

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

OCTOBER 29TH, 2018

1. Call to Order

Present

- Nadav Konforty
- Julian Perricone
- Amanda Kim
- Jake Engelman
- Samantha Gordon
- Penelope Hoopes
- Karthik Ravishankar
- Casey Codd
- Jack Fischman
- Richard Court
- Ben Rhind
- Connie Lorente
- Robert Hallock
- Luis Morales
- Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke
- César Guerrero
- Gianni Hill
- Savannah Kelly
- Morgan Perry
- Diana Perez
- Jiin Jeong
- Bryce Febres
- Lóri Fejes
- Finlay Adamson
- Keir Adamson
- Nasheley Boursiquot
- Eric Kopp

Excused

- Nani Suzuki
- Huzefah Umer

Absent

- Harry Dubke

2. Public Comment Period

3. New Business

Class banners — presenting designs



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- **Nadav Konforty:** We approved the funding for class banners. So the Class of 2022 and 2020 are all set. I think 2021 sent theirs in this afternoon and 2019 still needs to figure out the ordering section with Noelle. So these are the banners. I can tell you later who designed them. Only one person submitted for 2019. Only one person submitted for 2021, and we asked someone to make three different designs for 2020. The one for 2022 was the only submission as well I think, and that was after being asked. Now that we've gotten the first four classes, every first year class after will have a design that will be done in the first semester that will then be used for graduation, alumni reunions, etc.
 - **Gianni Hill:** Are they going to be hung up during the four years that we're here? Because I know a lot of schools hang them up.
 - **Julian Perricone:** We've talked about it but we aren't sure where yet.
- **Nadav Konforty:** If you have any questions about the class banners, ask your class president!

Trustee Committee updates — Nadav Konforty '20 and Julian Perricone '20

- **Julian Perricone:** We were at the Student Affairs committee meeting along with Karthik and Eric. Gianni was there, he was a panelist. He spoke a bit about student life on campus and answered student questions that Dean Martinez had picked out and also questions from the trustees. If there are any particular questions you have about those meetings, feel free to ask us. Connie, did you ever go to the 7:30 am meeting?
 - **Connie Lorente:** No, but I went to the one at 2:30 and I inquired about the 7:30 and they said they were just going to vote on something and I wasn't going to do anything, so I didn't go.
 - **Julian Perricone:** Okay, similarly we just kind of listened. There wasn't much going on. But the meeting talked about alcohol use on campus, Greek life, other aspects of social life on campus, residential life, fitting in and finding your community in the Hamilton community, and whatever else trustees were interested in. But if you have any other specific questions feel free to reach out.

4. Old Business

5. Acknowledgements

- Thank you to Jiin Jeong and the Cultural Affairs committee for all of their work in developing so much meaningful programming for the coming weeks!!!

6. Committee Reports

Executive Committees

Constitution – Sam Gordon

- **Sam Gordon:** So there's two main things we're doing. Constitution Committee and I met with Nadav today and this is a culmination of ongoing discussions with the Dean of Students office to make a few edits to the attendance policy and also the training requirements that were put in last spring. So those of you who were on the Assembly then



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will remember that. Basically, these requirements were essentially mandating that every member of the Central Council get Title IX training to the level of org leaders or higher, and then there is this component about Diversity and Inclusion training. So we have a few edits to that. Right now the current provision is here and it's supplemented with some requirements of the Secretary and also has some rules on what happens if you don't meet the requirements. This has not actually been enforced this year because we've still been transitioning from the old Parliamentarian to me so it's been a little bumpy, but hopefully after this it will be enforced. It's a really important thing Student Assembly is doing.

