Attention: Due to a shortage of candidates at the election rules meeting on 4/23, Student Assembly will be holding a second election rules meeting for the Class Representative election only on Sunday, 4/30 at 9:00pm in KJ-102. Please encourage your friends to run for a position--we need all voices heard and represented in order to make concrete steps toward positive social change, together.

1. Call to Order
   - Attendance
     ■ Present
       ● Jon Stanhope
       ● Ramisa Tasnim
       ● Ryan Bloom
       ● Nani Suzuki
       ● Max Kohn
       ● Silvia Radulescu
       ● Kacy Hobbis
       ● Ilana Schwartz
       ● Jeremy Cottle
       ● Danny Reyes
       ● Mari Hiller
       ● Conor O’Shea
       ● Antonia Ng
       ● Zach Oscar
       ● Jack Martin
       ● Adrian Summers
       ● Harry Dubke
       ● Samantha Gordon
       ● Jonathan Kirshenbaum
       ● Jordan D’Addio
       ● Ben Katz
       ● Ishan Bhatia
       ● Cesar Guerrero
       ● Julian Perricone
       ● Eseosa Asiruwa
       ● Aleta Brown
       ● Nadav Konforty
       ● Muhammad Najib
       ● Jake Engelman
     ■ Excused
       ● Adam Markoff
     ■ Absent
       ● Conor Craven
2. Old Business

3. Public Comment Period

- Aimee Germain: Election
  - Aimee Germain: Thank you for allowing to speak at this forum. For those of you who do not know me my name is Aimee Germain and I am the Associate Director of Diversity and Inclusion. I am here today because I read the agenda for today and saw the notes about election. One of the things I am passionate about is public engagement and public service. You are all doing good work. You are problem solving and critical thinking and sometimes it is hard. It is heartening to hear you struggle through these things and find solutions. I hope you encourage your friends to serve on this assembly. These issues can be challenging but it is part of shared governance, you have to talk to each other. Please encourage people to join and run for office, that is the only way to change the issues that persist on campus. Lastly I want to thank all of you for your service this year, I think you are all doing good work!

- Ty: International flavors
  - I am here because we submitted funding and you guys requested to know more about the club. Our group is International flavors, we are going to get food from different establishments and we expect to have 22-24 students, including the eboard members, to eat food from different cultures and discuss the origins and traditions concerning the food. As for the selection process, we will send out two all-campus emails. The first email will tell the date of the event and what we are having, the second one will ask for RSVPs, the first 22-25 people to respond will be able to join.

- Ryan Bloom: The first issue is that the budget was not submitted more than 10 days in advance of when they were trying to hold the event--if you guys can be flexible on the date and push it back to at least May 1st then we can move on to discuss the merits of the budget proposal. Along those lines, our other concern is that the budget seems very vague and it did not sound like you had a solid estimate of people who would come.
Harry Dubke: What events have you held in the past?
Ty: We have not had any other past events, this would be our first event.

Conor O’Shea: Where did you get this 22-25 student figure from? Is this a calculation from a listserv or sign-up sheet, or is this just a guesstimate?
Ty: Right now it is just a guesstimate, it all depends on who shows up the first time. If not a lot show up at first, then we’d request less funding for the next one.
Jake: We have a lot of cultural groups on campus, you could also reach out to them to collaborate in the future to bring in more people.

Ty: We could definitely do that

Jon Stanhope: There seems to be two issues with this. The first is the ten-day rule… In order to meet the 10 day rule are you suggesting they push the event back?

Ryan Bloom: Yes - Anytime between May 1st, and May 8th would be fine.

Jon Stanhope: Is International Flavors able to re-submit tonight?

Ryan Bloom: No, this is the last day for budget review, so it has to be decided here and now. To clarify, this is just our recommendation as funding committee, now this is up to the rest of Student Assembly to vote on the merits of the proposal.

Ilana Schwartz: This definitely sounds like a great idea because we have great cultural restaurants, and it would support local business. I did not realize this was the last day to review budgets -- I don't think we should fund them today because of the precedent it would set.

