maximum of three absences are allowed) and engage in meaningful discussion before the final decision is voted upon. The General Body, an initiative started in Fall 2015 is open to all international students and anyone interested in internationalism and there is no selection process. While the funding team meets every Sunday, the General Body meets bi-monthly and has a theme per meeting. General Body members form ad hoc teams to assist each functional VP with his or her respective tasks.

HISTORY

ISB was established on April 20th, 1981, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Students Life and Activities Committee of the Campus Council. The board was to promote cross-cultural understanding and international life at Cornell and Ithaca by sponsoring and co-sponsoring international group's activities, as well as programming its own events, an aim that the organization strives to achieve year after year with much success.

In the past, ISU (ISB) had become primarily a funding organization, appropriating the funds it received each year to a multitude of various international interest organizations. In recent years, there has been a significant effort to host more events in order to really cater to the needs of International Students to immerse themselves in a variety of cultures and meet people from diverse backgrounds. Traditionally, ISB hosts one event in the Fall and the Mini World Cup in the Spring. In 2012, ISB started a new tradition by co-hosting International Ball with the Cornell French Society. In 2014, ISB introduced several other events in addition to the International Ball and the Mini World Cup, namely International Conversation Hour, International Student Kickoff

Reception and PREPARE Reunion. These events have been tremendously successful. The rate of success and interests along with the rising and pressing need for international students to have a resource to advocate and form a strong on-campus community prompted ISB to pass a resolution in the Student Assembly and expand into ISU, International Students Union. The proposed constitution changes can be found in Appendix A of this document. The new organization holds a General Body since the old structure was considered not open enough to wider international community straying away from the stated mission. Advocacy is also added as a key function with awareness, discussion and fund raising for issues concerning international students or global events.

MEMBERSHIP 2016 – 2017

Total membership: 8 officers (Akhilesh Issur occupies two), 52 members

All members have voting power

Non-officers are assigned to functional teams

Executive Board Officers

President	Sonali Tolani	(sst59)
VP of Advocacy	Akhilesh Issur	(aki9)
VP of Finance	Vincent Declercq	(vd62)
VP of Internal Operations	Laurence Lam	(ll545)
VP of Planning	Aliya Hiridjee Ali	(aa844)
VP of Publicity	Jeeah Eom	(je288)
Director of E-Board	Entsiwa Mensah	(nea39)
SA Intl' Representative	Akhilesh Issur	(aki9)

General Board/Body Members

Advocacy Team

Akanksha Jain

Allan Chege

Ana Bordallo

Anvita Khosla

Archana Choudhary

Brandon Mok

Christine Relander

Dean Xu

Hamish MacDiamid

Janani Subhashini

Kaushik De

Malvika Dahiya

Neeraj Jaisinghani

Sofia Bocanegra

Shashank Vura

Venus Dulani

Yash Malhotra

Funding/Finance Team

Dan Liu

Danyal Motiwalla

Dennis Nyanyo

Gauri Khanna

Ishaan Bhattacharya

Kenji Burch

Luca Sepulveda

Luis Plaz

Marina Folz

Internal Operations Team

Han Ko
 Jeevan Kadam
 Michael Baldyga
 Varun Deva
 Zeyu Hu

Publicity Team

Aaron Ferber
 Amanda Lin
 Ami Kurosaki
 Isaac Tejeira
 Joaquin Amante
 Lolita Briggs
 Sofia Bocanegra

Planning Team

Dean Xu
 Gaby Haam
 Fanny Chen
 Ilayda Samilgil
 Jane Kim
 JieHe Joy Han
 Kaushik De
 Lidia Mandava
 Neil Chen
 Rui Maki
 Sara Tayara
 Varun Devatha
 Yiumin Gan

MEMBERSHIP 2017 – 2018 (pre-recruitment)

Total membership: 8 officers, 34 members

All members have voting power

Non-officers are assigned to functional teams

Executive Board Officers

President	Dean Xu	(dx54)
VP of Advocacy	Chiara Benitez	(cb645)
VP of Finance	Dennis Nyanyo	(ddn8)
VP of Internal Operations	Fanny Chen	(ffc24)
VP of Planning	Kaushik De	(kd298)
VP of Publicity	Sofia Bocanegra	(sib35)
Director of E-Board	Vincent Decercq	(vd62)
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ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMMING, AND EVENTS

