1. Call to Order

Present:

Emily Boviero            Nevaeh Gutierrez            Dewayne Martin
Gabriel Bit-Babik        Jackson Harris             Ryley McGovern
Isa Cardoso              Abigail Hagan               Subin Myong
Nickie Conlogue          Christian Hernandez         Raymond Ni
Cicille Dan-Morton       Emily Jiang                Natalia Reboredo
Michelle Estrella        Lena Klink                 Eric Santomauro-Stenzel
Ashley García            Marvin Lopez               Felix Tager

2. Land Acknowledgement

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel read a [land acknowledgement](http://example.com) created by the Shenandoah-Kirkland Initiative (SKI).

3. General Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. New Business

   ○ Approval of Minutes 11/29

   *The motion to approve the 11/29 minutes passes unanimously.*

   ○ Semester and Annual Review

   Emily Jiang mentioned that it was an honor for them to serve as Vice President and as Deputy Secretary this semester. They expressed gratitude for the assembly supporting each other and for believing in their possibilities as a student organization. Although there were a ton of difficulties, they believe the assembly also achieved a lot and they believed that next semester will bring many possibilities as well. Regardless of what happens, they emphasized that they will support the assembly in future endeavors in the coming years and in their belief in the assembly as a whole. They mentioned that Eric, Saphire, and Kavya provided an excellent base which they can use to achieve further goals.

   Isa Cardoso mentioned that the position of the Elections Chair has been reinstated. She explained that the role of the Elections Chair has been important to legitimize the elections and
ensure that they are run properly. She further noted that the assembly passed four amendments which has been a great achievement.

**Abigail Hagan** mentioned how proud she was to be part of the Student Health committee and of the achievements they have been able to achieve through the committee such as bringing back the omelet bar, sushi, and late night meals which all have been enjoyed by students in past years. In terms of the committee’s work with the Counseling Center, she noted how therapy designed for POC has been encouraged for the next semester through groups and therapists of color. Additionally, the committee has been trying to end the stigma on asking professors for extensions and utilizing mental health resources.

**Dewayne Martin** mentioned that the Residential Life and Safety committee was able to work alongside facilities to get more parking spaces for students. Additionally, they were able to address the Bundy Housing situation to the extent that they could. He expressed excitement for what is to come in the future.

**Christian Hernandez Barragan** mentioned that the Justice and Equity Committee has been talking to the HEOP director as their first project to better the HEOP summer program, who has been very receptive to changes and ideas. There is more work to be done next semester including listening sessions and taking feedback to help students from marginalized backgrounds transition into college which he is excited to take on next semester with the committee. He noted the success of the clothing drive and expressed gratitude to the entire Hamilton community. Their second project involved working with the Upstate Cerebral Palsy organization to sponsor two people who needed gifts for the holiday season. He shouted out his committee members for all the work they have done and noted that he is more than happy to work with others on suggestions and projects.

**Dewayne Martin** shouted out the Residential Life and Safety Committee.

**Abigail Hagan** shouted out the Health Committee and expressed her appreciation for their engagement and ideas.

**Ryley McGovern** expressed appreciation for Christian Hernandez Barragan and the members of the Justice and Equity Committee.

**Felix Tager** mentioned that he joined the assembly at a weird time when they felt like organizations were on the brink of collapsing and the audit which they did was falling apart. He
mentioned that SAFC was a challenge as the committee did not know what to do and thanked the people that stayed on the committee and the people who contributed great ideas to it. He thinks that it is a tough challenge because the funding system has been trying to be revamped, redone, and fixed but nothing has happened. Treasurers have consistently been trying to fix the system but not much has happened until this year. Annual rollovers are likely to happen next year which will benefit not just the entire assembly but the entire student activities fee. Additionally, SAFC has been able to flesh out a finalized model for funding with the current idea for a declining budget model with a tier system. The goal of this is to put the power of funding onto Org leaders to allow them to decide how they want to fund their clubs without SA over-governing them. He expressed gratitude for every club leader who has met up with him and the help of Nat Reboredo which both helped him present the data to the Board of Trustees. The Treasury Department is changing as it is going into a more controlling era with evolutions happening in the department. However, they are also seeing a lot of changes they want to make into the school which included a shift into a more democratic state to bring the power of student activities fee into the hands of the students. He mentioned that there is a long history of finding immediate solutions to long term problems when they should focus on long term solutions to funding issues. For example, much money is spent on Acapella every year to get equipment when a studio can be created to help this problem long term. Many ideas and long term solutions have been put forward and he emphasized the need to keep the motivation and push these ideas to the finish line. He further emphasized that although this semester was rocky for SA, this semester taught them what needed to be fixed within the assembly and expressed the need for everyone to be proud.

**Raymond Ni** shouted out his Deputy Secretaries and mentioned that they have made his job so much easier as Secretary. He advised future administrators to keep the Deputies for the Executive Board roles.

**Emily Boviero** shouted out Cicille Dan-Morton as the only other member of the Academic and Enrollment Committee. Because of the limited time period, not much work has been done this semester but there are big plans coming next semester. She mentioned that the committee has met with Suzanne Keen to talk about the implementation of involving students into more committees, especially faculty committees. She hopes the committee can create an amendment next semester.

**Natalia Reboredo** mentioned that the Org Relations Department has done a lot this semester which included meeting with Org leaders. She noted that this paid off in the end because of the relationship developed between SA and the Org leaders. This led the department to think of what work to do in the department. She shouted out the people who helped her in the club approval
and denial process and her deputies for all the work they have done for her. Additionally she shouted out Noelle Juliano for leading her in the process of being Director of Org Relations.

**Felix Tager** shouted out his deputies.

**Ashley García** thanked everyone for stepping up, especially the first years. She mentioned that many people have been vocal about wanting to reach the community and she thanked the assembly for living up to that. Regarding the Publicity Department, they try to post every three to five days which she thanked her deputies for. She noted that the SA newsletter has been much more quirkier and personable this time around which she is happy about. In regard to social events, she expressed gratitude for every member's involvement as in the past, it would be mostly conducted by the Publicity Department. There is about $5k in their budget each semester just for SA. Next semester, Sophomores should be thinking about hosting Declaration Day. First years should be thinking of hosting a formal. She mentioned that she will help with organizing both events should she stay on the Assembly E-Board.

**Eric Santomauro-Stenzel** read aloud a speech recapping the term.

5. **Announcements**

- SA Elections for 2022 President/VP, and Class Representatives for the Class of 2022, and Class Representatives & Class President for the Class of 2023 will be occurring virtually on December 15th. Contact Elections Chair Isa Cardoso ’25 (icardoso@hamilton.edu) for more information.

**Isa Cardoso** thanked Eric Santomauro-Stenzel for the speech and all his work throughout the semester. She mentioned that since last week there is one more ticket for the presidential campaign. There are now two tickets, neither of which are fully confirmed. There are two candidates for the Class of 2023. There are still no candidates for the Class of 2022 and no candidates for the President of the Class of 2023. She encouraged people to run. The deadlines have been extended to December 7th at 9 PM. Platforms will be going out on December 8th. The election is on December 15th and results will go out on December 17th.

**Felix Tager** mentioned that J-Board has been asked for a vacancy.

**Eric Santomauro Stenzel** mentioned that he will work with the next President and VP for the next semester. All committees will remain the same next semester unless the new administration wants to create new ones. He and Emily Jiang will be in office until the first day of the Spring semester. If anyone plans on leaving the assembly before then, they should let them know.
Jackson Harris expressed his hope that the people currently on the Executive Board of the assembly stays on the assembly as he feels like they are the most qualified to do their jobs.