Student Assembly Minutes
November 11, 2013

1. Call to Order—9:01

2. Old Business

3. New Business

   • Funding Code Proposal

      o This semester we’ve seen a rapid allocation of funds and confusion over funding codes

      o Attempt was to sustainably exhaust funds over the course of the semester

      o Received input from email and visitors at meetings open to organization leaders

      o The funding codes are bylaws, which require a simple majority to pass

      o The present model is first come, first serve and proposals are evaluated based on whether applications comply with funding codes

         ▪ Under this model, there is no chance for discussion of funding proposals and some feel there is little transparency

      o The goal of the new codes is to fund as many events as possible and encourage excellence in proposals

      o Apply cost benefit analysis using cost per student (CPS) of the students benefited

         ▪ Use capacity of space for event as maximum number of students expected to be benefited by event/initiative

         ▪ If a proposal exceeds one of the CPS thresholds, additional information is necessary and a line item vote is required

            ▪ Median CPS of previous year’s approved proposals

            ▪ Average cost exceeds 5% of the beginning Student Assembly budget

               ▪ A high CPS does not mean that an event will not happen, merely that more explanation as to why the CPS is so high

      o Proposals can be evaluated based on CPS, amount organization has requested already in the semester, benefit bringing to campus
Holds will need to be approved every 4 years
- Every college generation will reevaluate holds
- Strategic planning encouraged to improve quality and timeframe of planning
  - Can have full-semester, half-semester, or academic year budget options
  - Not mandated, but encouraged
  - Holds and strategic budgets designed for consistent annual events such as Senior Week, Movie Channel, Student Assembly events (such as FebFest, FallFest, Class & Charter Day)
  - If a long-term budget proposal is rejected the proposal can be refined and submitted through general funding
  - CPS is an aggregate for whole budget period, not by individual event
  - Organizations with strategic budgets may apply for funding for additional events within the timeframe of their budget, up to 50% of their original strategic budget. They may not, however, apply for additional funds for an event already in their strategic budget.
- Endowments must be registered through Student Activities and disclose endowment information, and organizations must go to their endowments before applying to Student Assembly
  - Student Assembly will not discriminate against endowed organizations
- Increased transparency of funding
  - Representatives on Student Assembly will disclose their organizations, must recuse themselves from funding votes involving their organizations
  - Provide additional information on funding in Student Assembly minutes, including percentages of budget spent on each event
  - Central Council will have power to audit organizations suspected of not complying with funding codes
- Would be implemented in 2014
- New budget form, new Club Leader Training documentation, new spreadsheets for funding committee to calculate CPS/budget percentages
- These new codes do introduce a somewhat subjective funding criteria (See Article V of attached funding codes for details), which requires Student Assembly to exercise that right very carefully
- Holds have evolved in the last 5 years in a way they were not meant to. Holds began as an accounting practice and became a policy, in ways that privilege some groups. The only holds that would still exist would be Student Assembly-related events and programming.
  - Club Sports, HAVOC, and ASB could be allocated to other offices and taken directly from Student Activities funding
- For further detail, see attached proposed funding codes

- Potential Town Hall on Alcohol
  - The Jitney’s door was broken off
  - We experienced a concerning amount of transports the last weekend of October.
- Seeing a lot of EMT transports is very different than destruction, because it’s better to have people

- But we, as a student body, need to discuss the root of the issue: why are students drinking to such dangerous extents

  o It is time to have a proactive discussion about acceptable behavior associated with drinking, rather than forcing the administration to change policy

  o Student leaders would be on a panel to answer questions and lead discussion

  o Non-drinkers would have to be represented

  o It might be that the only people who attended would be those who are already conscientious, a campaign or incentive attached to it might be more productive

    ▪ Advertising it as policy making might encourage attendance

    o Proposals and ideas would have to be presented rather than hosting a venting session

    o A big problem is getting people to take care of their friends, stepping in before someone has too much

      ▪ We do not want to be in the position, ever, where someone gets seriously hurt or dies

      ▪ Having a discussion about what it means to be an active bystander could be useful

4. Funding

Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 11/11: $119.78

Rollbacks:
- $685.43 Mock Trial
- $45.07 Spanish Club

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Total requested from Fall 2013 budget: $1534.25
Total suggesting from Fall 2013 budget (not from holds): $750.00

Amount remaining if recommended funding passes 11/11: $100.28
Funding passes in full

Bike Co-op end-of-the-semester funding recommendation: $870.00
(coming out of rollbacks at the end of the semester) passes in full

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
  o Hockey Date Auction was a great success, Citrus Bowl on Saturday at 7 p.m.
     ▪ There will be t-shirts, citrus-themed foods, raffles, and a 50/50
     ▪ A capella, figure skatin, and Pee Wee hockey will perform

• Food
  o Sweet Potatoes will come back. Stay tuned to the online menu.
  o Diner register can now let you know how many guest meals you have remaining.
  o Bigger compartments for teas.

• Student Interests
  o Chargers are in this week
  o Laser tag event is the first weekend of second semester!

• Technology
  o Moving forward on WiFi project, getting more specific information about dead zones

• Facilities
  o Meeting this Wednesday at 8:30, finalizing plans for bike plan
  o Keep Hamilton Beautiful campaign

• Health & Safety
  o Meeting tomorrow at 9:35 in Sadove conference room
  o CPR Program, received money from Student Activities
     ▪ Central NY Heart Association is coming, along with other community leaders

• Cultural Affairs
  o Meeting Sunday at 6 p.m.in the Sadove Sun Porch to work on proposal for Faculty Meeting

• Philanthropy
  o Philanthropy Committee is doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive for a shelter for the Rome Community
     ▪ Tables in front of Hannaford on Saturday and Sunday asking for canned goods and hygiene products

• Constitution
  o Meeting tomorrow at 7:30 in KJ 203 to finish funding code discussion

• Executive
  o NESCAC Student Government Conference was great
Wesleyan established endowment for Student assembly to try to stabilize Student Activities fee and have more money to draw on.

Middlebury created a "We the People"-like site for suggestions for policy and debate, which participants can support to show trends within student body.

- Staff Appreciation
  - Beginning with custodial staff, as a coffee break event in several areas on campus
  - Continuing Sadove basement planning
    - Picking out furniture soon
  - NY6 conference coming up
    - Break-out sessions will be pretty informal, discussion based

- Elections
  - Emails will be going out about elections this week

6. Announcements

- This Saturday from 1pm-3pm in the Blood Fitness Center is the SA retreat. While we won't be leaving campus, the planning/brainstorming portion should be helpful to the Council.

- Downbeat Keys, Sky Ferreira, and Smith Western will be at the first IMF conference this Saturday