2016-2017 (past year)

Over the past years, ISU has emphasized on its publicity and outreach to a great extent. We have tried to make the entire student body aware of the existence and purpose of ISU as a byline funding, advisory and programming, and student advocacy organization. For the 2016-2017 year we held the following events:

In Fall 2016, we organized an event called **ISU Summer Party**, which was a welcome-back event for international and domestic students returning to Ithaca. This event was hosted in the Big Red Barn on September 19th, 2016, and included food from Domino's Pizza, social games, and conversations, all of which served to foster the opportunity to get to know new students on campus and also get in touch with the International Students Union for those who have not been aware of it yet. Attendance for this event was 150.

On October 22nd, 2016, we coordinated the **Fall Fest** with the Class Council, where ISU featured a table with international trivia games and different ethnic foods from around the Ithaca community. This event was hosted in Klarman Hall and the food included cuisines represented by Mehek, Hawi, Gangnam Station, Plum Tree, Wegmans, Ruloff's, and Collegetown Bagels. Attendance for this event was 500.

On November 19th, 2016, we organized a charity gala called **"Bal de la Rose,"** which focused on raising relief funds for those affected by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. The event was hosted in Theta Delta Chi and included food catered by Ithaca Bakery as well as performances from dance and music groups on campus. We collaborated with the Haitian Students Union, Cornell ADR, TPDT, CU Absolute, and others. We

raised \$2,200 in total and donated it to the Save our Children Fund. Attendance for this event was 300.

On March 25th, 2017, we hosted our **4th annual International Gala** that brings together various cultural groups on campus to celebrate different traditions and cultures in the Johnson Museum. This time, the event featured performances from music and dance groups and other clubs across campus such as PorColombia, Ghanaians at Cornell, Malaysian Students Association, Chinese Calligraphy Club, Turkish Students Association, Big Red Raas, Key Elements, CU Absolute, Cornell Lion Dance, Professor June (belly dance), and Yamatai. Attendance for this event was over 1,000.

On May 6th, 2017, we organized the “**Brunch on the Quad**” event, where students came to have brunch and socialize before going to the Holi event on the Arts Quad. The event was in a more casual setting and featured lawn games and music, while food was catered from Ithaca Bakery. Attendance for this event was approximately 200.

In addition to the formal events, we also had some activities throughout the years. During the Fall 2016 we organized the annual **Home to Home** program, a collection of postcards from students across campus coming from all over the world to their families for the holidays. Once we collected the cards, we sent them to all families and friends. We also created a **survey on the mental health** conditions of international students, which we can now use for future projects as reference. In the Spring 2017, we also launched a new peer mentorship project called **Home 2 Homies** which allows students to connect on a platform to their fellow upperclassmen in order to receive mentorship. We are trying to match mentors with mentees who have similar academic, professional, and personal interests, and provided them a kick-off event at the start of the semester. The kick-off event included some pizza and presentations of each participant before socializing. Spring 2017 included students (mentees) that were accepted that semester, exchange students, and also transfer students, and the semester served as a trial run.

We have also still worked on the startup called **Ezra Box**, which was developed by ISU in 2015/2016, to help students who don't have the means to store all their belongings with current storage services using a peer-to-peer system. Students having extra space looking to make extra money are paired up using our digital interface with students seeking storage space for cheap. We act as an intermediary and do not profit from any activities.

We also made organizational changes in order to reflect our emphasis on international advocacy by emphasizing a position on our board specifically for **Advocacy**. The primary purpose of this role is to form ties with various international clubs around campus, initiate conversations with international students, identify challenges concerning International students experience at Cornell, host events, forums, and campaigns to help bring awareness to said challenges. In the year 2016-2017, some of these challenges involved the administration's decision to change the international financial aid from need-blind to need-aware, and the decision of the Economics department to abolish the CPT option for enrolled international students, limiting their internship-based work experience possibilities.

