Student Assembly Minutes
December 9, 2013

1. Call to Order—9:00

2. Old Business

3. New Business

   - Proposal for Staff Appreciation projects
     
     o It would be really nice for us to do something for the people who work really hard to keep Hamilton nice
     
     o Four “appreciation stations” for the 9:00 break Physical Plant workers have to take
       
       ▪ KJ, Physical Plant, Science Center, Bristol
       
       ▪ Breakfast spreads from Bon Appetit and Dunkin Donuts
       
       ▪ Will be held next Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. (tentative)
     
     o Additionally, we would send thank you cards to other offices. Will need volunteers to help with cards and stations

     Staff Appreciation Projects:

     | 4 Appreciation Stations | Breakfast spreads in KJ, Phys Plant, Science Center, and Bristol | ~$1,000 |
     |------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
     | Thank You Cards        | To be distributed to non-student College employees (approx. 600 people) | ~$300   |
     | Candy Canes and Ribbon | To be attached to cards                                        | ~$50    |

   Total: 1,350

   Passes in full

   - Review, debate, and vote on the Divestment Resolution

     o Resolution is as follows:

     ▪ Resolved, global climate change is serious and Hamilton College should share in the responsibility to slow the changing of the world’s climate. While fulfilling their fiduciary obligations (see below for our definition in this context) to the College, we request that the Board of Trustees fulfill our social responsibility by judiciously divesting from fossil fuels.
We propose that over time, Hamilton College divest from fossil fuel holdings within the College’s endowment. We support reasonable divestment in intervals, limited and selected either by type of fossil fuel, percentage of holdings, or specific companies, in order to protect the integrity of the endowment while fulfilling the College’s social responsibility. Generally, we support divestment from fossil fuels that are typically more environmentally devastating (e.g. tar sands oil, and dirty coal) and from companies that have the worst environmental impact.

Fiduciary responsibility: not incurring unnecessary or unacceptable losses to the endowment, not investing in money managers with lower return rates than acceptable, not breaking any contracts; essentially not putting Hamilton’s future at unnecessary financial risk. The standards of acceptable returns, unacceptable losses, and unnecessary financial risk will be determined in cooperation with the Board of Trustees.

- This attempts to avoid the implication that the resolution asks for radical change which would endanger the College’s financial standing

- This resolution is time-sensitive because many of the people sponsoring it are going abroad, and the divestment group is meeting with President Stewart before the semester ends

- President Stewart has signed on to a climate commitment initiative

- This resolution sends a message to the Board of Trustees about the direction we want to College to take on this issue, rather than prescribes a very specific course of action

- Resolution passes

- Evaluation survey for essential campus departments

  - Might be helpful to ask if people have regular appointments, rather than just asking how many interactions they have

    - Concerns with survey length

  - Asking for majors would be unlikely to add any value to the survey

  - Will be sent out this week

  - Would like Opus gift cards as incentives so people will be more willing to take the surveys

Institutional Review (Survey) Incentive:
Gift Cards

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Total: $50
Passes in full

- Class of 2015 Discretionary Fund request
  - [http://www.customink.com/quotes](http://www.customink.com/quotes) $10.67 per shirt
  - This involves 3 ink colors in the front
  - 1 ink color in the back
  - Order: 150 shirts
  - Asking Student Assembly to cover for 25% : 150 x 10.67 ($1600.5)
  - By asking Student Assembly to pay for 25%, we can then sell each shirt for about $8.00
  - Thus, the 25% asked from Student Assembly in addition to the prize request:
    - .25 x 1600.5 400.13
    - 400.13 + 50 $450.13
  - Therefore, total requested from Student Assembly: $450.13
  - Raise school spirit and class unity
  - Issues of using discretionary fund when general fund is low
    - The premise of the account is to be there when the general fund is low/out
  - May find cheaper shirts
    - Can rollback funds
  - Unused money from discretionary fund will rollover to next semester
  - Motion passes

- President’s Report and Suggestions
  - Anthony would like to thank all the people who will be leaving their positions at the end of this semester
  - This group has been amazingly productive and has made huge improvements
It would be good to keep more records of things like voting, other important information, instructions for new administration

Anthony and Sarah have done a tremendous job, especially considering the issues they've had to handle during their time

4. Funding

Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 12/9: $1,722.18

Rollbacks: $92.40 November New York Times
$1,188.78 Newman Council (Trust Treat)

Recommendations for Fall 2013

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Total requested from Fall 2013 budget: $1,480.68
Total suggesting from Fall 2013 budget (not from holds): $1,480.68
Amount remaining if recommended funding passes 12/9: $1,522.68

Funding passes in full

Recommendations for Spring 2014

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Total requested from Spring 2014 budget: $27,376.44
Total suggesting from Spring 2014 budget (not from holds): $1,402.44
IMF as line item:

Reimbursement envelopes are due by NOON on Friday, December 13th.

5. Committee Reports

- Technology
  - Thanks for patience with surveys and WiFi

- Facilities
  - Got a lot done this year

- Health & Safety
  - Surveys headed out to get important data
  - Look out for CPR event, which is coming in the spring

- Cultural Affairs
  - Resolution on diversity has been edited, may be used next semester
  - Pat Reynolds recommended using other sources before coming to the faculty
    - Met with Marianne Janack, head of Diversity and Social Justice Project, which is working to add diversity components into existing classes
  - Working out a date with next semester’s speaker

- Philanthropy
  - Raised over $900 this semester (and Social Traditions raised about $700 for the ABC House)
  - Food drive and FIFA tournament were very successful—raised about $300
  - Just selected a new e-board for next semester who will carry on Philanthropy’s great tradition of success

- Constitution
  - Got some good work done this year with constitution changes and funding codes
• Social Traditions
  o FebFest is looking great, there will be a big comedy show

• Food
  o Late Night Breakfast during Wednesday of Finals Week, 8-10 p.m., which started last semester
  o Free coffee at the Diner during Finals Week
  o Cocoa and candy at the Pub on December 16th during lunch
  o There will be fresh lemons in the Commons salad bar

• Elections
  o Start Thursday and go until Friday
  o Be sure to vote! We have three candidates—the biggest field in 5 years!

• Student Interests

6. Announcements