Student Assembly Minutes
March 3, 2014

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Old Business
   • $287.74 rollback from the Bates NESCAC 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 with 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 ⅔ 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
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 NESCAC 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