2017-2018 (Plans)

For this upcoming academic year, we plan to maintain successful events that we had in 2016-2017 and to extend our list of events for more diversity and outreach on campus, which will include **ISU Global Social (similar to ISU Summer Party), our 5th annual International Gala, and an International Art Gala**. We also plan to revive some of the past events that were successful in the previous years but have not been repeated in the last academic year. This includes the **International Conference**, which served as a platform for dialogue, where guest speakers came to talk to international students about opportunities for those students in the U.S. or abroad. We wanted to address the problems that international students face when getting recruited. In Spring 2018, we plan to make this event bigger by organizing talks throughout one week, and ending the week with a career fair where international students and recruiters from inside the U.S. looking for international students or outside the US will can be paired up.

On-going projects

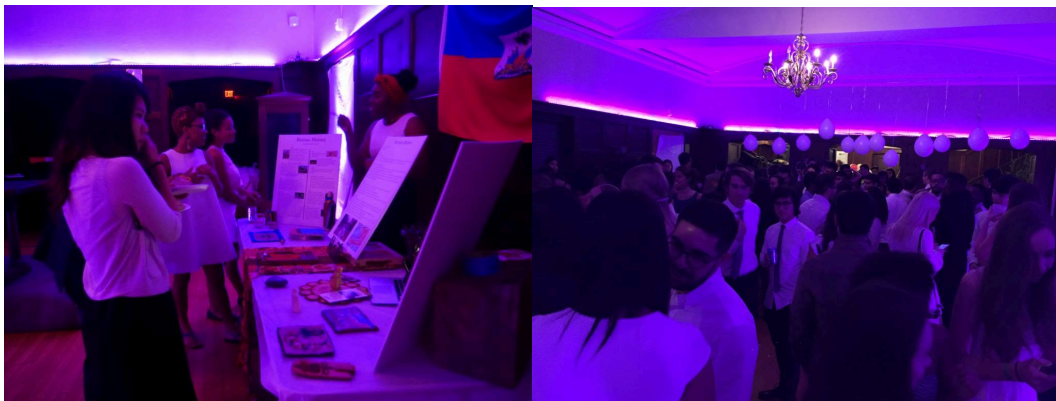
We are also working on expanding the **Home 2 Homies** project (peer mentorship) that we started last semester as a trial run, which turned out to be very helpful for students that are looking for personal guidance. Students are continuing to sign up and learn about the existence of the program through our own advertising and other activities such as PREPARE (international orientation hosted by ISSO). We are currently looking to partner up with on campus meal options that could facilitate individual mentor and mentee meetings through coupons. In addition, **Ezra Box** has been performing well and is increasingly gaining foothold in the student storage world. It has established itself as an affordable peer-to-peer student storage service and has attracted more hosts over the year.



4th annual International Gala, Spring 2017



Home2Homies (Peer Mentorship) Kick-Off Event, Spring 2017



Ball de la Rose (Charity Gala for Haiti), Fall 2016

SUMMARY & RATIONALE FOR FUNDING

REQUEST FROM USAF

Proposed allocation: \$4.81 per student

The ISU believes that the request of increasing the allocation per student per year by to \$4.81 is justifiable, as it composes 2% of the total Graduate & Professional Student Activity Fee yet the impact ISU makes on the great number of international students greatly exceeds 2% on the Cornell campus. In 2016-2017, 10.7% of total undergraduates and 43.4% of total graduate and professional students were international. Moreover, there are a large number of students are identify as being international, but are not accounted for in the official numbers due to their immigration status, making ISU's impact even greater on the campus once these numbers are taken into account. ISU has also increasingly done efforts to attract domestic students to come and experience the amazing international culture at Cornell. There is always a good presence of them during our events, which can clearly be seen throughout the year.

Critically, due to the large expansion of ISU (5 different teams and a general body), a large increase in the number and size of planned events, a greater emphasis on advocacy and increasing presence amongst the general student body, we required more funds for internal spending. Although our constitution allows for internal spending of 5% of our total allocation, we have always kept this item well below this threshold as our focus is on promoting international events, projects, and activities on campus.

We also anticipate a stable increase in the number of international groups that request for funding from ISU, with our ever-increasing visibility and connectivity on campus. ISU used to only consist of the funding board and general body members, but because of our increased impact on campus through numerous activities, ISU anticipates an increase in the funds it requires for international students. Last year, the average amount given to each approved funding request was \$614.93. Overall, the number of groups that applied for funding for co-sponsorship increased by 33% from 54 to 72.