- **Sam Gordon:** I can talk you through what's going on. So basically what I'm proposing is that we need to add – in addition to the Central Council – that the e-board should be part of this requirement, because it doesn't make sense for it to only be the Central Council. So that's the first edit. The next edit is adding a temporal constraint that is a little bit stronger. The initial language was about having this done in the first half of the term, so if you join the Assembly in the fall you'd have to have it done by winter break. I and the rest of the committee think this timeline should be pushed up a bit because the reason we're having this training requirement is so that you guys can be more aware, better representatives, and more sensitive to on-campus issues. If you're only doing this at the halfway point, you're missing a lot of opportunity for having that knowledge and having that background that you need to be a good representative. So we're doing it by fall break. This shouldn't be that big of an issue because a lot of the standardized trainings happen at the beginning of the year, like the Title IX fundamentals – there's about 20 trainings that happen at the beginning of the year. So that shouldn't be a problem. Additionally, the trainings that were listed as examples I took a little bit of an issue with. Title IX fundamentals resident advisor training is specifically geared toward RAs. So that should not be an example of what Student Assembly members should be doing. Additionally, Peer Advocate training and PASA training are for people who are willing to be a victim support resource. That is specifically designed to be an opt-in program. So making that a requirement was not something that I or the rest of my committee was comfortable doing. While these were just examples, I didn't think it set the standard correctly. So what changes to the language will do is Title IX fundamentals, which – if all of you guys are on the e-board of other organizations – is required. It's about 20 minutes. You could also do any other training like that, like if you did Bystander Intervention on the Assembly training last year that would count as that requirement as well. The other component I'm proposing adding is that the Secretary will also be responsible for maintaining a record for who has completed these trainings. The penalty is that if you don't complete the trainings by the temporal constraint that we've made, then the e-board can dismiss you by a two-thirds vote. This is really important because the section on training on Diversity and Inclusion, we don't have standardized curriculum in Diversity or Inclusion training at Hamilton right now. Maybe we won't have this problem in 10 years, maybe it'll become standardized like with what we have with Title IX fundamentals, but that's not the case now. So that's why the provision that the Student Assembly President can choose is in there. Also, it's already in the bylaws that the



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Secretary has to publish the list of these trainings that have a requirement at the beginning of the semester. So that's just adding to the clerical responsibilities that they have. Does anyone have any questions?

- **Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke:** I love it, but I just have a quick question. What if someone joins for the spring semester?
 - **Nadav Konforty:** Maybe we can also add in if you're joining by the spring semester then by spring break?
 - **Sam Gordon:** The reason I'm hesitant to add in language like that is because this ultimately is all through the discretion of the President. So what trainings, the timeline, and removal all come down to e-board decisions. So I think that because that language is already in there, that encompasses potential things like that where someone substitutes. But I can drop some language in there because that's a really good point.
- **Sam Gordon:** So I'll share this with you all. I have my rationale laid out here. The second thing is really simple. There's an inconsistency in the attendance policy. Nadav and I ultimately decided and I think that what this was supposed to read was that the 4 absences were for the e-board, but Nadav and I and the rest of the Constitution Committee decided that we're just going to standardize it for all e-board and Central Council members such that they all have three unexcused absences. I just want to point out to you that there's exceptions in place. If you email or text within 24 hours with an actual reason or in the case of emergency that would not count toward your three absences. Any questions on the attendance?
- **César Guerrero:** Because it's happened to me, I have a question about the temporal constraint and the 24 hours. If it's a valid excuse, it's a valid excuse. What if you say before the meeting with a valid excuse? I never got the time constraint with the valid excuse thing.
 - **Julian Perricone:** The 24 hour window is reserved for emergency excuses only. So if you have something that comes up, like you're really ill or some family emergency or something like that and that comes to us within that 24 hour window, then that would totally be fine. But assuming that most things in life can be kind of predicted and you know 24 hours before the meeting that you're going to have a TA session or an exam, we expect you tell us before the 24 hour window.
 - **Nadav Konforty:** I know sometimes people have jobs on campus as well. I'd say that if that is something of concern where shifts could potentially switch before a meeting, let us know beforehand when you're first coming onto the Assembly so we know the situation and can work with you. Obviously, we don't want to be kicking off members of the Assembly. That's just really difficult.
 - **Sam Gordon:** The other thing is that I'm not going to suggest amending the whole constitution because I'm a strong believer in precedent. But if the whole body agrees with that, we can have that conversation. So let me know.
 - **César Guerrero:** I was just complaining.



