1. Call to Order
   ● Attendance
      ■ Present
         ● Jon Stanhope
         ● Peggy Horne
         ● Ramisa Tasnim
         ● Ryan Bloom
         ● Nani Suzuki
         ● Max Kohn
         ● Ilana Schwartz
         ● Aleta Brown
         ● Jeremy Cottle
         ● Conor Craven
         ● Mari Hiller
         ● Conor O’Shea
         ● Adam Markhoff
         ● Antonia Ng
         ● Zach Oscar
         ● Jack Martin
         ● Jake Engelman
         ● Adrian Summers
         ● Harry Dubke
         ● Samantha Gordon
         ● Jonathan Kirshenbaum
         ● Jordan D’Addio
         ● Ben Katz
         ● Ishan Bhatia
         ● Cesar Domenech
         ● Katherine Barnes
         ● Eseosa Asiruwa
      ■ Excused
         ● Kacy Hobbis
         ● Julian Perricone
         ● Silvia Radulescu
         ● Ram Franqui
      ■ Absent
         ● Danny Reyes

2. Old Business
   ● Steve Bellona, Associate Vice President of Facilities and Planning:
      ○ Steve Bellona: Good evening. I prepared some quick notes about what we do in regard to charges for events. Essentially what we charge for which is only labor
and materials, just the straight cost of getting the job done. I am going to hear your questions and let that guide the discussion because I am not sure what specific questions you will have.

- **Hannah Fink**: I think one of the confusing aspects is how much we will be charged when we request certain services. I understand that different Physical Plant workers charge different rates. It would be helpful to receive a receipt with the exact amount relating to the event, just to keep our budget updating.

  - **Steve Bellona**: Do you use iService Desk?
  - **Hannah Fink**: Is that 25Live?
  - **Steve Bellona**: 25Live and iService are two different things. iService is for Physical Plant work orders, and it is separate from 25live. 25live is for the manual work. The best way to request feedback on specific costs is to put a work order through iService Desk. If you are planning an event, you can identify your specific event and put a work event in with your account number and it gives you info about your specific event.

  - **Hannah Fink**: If I put everything on 25Live, should I also do it through iService as well?

  - **Steve Bellona**: If you want specific information, you can write us an email or call us on the phone, but you won’t get feedback on 25Live. If you put it through iService, you get feedback with what's taken place. The idea here is that the iService desk provides more feedback than manual work. We get 15,000 work orders a year, so it takes a bit of work to try to get information back to you.

  - **Hannah Fink**: Do you not submit through 25 Live and just iService?

    - **Steve Bellona**: No, you also have to do it through 25Live because you have to put in the information of the event. Yes, we do have different rates. There are different levels for custodians, and it is a step rate, maximized at the 2 year mark. We have 4 people who work when someone is sick, so you pay them a different rate to fill in. They also get overtime. If you are looking for other help like electricians they also have a different rate. If you have any questions about any of this don’t hesitate to pick up the phone and call the Physical Plant office.

- **Noelle Niznik**: Can any student use iService?

  - **Steve Bellona**: It is preferred to use iService when you are running a particular event, or if you are an RA with something related to the resident hall. If it is an emergency, you should be calling campus safety or us on the phone. For normal events, if you are in charge of the event put it on through iService and 25Live. We will see iService desk requests on the Monday following, but if it is an emergency, please call.

- **Jonathan Kirshenbaum**: I am a little confused why this is coming up as an issue. Has the E-Board or you, Steve, gotten any specific grievances?
Ryan Bloom: There's been some confusion with funding in terms of what groups should expect the charges to be. It is hard to figure out how much to budget in those individual instances.

Steve Bellona: If you are looking for more specific information, just pick up the phone and call us. We will try to help you the best we can. A lot of event spaces are already set up, but if you want Physical Plant to set up tables you will be charged. If you set up the table yourself, then you won’t be charged. If you are doing the cleanup, you don’t get charged as much. But if it will take time to clean up, you will get charged much more.

Adrian Summers: Is there a way you could put this information online where people can reference this? I know Student Activities does Org Leadership Training in the beginning of each semester. Is there a way you can present this information to the organizations? A lot of people don’t know this information. Many students who get funding through Student Assembly do not realize about funding for Physical Plant charges.

