

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

**1. Call to Order**

○ **Present**

- Amanda Kim
- Jjin Jeong
- Alex Kurtz
- Seámus Wiseman
- Eric Kopp
- Ashley Garcia
- Orlando Paz
- Nadav Konforty
- Julian Perricone
- Penelope Hoopes
- Connie Lorente
- Luis Morales
- Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke
- Caroline Paulson
- Frederick Xongmixay
- Lily Brackett
- Jay Carhart
- Isha Parkhi
- Dorothy Poucher
- Bryce Febres
- Lóri Fejes
- Tatum Barclay
- Malik Irish
- Jay Menner
- Nicole Ramirez (*Late*)
- Emily Fienco (*Late*)
- Nyaari Kothiya
- Omar Lopez
- Frank Meng
- Michael Mubarack

○ **Excused**

- Juliet Davidson

○ **Unexcused**

- Tommy Keith

**2. Public Comment Period**

**3. New Business**

○ **Confirmation**



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- **Class of 2020 Representative — Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke**  
**Motion to Confirm Passes Unanimously**
  - **Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke:** I'm a senior. I did a brief stint on SA last fall before I went abroad and now I'm back. Connie and I have the same birthday.
  - **Connie Lorente:** Yes. We're both Cancers.
  
- **Introduction — Terry Martinez**
  - **Terry Martinez:** My apologies for not being here last week, I had a really bad migraine. I just needed to chill and relax to get ready for the next day. Thank you to Amanda and Jiin because they had the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees on your behalf on Saturday morning. They did an excellent job representing. They shared with the trustees the importance of taking a look at climate change, about their initiatives and goals. More importantly, one of the important things was that Amanda told the board is that they need to diversify themselves. It was awesome. You could have heard a pin drop. You did a great job at representing the student body. It was one of those moments where I was proud to be the Dean of Students, so thank you for that. Amanda asked me to come and talk about health insurance because there was something going around the feed on health insurance, why we changed, and things like that. We changed health insurance because CDPHP, the company we had before, had contacted us and said they were going to raise the premium insurance for students. They were going to raise the premiums by 23.8% and there was going to be no changes in benefits or modifications. There is a committee that takes a look at health insurance, they decided to go out to other vendors to see if we could get a better break or services. They in fact found MVP which was not only providing us with modifications to better enhance student coverage, but the premium was 5.9% less than the original CDPHP was. There was a whole bunch of things at play that were better. They removed the \$50 inpatient hospitalization copayment, 10% in network coinsurance. They removed network coinsurance for emergency rooms and just had a \$100 copay. They removed in network coinsurance for urgent care and copay changes from \$50 to \$25. The out of network deductible changes went from \$400 to \$500, but the out of pocket expenses were ultimately less for students. It seemed like us a better deal for students. There was supposed to be no gap in coverage. There was some issue with uploading student names into the system. That is where there was a glitch. When students went to download their cards from the online system, their ID number was somehow not being put through. That doesn't mean you weren't covered for that period, that just means you weren't able to get your card and number. If any student has gone to seek medical care and has issues with their bills, please go speak to Stacey in



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the Health Center. She will work with you to navigate that. My understanding is that it all has been corrected. If you go onto the website and put in the student number you go in the email, it should be working for you now. That was an important change and I think it was a good one. One of the things I'm going to be focusing on this semester is mental health services and how do we continue to address the increasing need for students who are seeking care. I've been able to approve two of the part-time therapists to go just about to full-time. That's going to increase the capacity and number of hours. We are in a cycle where, thankfully, more students are seeking mental health support, but not everyone needs intensive therapy. We're trying to figure out how we can provide service to those students without taking up a lot of slots for those students who need intensive therapy. This is part of a national conversation, because that has happened across the country. We're trying to take a look at other models for student walking in and getting assessment, and then being referred to other modes of treatment other than one on one therapy. We've taken a look at that. We're also taking a look at online therapeutic interventions. Last year, we piloted some video therapy. I paid for that contract again and they accept most insurances and they will accept our insurance. This insurance company has an online module called SilverCloud which is cognitive behavior therapy, but you can do it in modules. Some students are okay with that, but others would rather do it in person. We are going to continue to take a look at that. We will get your feedback on all of these things, so please make sure you go to your constituents and gather information so that we continue to make the best decisions about services for our students. As the chief diversity officer, one of the goals going into this year was to think about how we as an institution really lay some of the foundational work, instead of putting bandaids when issues surface. How do we engage in a community, have conversations about difference, about spaces on campus where students feel comfortable, and how we can provide venues for students to have these conversations? I hope they you've had an opportunity to meet with Paola Lopez. Isn't she awesome? She is part of a team in Student Life to look at diversity and inclusion. As you know, I hired Maria Geneao-Holms as the Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion. Now she has a team of folks, she has Paola at the DMC, Jeff McCarn from the Chaplaincy, Dean Harrison for international students and students with disabilities. Together they are thinking about strategies about inclusive climates and learning from each other, in addition to taking a look at those things. I had a retreat for the President and our leadership team where we reaffirmed a community value statement that was written by the Student Assembly in 2016. If you haven't seen that, I would ask that you read that and request that you reaffirm that. It talks about the expectations



