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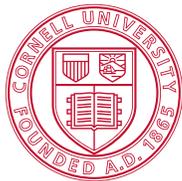
Organization	Professional Fraternity Council
2018 – 2020 Allocation	-
2020 – 2022 Request	\$1.25
Appropriations Committee Recommendation	\$0.50

Rationale of the Committee

The Committee voted to fund the Professional Fraternity Council (PFC) at \$0.50 for the 2020-2022 Byline Funding Cycle.

One of the reasons that The Committee did not feel comfortable with funding PFC at the requested amount was because of their lack of a diversity and inclusion plan and action items. Diversity and Inclusion was something that was brought up by the presenters numerous times, but when asked about concrete plans for their efforts there were no examples of how they planned on instituting diversity initiatives into their recruitment practices. Furthermore, The Committee felt that financially incentivizing Professional Fraternity Organizations (PFOs) to diversify their organizations, rather than a moral obligation and commitment to diversity was alarming.

Another reason that The Committee did not fund PFC at the requested amount was because of their lack of explanation for how they foresee the selectivity of PFOs changing with the funding that PFC anticipated. PFC mentioned that they wanted to use the money they would receive so that each individual PFO could more widely spread their resources to the broader Cornell community, however when asked about how the selectivity would change and how the resources that the PFOs would be used differently with the funding, presenters commented that members of the PFOs are given special one-on-one attention as a reward of making it through the recruitment process and their dedication to the organization. When discussing whether or not an organization should receive byline funding, one of the main points is how widely the organization and its mission reaches the whole student body. While the efforts to make resources more readily available are valiant, The Committee did not feel it was right to fund



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organizations that will still be keeping resources solely for their members, when every undergraduate student pays for the Student Activity Fee.

Lastly, The Committee felt that there were many aspects of their goals that we did not feel would be possible to hold people accountable to. Namely, the diversity initiatives in the recruitment process. The Committee looks forward to the Spring semester when we will be working with PFC to turn their proposed goals into achievable processes for the upcoming 2 years.

Vote Totals

The committee votes down from the highest amount proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage.

The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$1.25	1-11-2
\$0.50	11-1-2

Respectfully Submitted,

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