Noelle Niznik: I can take a copy of this and add it to the website.

Steve Bellona: Yes, we can work on that. We will figure out how to work with Noelle to get this information to student organizations.

Adrian Summers: Thank you, because I did not even know about this information. In the organization I am a part of, we try to extensively clean up because we hope to be charged less. We did not realize that we would be charged for the garbage to be picked up from the building. It would have been helpful if this was online.

Peggy Horne: You said that custodians have different pay levels. Does this make a difference with how an organization is charged for specific requests?

Steve Bellona: Yes, it is a direct charge. If you get someone with lower pay rate, then you get pay that much. It is a straight cost for how much that person is paid.

Adrian Summers: Can people request a lesser experienced janitor?

Steve Bellona: No, we cannot do that. Each custodian is assigned a place, and of course, as they get further up, they have more choice in their place. For organizations, you get whoever is assigned to that place.

Discussion on DMC Pathway:

Steve Bellona: I would like to hear briefly about the desires and expectations, and why you would like this. The first time I heard about it was through Phyllis Breland.

Adrian Summers: A lot of students brought their concerns to me. People are especially concerned about accessibility because there is a lot of dirt and mud in front of the DMC building. This does not create a welcoming feeling towards our cultural education centers. A lot of people are tired of walking through mud and dirt when trying to cross the street. It would be helpful to have asphalt or tar over the grass because it would not only make the building accessible but also a welcoming environment to use it. We do not want a crosswalk just asphalt or tar over the grass so people can walk over. There are other buildings like Benedict
Hall, where there is a pathway that is connected to the street and it goes through the dirt, so we would like something similar. A lot of people who walk through the building that get their shoes muddy and dirty don't have money to replace their shoes.

○ **Hannah Fink:** Well as a member The Womxn’s Center, when walking across the street for meetings, I have had friends who have slipped and fell and it is a hassle to walk through snow and mud. It would be helpful to the students who to the DMC. I’m not exactly sure what the measurements are but I’m guessing that the asphalt would be no longer than 5 feet or this table.

○ **Areej Haroon:** The path stops towards the road when you're walking down from KTSA. There are cars that go through the Dunham parking lot. It would be convenient to have a small pathway there.

○ **Emely Rojas:** ASA has meetings at night and when the sun goes down now with the snow and weather it gets kind of dark and you don’t know what you're walking into. I had new white shoes and they got muddy. It is a hassle.

- **Steve Bellona:** I recognize the issue and I understand there are other pathways that are connected through College Hill Rd such as Benedict and Cooper and Elihu Root House. My concern is that we have multiple paths across the road and this happens to be the most dangerous piece of the road. My concern is with the safety of the students, anytime I think about putting a pathway up to College Hill Rd. It implies that we as Hamilton think it is okay to cross here. I think it is the same with the similar pathways down the road. Personally I would really like to take them out. For the safety of the crossing road, we already have had two people hit. This is a dangerous road and my concern across the board is whether if anywhere along this road, the more pathways we create the more opportunities we have to cross create those dangerous situations.

○ **Conor Craven:** I agree that the college does not want us crossing there. A piece of asphalt will cost thousands of dollars. So we shouldn't encourage students to cross places where it's not safe. It's a question of convenience, not necessity.

○ **Jonathan Kirshenbaum:** I want to preface my comment by saying that I am in no way approaching this issue through the cultural standpoint. In my eyes, this issue seems already asked and answered: we know why a pathway does not exist there. We know the barriers to getting it now. What distinguishes these block of houses is not enough to warrant an entirely new redirection of traffic. Whereas Benedict is an academic building, there needs to be foot traffic to get to academic buildings because there is no alternative. Students have alternate ways of getting there.

○ **Zach Oscar:** We are talking about a convenience rather than a necessary. I have nice shoes but I make sure not to go through the mud. The amount of times it takes to go through the crosswalk to those buildings can't take more than 3 minutes. It is not enough for a help, and will create hazards.

