Student Assembly Minutes
November 4, 2013

1. Call to Order—9:03
2. Old Business
3. New Business
   • HEAG on Take Back the Tap
     • Take Back the Tap is a national campaign led by Food and Water Watch to end use of disposable water bottles and promote the use of tap water and improve water infrastructure
     • 1 in 5 water bottles are recycled, but the other 4 go to landfills
     • 8 billion gallons of bottled water are consumed each year
     • 48% of bottled water comes from the same sources as tap water
     • Colleges, towns, and cities across America have embraced Take Back the Tap and taken steps to reduce the use of bottled water
     • The eventual goal is to stop the sale and distribution of bottled water on campus and promote the use of reusable bottles
     • Want Student Assembly’s support to achieve full goal
     • Want Student Assembly to stop funding bottled water, and encourage clubs and organizations to work with Bon Appetit to provide water
     • Bon Appetit, President Stewart, and Physical plant have been very supportive
       • Physical Plant is willing to put in two water bottle refill stations where HEAG wants
     • Currently we do not actively fund water bottles, but groups can request them from Bon Appetit if they are having events catered
     • Physical Plant and RTf are also looking at more efficient ways of recycling
     • Email nboylan@hamilton.edu with any questions or concerns
   • Cultural Affairs on speaker selection
     • Cultural Affairs have three recommendations for speakers:
       • Elizabeth Aires, Psychology professor at Amherst College, who wrote 2 books exploring race and class issues that students face at elite liberal arts colleges and discusses the challenges for both the privileged and the less privileged
       • Sam Richards, Sociology professor at Pennsylvania State University who teaches the largest race relations course (over 750 students per semester) in the US and whose mission is to facilitate radically open dialogues that expand perspectives and invite greater understanding between people
       • Samuel Betances, a diversity consultant for ethnic and race relations, who has decades of university teaching,
published articles, and consultancies with private and public organizations on how we must make sense of differences

• Student Assembly members ranked preference of speakers, and Cultural Affairs will be reaching out

• Cultural Affairs on the creation of a course or committee on race and diversity or another resilient installment
  • Something that will outlast the students who have been on campus for recent events
  • We would make a resolution that the faculty should create a committee to explore issues of race and diversity
  • At last meeting, discussed what kind of lasting program students would like to see, whether it be a class, program, requirement, committee, etc.
    • Consensus was that a committee should be formed made up of students and faculty who would investigate the matter and come up with a recommendation for the faculty
  • It is not Cultural Affairs’ role to make a proposal, but they see the need for a committee that could do so
  • This would show the faculty that the students want a change in the way students deal with diversity
  • Need 10 signatures from faculty to be able to propose this
  • Would be good to consult Student Diversity Council, especially when looking for members
  • Will bring a more in-depth proposal addressing structure of committee for Student Assembly to vote on before Thanksgiving to be presented at the December faculty meeting
  • Will be further discussed at the meeting on Sunday at 6:00 in the Sadove Sun Porch

• Class of 2014 is going to be addressing the fact that there are few classes available for seniors in their spring semester
  • Most 100 level classes are closed to them, but upper level classes are also closed if students don’t have prerequisites
  • If seniors haven’t taken a science or language before, they can’t take them in the spring
  • It would be nice to have more options for seniors to explore new things without necessarily taking a lot of prerequisites in that department
  • Most of this is up to the faculty

4. Funding

Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 11/4: $256.88

Rollbacks:  $32.40 September New York Times
$207.00 October New York Times
$50.00 People Who Do Fun Things
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**BOLDS = HOLDS**  
**ITALICS = SPRING 2014 BUDGET**

Total requested from Fall 2013 budget (not from holds): $2,466.46  
Total suggesting from Fall 2013 budget (not from holds): $426.50

Amount remaining if recommended funding passes 11/4: $119.78

LINE ITEM FROM SPRING 2014 BUDGET:  
Alternative Spring Break: $2,500.00

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
   
   • Social Traditions  
     • Date Auction on Monday at 7:30 in the Barn  
     • Citrus Bowl is Saturday, November 16th at 7 p.m.  
     • Giving away 200 free t-shirts to the first people and citrus themed food  
   
   • Food  
     • Local Greek yogurt will be available every day in Commons and McEwen  
     • Corn Chex will be available  
     • Hillal meat will be available  
     • Meeting this Friday at 4:30 p.m. in McEwen  
     • Follow Bon Appetit on Twitter at @BonAppHamilton  
   
   • Student Interests
• Meeting time moved to Tuesdays at 8 p.m.
• Ordering rentable chargers for Sadove this week
  • Sadove will also be ordering more power strips so more people can plug in
• Laser tag event is moving forward, might be next semester
• Technology
  • Jose Vazquez hosted a successful Google workshop
• Facilities
  • Glen Appreciation Day was a big success
    • About 150 people showed up and the new Student Assembly banner made its debut
  • Meeting this Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Sadove to talk about the Keep Hamilton Beautiful campaign
• Health & Safety
  • Next meeting Tuesday at 9:35 in the Sadove conference room
  • Met with Dean Landry about community CPR and student office surveys
  • Supportive of student office surveys and wants to be sure it is done right
    • May overcome some of the institutional barriers these offices face in trying to better help students
  • December 7th at 1:00 in the Annex is the pilot program for the CPR program, will only be 45 minutes
    • Will be mandatory for Student Assembly members
• Cultural Affairs
  • NYC trip next semester
  • Creation of a committee on diversity
  • Guest speaker next semester
• Philanthropy
  • Made over $240 on candy grams in only 2 days!
  • Working on Thanksgiving food drive, possibly hosted at Hannaford with a list of suggested items, possibly having a residence hall competition associated as well
  • Meeting at Thursday at 7 p.m. on the 3rd floor of Sadove
• Constitution
  • We had further language discussion
  • Legislation to be introduced next week
    • Drafts should be provided to Student Assembly members by Sunday
• Executive
  • Voted Sunday on Sadove mural contest winner
  • Planning NY6 conference and Thanksgiving dinner
    • NY6 has volunteered to pay for the conference
    • See Who’s Here Dinner for students remaining on campus over break
6. Announcements