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we have a community and I think it was created by students, faculty and staff. In addition to that, we set some institutional goals around diversity that are pretty important to us as an institution. It's to make sure that we recruit faculty, staff, and students from historically underrepresented communities and to retain historically underrepresented staff and students to create a climate that is inclusive and to ensure that we have a culturally competent faculty, staff, and students. Out of that, every single senior staff member was supposed to come up with goals that would help us get to those as an institution to move that forward. Everyone has submitted their goals to me. Much like we are responsible for supervision, management, and fiscal responsibility, everybody is responsible for a portion of the diversity on campus, as opposed to it being one or two people's responsibility on campus. In Student Affairs, one of the things that Maria and I are looking at is creating an opportunity for student's educating each other in ways that allow for deep and meaningful situations. We are going to be piloting with a national program called Sustained Dialogues, where we would find peer facilitators to help us get trained and start these dialogue circles. You'll hear more about that when Maria launches that. That's something I'm looking forward to this year. The other thing I will be looking at is our meal plan options. I saw on the board out there that some people want weekend McEwen. I know, keep pounding your tables. That's fine. I don't mind piloting that, but we might have to give something up. We can't pay for all of it, we would have to increase the cost of that. That's something that both you and I don't want. ONE of the things we will be using is utilization of meal plan services that we have in place now, so we can determine if we're going to make that an offer, then how do we pay for it. Again, doing a utilization assessment and feedback from students. Finally, taking a look at the residential experience. What are the spaces we need to create in the residence halls? I know that Travis Hill and I had conversations with you and others around social spaces in the residence halls, so those conversations should be getting started soon about what's considered a living room, where can we have students just post events where they're just sitting together perhaps where they can just sit with an open container, but it's not considered a party space, like your living room. We're working through all of that and they will be working with individual residence halls, much like what we did with Eels in the past couple of years. There are a lot of folks in the room, but I would love to get to meet all of you. I know I'm having the first-year representatives to my house for dinner this week. I'm hoping maybe the sophomore representatives could come in the future, and then juniors and seniors.

- **Luis Morales:** Thanks for coming tonight and providing these updates. It's good to know that you are thinking about diversity and inclusion in many ways moving forward. I want to bring up something that has been a



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recurring issue for the Posse community. Again, at the town hall last year in the spring, it was mentioned that there hasn't been a public statement by the administration regarding the decision. The way it went about was really confusing for a lot of people, there wasn't an actual reason given. I feel like if there was a statement that was provided, that was really detailed, given Posse's extensive relationship with Hamilton community, I think it would be a disservice if we don't respect and honor that and say that "Despite we're ending this program with this city, we're saying we're going to honor the contributions and recognize that going forward in diversifying in different ways.