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- **Sam Gordon:** That's fine.
- **Jack Fischman:** Is that three absences over the full year or per semester?
 - **Sam Gordon:** It's your full term, so full year.
- **Julian Perricone:** Also, I know we're talking about it now but we don't have to vote on it right now. We can think it over.
- **Sam Gordon:** I can talk to you about procedure. It's kind of silly but basically we need two-thirds of the Central Council to approve of this, and then it's sent out to the student body, who needs to vote on it by a majority. So basically even if you guys vote on it tonight and approve it, I'm not going to send it out to the student body until the end of the semester in case other things come up and we can do it in one big voting wave instead of just sending it out multiple times because people already have a hard time responding to emails. So we're just going to do it that way.
 - **Gianni Hill:** Could we maybe send this out to the student body when we send out the election stuff basically so it's all sent in one single ballot? I think we'll get more responses that way.
 - **Julian Perricone:** That's a good idea.
 - **Sam Gordon:** Yeah, I don't see this being contentious.
- **Sam Gordon:** Do you guys want to vote on this now? Is there anyone who wants to wait?
 - **Casey Codd:** I want to see if any language would be put in for people who enter in the spring term just so it's all laid out.
 - **Jake Engelman:** One thought is that an entire e-board comes in in the spring, so you're going to have some kind of training for the e-board anyway.
- **Gianni Hill:** Just to clarify, you said that there's currently no training in place for Diversity and Inclusion, so the only training requirement as proposed in there right now is for Title IX and Sexual Assault training?
 - **Sam Gordon:** No, both trainings need to be done as written. The only examples I could put are ones that currently exist. So basically how this is written, my interpretation is that the president – like what we did with the Bystander Intervention Training last spring – would organize a training for the body, and then we would complete that and that would fulfill that requirement. That would be unlike the Title IX training. And again, none of you guys are going to be kicked off the Assembly because you didn't complete this training because it's the two-thirds e-board vote that would remove you, so don't freak out about this. We were aware of this and we weren't going to implement it unless we were clear on the requirement.
 - **Nadav Konforty:** Yeah, it's just an issue with the transition. So unfortunately, probably in this e-board it won't be implemented to its full extent but we're trying to lay the groundwork so it can be after.



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- **Gianni Hill:** I have another clarifying question. As is right now, does this mean that upon every new term you must complete this training? Like if you're re-elected, is this a training every year?
 - **Sam Gordon:** Yes, much like an e-board position for any other organization on campus.
- **Julian Perricone:** I'm personally of the opinion that we should table this. I think it'd be healthy to have a week or two to look over the language.
- **Sam Gordon:** All the rationale I explained is written out in paragraph form. I'll email this out to you all. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Publicity – Penelope Hoopes

- **Penelope Hoopes:** Savannah sent out a form for your bios, please fill it out. I'll probably put out another reminder. On November 12 we're going to do a casual dinner with SA before the meeting for people to come in and talk to us in a more relaxed setting. So we're going to have pizza in here at 7pm. It's not mandatory obviously because it's outside the meeting time but please do come, it's really important that people feel comfortable expressing their opinions to us and it'd be awesome for you to be there. Also tell your friends to come. It's a great way for them to get to know their reps and for you guys to hear what people have to say. It's also free pizza.

Funding – Jake Engelman

- **Jake Engelman:** I do have an announcement. This is more of a PSA for organizations, but if you're traveling and being reimbursed for your food per diem, if you do not come in with itemized receipts, we are not going to reimburse you. End of story. Thanks.
- **Natalie Rodriguez '22:** We go upstairs to get reimbursements, right?
 - **Jake Engelman:** So to get reimbursed, you go up to the second floor of Sadove to the Student Activities office. There are two folders you can use for either cash or check reimbursements. You take the receipts, fill out the information in the folder, and Kaity and I will take a look at it and reimburse you.
- **César Guerrero:** Last year we didn't have to do the receipts, so you're changing the rules again?
 - **Jake Engelman:** This was voted on in the end of last year. So it's in the codes, but a couple organizations haven't been doing it. I think we did a couple because we understand that there can be misunderstandings with the new codes, but I just wanted to give a general PSA.
- **Nadav Konforty:** One last thing for funding, I know Cultural Affairs wanted to talk about possibly adding something to the funding codes.
 - **Jiin Jeong:** We were wondering if we could make Student Diversity Council one of the mandatory meetings for leaders on campus. Luis can give more details about Student Diversity Council.
 - **Luis Morales:** We were just talking about making all the meetings for members of e-boards mandatory because they receive funding for their cultural based



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events and we wanted them to come to our meetings just to check in and make sure that they know that we're helping, as SA, to support them as much as we can. And that way we just have an idea of what's going on and we're all informed about what's happening.

- **Jake Engelman:** I love the idea. I can get you a list of the cultural organizations and as long as we define that it's golden. We can throw it in the codes.
- **Jiin Jeong:** Will we need to go through the Central Council or is this something I should work with you individually on?
- **Jake Engelman:** We'll work together and then bring it to the Central Council and we'll all look at it and discuss. I'm sure it'll take weeks and then we'll pass it.