A significant portion of our funds will also serve the advocacy team of ISU as their function has become an essential part of ISU's activities and identity on campus. The funds requested to go towards the advocacy projects will be categorized under "Events organized by ISU" and will be discussed in detail on page 30.

The below table shows our distribution of funds should we obtain the proposed increase in allocation from the Student Activity Fee.

Item	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Previous year balance	\$10,899.40	\$2,343.62	\$2,944.32	\$2,558.89	\$2.77	\$3,375.54
Funding from SAFC/GPSAFC	\$38,907.00	\$40,561.00	\$51,729.00	\$51,729.00	\$85,413.00	\$85,413.00
Others	\$50.00					
Total	\$49,856.40	\$42,904.62	\$54,673.32	\$54,287.89	\$85,415.77	\$88,788.54
Expenses/Co-sponsorships						
# of Requests	90	54	72	83	90	94
Average requested amount	\$862.29	\$1,152.92	\$762.52	\$838.77	\$922.64	\$1,014.91
Average funded amount	\$482.07	\$652.84	\$614.93	\$559.58	\$727.46	\$763.83
% Funded	55.91	56.62	80.64	66.72	78.85	75.26
Total requested	\$77,605.81	\$62,257.43	\$54,901.15	\$69,617.71	\$83,037.99	\$95,401.42
Total funded	\$43,836.03	\$35,253.09	\$44,274.78	\$46,445.47	\$65,471.33	\$71,800.23
Internal Expenditure	\$575.79	\$942.48	\$1,937.73	\$1,937.73	\$2,906.60	\$2,906.60
Events organized by ISU	\$5,687.45	\$4,338.52	\$5,901.92	\$5,901.92	\$13,662.30	\$13,462.30
Total revenue	\$49,856.40	\$42,904.62	\$54,673.32	\$54,287.89	\$85,415.77	\$88,788.54
Total Expenditure	\$50,099.27	\$40,534.09	\$52,114.43	\$54,285.12	\$82,040.23	\$88,169.13
Ending balance	-\$242.87	\$2,370.53	\$2,558.89	\$2.77	\$3,375.54	\$619.41
Total requests	\$77,606.10	\$62,257.68	\$54,901.15	\$69,617.71	\$83,037.99	\$95,401.42
Legitimate requests	\$43,386.30	\$35,253.36	\$44,274.78	\$46,445.47	\$65,471.33	\$71,800.23

For the next years, we expect the number of requests to further grow (but at a decreasing rate as we reach more student groups in total). For this year 2017-2018, we anticipate an increase in number of requests of 15%, followed by 8% and 4% for the years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, respectively. We think it is reasonable to expect average requested amounts to grow steadily by 10%, but we do not see a clear pattern based on past years. However an annual grow of 10% will not even match the average requested amount we experienced in 2015-2016.

With the new funds, we also plan to increase our internal spending by 50%, which is not a significant dollar amount increase (\$1000) but will give us much more power to promote our organization on campus and to work on social events for members of functional teams. This spending would only represent around 3.4% of our total allocation and thus be well below our 5% threshold.

Lastly, ISU projects a 20% increase in international events, which is supported by much enthusiasm that the Cornell community has shown to our organized events in previous years (see page 24). Additionally, ISU is eager to keep supporting and advocating for international students on campus through the projects of the advocacy team. We want to allocate part of our funding to this functional team, which is represented in the strong increase in “Events organized by ISU.” Our rational and breakdown of funds is as follows:

Given the unforeseen and unprecedented series of regressive actions taken by both the University and Federal administration against international students and citizens respectively, the Advocacy team of the International Students Union sees as fit a significant increase in its previously non-existent budget.

While the financial figures might initially appear astounding, consider that ISU Advocacy acts as an Umbrella organization representing the rights of 22.05% of the Cornell student body. This includes 10.7% of the Undergraduate students, and 43.4% of Graduate and Professional students.