- **Terry Martinez:** I can't speak on behalf of the President, but he made a statement at the event.
- **Luis Morales:** I would say send it out to the community so people that weren't there know what's going on. To this day, I still get people coming up to me and asking "What was said during the town hall?" I think it would just be good to have that out there.
- **Terry Martinez:** I will bring that back.
- **Jay Menner:** In my sociology class we've been talking a lot about privilege, especially on this campus. We've highlighted some ways that we've felt we could do. We were talking about handicap accessibility for example. Most of us at this school are able-bodied, but it's not a campus that open to people that are handicapped. I was just wondering if there was anything the school was thinking about to make the campus more accessible to other students.
  - **Terry Martinez:** That will be part of the strategic planning process that Dean Genalo-Homs will be working on with her staff. What are the priorities for us to take a look at in respect to diversity.
  - **Jay Menner:** There are two other issues we discussed in our class relating to parent's weekend. A lot of people on this campus are privileged enough to have parents that are able to book a hotel, but that's not an experience for every student. We were wondering if there was anything that the school would be willing to help provide assistance for those families and for the students that might not have money to do that.
  - **Terry Martinez:** That's not a conversation that we've had.
  - **Jay Menner:** The last one is the Hamilton gear in the bookstore. You see that it's hundreds of dollars. It perpetuates this feeling of inequality because not everyone can afford to drop the money on sweatpants and represent the school, but other people can. Are there ways that we can look into cheaper alternatives to wear the logo, even if people can't afford the gear.



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- **Terry Martinez:** Again we haven't had the conversation, but Jay, if you have some recommendations for what to do about that, I'd be happy to take that back.
- **Jiin Jeong:** When I was a first-year, Dean Harrison held a dinner for international students. We had parents send in videos to say hi to their children at Hamilton. I think that was a great opportunity that we should restart.
  - **Terry Martinez:** I don't know why we didn't do that this year.
  - **Jiin Jeong:** Yeah, it was great.
- **Malik Irish:** Off the topic of sustained dialogue. I know personally I have a lot of doubts about dialogue because of the idea that its like, yeah we can have this conversation, but sometimes it never gets anywhere. I want to get a better sense about what's the end result of the dialogue and what are ending goals you want to accomplish.
  - **Terry Martinez:** What I'd love is for folks to be able to have conversations with each other that they're normally afraid to. I'll give you an example and it can go off in a lot of different ways. Last year for the MLK dinner. I sat at a table with the only table with the only white students, because there weren't a lot of white students that attended the MLK dinner. So I sat there and we were just having a lot of conversations, and I said "It's great that you're here, why are you here?" They said "We were from the Ultimate Frisbee Team and one of the things we were thinking about is how do we diversify our team. How do we invite people into our group in a way that doesn't feel like it is tokenizing." To me, that seemed like a genuine conversation that they wanted to think about, about how to extend a welcome in a way that allows people to come to us. Meanwhile at the other table, Dean Genao-Holms was having a conversation with a group of students that were predometaly students of color who were saying that they didn't know how to step into groups that were all white groups. There's one example about how we might be able to facilitate conversations with peers with what's happening in our clubs, in our organizations, in the dining halls, in our classes, in our residence halls. That's an example of how you can have those sustained dialogues. So it raises awareness and that students can step in that in a way that's, you know very challenging sometimes personally, but in a space where you won't be attacked for asking questions.
- **Connie Lorente:** I'm wondering if you have any updates on the investigation on the spiked drinks.
  - **Terry Martinez:** The last I got an update was two weeks ago. It is in the hands of the State Police. I know that they were working with a young woman who decided to proceed in that process, but



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didn't want to engage in that process over the summer. They are waiting for her to come back. That was the last I received two weeks ago.

### 4. Old Business

- **Board of Trustees Presentation — Amanda Kim & Jiin Jeong**
  - **Amanda Kim:** We wanted to give you a brief overview of how our presentation went. We presented to the trustees on Saturday morning. We had four main points. First was introducing ourselves, the Assembly, and how we are organized. We talked about what we achieved this semester and then our goals and what we hope to achieve this semester. Our main point that we discussed was the biggest issues students were facing. We did bring up the Climate Strike and climate crisis as one of our main points of conversations among students. We also talked about divestment and other solutions for making Hamilton a greener campus. We talked to them about diversity and inclusion, mental and physical health for students. We didn't get to stay for the discussion that happened after our presentation. We just got to present and answer a couple of questions and then leave. They seemed to receive our presentation positively. They asked really good questions about how we could help and what they could do. Hopefully we'll be hearing from them soon about their ideas to improve the community.

