Student Assembly Minutes 3-10-2014

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Old Business
3. New Business
   • Teresa and Daniela: Advising Website
     ◦ Goal of creating a page where students could go to find comprehensive information about academic planning
     ◦ Current site is still a work in progress
     ◦ Includes key dates for specific class years, in this case, sophomores
     ◦ Includes key tasks about what sophomore should be doing throughout the year, such as declaring and reviewing their educational plan with an advisor
     ◦ Section that states what sophomore should have on their minds in planning for junior year and possibly study abroad
     ◦ Key opportunities section has information regarding campus activities, ways to get involved on campus, and leadership opportunities
     ◦ Links to important resources
     ◦ Bullets in the top section drop down to more detailed content
     ◦ Comments:
       ▪ Most people like all of the pictures
       ▪ “How to use webadvisor” document with information about what program evaluations are and why it’s important
       ▪ Weekly timeline is vague; no one knows what week it is; includes specific dates
       ▪ “Key” gets repetitive
       ▪ Make it clear that the top is a table of contents
     ◦ Email dmanzi@hamilton.edu and tviteri@hamilton.edu with comments and suggestions
     ◦ http://www.hamilton.edu/advising-resources/sophomores
   • Abby and Savannah: NY6 Housing
     ◦ Looking for 8-10 more spaces for students to reside during the NY6 conference
     ◦ Ideally two students in a room, that way no visitors feel uncomfortable
     ◦ Visitors will be asked to bring sleeping bags
   • Ellen and Aleta: Using Social Media to promote SA
     ◦ SA members should use social media so that others know who their representatives are and can share their thoughts
     ◦ Share things that SA has already shared
Max: Constitutional Language
- A very significant amount of money has been spent on speakers this semester
- Students should be bargaining down the price of speakers
- Set speaker caps depending on how many people are projected to attend and how much the speaker is requesting; or, Funding Committee can recommend what percentage of the speaker to fund, depending on how many people are projected to attend and how much the speaker is requesting
- Students should not be agreeing to host speakers; in NY, verbal contracts are viable
- Make it clear that the Funding Committee must be limited in its recommendations, however, the Central Council may override the Funding Committee’s suggestions
- Motion to pass funding changes; funding changes pass
  - Lia Parker Belfer: Y
  - Ryan Ong: Y
  - Felipe Garcia: Y
  - Patrick Bedard: Y
  - Alexandra Rudow: absent
  - Libby Chamberlin: Y
  - Tara Huggins: Y
  - Grant Meglis: Y
  - Marla Marquez: absent
  - Gipper Gailor: Y
  - Catherine Cooper: Y
  - Savannah Alvarado: absent
  - Chip Sinton: N
  - Sara Nolan: Y
  - Abigail Armstrong: Y
  - Austin Engros: Y
  - TC Topp: absent
  - Jordan Zeng: Y
  - Jose Olivares: Y
  - Jeremy Mathurin: Y
  - Matias Wolansky: Y
  - Farzad Khosravi: Y
  - Pheobe Greenwald: Y
  - Bowin Lee: Y
  - Hunter Sobczak: absent
  - Leah Parker: Y
  - Cesar Renero: absent
  - Andrew Fischer: Y
- Alex Hollister: Y
- Benjamin Schafer: Y
- Lia, Ryan, Jose, Aleta, and Andrew: Bates Spring 2014 NESCAC Conference
  - Ideas to consider:
    - Improve student/faculty/staff relations
    - Potential solutions to excessive emails issues; selective emails
    - Fixing funding codes so that money lasts throughout the full semester; rigorous review of budget proposals, emphasis on strategic funding at the beginning of the semester
    - Encourage co-sponsored budgets; provide monetary incentive for collaboration
    - Increasing representation of cultural societies by encouraging cooperation with Cultural Affairs Committee
    - Have a representative from the Student Diversity Council to be the chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee
    - Boosting event turnout by creating incentives; receive tokens at events, tokens would result in a prize
    - Reach out to teachers, coaches, and instructors to help advertise events and create incentives
    - Change alcohol culture by providing environments that have alcohol, but only for students who are 21 or older
    - Wristbands with tabs to regulate alcohol consumption
- Pat: Communication Resolution
  - Communication department closed concentration
  - Removed because the department lacked merit, not interest, however, there is no way to assess merit of concentrations; standards of curricular merit should be established before department concentrations are closed or resources are removed
  - Students interest should be considered when allocating resources to departments
  - Communication is one of the most efficient departments on campus; this is the first concentration to be closed
  - Students have come to Hamilton believing that this was a possible concentration, but students were not given input
  - Motion to pass resolution; resolution passes
    - Lia Parker Belfer: Y
    - Ryan Ong: Y
    - Felipe Garcia: Y
Patrick Bedard: Y
Alexandra Rudow: absent
Libby Chamberlin: Y
Tara Huggins: absent
Grant Meglis: Y
Marla Marquez: absent
Gipper Gailor: Y
Catherine Cooper: Y
Savannah Alvarado: absent
Chip Sinton: abstain
Sara Nolan: Y
Abigail Armstrong: Y
Austin Engros: Y
TC Topp: absent
Jordan Zeng: Y
Jose Olivares: Y
Jeremy Mathurin: Y
Matias Wolansky: abstain
Farzad Khosravi: Y
Pheobe Greenwald: Y
Bowin Lee: Y
Hunter Sobczak: absent
Leah Parker: absent
Cesar Renero: absent
Andrew Fischer: Y
Alex Hollister: Y
Benjamin Schafer: Y

4. Funding
Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 3/10: $3487.92
Rollbacks:
• $70.38 from Caribbean Student Association
• $161 from French Club
• $191.40 from Student Interests Committee

*see attachment for funding

Total requested from Spring 2014 budget (excluding holds): $3194.29
Total recommended from Spring 2014 budget (excluding holds): $2858.99
Amount remaining if recommended funding passes 3/10: $628.93

Student Assembly wants to gain traffic on websites, Facebook page, Instagram, and twitter; people who like or follow will be entered into a
Motion to pass SA discretionary fund; SA funding passes unanimously
Motion to pass Italian Club funding; Italian Club funding passes
Motion to pass block-item funding; block item funding passes

Notes:
• Please send rollbacks back to Student Assembly! If you want to know how much money is left in your organization’s account, contact Noelle Niznik at nniznik@hamilton.edu.
• If you have any questions about funding, contact satreas@hamilton.edu.

5. Committee Reports
• Constitution
  ◦ Funding changes (see above)
  ◦ New constitutional language will be sent to the committee members to discuss after break
• Cultural Affairs
  ◦ Cultural food truck series starts the Thursday after break at 6pm in Sadove
  ◦ Elizabeth Aries will come on April 7th
  ◦ Meetings 7:00pm Wednesdays in Sadove
• Facilities
  ◦ Staff Appreciation Day in the works
  ◦ Campus-cleanup being planned
• Food
  ◦ No meeting this week
• LITS
  ◦ Send feedback about color printers to mschnidm@hamilton.edu
• Philanthropy
  ◦ Super Smash Bros Tournament April 5th
  ◦ Silent Auction Gala in the works
• Social Traditions
  ◦ Working to plan a Tailgate for April 19th
• Student Interests
  ◦ “Student Interests Coffee Hour” yesterday was successful
  ◦ Continuing to work on last week’s projects including chargers to be borrowed and a slip-n-slide
  ◦ Meetings 4:00pm Mondays in Sadove

6. Announcements
• Discussion on vandalism after spring break