Furthermore, the ISU Advocacy team has a track record of success, with significant effect on the University's reinstatement of both the Economic department's Curricular Practical Training Program and Financial Aid's Foreign Student Employment Program. These decisions significantly improved the livelihood of international students. In both instances, members of ISU Advocacy sacrificed academic performance, professional development and even health to fight for the rights of international students. It would be a gesture of recognition, compassion and solidarity for the Student Assembly's Appropriations Committee to make this job easier by providing funding for promotional material and events.

The proposed advocacy budget is organized along 5 general spending categories. These include publicity materials for advocacy campaigns, fundraisers, as well as supplementary programs including a peer mentorship program, mental health awareness and Ezra Box.

Given historical precedent over the past 2 years, we anticipate an average of 4 advocacy events per semester. Advertising advocacy events will be further supported by posterage, with a proposed number of around 4 posters per event.

Fundraising events serve the crucial purpose of raising public awareness and support for pressing international issues. For instance, gathering donations in the form of a charitable gala benefitting disaster relief in response to natural catastrophes in different parts of the world. For these events, we will need to book venues, as well as supply food and amenities to encourage adequate attendance.

Advocacy is proud of its development of a peer mentorship program for international students on campus, which allows experienced international students to guide new international students in the foreign environment of an American College campus. We hope to encourage a close relationship between mentors and mentees through provision of one on-campus meal per semester for each mentor-mentee pair.

ISU has been a participant of Mental Health Awareness Week, held once a year in the fall semester. During this week, ISU provides free postcards and shipping for international students to send letters to their families and friends across the globe. In addition, ISU launched a “You Know You’re International When...” photo campaign in 2016 in order to raise international awareness on campus. We would highly appreciate much-needed financial support for the purchase and processing of these postcards.

In 2016, ISU spearheaded the development Ezra Box, a peer-to-peer platform for storage, allowing students to rent space out or find affordable storage options. In order to advertise and operate this affordable storage option for students from far-flung or international locations, we would be very grateful for financial support.

Admittedly, some of our cost estimates are on the high-end. This is intentional, since we cannot anticipate any and all advocacy expenses due to the volatile administrative positions concerning international students both at the University, federal and global level. A lacking extension of the CPT program or further regressive action on international financial aid would necessitate immediate action by the advocacy team. We need a financial buffer for this.

We thank you for your time, scrutiny and consideration.

Activity	2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020	
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
Quarter Cards	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Posters	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00
Fundraising event expense:	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Coupons for mentor meal	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00
Postcards/stamps	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500</u>
Ezra Box Publicity	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$300</u>	<u>\$300</u>
TOTAL/semester	✓ <u>\$ 3,040.00</u>	✓ <u>\$ 3,540.00</u>	✓ <u>\$ 2,940.00</u>	✓ <u>\$ 3,440.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$12,960</u>			

(GRAND TOTAL is included in the amount for “Events organized by ISU” in projections on page 29)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary for 2016-2017

Co-Sponsorships: Total funded evens	\$44,274.78
Internal Expenditure	\$1,937.73
Events organized by ISU	\$5,901.92
Total Expenses	\$52,114.43
Total Income	\$54,673.32
Beginning Balance	\$2,944.32
Ending Balance	\$2,558.89

Detailed reporting 2016-2017

ISU Financial Statement

created September 2016 apr

* Beginning Balance (as of 08/25/16) With Year End Adjustm

\$2,944.32

Updated 05/10/2017 apr

Revenue

Ref	Date Transferred	Description	Income	Subtotal
R1	9/30/16	FY 17 Student Activity Fee Disbursement		\$51,729.00

Co-Sponsorship Approval

Ref	Date Approved	Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
A1	9/4/16	Indian Association	869.88	720
A2	9/4/16	Cornell Eastern Music Ensemble	352.75	352.75
A3	9/18/16	Spicmacy	2500	900
A4	9/18/16	Asha Cornell	1025	900
A5	9/18/16	Tzu Chi Collegiate Association	98.66	30
A6	9/25/16	Chinese Students Association	499.86	499.86
A7	10/16/16	Jusa	526.63	526.63
A8	10/16/16	oSTEM@Cornell	202	202
A9	10/16/16	Cornell India Assoc.	842.5	842.5
A10	10/16/16	Project Hope At Cornell University	460	150
A11	10/16/16	Cornell Indonesian Assoc.	450	300
A12	10/16/16	Singapore Students Assoc.	368.5	368.5
A13	10/31/16	Chinese Students Association	942.88	942.88
A14	10/31/16	Cornell Taiwanese American Society	405	405
A15	11/6/16	Pakistani Students Assoc.	500	500
A16	11/13/16	Cornell Global Health International	125.05	125.05
A17	11/13/16	La Asociacion Latina	600	600
A18	11/13/16	GPSA Diversity and International Students Com.	450	450

