



Organization	Alternative Breaks
2016-2018 Allocation	\$1.50
2018-2020 Request	\$2.50
Appropriations Recommendation	\$2.00

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding Alternative Breaks (AB) at \$2.00 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee felt that Alternative Breaks provides excellent opportunities for students to learn about issues of social justice, privilege, and historical oppression in an intensely personal way. The Committee strongly supports the mission of the AB and is truly proud to not only continue funding it, but to provide a 33% increase in its by-line allocation. AB's presentation to the Committee was well thought-out and provided the Committee with a breadth of personal accounts of what their ABs trip meant to the individuals who attended.

We do want to qualify our increase with a couple of recommendations. Firstly, a majority of the committee strongly felt that leaders who attend trips should also support (at least some of) their own costs, either by paying the full trip fee or through paying part of it. Implementing this change would either allow the average trip price to drop, or would increase revenue allowing for potentially more trips. Secondly the committee was concerned that the total trip costs per head is high, and that while AB has a manifest impact on the individuals who are able to go, the purpose of by-line funding is to provide a benefit to the whole (or at least a large part of) the campus community. We would encourage AB to look for ways to involve a larger percentage of campus in its trips or in supporting its social justice mission, and to clearly demonstrate that more than 100-150 students per year can benefit from AB. The Committee also encourages AB to look for opportunities closer to Ithaca to reduce the per head cost, and, coupled with continued donut sales, could increase revenue and reduce trip costs even more, allowing trips to become even more accessible.

Our qualifications notwithstanding, the Committee greatly appreciated the clear time, dedication, and effort that AB placed into its application for funding and recognizes the benefits that AB provides not only for Cornell students, but also for the communities Cornell ostensibly exists to serve. We affirm that AB teaches many students to "learn to serve" and to "serve to learn" and that "service learning is to do *with*, not *for*." We hope the Assembly joins us in accepting our recommendation for AB.

Vote Totals

The Committee votes down, from the highest number proposed to the lowest, to give the group the advantage. The vote totals from the Committee were as follows:

Amount	Vote
\$2.50	4-6-2
\$2.25	5-6-1
\$2.00	7-5-0

Respectfully submitted,

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