Student Life Committees

Cultural Affairs – Jiin Jeong

- **Jiin Jeong:** We met with Ms. Breland. Next week is going to be our International Week so I'll send out an email soon with all the events have planned. Also I'm going abroad next semester so I'm making a Cultural Affairs committee guide for future leaders.

FRSH Affairs (Facilities, Res Life, Safety & Health) – Connie Lorente & Gianni Hill

- **Connie Lorente:** I met with Roger Wakeman for facilities. We talked extensively about concerns people have and he invited our whole committee to a leadership meeting with the people in charge of Facilities Management in two weeks. So that's our update. We're going to meet with facilities management.
- **Gianni Hill:** Also, we plan to reach out to Res Life now that they've been kind of added to what we do. We want to ask them a little more about moving to the online housing lottery and what their update is with that. We also want to ask them about the new meal plan and discuss some of the details of that and who gets to waive the unlimited option. We were also thinking of trying to create some publicity for a video tutorial on the housing lottery starring Geoffrey.

Community Affairs (Student Affairs & Food) – Karthik Ravishankar

- **Karthik Ravishankar:** We have no real updates, we just talked with Dean Martinez and Bon Appétit about the new meal plan. We got some response on that, I just have to consolidate some of the notes from the meeting with Dean Martinez about the meal plan but once we get that together we'll get back to her and bring it back to you guys and keep the conversation going.

Associative Committees

LITS – Minh To

- **Minh To:** I met with the other LITS ambassadors today and we talked about different projects we're going to work on. That includes the Hamilton app, mass emails, and classroom for the future. We also sent out a survey about wifi. That's for us to identify how we can improve Wifi services so please fill out the survey. The rewards are a \$100 Visa gift card and there's also six \$25 campus gift cards.



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Mental Health & Wellness Collective – Diana Perez

- **Diana Perez:** I wasn't able to meet with them this week but next I will and I'll come back with solid updates.

Philanthropy – Richard Court

- **Richard Court:** We're doing candy grams, so if you're interested check your emails!

Traditions – Casey Codd

- **Casey Codd:** We're meeting at 8 a.m. in McEwen on Wednesday.

7. Funding

Amount Remaining: **\$10,944.19**

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Approved
Feminists of Color Collective	Food for Speakeasy	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00

Amount Requested: \$225.00

Amount Recommended: \$225.00

Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: \$10,719.19

Feminists of Color Collective

- **Jake Engelman:** Super easy this week, it's just food for a Speakeasy on November 1 for FCC. They're requesting under \$5 a head for the number of people they expect to show up. Everything's good about the budget, we're recommending funding in full.
- **Karthik Ravishankar:** What's FCC?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Feminists of Color Collective.
- **Jack Fischman:** What is a Speakeasy?
 - **Jake Engelman:** I'll read the event description: *Hosted in Collaboration with Womxn's Center, BLSU, QSU, and Sadove Programming, the SpeakEasy open mic and spoken word lounge is an established program that has become a tradition for students on our campus with a turnout of over 100 students, faculty, and staff, at each previous event. The FCC is committed to staging performances that challenge dominant political ideologies and by sponsoring The SpeakEasy that will feature an international artist as well as students from our campus community, we will be able to accomplish this goal. The atmosphere of The SpeakEasy is a comfortable space that welcomes and embraces students from all walks of life from the Hamilton Campus, which is another part of our mission. The FCC is excited about collaborating with Dr. Endsley for this program to*



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demonstrate the ways in which art can be used as an instrument to send an effective social message.

- **Lóri Fejes:** Don't they need to submit the funding request a certain number of days in advance?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Yes, they submitted a while ago. They submitted in the middle of last week. So they're good. That's a good question though.

Feminists of Color Collective funding passes as recommended.

8. Announcements

- **Halloween at The Pub:** Wednesday 10/31 at 8pm. Costume Contest with prizes awarded to the Scariest, Funniest and most Original/Creative costume. The movie *Halloween* will play @ 8:30 with the judging of costumes to follow at the conclusion of the movie. Halloween Punch (non-alcoholic) will be available served with or without ice cream. Under 21 are welcome
- **There will be jitneys running on Election Day from 11am-9pm!** They will be running continuously rather than on an hour schedule, so get down to the polls and vote!
- **If you are looking for information on candidates, you can visit <https://votesaveamerica.com/ballot>.** If you put in your address, they provide information about the different candidates (both state and federal) as well as breaking down what different amendments on the ballot mean!

