Student Assembly Minutes
October 14, 2013

1. Call to Order—9:01

2. Old Business

3. New Business

   • Evan Warnock ’14 for Teach for America
     
     o Interest in education began in high school when tutoring
     
     o Research shows that a good teacher can counteract lack of resources from school/home
       
       ▪ That is what Teach for America tries to do
     
     o Teach for America thinks about teaching in terms of leadership
       
       ▪ Putting leaders in underprivileged schools exposes them to inequities, makes them aware of changes that need to be made in education in America
     
     o Teach for America fills positions that need to be filled, even if only for 2 years before students go to
     
     o Last year 7 Hamilton students participated in Teach for America, usually 5-10 participate
       
       ▪ Very competitive program for a difficult job
     
     o Email Evan Warnock or Sarah Mehrotra with any questions

   • Vinyl Student Assembly Banner Budget Proposal—Discretionary Fund

     | Item                  | Description                                                                 | Price  |
     |-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
     | One (1) Vinyl Banner  | This banner will have the Student Assembly logo on it and is made of waterproof vinyl, ideal for displaying at outdoor events and increasing SA’s visibility | $50.00 |

     o We could take this banner from event to event to publicize the events and our involvement
     o A 3x4 ft banner would be about $40, a 4x8 ft would be about $60
     o Current Balance of Discretionary Fund: $2,551.50
     o Balance if Proposal Passes: $2,491.50
o Larger size banner passes in full

• Student Assembly Paraphernalia
  o Stick-on printable nametags or pin-on nametags
    ▪ Makes us readily visible as Student Assembly representatives
      so students can come to us with questions/comments/concerns
    ▪ We would purchase/print new every year
    ▪ We have an estimate for about $9 per nametag
    ▪ Can be easy to lose, might not be used

• Student Organization Liaison
  o “point person” for student organizations
  o Reform of Student Assembly Ambassador program which required
    representatives to attend organization meetings
    ▪ Was not very successful
  o Would be able to reach out to organizations about funding, rules, policies
    ▪ Be able to refer organizations to appropriate offices, administrators, representatives, etc. or answer questions
  o Absorbed by specific position or become its own position?
  o Would be a person organizations knew they could go to rather than
    wondering which committee or representative or office to approach
  o Colgate mentioned to us when we met with them that they have a
    position like this and it works well for them

• Student Assembly Planning Retreat
  o We do a retreat every semester
    ▪ We used to do a ropes course, last year we had brainstorming
      session in the Barn and went bowling after
  o We got some great ideas from our brainstorming session last year
    (committee reports submitted ahead of time, capping discussion lengths)
  o This event will be mandatory

4. Funding

Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 10/14: $160.29

Rollbacks: $8.20 La Vanguardia
$1.02 Club Rugby Teams

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BOLDS = HOLDS
Total requested (not from holds): $2,224.22

Total suggesting (not from holds): $166.50

Amount remaining if recommended funding passes 10/14: $3.01

JOINT LINE ITEM FROM SPRING 2014 BUDGET:

Model European Union: $7,856.95

Model United Nations: $5,036.01

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

- Executive
  - Discussion about discretionary fund
    - We budgeted for committees taking money from the general fund
    - Citrus Bowl (Social Traditions), candy grams (Philanthropy), etc. (other pending committee requests) would exhaust the fund
    - We might not be able to host NY6, help cover Sadove improvements (that Student Activities doesn’t cover)
    - If we don’t spend the money it will be unfortunate that no one got to use it
    - The purpose is to be able to spend money spontaneously on initiatives we want to fund
    - Committees have really just begun really effective meetings
    - If an event deemed necessary, a committee might be able to give it up and Student Assembly could fund it (loophole in committee restriction)
    - The idea behind the discretionary fund was to give SA money that wouldn’t be affected by the general fund, but decided committees have to apply like clubs to general fund.
    - We need to take the situation we’re in right now and think about what we want to do the same and differently next semester, as well as revisit funding codes (which Constitution Committee is currently working on)
• Social Traditions
  o FallFest Sunday after next on the Village Green
    ▪ Looking for more organizations to host booths
    ▪ A capella groups will perform
  o Citrus Bowl t-shirt in the works
    ▪ Social Traditions is trying to make Citrus Bowl bigger this year, preserve one of Hamilton’s traditions

• Food
  o Another large square table will be in Commons after break
  o Meal exchange is coming back
  o Healthier options coming to the Diner: egg white sandwich, portabella wrap, Diner B breakfast burrito
  o There will be a lot of new teas (including Tazo) on Monday
  o There will be guacamole but not every night (it is a very popular option)
  o Gluten-free options will now be better labeled, more available
    ▪ Pasta at McEwen will be gluten free in the future

• Student Interests
  o Euphoria coffee break
    ▪ Looking into funding from Sadove
  o Mini-golf or apple picking trip
    ▪ Looking into finding a way to bring mini-golf to campus
  o Rentable computer chargers in popular buildings

• Technology
  o Discussions with ITS about creating a one page homepage for college computers with links to all sites, highlights
  o Dead zone update: spoke with Head of Network Services Dave Roback
    ▪ Reported dead zones have to be tested, have to communicate with providers
    ▪ Verizon wants to come to campus to build a cell tower

• Facilities
  o Glen Appreciation Day, possibly during Parents Weekend, possibly with cider and doughnuts

• Health & Safety
  o Lots of organizations have sent representatives, becoming a voice for student concerns
  o Student Bill of Rights to let students know what their rights are in relation to campus officials/judicial process
  o CPR outreach program, discussing objectives at next meeting

• Cultural Affairs
  o Program to discuss race
    ▪ Possibly a speaker from another campus who went through a similar situation
    ▪ Working with Amit on discussion
    ▪ Possible panel on identity
    ▪ Considering town hall on changes in class requirement on race
  o NYC overnight trip postponed to next semester due to funding

• Philanthropy
  o Haunted House October 24th to benefit ABC House
  o Candy grams have been made! October sale 28th-31st to benefit ABC House
Fall Fest Table! Participate :)  
Student Assembly Service Day tentatively October 26th  
Thanksgiving food drive

- Constitution  
  - Hearings on funding code revisions continue, please email any funding code recommendations to Max Schnidman

6. Announcements  
  - Elections for President/Vice President are coming up soon, candidates have to attend 8 SA meetings over the course of their time at Hamilton  
  - NY6 conference will be held here  
  - NESCAC conference November 8 and 9, 4 people can attend