Student Assembly Meeting
April 21, 2014

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Old Business

• Wertimer Teaching Award
  o Vote will be sent out to all students tomorrow

3. Funding

• Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 4/21: $12.95
• *see attachment for full funding

• Total requested from Spring 2014 budget (excluding holds): $564.16
• Total recommended from Spring 2014 budget (excluding holds): $564.16
• Amount requested from Discretionary Fund for Bowling Club: $551.20
• Amount remaining in general fund if recommended funding passes: $0
• Amount remaining in Discretionary Fund if recommended funding passes: $1,060.72

• Funding for Duely Noted passes.
• Funding for Bowling Club passes.

4. Committee Reports

• Constitution
  o Meeting Thursday at 7:00pm
  o See discussion on new funding code legislation below
• Elections
  o Elections start tonight at midnight and will go to Thursday at midnight
  o Voting for Wertimer Award and Constitutional changes will be included
• Cultural Affairs
  o La Vanguardia is hosting this week’s Cultural Food Truck series at 6:00pm in Sadove
  o Discussion on Diversity this Wednesday in the Events Barn at 7:30pm
  o Wednesday the 30th panel on diversity with faculty and students in the Chapel at 7:30pm
• Facilities
  o Staff Appreciation Day a big success
  o No meeting this week
• Food
  o Survey about campus dining options will be sent out soon
  o No meeting this week
• Health and Safety
  o Dining hour changes for C&C day; possible hydration stations
  o Working with Active Minds on Puppy Project
  o No meeting this week
  o No clarify rumors: students who are over 21 will NOT be allowed to bring 6-packs to the concert
• LITS
Seniors should look out for a survey this week about research skills; seniors who take the survey will have a chance to win a prize.

Philanthropy
- Finalizing everything for the Silent Auction Gala; this Friday at 6:00pm in Sadove; senior formal tickets, senior week tickets, Clinton pottery mugs, breakfast in bed, serenades by a cappella groups, and much more will be auctioned!

Social Traditions
- Plans for selling C&C day tee-shirts

Student Interests
- Next meeting is Monday at 4:00pm in Sadove
- Vandalism campaign close to roll-out
- Slip-'n'-Slide proposal underway
- Little Pub Pool Tournament
- Library Chargers
- TED talk

5. New Business
- Discussion on funding codes legislation
  - 80% of the general fund would be used for strategic budgeting
  - Organizations would have 2 week in the beginning of the semester to submit a strategic budget for the semester
  - The remaining 20% of the general fund would be used for spontaneous budgeting
  - Money left from the strategic portion of the budget would not be rolled back until after Spring Break
  - Comments:
    - Funding Committee strongly supports
    - Other NESCACs and NY6 schools fund this way
    - Most equitable way to distribute funds
    - Will result in better planning
    - Will allow for collaboration of different organizations planning similar events; increase of turnout and decrease of costs
    - Will allow for more time at meetings to be spent discussing important issues rather than debating funding
    - This could be a big change to spring on students this semester
    - The 80% is a large enough portion of the funding that people will have incentive to plan a strategic budget
    - Perhaps a precise definition of a strategic budget to clarify for student organization leaders
    - Big information sessions on this topic
    - This will not affect new clubs, as they are already automatically put on a ten-week probation when they are formed
    - Funding Committee will have to be more flexible with dates and location
    - Is students in organizations are organized and structured, they will be able to plan a strategic budget; good experience for students
    - Cannot make a value judgement on events if they are not all being looked at at one time; looking at all proposals at once will allow for fairness and consistency
    - Two weeks of intensive planning can bring organizations together
    - Students have the most time to plan events during the first few weeks of the semester, before heavy workloads become a problem
    - Yes, there will be outliers who may not plan in advance well, but this will result in the most equitable division for all funds and better planning for most organizations
    - If a line in a funding proposal form were added asking a student to sign off saying s/he actually believe that the number of people predicted to attend will be
the same as the number of people actually expected to attend would create accountability
o New funding legislation passes.

6. Announcements

• Election season is here! Don’t forget to vote!
• Town Hall on diversity this Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Events Barn