A19	11/20/16	Proyecto Palante	1345	650
A20	11/20/16	Cross Cultural Adoptee Mentorship Prog.	105	105
A21	11/20/16	Crème De Cornell	104.35	104.35
A22	1/29/17	Chinese Students Association	247.55	247.55
A23	2/5/17	UNA USA Cornell	83.63	83.63
A24	2/5/17	Mapping Society at Cornell	69	69
A25	3/5/17	Ghanaians At Cornell	2000	2000
A26	3/5/17	Cross Cultural Adoptee Mentorship Prog.	46.49	46.49
A27	3/5/17	Cornell Malaysia Association	1720	500
A28	3/5/17	Cornell Taiwanese American Society	448.04	335
A29	3/5/17	Mainland China Student Association	1080.5	1080.5
A30	3/5/17	Cornell Eastern Music Ensemble	372.75	372.75
A31	3/5/17	Ghanaians At Cornell	1384.52	1134.52
A32	2/26/17	Scandinavian Society	1088	0
A33	3/12/17	Asha Cornell	1000	850
A34	3/12/17	AISEC	1215	1215
A35	3/12/17	Spicmacy	1200	1200
A36	3/12/17	oSTEM@Cornell	650	650
A37	3/12/17	Language Program House	300	285.89
A38	3/12/17	Graduate Women in Science	265.66	265.66
A39	3/12/17	Cornell Asian Pacific Islander Association	178	178
A40	3/19/17	CU JUSA	1186.36	1089.98
A41	3/19/17	Cornell Welcomes Refugees	1367.2	1367.2
A42	3/28/17	Cornell Organization for Labor Action	200	200
A43	3/28/17	AISEC	2615	2500
A44	3/28/17	Proyecto Palante	790	500
A45	3/28/17	Proyecto Palante	1166	1000
A46	3/28/17	Global China Connection	2018	375
A47	3/28/17	Nigerian Student Association	1309.5	800
A48	4/16/17	CUSLAR	250	250
A49	4/16/17	Cornell Bhangra	2891.49	2891.49
A50	4/16/17	Cornell Taiwanese American Society	371.96	371.96
A51	4/16/17	Orchestra Board	1000	644
A52	4/16/17	Society for India	658.8	405
A53	4/16/17	HanCum Korean Trad Dance Team	667	417
A54	4/16/17	La Asociacion Latina	533	533
A55	4/16/17	Cornell Filipino Assoc	511.69	511.69
A56	4/16/17	PHI SIGMA Pi	375	275
A57	4/16/17	ALPHA KAPPA DELTA PHI	416.86	416.86
A58	4/16/17	The India Association	1835	1835
A59	4/16/17	Cornell Vietnamese Assoc.	509.75	509.75
A60	4/16/17	NK Focus	863.8	863.8
A61	4/16/17	Cornell Ccamp	29.51	29.51
A62	4/16/17	African Dance Repertoire	241.5	241.5
A63	4/16/17	ALPHA PHI OMEGA	2000	2000
A64	4/16/17	Carol Tatkon Center	55.53	55.53
A65	4/30/17	Cornell International Affairs Review	370	370
A66	4/30/17	HongKong Student Association	475	475
A67	4/30/17	Cornell Vietnamese Association	325	325
A68	4/30/17	Queer and Asian Society	1110	1110
A69	5/7/17	Ghanians at Cornell	65	65
A70	5/7/17	DISC	1788	875
A71	5/7/17	Wanawake Wa Wari House	455	455
A72	5/7/17	AIESEC	328	328
Total			\$54,901.15	\$44,274.78