### 5. Acknowledgments

- **Jay Carhart and the Climate Rally Organizers for speaking with the Trustees. Jay also represented the student body in a conversation with the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Chair of the Investment Committee, and President Wippman talking about climate action.**
- **Lóri Fejes for investigating the deli issue.**
- **Nicole Ramirez for investigating the JukeBox selections!**

### 6. Committees

- **Executive Committees**
  - **Org. Recognition**
    - **Orlando Paz:** Just a couple of dates for new club info sessions. For October 7th, we have 12pm-1pm, October 9th, 6pm-7pm, so if you are looking to create a new club come to those info sessions and then the applications will be due October 15th. We're going to start meeting more regularly to prep for this and get ready to review these applications and hopefully to change the functions. Instead of just applications, I want to use it more for actual orgs relations. If any orgs have problems, come to the committee for any issues.



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- **Funding**
  - **Alex Kurtz:** You've heard a lot from me, but does anyone have any questions? Funding is going well. Obviously money is getting tight but we will be pursuing rollback and look for other sources of funding.
- **Constitution**
  - **Seamus Wiseman:** We were pleased with the reception of our funding codes amendment. We'll be meeting again tomorrow.
- **Publicity**
  - **Ashley Garcia:** We put up pictures at the SA diner bulletin board so you can see all of your beautiful faces. I also worked on the website this weekend so I've updated the emails at which people can contact you for the head of the committee. I'm also going to be uploading the liaison information and photos to the websites soon.
- **Student Life**
  - **Cultural Affairs**
    - **Luis Morales:** We met for the first time this past Thursday and met all the dope members of our committee. We were planning our events and keep Multicultural Event in mind.
    - **Lóri Fejes:** And our meeting time is Thursdays at 12, it's a lunch meeting.
  - **FRSH (Facilities, Res. Life, Safety, and Health)**
    - **Connie Lorente:** So several updates. For health, we are meeting with... Next week. For facilities, i went to the facilities trustee meeting on friday and they have a lot of renovations in mind but they are still in the designing phase that goes to your comment, Jay, about accessibility. Most renovations that they are doing are for making more buildings on campus accessible, more elevators and ramps and stuff like that. Some things are reminders that we got new tools on the Hamilton app for safety, I didn't know this before I got here this semester. There are a lot of new things, especially like blue light. You can contact campus safety.
    - **Nadav Konforty:** you can check energy in buildings
    - **Connie Lorente:** You can do that which is fun You can message a friend if you want to walk with someone. An update on blue lights is that in the first town hall it was a big conversation about the blue lights and the presence of more blue lights. We already have ten blue lights here at Hamilton and they are spread out all around campus. He told me that blue lights are really expensive and in the past four years, we have had only one call on the blue light so thats why they are trying to move more towards blue lights on the app and trying to make the app more of a tool rather than trying to get



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blue lights for people that don't know where they are at. We are also trying to get a map with blue lights so we can put that around the school.

- a. **Nadav Konforty:** I know I talked to Corey about a year and a half and she pointed me to a bunch of studies about how blue lights works on bigger campuses as opposed to smaller campuses. They are less effective on small campus whereas on big campuses like Syracuse where there are people all the time. The point is to attract attention to where bad behavior is going on, whereas at a small campus noone is really down there.
  - b. **Nadav Konforty:** I was down there my first year so we don't have to do that. I understand the concern and the importance of blue lights and their role in preventing any type of sexual misconduct. Having a very distinct discussion with the Title IX office, while they are awesome, they aren't effective on small campuses.
  - c. **Connie Lorente:** We asked and she was like in the past year, 2 and the past 6 years 2.
- **Eric Kopp:** We also got an update on reslife about online housing. Right now, res life got a new assistant director, Tanith Sherman, and she is specifically focused on online housing and all of that. They want to head for mid year but that probably won't happen. But they are preparing for a big roll out in the spring. During that time they are going to have a lot of info sessions to explain how to use the technology to pick your rooms and during the lottery as well there will be advertisements for the location of staff to help you with it. If you want to register for housing, they can help you through it. This new system will allow RAs to do inventory online which is more convenient because then you can just sign it online instead of signing it and bringing it back to them. Overall, they are trying to phase out and rethink things that they've been doing and they mentioned how they want RAs being point of contact instead of campo especially for noise violations. For example, if someone is being loud, tell it to your RA first and they can deal with it instead of officers showing up.
  - **Connie Lorente:** And one last thing, we have a lot of updates. Hill card readers. I know its a big issue and when you tap the hill card some of them don't scan and then you have to hold them and then you just jump to open things. They say it is a security feature. If you have to tap it then people can steal your identity, like steal it electronically. I think they are trying to move to electronic IDs like



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apple pay but they have to finish changing all the hill card readers all around campus but they are not quite done with that.

