Student Assembly Minutes
February 18, 2013

1. Call to Order—9:00

2. New Business

- Dave Smallen, Director of the Library and head of ITS
  - Appreciate input on library—seating above circulation due to student input
  - Library’s carpet is being replaced over summer
  - Upgrading connection to internet over Spring Break (or before then)— tripling current speed
    - Cost of internet connections is going down
    - Federal grant to run fiber directly into campus which will act as if Hamilton is a major city, open Hamilton’s internet to all providers and allow us find lowest cost
  - Internet security initiative to protect student information (following FERPA)
    - College can only share your information to people who have a legitimate need for it, but in doing so it may be unprotected (on a professor’s laptop, etc.)
    - Everyone should change their passwords periodically, may move to a requirement every 3-6 months
  - The college is charged for late materials on inter-library loan and has to pay to replace their own unreturned materials; current billing process is ineffective
    - Instead of a flat fee, the library will move to charging the full replacement cost of the item
    - Inter-library loan periods are much shorter than the semester-long period for books from Hamilton’s library
• Suggested 2 point penalty for unreturned books over 2 or 3 weeks overdue (after all the warnings and fines), as it is like theft (which is 8 points)

• Lauren and Ellie to talk about the Real Food Challenge
  o “real food” is food that is community-based, ecologically sound, fair, and/or humane
  o Real Food Challenge is a campaign to increase procurement of real food on campuses and a network of students who want to grow this movement
  o This is an issue that affects all of us on campus, and an opportunity for Hamilton to continue working towards sustainability and commitment to these ideals
  o Hamilton currently devotes 15% of its budget to real food, which is good but could be better, goal is 20% of the college’s budget by 2020
  o Real Food Systems Working Group, made up of students and faculty/staff, is trying to get Hamilton to sign the Real Food Challenge
  o SA funded a trip to a nationwide conference for Real Food
  o Want SA to formally sign their petition when it becomes available in a few weeks
  o Bon Appetit has been a good ally (they pride themselves on sustainability) but they do have goals as a national company that they have to uphold

• Student Assembly logo designs
  o Potentially required for Student Assembly-funded event publications
  o Largely done by Keri Lloyd

• Broadcasting away games at Senior Pub Nights, raise enthusiasm and school spirit

• Potentially live stream Student Assembly meetings

3. Committee Reports

• Social Traditions
FebFest last week went very well, Felipe (Mr. Student Assembly) is the new Mr. Hamilton!, events were very well attended

Goals: Citrus Bowl and Hockey Date Auction, FallFest, FebFest, Class & Charter Day are the big events; FebFest is a restarted tradition and they are now looking for others—Jackie Robinson Classic? Silent Disco? Spirit Week?

Meetings Wednesdays at 7 in the Fireplace Lounge

• Food

Margherita pizza for lunch in Commons this week

Goals: better attention to vegan needs (more options, better labeling), more Pad Thai, stir fry regularly but not as a staple

Bon Appetit supportive of vending machine switch between the gym and Beinecke

Meetings on Fridays, 4:30 in McEwen for now

• Student Interests

Goals: sleds (working with Glen House), tissues near outside doors, improve/reestablish Umbrella Share

Meetings on Thursdays at 8 in Sadove

• Technology

Setting up meeting time

Goals: printing from any academic building, set up email for students to direct questions/concerns to, save energy by having as many computers as possible shut off at night

• Facilities

Goals: keep paths clear/snow- and ice-free, be a part of discussions with Physical Plant about new housing changes, give Central Council a tour of the new Arts & Theater building, lights in Science Center staying on later

Meeting on Sunday at 5 in Sadove
• Cultural Affairs
  o Tentative meetings Tuesdays at 8 on the 3rd floor of Sadove
  o Goals: NYC day trip (Met, 9/11 Memorial) in April, Syracuse day trip, Utica Service Day in connection with Philanthropy, monthly calendar for Student Diversity Council events

• Philanthropy
  o Goals: print *The Philanthropist* again, establish HamGive, Utica Heart Run-Walk team, raise at least $1,000 for the ABC House this year, AIDS Hke for Life Student Assembly team, have Student Assembly Service Day
  o ABC Silent Auction/Gala April 6th in Sadove, catering, party

• Constitution
  o Redistributing Constitution

• Alcohol and Controlled Substances
  o Meetings Thursdays at 6:30 in Sadove
  o Goals: poster campaign, look at points system, discuss whether Hamilton has alcohol problem (looking at statistics as well), start Alcohol Awareness Week

4. Funding

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Amount Remaining Prior to Meeting 2/18: $26,857.60

Total Requested (Not Held): $17,696.84

Total Recommending (Not Held): $17,696.84

Amount Remaining After Meeting 2/18: $9,160.76

Funding passes in full

Remember: all organizations should rollback unused funds after their events