Internal Spending

Ref	Date of Expense	Expense and Event Purpose	Total Amount
B4	9/17/16	ISU Website Domain Registration	13.17
B5	8/22/16	Reimbursement for Binoy for Weeby Starter Site total 18 months. Pending	158.76
B6	10/1/16	Reimbursement Aliya Ali ISU New Members Meeting	130.00
B7	10/18/16	Reimbursement Jeeah Eom ISU Summer Printing costs	61.05
B8	11/22/16	ISU T shirts from PSP Unlimited	293.25
B10	12/2/16	Reimbursement to Vincent DeClercq	28.00
B11	12/8/16	Reimbursement Sonali Tolani	30.29
B12	2/15/17	Reimbursement Sonali Tolani	41.04
B14	3/21/17	Reimbursement Aaron Ferber	18.00
B15	3/21/17	Reimbursement Aaron Ferber	93.96
B16	4/12/17	PSP Unlimited Inc.	375.00
B17	4/18/17	Dinner for new ISU Board Members with Advisor	152.06
B18	4/23/17	Reimbursement for Sofia B	62.62
B19	5/4/17	Dean Xu Reimbursement	12.00
B20	5/4/17	Dean Xu Reimbursement	170.00
B21	5/10/17	Dean Xu Reimbursement	143.37
B22	5/18/15	Aaron Ferber Reimbursement	105.21
B23	5/18/17	Sofia Bocanegra Reimbursement	49.95

\$1,937.73

International Events organized by ISU

Ref	Date of Expense	Expense	Total Amount	EVENT/PURPOSE
B1	9/17/16	ISU Summer Party/Welcome Back	290.00	BRB Room Rental
B2	9/17/16	Reimbursement Aliya Ali ISU Summer Party Supplies	76.46	Summer Party Decorations and supplies
B3	9/17/16	Dominoes Pizza for ISU Summer Party	265.61	Promotions
C1	10/18/16	Reimburse Aliya Ali for Wegmans's Expense	88.09	Fall Fest Food Tasting Event
C2	10/20/16	Reimburse Aliya Ali for Hawi Ethiopian Restaurant	54.00	Fall Fest Food Tasting Event
C3	10/22/16	Collegetwon Bagels	73.85	Fall Fest Food Tasting Event
C4	10/22/16	Gangnam Station Restaurant	112.00	Fall Fest Food Tasting Event
C5	10/22/16	Mehak Cuising	80.00	Fall Fest Food Tasting Event
C6	10/22/16	Rulloffs Collegetown	100.00	Fall Fest Food Tasting Event
C7	10/22/16	Plum Tree Restaurant	52.50	Fall Fest Food Tasting Event
C8	11/11/16	Reimburse Ilayda Samigil (lights)	171.00	Charity Gala
B9	11/15/16	Reimbursement to Venus Dulani for Home to Home Postcard Event	252.91	
C9	11/15/16	Reimbursement for Aaron Fecher	21.85	Charity Gala, cutlery
C10	11/15/16	Reimbursement Aliya Ali	116.88	Charity Gala decorations
C11	11/19/16	Collegetown Bagels Catering	841.39	Charity Gala Event
C12	1/25/17	Reimbursement Kaushik De	125.10	Home to Home Postcard Project
C13	3/25/17	International Gala	2100.00	Rental Space in Johnson Museum
C14	5/1/17	Ithaca Bakery Catering	658.93	
C15	5/4/17	Peer Mentorship Event	87.00	Peer Mentorship Event
C16	5/2/17	Ilayda Samigil	89.17	Decoration for International Brunch Event
C17	5/3/17	Joy Han	102.92	Tablecloth for International Brunch on Quad Event
C18	5/4/17	Yiu Min Gan	64.48	Cotton Candy Machine
C19	5/4/17	Fanny Chen	41.97	Lights for Brunch on the Quad Event
C20	5/4/17	Yiu Min Gan	14.72	Power Cord for Brunch on the Quad Event
	5/9/17	Jkaushik De	21.09	Candy for Lift Your Spirits Day
Total			\$5,901.92	

HISTORICAL SUMMARY COMPARISON

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Sponsorship	\$34,393.66	\$43,386.03	\$35,253.09
Internal spending	\$141.75	\$575.79	\$942.48
Organized events	\$1,358.10	\$5,687.45	\$4,338.52
Ending balance	\$10,799.79	-\$242.87	\$2,370.53