- **Eric Kopp:** One last thing They are starting a system where people know where the RAs are on call are especially in the suites. They are actually making a website with all the Ra on call and RA office locations so people where the Ras are. Ashley places in the process of making a website which they said might take a while but it has phone numbers of all the RAs on call.
  - **Jay Menner:** There is a map of the blue light locations on the website. That is something that Frank told me about.
  - **Eric Kopp:** If you have any problems with facilities or any other group under our committee, please reach out to me ([ekopp@hamilton.edu](mailto:ekopp@hamilton.edu)) and Connie Lorente ([clorente@hamilton.edu](mailto:clorente@hamilton.edu)).
- **Community Affairs**
- **Julian Perricone:** Alright I will make it really quick. We met about a week ago, our meeting times are now Tuesdays from 11 to 12. We are going to be doing on and off weeks with Derek ROy from Bon Appetit. Once a month we will be meeting up with Dean Martinez. I am just going to quickly run down a few ideas we came up with in a brainstorming session that we will present to Bon AP tomorrow. Diner B swipes are now limited so we will be looking into that. Coffee cup lids have been missing from commons so we will be looking at that issue. Deli meats, we are looking into the deli meat issues. We are looking to expand the choices and authenticity of international food at mcewen and commons. We are looking to improve the quality of food at late night commons. We want to try to bring back the grab and go options, the grab and go bowls at commons. Last time we talked about that, the funding for that ended up going to either bundy cafe or late night commons. As always the issue with the gluten free press or toaster at McEwen which is every year an issue. We want to try to have more democracy in our food so maybe have people vote on different options. We are looking at sustainability as well. Meatless Mondays and what is going on with that? We will also look at other parts of food here at Hamilton, outside of Bon Ap, vending machines and dining options like Opus and Euphoria. We are looking also to implement those “Seat not Occupied” signs that Fox Maxwell came to talk about but we are still discussing it. We are looking at McEwen selections which Dean Martinez mentioned and we are also looking at jukebox music selection.

- **Associative**



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### ■ Traditions

- **Nadav Konforty:** Put in the announcements that we have Fall Fest and Off The Hill Challenge this weekend. I expect to see all of you there. I might have to crowdsource SA members with setup and takedown and running our little booth down in Clinton. If you need to know, I will reach out to you about that. I'm working with Noelle. Hopefully it will go off without a hitch. Regarding the Carissima Project, sounds very official, I talked this morning with Professor Chambliss and we talked about specific action items so I will be reaching out to Acapella and ISC. The Acapella groups were very supportive in this. This is more of a plug for the minutes. If anyone has ideas about how to insert Carissima into the daily lifestyle, just email me at [nkonfort@hamilton.edu](mailto:nkonfort@hamilton.edu).
- **Julian Perricone:** This is far fetched. I'll just say it, even though it's far fetched, having a way of playing it from the Chapel, like from the bells. Maybe we can have some speakers too. Somewhere in that budget there is some room
  - a. **Connie Lorente:** Speakers?
  - b. **Julian Perricone:** Maybe every six hours, you get Carissima in traditional bells type of music.
  - c. **Nadav Konforty:** Of course. I will look into that. I also know that it will be sung during the Lighting of the Village and Sadove. And if we can get it on the jukebox, that'll be great.

### ■ Philanthropy

- **Penelope Hoopes:** So we had a bake sale over parents weekend and made \$300 dollars. We have another one during the CAB Comedy Show and midterms, we are trying to do wellness baskets so get excited.

