Student Assembly Minutes
October 21, 2013

1. Call to Order—9:01
2. Old Business
3. New Business
   • Tim Driscoll ’14 on Community Lunch
     o Planned with Jeff McArn through the Chaplaincy
     o Begins Wednesday at noon in the Barn and continues through the semester
     o Hope to include faculty, have students invite faculty they admire
     o Each lunch will have a different professor speak about why they teach
   • Professor Rob Hopkins on Academic Advising
     o Ad Hoc Faculty Advising Assessment Committee charged with ideas for advising
       ▪ Formal or informal advising
     o Found general agreement that relationship with advisor is stronger if the student is in class with the advisor every week in the first semester
       ▪ Allows students to feel more comfortable with advisor
       ▪ How to maximize number of students with advisors who they have class with?
     o Summer pre-registration would allow us to assign advisors based on classes
     o Students would be allowed to switch advisors if they switched classes
     o REAL program has a similar program with advisors they have class with
       ▪ REAL program with residential piece will continue
     o Most of our peer institutions do this
     o Pre-registration would give students lots of course information, they would choose 10-12 classes and the registrar would assign them 4 in July
       ▪ Some faculty would be on call during pre-registration for questions
     o Some students want advisors in their proposed concentration, but for the bigger majors this might not be possible
       ▪ However their advisor will be someone they see on a regular basis
     o Departments will be taking this system into account when they make course restrictions
     o This will allow for a lot of informal advising, easier to make appointments and talk to advisor
     o Most students and faculty want more from advising than just a sign-off before registration
       ▪ This system is designed to maximize the relationship
     o A way to maximize the amount of advisees for professors with many advisees is to eliminate senior advising
       ▪ Allowing students to seek advice from any professors they want, and eliminating a requirement for approval before registration
     o Requiring the formal sign-off approval before registration forces students to get their thoughts organized and look through the course catalog
       ▪ Allowing people to opt out is so tempting that it’s possible most people would opt out, regardless of whether they should
       ▪ Junior year, with study abroad and graduation requirements, might be too early to opt out
Formal advising requires an advisor to think about their advisee, as well as requiring the advisee to think about their plans.

- Summer pre-registration would account for requirements, create a cohesive schedule.
- There would be opportunities to switch classes, add/drop after pre-registration.
- It would be hard to assign advisors for the first three years and then have someone need to switch to an advisor in their major.
- This system would allow students to have someone to help them outside of academics, represent and advocate for them, because they have a different relationship.
- This might put pressure, if students self-select advisors, on advisors who are available for and are good at advising.
- Any further comments or concerns can be sent to rhopkins@hamilton.edu.

4. Funding

- No Funding this week.
- Please notify satreas@hamilton.edu & nniznik@hamilton.edu of any available rollbacks!
- The Funding Committee is still accepting proposals. Proposals are addressed on a first-come first-served basis.

5. Committee Reports

- Facilities
  - Cider and doughnuts in the Glen for Glen Appreciation Day on Saturday of Parents Weekend.

- Health & Safety
  - Next meeting tomorrow night at 9:35 in Sadove Conference Room.
  - Discussing putting out Student Bill of Rights as accessible, concise document which would be easy to publicize and explains rights of students at Hamilton.
  - Proposing adding campus offices (such as Health Center, Campus Safety, ResLife) to end-of-semester evaluation.
  - Will be discussing free community action CPR program tomorrow.

- Cultural Affairs
  - Looking for recommendations for speakers (email rong@hamilton.edu) who can bring outside perspective on race situation on campus.

- Philanthropy
  - ABC Haunted House this Thursday.
  - Candygrams from October 28th-31st to raise money for ABC House (suggested donation of $2).
  - Table at FallFest this Sunday.

- Constitution
  - Ongoing funding code discussions.
    - Suggestions should be sent to Max Schnidman.
    - Final open meeting for organization leaders tomorrow at 7:30 in KJ 203.

- Executive
  - Notify Anthony if you are interested in attending the NESCAC Student Government conference or planning the NY6 Student Government Conference (to be held at Hamilton).
Will be looking at Student Handbook

- Social Traditions
  - FallFest October 27th from 12-4
    - There will be arts and crafts and games tables, chili, cider, a capella groups will perform

- Food
  - **There will be chicken every day next week due to popular demand!**
  - Look at this week’s Spec for an article praising Bon Appetit!

- Student Interests
  - Met with Noelle to talk about rentable chargers, which will begin as a pilot in Sadove
  - Trying to come up with an activity for a sub free night in Sadove—laser tag or 3D mini golf
  - Meeting this week will be on Thursday at 8, and may include a field trip to the Philanthropy Haunted House

- Technology
  - Meeting this Sunday at 5 in the Sadove living room
  - Picking back up on dead zone survey follow-up

6. Announcements
  - GROUPLOVE ticket sales by C@b are over, but tickets will be sold at the door for $10 for Hamilton students, $25 for general admission, tickets sold at 7 and doors open at 7:30
    - Stop by Beinecke on Friday for activities
  - *New York Times* representative in Beinecke on Thursday