

Student Assembly Minutes

March 3, 2014

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Old Business

- \$287.74 rollback from the Bates NESAC Conference

3. New Business

- Steve Orvis: Discussion on Advising
 - Change in how advisors are selected
 - We do not currently have a uniform method of advising for faculty; no statement about what advising should be
 - Goal to form a clear set of expectations
 - First and second year students in the past have wished they had gotten to know their advisors better
 - Advisors for first-years will typically be one of their fall-semester professors
 - To do this, students will register for classes in the summer, so that their advisors can be selected in advance
 - Students will choose top 4 classes and alternates for each
 - Our peer schools have been doing similar versions of this
 - Seniors will not be required to have their advisors' signatures for any forms
 - Seniors may see their advisors when they think it is necessary
 - Senior advisees will count as ½ of a student in terms of the workload calculation; advisors will have about 20 students on average
 - Students can change advisors more easily
 - New policies can be easily tweaked if they don't work as expected
 - Comments:
 - Let students know at the end of the semester that they can change their advisors if they prefer
 - Have advisors let students know that if there is a professor they get along with, who has time to take them on as an advisee, then they may switch
 - Problematic to have summer registration with 12 classes; students will not get to talk to their OL leaders about balancing classes and workloads depending on different subject matter; if 4 of 12 are selected, there may be an imbalance of writing intensive, QSR, etc...
 - January admits will do the same process but later

- Freshman will learn how WebAdvisor works during orientation
- Email questions or suggestions to sorvis@hamilton.edu
- See attachment for new set of advising expectations
- Zoe, Lily, and Jeanette: Sadove Mural Submission
 - Took feedback from last semester into account
 - Colors of clothes and background are subject to change
 - Comments:
 - Fun, chill vibe
 - Wonderful piece of art, possibly for Opus, however, Sadove basement is not the place for this (parties with alcohol; faces will be drawn on; relaxed theme for art in a party space)
 - People will mess with art no matter where it is; will be nice in the hang-out space envisioned for Sadove
 - Walls are currently grey, and no one has vandalized yet
 - Find a way to protect mural from vandalism
 - Put in lights to highlight the work, to make it more appreciated as a piece of art
 - Motion needs $\frac{2}{3}$ to pass
 - Sadove basement mural passes
 - Lia Parker Belfer: abstain
 - Ryan Ong: Y
 - Felipe Garcia: absent
 - Patrick Bedard: N
 - Alexandra Rudow: Y
 - Libby Chamberlin: absent
 - Tara Huggins: N
 - Grant Meglis: Y
 - Marla Marquez: N
 - Gipper Gailor: Y
 - Catherine Cooper: Y
 - Savannah Alvarado: abstain
 - Chip Sinton: Y
 - Sara Nolan: Y
 - Abigail Armstrong: Y
 - Austin Engros: Y
 - TC Topp: Y
 - Jordan Zeng: Y
 - Jose Olivares: N
 - Jeremy Mathurin: Y
 - Matias Wolansky: Y
 - Farzad Khosravi: Y

- Pheobe Greenwald: Y
- Bowin Lee: Y
- Hunter Sobczak: Y
- Leah Parker: Y
- Cesar Renero: Y
- Andrew Fischer: Y
- Alex Hollister: Y
- Benjamin Schafer: Y

4. Funding

Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 3/3: \$7716.84

Rollbacks: \$974.70 from Mock Trial

*See attachment for funding

Line Item Considerations:

- La Vanguardia:
 - Original price was \$4000, then reduced; this week reduced even further by gaining support from many other organizations
- IMF:
 - Rescinded proposal for this week because money would take away from an on-campus event
- Feminists of Color Collective:
 - Bi-annual speakeasy event
 - Cut costs by working with other offices
 - Internationally renown poet would be present
 - Professor Endsley has hosted previous speakeasies and turnout has been sizable
 - Hopefully 6th semester putting on the speakeasy
 - Usually funded by SA for much more money
 - Other speakers are much cheaper for other events
 - 100 people is the cap of the Sadove living room; will not be able to fit full event
- Class of 2017:
 - Full dinner in the annex
 - Goal to integrate January admits
 - Class of 2015 had a similar event for \$400 and it had a great turnout; not necessary to spend this amount of money
 - Other events being decided on today are open to the entire campus
- LiNK:
 - Cut costs for food
 - Goal to raise funds for \$2500 to rescue a North Korean refugee; donating funds is optional at this event

- This costs more than the Class of 2017 dinner

Funding votes:

- Motion to pass LV; funding for LV passes
- Motion to pass block item funding; block item funding passes unanimously
- Motion to pass FCC funding; funding for FCC does not pass
- Motion to pass Class of 2017 funding; funding for Class of 2017 does not pass
- Motion to pass LiNK funding; funding for LiNK does not pass

Note: please see attachment for current funding codes

5. Committee Reports

- Constitution
 - Proposed funding changes next week
- Cultural Affairs
 - Wednesday at 7:00pm
- Facilities
 - Meeting tomorrow
- Food
 - Meeting Friday
- Health and Safety
 - Nothing new
- LITS
 - Nothing new
- Philanthropy
 - Meeting Thursday night
- Social Traditions
 - Meeting next Monday
- Student Interests
 - Student Interests Coffee Hour Sunday 1:00-2:00pm outside of Euphoria
 - Current projects:
 - Chargers to borrow in the library
 - Slip-n-slide when weather improves
 - TEDxHamilton
 - Meetings Mondays at 4:00pm in Sadove

6. Announcements

- Next week there will be a presentation on the Bates NESAC Conference from members who attended

Hamilton is participating in an energy reduction competition against other NY liberal arts schools and currently winning; Hamilton can receive money if we win; competition ends Friday, so please conserve energy