○ **Aleta Brown:** First of all, not building the pavement slab is not going to stop students from crossing. You are not preventing it, you are just making it inconvenient. The people who are already walking there will still be walking
there. I don't think we can say that students will necessary increase in volume. The student who was hit was riding a bike and not slowing down. Just use common sense to cross safely. I also think if it is so bad to build a slab than we should be talking about removing the other slabs around campus. We have to think about how this disproportionately affects the cultural organizations; They don't ask for too much, it's just a slab. If the school is worried about liability, than we can put up a sign. We should really think about how this is affecting cultural groups.

○ Areej Haroon: There is a pathway that leads from KTSA into the streets, so the argument that a pathway is going to encourage people to cross does not make sense when Hamilton is encouraging us to walk through the path from KTSA into the street anyway. When you are crossing the street and trying to get into Saunders because there is no path, people will walk into the street close to the curb all the way down into the Dunham Lot or the nearest opening to avoid walking through the dirt. So, a pathway in between the DMC and the Philosophy building would actually help students who live in Saunders and Dunham be able to get on that side of the street sooner rather than later. I think there's a lot of disconnect with the arguments. In Student Assembly, almost anything we ask for is a matter of convenience. If you are looking it through pragmatism, than Student Assembly should just sit around and save money. This is more than just a matter of convenience.

○ Yassine Dahlek: I also want to just to address a few things. The houses over here are all academic buildings too. I have Philosophy class in the Philosophy building there, and there's no pathway. It is not a matter of just who goes to the DMC. It is similar to the fact that people have pathways to KJ and other places around campus. A majority of us do a lot of work in those buildings. Maybe a lot of you don't go there, but from our perspective it would be helpful to have a pathway to those of us who go through to the DMC. You could also just put it in the middle of the Philosophy and DMC buildings. Honestly I don't see how this is that big of a problem, we go to the DMC often, many times a year. It would benefit anyone who lives in Dunham also which is the largest dorm on campus. This is also a part of the community.

○ Conor O'Shea: First, the liability problem is a big issue. We haven't heard anything from the College's lawyers, and any lay person perspective we can provide from SA is insufficient in handling the liability issue. Legal settlements can easily reach 7-8 figures, so liability has to be addressed. Second, suppose we put asphalt down and it snows from November to April like it does. Regardless of whether you shovel it every day or not, if you don’t treat it – and Physical Plant said they won’t treat or salt it – there will be ice, and then we’ve spent thousands of dollars and exposed the College to liability issues just to have a snow-covered and icy path still there. So a path doesn’t solve winter issues, maybe only mud issues. When it’s wet and muddy out, you can wear proper shoes like boots and use paved pathways to go to the buildings. A pathway from KJ to Minor would be
convenient for someone like me, but I decide whether it’s worth getting my shoes dirty or not for that convenience. This is a balancing test and I don’t think the convenience outweighs the issues.

- **Andres Aguilar (Fluffy):** I just have one main concern which is safety. I think that a pathway should be done. But a huge concern for me is the safety of students. The truth is that some people are not smart enough to look both ways, and there is the whole liability issue with what happens when someone gets hurt. This is a concern for the students. As much as I do see the desire for this pathway, especially because a lot of cultural groups don’t get recognition it is a safety concern. If that pathway is built it does encourage students to walk. Some people speed down through the Hill and it is also huge safety concern.

**Discussion of the creation of an Environmental Liaison to Student Assembly**

- **Jon Stanhope:** Jack, Peggy, Noelle and I have been talking about the possibility of creating an Environmental Liaison to Student Assembly, and we’d like to get all of your thoughts on this.

- **Jack Martin:** I talked to people in HEAG to draft a sample mission statement for the position. What we came up with is: The Environmental Liaison contributes to Student Assembly by promoting sustainable practices in all SA events and by providing weekly updates on club, physical plant, and other sustainability projects.

- **Conor O’Shea:** Would it be more efficient to just either 1) refocus facilities committee, or 2) create a new SA committee? Or do you think adding an additional person to the table as an Environmental Liaison is the best option?

- **Peggy Horne:** I told them to go through HEAG first, because they are a group on campus that focus on environmental issues, and we don’t want to step on their toes. But perhaps what we could do is maybe have the person who is the liaison be a current member of HEAG.

