

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 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

raffle; funding for gift cards

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