### ■ Sustainability

- **Michael Moubarak:** We have two things. We're planning to start sustainability open hours and we will try to start it next week. Students that know a lot about sustainability in the room and then students who have questions can come and talk to them. The hope with that is that it will include leaders from different clubs to get into this. You guys can look at emails from sustainability. With the email, we're hoping to create a LISTSERV with people that want to stay involved in sustainability on campus. We will also send out emails to facilitate conversation. That came out of a meeting with the e board members of all the sustainability related clubs on campus. That was something they said they wanted their participants on and also host all those e board members again in



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the future so we can get their input. I think Jay spoke to the Board of Trustees and he wants to work on that.

- **Jay Carhart:** We talked to the three people you mentioned and they were not interested in divesting at all and listing off a number of reasons why mostly it being not in the interest of offering everything that we receive. I was not particularly receptive with the meeting, I think we would have to push more on things like this.
  - a. **Amanda Kim:** One of the reasons alternative ways to making Hamilton greener was brought up at the trustee meeting was because it was made clear to us that there are some potential implications of complete divestment that could negatively affect students; for example, we wouldn't be able to offer as much financial aid. That is a consideration they discussed. That is something we can have a conversation about.

**7. Funding**

Amount remaining non-strategic: \$2,921.98

Amount remaining discretionary: \$2,740.21

| Organization                 | Items/Services Requested        | Amount Requested | Amount Approved | Resubmit |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Red Cross                    | Raffle prizes                   | \$40             | \$40            | N        |
| History Club                 | Lake Placid trip                | \$740.22         | \$740.22        | N        |
| Beekeeping Club              | Burlap and jars                 | \$32.79          | \$32.79         | N        |
| Special K                    | Recording expenses              | \$3,700          | \$3,700         | N        |
| Duelly Noted                 | Recording, arrangements, jitney | \$2,754.54       | \$2,720.00      | N        |
| Philanthropy Committee       | Supplies for fundraisers        | \$897.06         | \$429.50        | N        |
| QuestBridge Scholars Network | Food for event, dominoes table  | \$353.67         | \$273.72        | N        |
| Student Performing Arts Club | SPAC coffeehouse food           | \$1,184.15       | \$946.65        | Y        |



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| ASU Japanese Branch     | Boston/NJ trip      | \$2,039.75      | \$0             | Y        |
| Spanish Club            | Jazz musicians      | \$6,000         | \$0             | N        |
| <i>Student Assembly</i> | <i>Quarter-zips</i> | <i>\$872.46</i> | <i>\$872.46</i> | <i>N</i> |

Amount requested non-strategic: \$17,742.18

Amount approved non-strategic: \$8,882.88

Amount requested discretionary: \$872.46

Amount approved discretionary: \$872.46

- **Red Cross - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passses Unanimously**
- **History Club - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passses Unanimously**
- **Beekeeping Club - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passses Unanimously**
- **Special K - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passses Unanimously**
  - **Alex Kurtz:** They have recording expenses that they came and talked to us about last week.
- **Duelly Noted - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passses Unanimously**
  - **Alex Kurtz:** Duelly Noted also came in last week. We are recommending funding in full except for transportation to an event that they said was going to occur on September 21 which is in the past.
- **Philanthropy Committee - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passses (23-0-1)**
  - **Alex Kurtz:** We recommended funding for everything that was not an event in the past. They were re-submitting an old budget and did not take it off.
- **QuestBridge Scholars Network**  
**Motion to Fund as Recommended Passses (22-0-2)**
  - **Alex Kurtz:** We are recommending the funding for food in full. We didn't see the purpose of the domino table in the DMC. We thought that you could find another table for that. We did not recommend funding for that.
  - **Denzel Capellan '22:** The purpose of the domino table is for cultural significance.
  - **Amanda Kim:** I think that LV has a domino table that we funded in the past. Maybe you could borrow it from them.
    - **Connie Lorente:** We don't have that table. We didn't fund it for the table during the time that I've been here. I can check, but I'm pretty sure it's not in our closet.



