Student Assembly Minutes
October 7, 2013

1. Call to Order—9:01

2. Old Business
   - Mock Trial Team representatives here to officially deliver their arguments concerning four-to-a-room policy
     - Will be cancelling their extra rooms as per the four-to-a-room policy, but disagree with the policy
     - Endowment set up by parents and alumni to enhance the experience
     - Our funding rules are not set up to save money, but to ensure that general funds are allocated mostly towards activities/programming rather than secondary expenses
       - For example: We fully fund competition registrations, but we don’t fund the full costs of flights.
     - The four-to-a-room policy is a policy for all Hamilton trips, has existed for many years
     - Mock Trial won’t use endowment in the future if required to adhere to the four-to-a-room policy
     - We are currently looking at revising our funding codes, so if anyone has any suggestions they should be sent to Constitution Chair Max Schnidman, or sa@hamilton.edu.

3. New Business
   - Honor Court Confirmation: Jack Siegel ’17
     - Motion to suspend rules to be able to pass the nomination without publication beforehand is passed
       - This decision will be available for appeal in the next week—concerns should be sent to sa@hamilton.edu
     - Jack’s nomination is confirmed
   - Mercy Corredor, Honor Court Chair, and Steve Orvis, Academic Dean of Students, to present ideas for revamping the honor code, and student culture
     - There has been concern from students and faculty that the Honor Code is not properly understood
     - Thinking about sending out an anonymous survey about the role the Honor Code plays with students and faculty
       - How seriously it is taken, how and when it is broken
       - SA could sponsor the survey, Honor Court might be seen as “out to get” students
     - Possible symposium in the spring to learn from other schools, see what they do and if we should adopt any of their ideas
       - Followed by a town hall to get the input of the whole campus; everyone is affected by the Honor Code
     - The immediate goal is not to change the code but to get input, start a conversation, get a feel for culture
       - Do we have a problem? If so, what needs to change?
     - Changes to Honor Court require the approval of the faculty
     - Don’t want it to be a top down approach, but appeal directly to students, make sure they understand the Honor Code
     - Need to be sure that all incoming students really understand Honor Code, can be scary if you aren’t sure what rules you might be breaking
     - Signing every exam is a good, non-threatening way to remind everybody to obey the Honor Code
     - The culture is currently not to tell when students see people breaking the Honor Code
       - Nobody wants to say anything to report or to stop it
     - People have become complacent, hasn’t kept pace with changing technology
       - A big problem is people going to the bathroom and checking their phones
     - Haverford students make their own Honor Code at the beginning of every semester, has academic and social component
       - Expectation that students confront other students when it is broken
     - There hasn’t been a rise in the number of Honor Court cases, but there is a general sense that cheating is on the rise
     - Professors sometimes deal with cheating themselves instead of bringing them to the Honor Court
     - There used to be a strong student culture in un-proctored exams where if anyone saw wandering eyes they would tap their pencil
     - Survey questions have to be worded carefully
• No one wants to implicate themselves or their friends even in an anonymous survey

4. Funding

Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 10/7: $20,148.73
Rollbacks:

$100 from SLU
$8.45 from Hamilton In Transition

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**BOLDS = HOLDS**
**ITALICS = SPRING 2014 BUDGET**

Total requested: $22,949.18
Total suggesting: $20,096.89
Amount remaining if recommended funding passes 10/7: $160.29
Please send in your rollbacks!!!
Funding proposals should still be submitted, they will be addressed on a first-come, first-served basis

5. Committee Reports

• Executive
  ○ Met Tuesday to discuss Mock Trial funding and bike plan
  ○ Expectations and goals for Student Assembly members
    • Be engaged, respectful, attentive
    • Half of the goals established at executive orientation have been accomplished
  ○ Student Assembly bulletin board going up in Beinecke
  ○ Motion to use $20 from Discretionary Fund at the Print Shop passes

• Social Traditions
  ○ Starting to plan FallFest
  ○ Meetings every other Monday at 8 p.m. in the Beinecke Fireplace Lounge

• Food
  ○ Bon Appetit was recognized as one of the top 60 college dining locations by the “Daily Meal” for 2013
  ○ Meeting this Friday at 4:30 p.m. in McEwen

• Student Interests
  ○ Meeting this Thursday at 8 on 3rd floor of Sadove to set semester goals

• Technology
  ○ Bi-weekly meetings Sundays at 5 p.m. in the Sadove living room
  ○ Considering Google workshops for students and faculty
  ○ Evaluating dead zone survey results soon
  ○ Movie channel is up through November!

• Facilities
  ○ Meeting this Wednesday at 8:30 in Sadove
  ○ Bike path should be going up in the next few weeks, working on presentation

• Health & Safety
  ○ Meetings Tuesdays at 9:15 in Sadove conference room
  ○ Talking about survey about friction points with on-campus offices, supporting student initiatives
• Cultural Affairs
  o NYC Overnight Trip December 7-8
  o Working on an event with will include a lecture and a small group workshop on race, how to change the culture, modeled a little on the Posse retreat
  o Meetings Sundays at 6 in the Sadove sun porch

• Philanthropy
  o Thanks to all who participated in the Cerebral Palsy Walk!
  o Meeting this Thursday at 7 on the 3rd floor of Sadove to plan FallFest, Haunted House

• Constitution
  o Meeting tomorrow at 7:30 in Sadove
  o Funding code reevaluation, reaching out to student organization leaders to see what they need from funding

6. Announcements
• Sadove Basement Mural: Submissions should be sent to mailbox 1007 or in PDF to sa@hamilton.edu
• Ad hoc Advising Assessment Committee (Chaired by Rob Hopkins) will visit to discuss advising recommendations soon
• Marijuana points were adjusted from 4-6 points to 3-5 at the start of the Fall 2013 semester, so if there are serious policy issues/suggestions don’t hesitate to make them known.
• Anyone interested in helping plan AIDS Hike for Life next semester, or taking a leadership role in the Cancer Walk next semester, should contact Anthony Jackson or Felipe Garcia