  - **Jack Martin:** I explained a lot of these options to the HEAG folks and they thought that having a liaison would be the best issue.

- **Jonathan Kirshenbaum:** I am personally against a liaison, I think renaming the facilities and redrafting its mission statement would be a more efficient use of time. The DMC liaison, which we used to have, was connected with a specific organization whereas this would be a issue liaison. I don't think we need to create a special position for that, the people from HEAG can come and propose their ideas.

- **Aleta Brown:** I like the idea of having someone tasked with this environmental issue. Maybe we can appoint someone already in SA who can be the liaison. Maybe someone can volunteer, but I think it is important to make this a priority. I believe there were other schools in NESCAC that I talked with that had some sort of environmental liaisons on the Student Governments.
Mari Hiller: We had a sexual assault committee my freshman semester, but it overlapped with SAVES’s mission, so I like the idea of having a liaison directly from HEAG.

Harry Dubke: We have had a few students with experience in healthcare and other things concerned with Health and Safety come to the H&S Committee meetings. We can change the name of the facilities, which would include the environmental issues.

Ilana Schwartz: I agree with Jon Kirshenbaum that adding a position for specific issues would become a slippery slope because there are a lot of issues where we could have potential positions for. We’ve talked quite a bit about setting precedent recently and I don't know if it would be a good idea to add a another person. Maybe facilities could work more with that issue.

Jon Stanhope: We can revisit this and talk about this in the weeks to come.

3. Public Comment Period

Yassine Dahlek ‘19 and Areej Haroon ‘17: I am with Areej, who is the current President of the Muslim Student Association (MSA), and I’m the future president of MSA.

- Areej Haroon: I been in convo with Bon Appetit in terms of increasing halal options for muslim students, in conjunction with Hillel concerning kosher food. I have had to compromise my dietary needs because Bon Appetite does not care enough to provide us with resources. They finally changed the pizza cutters on commons, so now there is separate pizza cutters for cheese pizza and meat pizza. The diner also has cross contamination with pork so there are a lot of items we cannot eat there. We have to ask diner staff to change their gloves. It is a lot of work for Bon Appetit workers and us. In McEwan we constantly have to wait at least 20 to 25 minutes for halal chicken. We as muslim students are constantly asking us to compromise, but we are also Hamilton students and we deserve equal attention. Bon Appetit is not being very transparent. Our advisor Mireille Koukjian alongside Jeff McCarn and Anat Guez, have talked with Bon Appetit about the possibility of halal and kosher food, and now we will have a meeting with Nancy Thompson soon. We just wanted to let Student Assembly know about this issue. This is about equality and making sure our needs are met.

- Cesar Domenech: What are the proposed solutions from MSA?
  - Areej Haroon: McEwen Dining Hall has halal meat but only for certain times and during certain meals. On the weekends there is nothing to eat except vegetarian options. A lot of muslim students have to be uncomfortable with what they eat in order to get a full filling meal. We proposed more halal meat and having a chef that has knowledge about halal meat. The Bon Appetit staff are unfamiliar with making halal meat. For example during one meal, they served halal meat with alcohol which totally defeats the whole purpose. We would also want them to be better at labelling things. For example, there are ice creams and sorbets with gelatin. If something has pork there should be a label or a sticker. Meats and cheeses should also be separated so we can have what's out. It saves everyone time and is more efficient.
4. New Business
   ● Update on “Zach’s Task Force”
     ○ Zach Oscar: Generally speaking, from me, Jack, and Jordan, we all seemed to
       think it went well. Students were vocal and thankful that we were asking for their
       concerns, even when they didn't have much to say. Nine people asked us about
       wifi issues. I explained to the groups that we are trying to increase our visibility
       on campus, and that we encourage them to reach out to us at any point. We talked
       about how people don't know who is on Student Assembly. They know names but
       not faces. I talked to some people I knew and a lot that I didn't know. Overall it
       was a positive experience. People talked to me about the Jitney and I did not
       pretend to represent the entire community, but I told people they are welcome to
       come to the meetings at any time and voice their opinions. I was asked multiple
       times if we were going to do the task force again, and I said the goal was to do it
       every month or couple of weeks, so they seemed appreciative of that. Although
       Jon’s groups hit the same places we did, it was still a very positive experience,
       and we can coordinate it better next time.
     ○ Ben Katz: I agree that it was super helpful. Most of the complaints were about the
       food. However, does it not undermine the point of the committee system if people
       come and talk to the entire central council during public comment period?
     ■ Peggy Horne: Lots of people came specifically because Steve was here,
       We could let people know go to committee meetings
   ● Mentor pairings update
   ● Thank-you to the freshman delegation for putting up new lights on Martin’s Way!
   ● Mohawk Valley leadership conference recap
     ○ Jon Stanhope: Adrian and I went to the conference and overall it was a mixed
       experience. We might have helped broaden other people’s perspectives more than
       they helped broaden ours. Adrian and I agreed that some of the specific group
       exercises helped us to figure out / get in touch with what our personal leadership
       style is, and I think that will transfer well to campus.