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- **Amanda Kim:** It might not have been LV. We were under the impression we had funded a domino table for some organization in the past so we can look into that.
- **Connie Lorente:** That would be great. I do understand the thing about culture. Of course you can play dominos on a regular table, but there's a different thing about playing dominos at a domino table. It's okay. It would be cool to fund this and leave it in the DMC, then LV can use it, as well as QuestBridge. If the DMC has it and if Paola is the keeper of the domino table.
- **Amanda Kim:** It might be another organization, but we were pretty sure that at some point we funded one for some group. We can check into that.
- **Nadav Konforty:** I think it would be good to have one, but I also think a lot of the orgs have DMC funding. Would it be better to see if the funding for the table could come from the DMC?
  - **Connie Lorente:** The only latinx group that is under the DMC is BLSU. QuestBridge and LV are both funded through Student Assembly.
  - **Amanda Kim:** The DMC might still be something to look into.
  - **Denzel Capellan '22:** So could you get back to me once you figure out who has the domino table so we could borrow it?
  - **Amanda Kim:** Yes, we will.
- **Nicole Ramirez:** I want to add that just because budgeting is also tight, I know the importance of a domino table, I play dominos with my family all the time. It would be amazing to have one, but if you have dominos I feel like you could use a regular table for the moment. Just looking at the budget just because it is a little tight.
- **Student Performing Arts Club**  
*Motion to Fund as Recommended Passes Unanimously*
  - **Alex Kurtz:** A couple of events did not have dates, which we require, so we did not recommend funding for those, but we did for everything else.
- **ASU Japanese Branch - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passes (23-0-1)**
  - **Alex Kurtz:** ASU Japanese Branch did not include attendance for their budget for the Boston and New Jersey trip. We are asking them to resubmit.
- **Spanish Club - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passes Unanimously**
  - **Alex Kurtz:** Thank you guys for coming in again, I know it's been a long process. We are not recommending not funding this event, the jazz musicians for a concert, because you mentioned outside funding that you already have a confirmed \$1,000-3,000 plus an additional \$1,000 from the



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music department and other departments still in the process of consideration. You're requesting \$6,000, but it sounds like it covers \$5,000 or more of that even, so we recommended no funding.

- **Amanda Kim:** Is it because of the departments?
- **Alex Kurtz:** The departmental funding seems like a better option, especially because you have some confirmed and since it sounds like other departments are thinking about giving you more.
- **Jeffrey Bush '22:** That's definitely a fair point. We've gone through quite a few departments asking for money. The issue is we don't want to burden a department with a specific amount that's too high for them and prevents them from doing another event. This is quite a large event that we're undertaking and I was shocked actually when we came up with the idea. I think it will be a fantastic event. One of the people has been nominated for a Grammy. It would be a really amazing opportunity that the student body would appreciate. Obviously we could lessen the expense by making people pay and not hiring as much musicians, but this in my opinion would really detract from the event. Because this is so central to the student body as a whole, I think believe some of the funding coming out of Student Assembly is not an absurd proposition.
- **Iftikhar Ramnandan '21:** My point of contention would be, yes we are getting funding from departments, but because of the scale of the event, I would refute and ask for more funding. Maybe not \$6,000, but I think it is plenty musicians we are bringing. I think for a five person event that could run 2k usually. No, I heard a three person event usually runs 2k. I think our request doesn't seem so unreasonable.
  - **Alex Kurtz:** I'm just a little unclear. Are you asking for \$6,000 from us and you say you have a confirmed \$5,000 from other sources. Does that mean that you actually only need \$1,000 to cover the difference?
  - **Jeffrey Bush '22:** No, we are asking for \$6,000 based on an estimation. They are doing a concert and a workshop. The workshop portion, we decided that should be funded by the departments, which was mentioned in the first time we submitted, because it was an academic thing. The total cost is \$20,000. That is why we are trying to seek out several different sources.
- **Amanda Kim:** I would say confirm with the other departments in consideration and see what they can give you and then we can talk about what we can give you. Especially considering our own budget as it was cut this semester. I think it would be more practical for us to wait and give you what you actually need rather than to give you more than you need now and have to wait for a rollback. It'd be best for you to finalize everything that you can get and then come to us.



