

# Student Assembly Minutes

## January 27, 2014

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

### 2. Old Business

- MLK Day Leadership Conference
- 1/26 Retreat with Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, and Class Presidents

### 3. New Business

- Confirmation of Nominations
  - All nominations unanimously confirmed
- Discretionary Fund
- Pros:
  - Discretionary fund for Student Assembly would be codified
  - Fund would be used exclusively by the Central Council
  - Would allow for spontaneity; no two-week application for funding necessary; for example, last semester's tailgate
  - Class delegations having access to this money would allow for easier organization of activities for entire class years
  - Student assembly would not have to apply to itself for money
  - Money benefits a very large amount of students
  - Could improve efficiency
  - Like a Student Assembly insurance policy
- Cons:
  - Concerns of amount of money going to limited number of clubs; unfair for Student Assembly to have money they may not need; class years may apply for funding anyway
  - No one should have special access to funding
  - Student Assembly should plan events in advance; unfair that Student Assembly can be spontaneous while other organizations must plan far in advance
  - Not all of the discretionary fund was used last semester; other clubs could have used that money
  - Can go to other sources for money
- Other suggestions:
  - Perhaps include time-bar for use of this fund
  - Perhaps allow committees to use this fund
  - $\frac{2}{3}$  majority required to pass new legislation
  - New legislation will be drafted for next week's meeting; conversation will continue
- For more information of the discretionary fund legislation, email

[sa@hamilton.edu](mailto:sa@hamilton.edu)

#### 4. Funding

Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 1/27: \$82,972.03

Rollbacks (from Fall 2013 Semester): \$6644.52

Money for January Transfers: \$25,230.17

Money for Student Assembly binders: \$44.48

Money for Student Assembly Printing: \$93.00

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR FUNDING

Total requested from Spring 2014 budget (not from holds): \$87,324.86

Total recommended from Spring 2014 budget (not from holds):

\$48,346.12

Amount remaining if recommended funding passes 1/27: \$34,350.95

- New funding codes dictate that SA may give funding based on the merits of proposals
- If CPS is higher than median, organizations must send a statement or come to SA meeting in person
- AHI undergraduate fellows are requesting funding for travel, lodging, and meals at Mr. Shubow's honorarium
- Bowling Club is requesting funding a strategic budget, including jitneys for 11 outings and bowling lanes and shoes
- Dance Team requests new uniforms without letters for non-athletic events, including Mr. Hamilton; these uniforms will continued to be used past this year
- DJ Club requests funding for a new controller, warranty, and case
- Hillel is requesting for the Heartbeats to play at for an event
- HC Democrats request funding for a Comedian
- IMF is requesting funding for a strategic budget, including possible talent
- Mock Trial requests funding for tournaments including transportation, lodging, and meals
- NEDAW is requesting funding for a strategic budget, including fact sheets and chocolate
- Random Acts of Kindness is requesting funding for a limited amount of students to enjoy free opus drinks
- Spanish Club is requesting funding for a screening license
- Asian Cultural Society, HamTrek, Hunger Games, Powder Club, React to Film, SLU, and Untitled@Large are asked to resubmit

Funding is passed in full.

Note to Student Body:

- Strategic planning is one budget for an entire time span (full year, full semester, or half semester); organizations with strategic budgets can also apply for funding for new events (up to 50% of the initial budget proposal)

## **5. Committee Reports**

- Constitution
- New discretionary fund legislation (see New Business)
- Elections
  - Elections for Class of 2015 Representatives begin Thursday
- Cultural Affairs
  - planning for a speaker (tentatively April 7)
- Facilities
- Food
- Health and Safety
- Goal to improve health center hours Plans to work with Active Minds to help students coping with mental illness and provide an open space for discussion on mental health issues
- Philanthropy
- Meetings at 7:00pm on Thursdays in the Sadove Art Lounge Valentine's Day Carnation & Rose sale coming up
- Social Traditions
- Meetings at 8:00pm every other week on Mondays in the Beinecke Fireplace Lounge FebFest will be February 8 to 15; pint glasses will be sold
- Student Interests
- Meetings 7:00pm on Wednesdays
- Laser tag was a huge success!
- Starting a forum this semester
- Technology
- Goals of improving Wi-Fi
- Will promote student knowledge of on-campus technology tools

## **6. Announcements**

- NY6 Conference  
Committee sign-ups this week