5. Committee
   ○ Constitution:
     ■ Before the next SA meeting (Monday, March 6), please send us your
       comments, questions, or concerns about the disciplinary processes of the
       Honor Court, J-Board, and/or Appeals Board. Contact any member of
       Constitution Committee:
       ● Max Kohn – mkohn@hamilton.edu
       ● Conor O’Shea – csoshea@hamilton.edu
       ● Samantha Gordon – sjgordon@hamilton.edu
       ● Ilana Schwartz – ischwartz@hamilton.edu
     ■ We plan to turn these comments/questions/suggestions around and send
       them to the relevant disciplinary bodies on campus before Spring Break.
       Once that happens, we hope to invite those groups/individuals to SA
meetings to field questions that they have had a chance to prepare for, and hopefully to have sit-down meetings involving those individuals and members of the Constitution Committee before the end of the year.

- **Cultural Affairs: Wednesdays at 9pm**
  - Thursday, February 23rd at 4:10pm in Kennedy Auditorium Humanities Lecture by Jonathan Scott Holloway- "The Price of Recognition: Race and the Making of the Modern University."

- **Facilities:**
  - We are going to put cheat sheets about fabric settings on the washers and dryers to hopefully help students.

- **Food:**
  - The rotten peppers are not used, sometimes they are rotated.
  - People are using the gluten free areas with foods that contain gluten, please reiterate that this is not okay. This is not a convenience issue.

- **Health and Safety: Sunday at Noon**
  - Planning to meet with Tina Hall to solicit feedback from the community regarding Sexual Misconduct

- **LITS: Tuesdays Burke 215 @ 9pm**
  - Newest version of the Hamilton App is up! (Hillcard reloading, WHCL showtimes and host, updated dining hall menus)
  - Met with LITS Committee lead by David Smallen on Feb 23. We discussed: Information services for retirees and suggested change in composition of the Library and IT Committee
  - Tinker Tuesday, February 28, at 4 p.m. in Burke Library where we will explore 3D scanning // More Burkeshops coming in March. The times will be after 4

- **Philanthropy:**
  - Working on social silent gala

- **Publicity:**
  - Sent in information to update the committees on the website! Working on finalizing headshots

- **Social Traditions:**

- **Student Affairs: Sadove Lobby on Mondays at 8:45pm**
  - Regarding NY Times web subscription: Student Assembly has a subscription to the New York Times. We receive 100 online daily passes for the NYT. You can access the online subscription using your Hamilton.edu email address to make an account on the NYT website: [https://myaccount.nytimes.com/verification/edupass](https://myaccount.nytimes.com/verification/edupass). Once you've made your account, the pass still must be renewed every 24 hours (or whenever you want to access the site again) which can be done by returning to the above link and providing your login information--you will then be prompted to claim a pass which should grant you access for another 24 hours.
Our new email is up and running! Our goal is to use this tool as a means of connecting the Hamilton community to the Student Assembly. We'll be sending out important information in the future, but if you have a question, comment, or concern relating to SA, Hamilton admin, school policy, etc. you can reach out to us at sac@hamilton.edu.