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- **Jeffrey Bush '22:** That's a fair point. I'm just worried because the first week, there was a misunderstanding, last week we didn't have a date. I'm back here the third week and every time you have more clubs coming in and asking for more funding for more events. I worry that by the time we get a confirmation from other departments, there may not be enough left in your budget.
- **Amanda Kim:** I think that's a valid concern.
- **Jiin Jeong:** I think we funded you for \$4,000 for strategic. There is a maximum cap, which is about 8%.
- **Jeffrey Bush '22:** No, I believe the amount you guys funded us was \$700.
- **Jiin Jeong:** Sorry, I was wrong.
- **Alex Kurtz:** I also understand your timing concern that it will get pushed back too much. I'm just looking at the date of the event, which is November 7th. I do think you have a fair amount of breathing room there. I would definitely urge you to push those departments to give you a hard number, then come back to us. I know it's a long process.
- **Jeffrey Bush '22:** I don't mind it here.
- **Julian Perricone:** It's a \$20,000 event correct? Like all things, correct?
  - **Jeffrey Bush '22:** Yes, it is.
  - **Julian Perricone:** You're saying you already have \$5,000 at least from other departments?
  - **Jeffrey Bush '22:** Yeah we have about \$3,000-4,000 from the Dean of Faculty and \$1,000 from the music department. Then \$300 from La Vanguardia for posters.
  - **Julian Perricone:** So you're asking us for \$6,000, which will leave you guys shy of the \$9,000.
  - **Jeffrey Bush '22:** Yes.
  - **Julian Perricone:** So what are you planning for that discrepancy?
  - **Jeffrey Bush '22:** We asked people at the Jazz Archive and Days-Massolo. We've spoken to the President's Office, performing arts. Some of these places have said, with a verbal confirmation, that they are interested. As you know that's not anything official. I don't want to present it like we had more money than we actually did.
  - **Julian Perricone:** Two things. First to the point about not wanting to take money from those departments, I do understand that. I think you get that. The other thing is that to the point about coming in here and it's too late and you've lost the money we could've given you. I think if anything, that if you get some funding over the next few weeks, maybe we have less money, but you request less



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because you got funding elsewhere. I wouldn't be worried coming in in a few weeks from now.

- **Jeffrey Bush '22:** Fair point. I'm not unaware that this is a large amount of money that we're asking. I know you're budget got cute, but this could be a great event and a really wonderful opportunity for everyone on campus.
- **Lóri Fejes:** I'm feeling kind of bad about you, Jeffrey, and Denzel coming in and you know seeing that you might not get funding because of a very small mistake. I feel like that is a little bit of my fault as your treasurer. So ask your class reps or treasurers if you need a budget looked over or any help filling it out, because that's why we're here. Also, you can ask Alex. We're all here, just to avoid it for going for weeks and weeks with semantics.
- **Jeffrey Bush '22:** See y'all again soon.
  - **Connie Lorente:** I love this kid.
- **Student Assembly - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passes (22-2-0)**
  - **Amanda Kim:** The amount that we set out on the agenda is actually higher than what we're requesting. It's been adjusted. We found a cheaper alternative. They look just as good, don't worry y'all. We are looking to get quarter-zips for the Assembly. It's really important to be able to identify your representatives on campus and we're trying to start up "SA Mondays" where you all wear your quarter-zips on Mondays to promote SA. I know a lot of you don't have anything with the SA logo on it, so it's important that you have something to show that you're a representative for your peers.

### 8. Announcements

- **Annual Fall Fest and Off the Hill Challenge!**
  - **Saturday, October 5th from 12-4pm in the Village of Clinton on the Village Green**
  - Jitney will do continuous loops.
  - Free fall food from Cider Mill, Discounts and giveaways at village shops.
  - Free T-shirt for visiting all of the Clinton stops.
  - Performances and fall activities like pumpkin painting; Fun for Hamilton students and Clinton families of all ages!
  - Sponsored by Hamilton College Student Activities, Clinton Chamber of Commerce, SA Traditions Committee, and Sadove Programming.
- **Carissima Project**
  - If you have any ideas how to implement Carissima into the Hamilton Daily life, email Nadav Konforty at [nkonfort@hamilton.edu](mailto:nkonfort@hamilton.edu).
- **La Vanguardia 35th Reunion**



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- On October 5th, there will be a celebration of LV's 35th anniversary with previous alumni of the group in the Days-Massolo Center. There will be a lunch and a dance.
- Have any questions? Email Connie Lorente ([clorente@hamilton.edu](mailto:clorente@hamilton.edu)).