Ryan Bloom: Just to be clear what is the issue with precedent?
  ■ Ilana Schwartz: We have had past conversations that we just want to follow the rules that are already set in the funding codes [re: ten-day rule].
  ■ Ryan Bloom: To clarify, we have allowed groups to be flexible as to when they are going to do the event. For full disclosure, I have reached out to other groups (Novelists’ Support Group and Roleplaying Club) to ask if they can be flexible with the dates of their events.

Mari Hiller: Since you guys are a new club it is a learning opportunity, budgets are really difficult, I think your club could put more effort in the budget.

Conor O’Shea: For instance, it would help me feel comfortable voting for a budget like this if you explain why you came up with the estimate for the amount of food you need, with real hard numbers rather than just guesstimates. If you have meetings that don’t require funding in the meantime, then you’ll have a more
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realistic sense of what the numbers look like. As it stands now, I don’t feel comfortable voting for this budget as currently construed.

- **Adrian Summer**: What happens to the money we don't spend?
  - **Noelle Niznik**: At the end of the fiscal year the money does not roll over, we would look at ways to use that money to better the entire student body. For example the basement remodel, we can use that money for all students benefit.

- **Silvia Radulescu**: In the past, we’ve used all the money that isn’t spent during the semester on food for Class and Charter Day. In the past we had a Tex-Mex food truck, ice cream truck, etc.

- **Ben Katz**: I think we should find a way for them to do their event this school year, especially considering how much money we have left over.

- **Ilana Schwartz**: This is a learning process for a new club, it would be helpful for clubs because they would know where to go. It’s also a good way to start off next semester.

- **Zach Oscar**: As much as I agree with the idea that we have enough money, my question is what does the budget look like?
  - **Ryan Bloom**: It was just dishes from China Sea... the quantity and price... and then an ambiguous and short description of the event saying it would be about sharing food with the campus community.

- **Zach Oscar**: You mentioned that you want to discuss the culture/traditions of the food that you’re eating, so in the future, it would help to say what specific topics you will be discussing. I also disagree with Ilana’s statement, I think it’s unlikely that a new club will be getting a good amount of attendance especially at the end of the year when we’re all busy with school and other commitments.

- **Ben Katz**: I think that's exactly why we should fund them. People will easily come because it's free Chinese Food and learning.

- **Jake Engelman**: Do you have a place to hold this event?
  - **Ty**: No, not yet.

- **Samantha Gordon**: Now that I know that it is China Sea, I also think you should be looking into smaller, family-run restaurants in Utica since we’re so close and China Sea isn’t *authentic*. This way you’re also helping support smaller local businesses. You should talk to Chaise Ladousa, he is very involved with the refugee community in Utica.
Ilana Schwartz: Also I think doing it in the beginning of the semester will be more official because there will be the activities fair and you can advertise your club more and get more people interested.

Harry Dubke: I think you should reach out to Aleta and shoot her an email since she’s working on organizing a Food Festival at the end of the year.

Zach Oscar: I think the club is a great idea, especially considering the differences in Chinese food in America and in China. I think you will definitely find support and attendance. I just think it was poorly planned right now.

Muhammad Najib: I am in favor of funding them because they are just starting out and it could lead to expanding the club in the future. Clubs usually improve over their first event.

Funding passes as recommended as zero.

4. New Business

- **Dean of Students search committee meetings:** to be held on Sunday 4/30, Tuesday 5/2, and Wednesday 5/3. These will be open to all students. Because the DoS advocates for students’ interests, it is very important that students attend these meetings to talk with the potential candidates. It will be 7:30 and the location is to be determined
  - Jon: This meeting is important to go to because the Dean of Students’ job is to advocate for student needs. If you want the administration to be receptive to our ideas, please go to this. Work to get your fellow students to go to the meetings, too.