6. Funding
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Amount Requested: $7,930.85  
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- **Drew McArthur ’19:** Hi guys, I’m Drew and I’m a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE). I have been in contact with three musicians. There are 3 rappers who are interested in coming to campus. DKE has the Annex reserved as a social space, and this would be just like any other Annex party but with six rappers, since there are three students who also want to perform. I have been told that Student Assembly has not had a precedent for funding social space events. However, DKE just doesn't have the money. It will cost $1500 for three musicians, which is cheap for one musician nevermind three musicians. I know alcohol is also an issue, but I did talk to Kaity and she looked through the rules. We are aware you can't fund alcohol, but there’s nothing related to funding events with alcohol. This funding would just go towards paying the musicians.
  - **Ryan Bloom:** You are right; that is not in the funding codes. However, it has been the precedent to not fund events in social spaces. With that said, my personal
feeling is that we should fund you in full, and that it should not be a hard-and-fast rule to not fund events in social spaces. So I’m leaving it to the rest of the Council to make that precedent clear tonight. If we do want to continue not funding events in social spaces, we should put that in the funding codes.

- **Max Kohn:** We, as the Constitution Committee, do not want to recommend the creation of a new rule that would prohibit SA from funding events that involve alcohol (like this type of party).
  - **Harry Dubke:** What rule?
    - **Max Kohn:** We don’t want a new rule that prevents Student Assembly from funding these types of events.

- **Ilana Schwartz:** I feel like we set a precedent last semester when we funded Nightshift. This event sounds along the same lines, but I don't remember if that had alcohol. Even more, we’ve funded the soccer team’s tailgate event, and there was alcohol there. I think there is no reason why we should not fund this.

- **Cesar Domenech:** I think we should have some kind of presentation from DKE, because we should know if we are getting quality performers for campus.

- **Conor O’Shea:** We don’t put any other club bringing performers or individuals to campus through the ringer like this – we didn’t make PBX or SAVES do a PowerPoint for the people they brought to campus. We have no reason to believe the budget was submitted in anything but good faith, so I hope we aren’t taking this as an opportunity to unfairly put a Greek society in the hot seat because it’s a more social-focused club.
  - **Cesar Domenech:** It wasn’t my intention to give them a hard time.
  - **Conor O’Shea:** Well, to ask them to do an unnecessarily formal presentation on who the artists are would be giving them a hard time, yes. This is a legit budget and funding request that doesn’t deserve this heightened scrutiny here.

- **Ben Katz:** Since Greek organizations have dues, do we subsidize Greek organizations?
  - **Peggy Horne:** Yes we do. There are plenty of other clubs that collect dues that we also subsidize.
  - **Ryan Bloom:** In this case, they told us that they will be using their own money from dues for advertising, set up, clean up and other logistical expenses. The money they are asking for is going just to performer fees.

- **Cesar Domenech:** I didn't mean to have them go through such a hassle. I was just thinking it would be good to know who the rappers are. Can you please just say their name and who they are?
  - **Drew McArthur ‘19:** There are three artists. Most of these are underground rappers. The first is B Aull from Maine. The other two are Eric Axelman and B33T JUIC3. These two are rappers my friend knows personally. They are mentors for my friend. I have listened to their music and it is good. It's not a concert where everyone knows them but it is an Annex party with six rappers. It would be a cool event to go to because of the live music.

**Funding passes as recommended**

- **Ryan Bloom:** Muslim Student Association requested money for performer fees and food. We recommended less than the full amount because the Funding Committee can only
recommend 85 percent of entertainer fees over $2000. The Central Council can override that if they want. We cut the food and utensils because the prices of different food items weren't listed, but we encourage MSA to resubmit with more detailed information.

- **Yassine Dahlek’ 19:** The group is called Journey West. It is a Turkish Iranian Arab group. We are trying to bring this Middle Eastern culture that is demonized in the West here to campus. They are also trying to get refugees to come perform with them. Part of the event is a workshop to inform people of culture, and increase solidarity with immigrants and refugees.

