



Organization	CU Tonight Commission
2016-2018 Allocation	\$8.55
2018-2020 Request	\$8.50
Appropriations Recommendation	\$7.82

Rationale of the Committee

The Appropriations Committee recommends funding CU Tonight Commission at \$7.82 for the 2018-2020 By-Line Funding Cycle. The Committee felt that CU Tonight provides excellent opportunities for undergraduate students by allowing organizations on campus that might otherwise not have been able to host large scale events the opportunity to do so. It is clear from their by-line packet that CU Tonight emphasizes diversity and inclusion and promotes a vast array of different events on campus. The organization of their officers as well as of the organization as a whole were clear from their presentation and we are proud to continue to fund an organization that offers a sober alternative for students looking to participate in safe, fun activities on campus.

The Committee recommended a new allocation approximately 8% less than the current allocation from the Student Activity Fee to encourage CU Tonight to run down its surplus. At this new funding level, CU Tonight will be able to continue to fund its operations at essentially the same level as it currently does, but will use its large rollover fund to make up the balance for the next two years.

The Committee also has a few recommendations for CU Tonight so that it can continue to provide the well-executed co-sponsorship that it already offers. Firstly, the Committee hopes that CU Tonight can diversify the organizations that use its funding so that the same organizations are not using its funding to supplement their annual budget year after year, especially organizations that already have large discretionary budgets. Ideally, all smaller organizations would be able to access CU Tonight funding and we hope that organizations that have never used funding from CU Tonight could be given priority when funding decisions are being made. Secondly, we hope that the rubric that CU Tonight uses when making funding decisions gives considerably more weight to the cost per head of the proposed event. As it stands, the rubric considers cost per head, but only as one issue among others, such as whether the applicant organization was late to their hearing.

Finally, we want to commend CU Tonight for taking into account our previous recommendations and for being transparent with the Committee. Their officers clearly take their charge very seriously and we are proud to continue to support CU Tonight's mission to "improve the quality of social life on campus by breaking down social barriers that often exist between groups by building a greater sense of community, reducing stress and the problems associated with high-risk behaviors through the funding of late night social events." The Committee thanks CU Tonight for their time and we hope the Assembly joins us in providing this appropriate level of support to such an important campus resource.

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
\$8.50	2-7-1
\$7.82	8-1-1

Respectfully submitted,

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