- **Election announcement**
  - We have a shortage of candidates for the upcoming school year, so we will be having another election rules meeting this coming Sunday. Keep your eyes peeled for posters and all-campus emails announcing the time and location for the meeting.
  - Jon Stanhope: Muhammad held the election rules meeting and we have a shortage of candidates. We had 15 people show up and there are 18 new positions. Out of the 15 candidates only three were women. Also, the candidates that showed up were not even close to being racially representative of the student body.
  - Harry Dubke: Did we run a publicity campus to get people to run? Or was it just emails?
  - Jon Stanhope: We had three all campus emails, and SA has had plenty of coverage in the Spectator this semester.
  - Harry Dubke: In the future we should have more publicity, we have to go out and put posters up to get people to attend these rule meetings so that they can get their names on the ballot.
Silvia Radulescu: I have a suggestion: we could have Class Presidents post in their class Facebook page and ask people to run. Also we should get out the word out in more informal ways, like by talking to people you think would be good for the job.

Mari Hiller: I think it's frustrating that people complain about SA for an entire semester and then decide not to run and actually advocate for the change they called for.

Zach Oscar: I did mention last week that I was looking for volunteers to work with the task force so please talk to me if you want to participate. We can use it to advertise the election to potential candidates.

Adrian Summers: I was going to suggest the task force. I think it's really great that everyone has had an epiphany situation, I also want everyone to remember that while we must have had this mindset now but history can not be erased. While we are reaching a state where we are seeing that we want more, I think it’s one thing to say people are complaining, and don't show up but it's another thing to say we weren't always like this and we did not demonstrate this feeling to everyone.

Harry Dubke: I know this is a big question to answer but how do you propose we fix that?

Adrian Summers: It takes faces, it's one thing to read the minutes but it’s another for people go up to you and tell you that you would be great to run.

Conor O'Shea: I agree in part with Jon and want to stake a middle ground here. I think that SA has taken some steps forward recently, and that we still have more work to do. That said, it's a two-way street: SA needs to do work to open up this space to be welcoming and inclusive, but that only becomes a success if people then enter that space by choosing to run for office if they feel their interests were not being adequately represented.

Nadav Konforty: I think what we could do for the class of 2021 that is coming is to encourage first year students to start thinking about running. I think if we start getting the new class involved early, more of them might run in the fall.

Cesar Guerrero: I understand some of your points but I want students in the Assembly who are self motivated, I don't want to have to beg or anything to get students to run. Jon, you’ve definitely shown this semester that you want people of different backgrounds to be represented on the Assembly, but students should be proactive in getting themselves elected. You should have to work to get elected, it shouldn’t be handed to you on a silver platter. Students should know that it is not an easy thing to come into.

Silvia Radulescu: I wholeheartedly agree with the idea of reaching out to people individually. Some of the most outspoken and active people on this Assembly got involved because they were approached by someone on Student Assembly to join. It is daunting to run and we do want people who work hard and are driven, but I think a lot of people don't realize that they have the right skills for SA. We notice these qualities about people and we can go up them and tell them to join.
SA. My second suggestion is what Andrew and I did: we reached out to all orientation leaders and asked them what students stood out to them and a lot of people gave us names and we reached out to the individual freshmen and encouraged them to.

- **Aleta Brown**: Just going off of Silvia’s idea and and taking action, we need to step up to the responsibility that was created for ourselves. We need to reach out on a day to day basis, I encourage everyone to do one thing about this no matter how big or small. Just understanding how this is a reaction to what has happened in the past. One small thing can make a huge difference.

- **Ilana Schwartz**: Silvia reminded me how I ran on a write in campaign, I believe these are all valuable points, Reaching out to the incoming class will be hugely valuable because coming out of high school people are excited about their extracurriculars. Everyone who was on in SA at their high school should also consider doing it at Hamilton.

- **Julian Perricone**: I disagree with Cesar’s points, I think the more people you encourage to run, the more competitive it will be. It is highly important to give people the nudge, I also think it should be spearheaded by upperclassmen and the E-board.