- **Areej Haroon’17:** So in the past we have done this event called Fast-a-thon where we have asked students to fast and give up at least a breakfast lunch swipe. Bon Appetit gave us 5 dollars for every two students. One year we gave a scholarship to a student from a low socio economic status from Proctor High school. Last year, money was donated to the Amal foundation which was created for refugees by a couple of Hamilton alumni. However, Bon Appetit has decided to stop funding this event. The purpose of the dinner we have at the end of Fast-a-thon is to provide dinner for those who are fasting. So we cannot find funding this year and therefore we are bringing this band. They have worked all around the world and they are pretty accomplished. Their music treks from Middle East to the Americas, and is accompanied with a slideshow. Their performance and workshop brings in a diverse element to our Hamilton community. The director talked with us and was interested in reaching out to refugee citizens. He found a refugee in Boston who wants to perform with the group. We are proposing it to be in Sadove basement and we are working it on it right now. Some of the proceeds the performers will receive will go to the UN Migrant efforts. The food aspect we wanted to bring was just Grapevine. They have items that are halal that we can order.

- **Jon Stanhope:** Just to clarify, you are asking us to override the 85% rule based on the merits of this specific proposal?
  - **Peggy Horne:** What was the total speaker cost?
  - **Jake Engelman:** $5000.
  - **Conor O’Shea:** This sounds like an amazing event. On the food and utensils I encourage you to resubmit. As to the speaker fee, we discussed this recently to clarify the rule. Any amount over $2000 we only give 85% – so every dollar you request over $2000, you get $0.85 on the dollar. The rules are in place for a reason, and I’m hesitant to suspend that rule just because the proposal is a cool event. Have you guys reached out to cultural groups like the DMC or other sources of funding on campus? Perhaps the Government Department would be interested, too.
  - **Areej Haroon ’17:** We just heard from Music Department and they are willing to fund us $200 which we will be giving out to performance fee. The concert is on the 22nd of April, so there’s still time.
  - **Zach Oscar:** Perhaps the religious studies department might help out. I have to agree with Conor, I don't think we should break the precedent just because this rule is good. I think the other $250 can come from reaching out to other
departments. The point of the rule is to reach out to as many other groups as possible
○ Samantha Gordon: The Levitt Center might also be interested in funding this especially through Project Shine, which works with refugees.

**MSA funding passes as recommended.**

- **Ryan Bloom:** Shenandoah and ASA were asking about reimbursements after events, which we don't do, so we recommended zero.
  - **Ben Katz:** Didn’t we give Debate money for something that happened last semester?
  - **Ryan Bloom:** Yes because we had to. The school can’t damage relationships with other schools and institutions by leaving a $420 budget unpaid. This is an anomaly and Debate has been informed that if this happens again they will lose funding eligibility for a semester.

**Shenandoah Initiative and ASA funding passes as recommended ($0).**

- **Ryan Bloom:** Film Club is recommended in full, their budget looks great and meets the 10-day rule requirement.

**Film Club funding passes as recommended.**

7. **Announcements**

- **Womxn’s Center, BLSU, LV, ASA, FCC and The DMC present Hamilton College’s first ever Women of Color week.**
  - **Monday:** Diane Nash gave a great speech in the chapel!
  - **Tuesday:** Womxn Center and BLSU are holding a meeting about Black Women in the Arts at 9pm in the DMC
    - ASA is holding a meeting about Asians and their role in the POC community 7pm the DMC
  - **Wednesday:** Womxn Center, BLSU, LV, ASA and FCC are hosting *Navigating Predominantly White Spaces*, a round table discussion about how Women of Color can navigate Hamilton and beyond, featuring upperclassman and panelists of color at 7pm in the Sadove living room
  - **Thursday:** Womxn Center and BLSU are hosting a Women of Color Banquet in honor of women of color on campus at 7pm in the Barn.
  - **Friday:** Womxn Center and BLSU present a Film Screening and Discussion about the different aspects of colorism, an issue influencing many women across communities of color at 4:30 pm in the Red Pit.
    - LV is hosting Soy Yo “I Am Me” a Late Nite Event celebration of Latina Women at 9pm in the Barn. Each table is inspired by an inspirational Latina woman who has contributed to history through politics, music and art.