HYPOTHETICAL CUTS

Item	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	10% cut	25% cut	35% cut
Previous year balance	\$10,899.40	\$2,343.62	\$2,944.32	\$2,558.89	\$2,588.89	\$2,588.89	\$2,588.89
Funding from SAFC/GPSAFI	\$38,907.00	\$40,561.00	\$51,729.00	\$51,729.00	\$46,556.10	\$38,796.75	\$33,623.85
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Expenses/Co-sponsorships							
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Average request per group	\$862.29	\$1,152.92	\$762.52	\$762.52	\$762.52	\$762.52	\$762.52
Average funded per group	\$482.07	\$652.84	\$614.93	\$614.93	\$584.18	\$491.94	\$430.45
% Funded	55.91	56.62	80.64	80.64	76.61	64.52	56.45
Total requested	\$77,605.81	\$62,257.43	\$54,901.15	\$54,901.15	\$54,901.15	\$54,901.15	\$54,901.15
Total funded	\$43,836.03	\$35,253.09	\$44,274.78	\$44,274.78	\$42,061.04	\$35,419.82	\$30,992.35
Internal Expenditure	\$575.79	\$942.48	\$1,937.73	\$1,937.73	\$1,453.30	\$1,356.41	\$1,162.64
Events organized by ISU	\$5,687.45	\$4,338.52	\$5,901.92	\$5,901.92	\$5,016.63	\$4,131.34	\$3,541.15
Total revenue	\$49,856.40	\$42,904.62	\$54,673.32	\$54,287.89	\$49,144.99	\$41,385.64	\$36,212.74
Total Expenditure	\$50,099.27	\$40,534.09	\$52,114.43	\$52,114.43	\$48,530.97	\$40,907.58	\$35,696.14
Ending balance	-\$242.87	\$2,370.53	\$2,558.89	\$2,173.46	\$614.02	\$478.06	\$516.60

10% cut	\$ Decrease	% Decrease
Funding decreased by	\$5,142.90	10%
Co-Sponsorship decreased by	\$2,213.74	5%
Internal Spending decreased by	\$484.43	25%
Hosted events decreased by	\$885.29	15%

25% cut	\$ Decrease	% Decrease
Funding decreased by	\$12,902.25	25%
Co-Sponsorship decreased by	\$8,854.96	20%
Internal Spending decreased by	\$581.32	30%
Hosted events decreased by	\$1,770.58	30%

35% cut	\$ Decrease	% Decrease
Funding decreased by	\$18,075.15	35%
Co-Sponsorship decreased by	\$13,282.43	30%
Internal Spending decreased by	\$775.09	40%
Hosted events decreased by	\$2,360.77	40%

The above tables show proposed decreases in spending should ISU receive 10%, 25%, and 35% cuts in its current allocation. The area that would see the most cuts would be ISU's internal spending. For any decrease in income, we would classify internal spending as the least significant in relation to giving back to the student body. However, internal spending is an essential part to grow the strength of functional team members.

The next largest area we would implement cuts is ISU organized events. The events that we organize have been very popular in Cornell, with our annual International Gala last year reaching an attendance of over 1,000. To impose drastic cuts in this area, while necessary (should our allocation decrease), would be regretful not only for ISU but also for the larger Cornell Community. Our events are also are best gateway to the whole Cornell community, it is where we can recruit new members, gain recognition, and bring together various cultural groups on campus to share and celebrate internationalism.

The last area that ISU would implement decreases should we have such cuts in allocation is co-sponsorship with international organizations. This is because it is our objective to support these clubs in furthering our common mission of spreading international awareness and interaction in Cornell. As the funding function of ISU has become increasingly popular for supporting internationally oriented events of small and large organizations, we want to maintain good relationships to these student groups.

Lastly, any decrease in by-line funding would leave the advocacy team, which has become an essential part of our identity, without funds to support new projects financially. Thus, a decrease would be regretful as it not only would weaken our internal spending, hosted events, and co-sponsorship, but also diminish the function of the advocacy arm which has served as the voice of marginalized groups on campus.