- **Adrian Summers**: Cesar, I don't understand what you mean about handing it out on a silver platter…

- **Cesar Guerrero**: It sounded like we were begging for people to run. I feel like this whole semester has been a bashing of SA, but personally I think we did a good job of including people. People on SA should be self starters and be proactive, someone who wants to change things on campus. Also the way we can do that is by advertising our more tangible projects so people can see that SA is making changes.

- **Ilana Schwartz**: I understand your point but I think that something has happened in SA that has limited the openness of SA and people do not feel welcome here. Other students outside of SA have definitely felt that and they have expressed that to us this year. Maybe we are not all fully responsible for that sentiment towards student assembly because it has been an ongoing issue but we are responsible to help fix it as the representatives of all students We are responsible for changing the unwelcoming culture of SA..

- **Jordan D’Addio**: I agree with changing the culture, I just think we need to realize that is a long term goal, so we are currently working on that goal but we need the immediate remedy of how to get people excited now.

- **Silvia Radulescu**: What if you do a second meeting about the rules?  
  - **Muhammad Najib**: We can talk to Constitution Committee about that. (see message at beginning of minutes)

**Action Planning process**
- Final day of brainstorming. Action plan to be drafted this week and debated/amended/voted on next week, at our final meeting of the semester.
Jonathan Stanhope: we need an SA member to be a part of the Athletics committee. If you have an interest in sports or not than please contact me.

5. Committees

○ Constitution: No report this week!
○ Cultural Affairs:
  ■ Working on the remodeling of the Sadove basement. We sent out a survey and people voted for a collaborate space, and also an arcade.
  ■ Aleta Brown: Does collaborative space mean that there will be a small stage?
  ■ Noelle Niznik: The hope is after the survey is completed, it was almost a tie of an arcade and collaborative space. We are hoping you to let us know what it means and what it looks like. To Aleta’s point if you think having a small stage is what you want to see, or if you want game tables, please put that down on your sticky notes,
  ■ Ben Katz: I think it would be cool if there was an arcade because there are a lot of spaces for collaborative spaces on campus but no arcades and everyone loves arcades
○ Facilities:
  ■ We are working on outlet locations such as in KJ and the library, We are working on putting power strips on the second floor of both the library and KJ. We will be talking to Bill Hodgins
  ■ Cesar Guerrero: We spoke with Mike about the bathrooms on campus and I was wondering if anyone thinks that I should take some of the buildings off because we will be replacing the products and there are a lot of bathrooms
  ■ Silvia Radulescu: Do you count all bathrooms in buildings or just the first floor?
  ■ Cesar Guerrero: I have all the bathrooms for all the buildings. Also I chose the brand for tampons and it was Tampax Pearl. It is 15 cents per tampon. For pads I picked infinity pads with flexi wings and that is around 18 cents for pads. Do you guys think it is smarter to do first floors?
  ■ Silvia Radulescu: Maybe we should just do first floors for now? And once the program becomes more popular or we have better feedback, we can expand to more bathrooms.
  ■ Adrian Summers: Cesar, the last time we spoke we talked about taking the summer to regroup and figure out the logistics and hit the ground next semester. Did you decide to work on it this semester?
Cesar Guerrero: I am not doing it this semester and I took your advice, this semester we will send out a document about our mission statement and send it to the other student organizations. So that over the summer we can have a little big of a dialogue.

Adrian: I think you should wait to send the email because a lot of student organizations will be experiencing leadership changes. Maybe it would be better if you waited until the end of the semester after the elections are over.

Jonathan Kirshenbaum: I agree with the whole sentiment of the program. I think an important element should be expanding it into what role can the college at large have in this. I think it is important that we are collaborating with the organizations but perhaps in your planning you could discuss about having these products in all bathrooms in buildings

Cesar Guerrero: The reason why I have not talked to the college at large because I am following Brown's model, the plan has stages. First we supply these products to bathrooms on the first floor of all buildings and then we can expand

Ilana Schwartz: This sounds awesome but the college is involved right now in this huge strategic project, and has committees working on ideas, such as the Student Success committee. Maybe you could talk to them? Also we are not doing dorms right?

Cesar Guerrero: Yes we are not doing dorms, and gyms.

Aleta Brown: I think it would be worth reaching out to departments. I think a lot professors would be excited about this. I think it would be good to involve as many people as possible because perhaps they could help restock in those bathrooms that are closer to them.

Samantha Gordon: I want to rebuttal Adrian's point, about the emails in the organizations. Organizations should have the responsibility of passing on this information to the next leaders. I think you should do it now and send it out. There is no reason to delay.

Jordan D’Addio: I know you're basing off of Brown's plan but I know of peer institutions that are closer to our size and scale that I could reach out and get their guidance.

Cesar Guerrero: Yes you are right about the peer institutions but Brown only had 50 bathrooms which is actually pretty small. The amount of bathrooms and their plants that they have is actually similar to Hamilton.

Ben Katz: We should also talk about long term funding for this and whether we should get the funding from Student Activities.

Food: Meeting with Bon Appetit Friday at 2:30 in McEwen

Collaboration on posters with Hamilton Sustainability Coordinators this Wednesday
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- Reaching out to clubs for food fair set for the tentative date of May 11th, final details will be confirmed a week from today. Please contact anbrown@hamilton.edu if interested.
- Let us know if there any clubs you would like us to reach out to for the food fair
- All of the kitchen supplies have been ordered and will be here by next week

  - **Health and Safety: Sundays 12**
    - Meeting with Frank Coots this Tuesday, 12pm at Sadove
  - **LITS: Tuesdays at 9pm Burke 213**
    - "Lifeshops" - Came up with the idea of creating a series of workshops based on "life skills" that students would like to learn (filling out taxes, nutrition, healthcare after hamilton, balancing a checkbook/personal finance/personal credit, cooking classes, computer basics, etc.). The Career Center may be creating something similar so we're waiting to hear back from them.
    - New York Times - The NYT info is now available on MyHamilton (Tools → Course Tools) and on the Student Assembly website
    - **Ilana Schwartz:** The Career Center is also creating some new workshops concerning this topic, so maybe you could collaborate with them?

  - **Philanthropy: Thursday's 7pm, sadove 3rd floor**
    - Housing lottery bake sale took place on Sunday
    - Dumpling sale happening during reading period -- final fundraiser of the semester!

  - **Publicity: Sadove 8:30pm**
    - Had the meeting with Margaret, the sustainability coordinator
    - We are working on plans for next year to reduce disposable cups waste, using the SA platform

  - **Social Traditions:**
    - No report.

  - **Student Affairs:** Sadove Lobby Mondays 8:45
    - Continuing work to bring NY Times Rep to campus in the Fall
    - Laying ground work/parameters for ad hoc Jitney committee
    - Students interested in participating (that are not already involved with the Jitney (e.g. Event Staff Ride-alongs) should email sac@hamilton.edu with their name, class year, and reason for interest
    - Will continue updating/briefing SA and Hamilton through the end of the semester and into the Fall
    - The Daily pass log in for the NY Times is now on Myhamilton
6. Funding

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Amount requested: $559.78
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Amount remaining if funding passes: $4,345.13

Ryan: Duelly Noted is asking for money for stickers. Since these stickers aren’t publicity for one event in particular, but are available generally and will be used until they run out (for more than just this year), we felt comfortable recommending this in full. The other two budgets (Novelists’ Support Group and Roleplaying Club) did not meet the 10-day rule and neither of them responded to my email to see if they were flexible changing the date of the event, so we procedurally cannot recommend funding for those groups.

Funding passes as recommended

7. Announcements

- Mari Hiller: I am on the C&C committee so if you have any concerns please contact me my email is (mhiller)
- 3-Minute-Thesis™ competition is being held by the Oral Communication Center on Saturday 4/29 at 10:00am.
- Ryan Bloom: You MUST submit all reimbursements requests and outstanding invoices before the end of the semester. The hard deadline is Monday, May 8th
at 4:30pm. If you fail to submit an invoice by this date, this could result in your SA account being frozen next fall.