

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

OCTOBER 8TH, 2018

1. Call to Order

Present

- Nadav Konforty
- Julian Perricone
- Amanda Kim
- Jake Engelman
- Samantha Gordon
- Penelope Hoopes
- Karthik Ravishankar (late)
- Casey Codd
- Richard Court
- Ben Rhind
- Connie Lorente
- Robert Hallock (late)
- Nani Suzuki
- Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke
- Savannah Kelly
- Diana Perez
- Jiin Jeong
- Morgan Perry
- Huzefah Umer
- Bryce Febres
- Lóri Fejes
- Finlay Adamson
- Keir Adamson
- Nasheley Boursiquot
- Eric Kopp

Excused

- Jack Fischman
- Harry Dubke
- Gianni Hill

Absent

- Luis Morales
- César Guerrero

2. Public Comment Period

3. New Business

Advising Committee – Margaret Gentry



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- Hi, thank you for having me tonight. I'm Margaret Gentry, I'm a professor in Women's and gender studies and I'm working this year as a special advisor to President Wippman to implement parts of the strategic plan, specifically experiential learning, which I'll be glad to come and talk to you about sometime. But tonight I'm here to say a few words about advising and to ask for your help.
- The strategic plan calls for the development of a broader and more holistic system of advising and mentorship that recognizes and supports both formal academic advising and the advising and mentoring that occurs in other areas. The goal is to provide a more integrated and connected experience of academic and co-curricular balance for students.
- President Wippman appointed a cross-divisional steering committee to spearhead the advising piece of the strategic plan. The members are Dean Martinez, Associate Dean Tara McKee, and Assistant Dean of Students Travis Hill from the Dean of Students office; Associate Dean Nathan Goodale from DOF office; Professor Karen Brewer from Faculty Advisory Committee on Advising; Associate Director Janine Oliver from the Career Center; and me as Chair. We will lead the efforts to create an advising network for students that better integrates advising resources across campus and that helps students more easily access necessary resources at the appropriate time in their education. Among issues the committee will consider are the development of a college-wide mission statement for advising; different models for integrating academic, career, and co-curricular advising; the use of technology to support collaborative advising; training for advisors; and issues of assessment. We will be consulting widely with groups and individuals during this process.
- On Tuesday October 16th at noon we are hosting our first lunch for interested students in the Hub. I'm going to send out some email announcements about it and we wanted to be sure to get it into your minutes. The steering committee will be present to listen to students so we can hear about various types of advising you've gotten at Hamilton, whom you've gotten advice from, some of the issues that have popped up, some of the strengths of the system, and to see what ideas you might have for improving the advising process. I hope some of you can make it and that you will encourage other interested students to come. We're just starting so I might not have a lot to tell you but I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have.
- **Nani Suzuki:** What is your timeline in terms of accomplishing this? Do you have a specific timeline in mind in terms of having the mission statement in place?
 - **Margaret Gentry:** I think that this is going to be a multi-year process. The mission statement is probably the second thing we'll take on. I think what we want to do first is travel to some other schools and see what they're doing with advising because it varies from place to place. In some places the faculty are primary source of advising for academic and co-curricular, in other places it's split up. Other places have different



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software systems in use. So that will probably be the first thing we look at and then we will work on the mission statement. And as we start to do that we'll be pulling people into working groups to help us with that.

- **Jake Engelman:** I've had my concentration advisors for two years now. I remember coming to school as a freshman and being assigned an advisor. Has anything changed with that process?
 - **Margaret Gentry:** We're training differently. We've started to institute more training. I don't know if when you were here we were trying to make a real effort with the preconcentration advisors to make sure the students are in one of their courses so they get to know them better. We've been able to do that for about 60-70% of students every year over the last few years so we're working on that. We have an advising handbook now that we didn't have that gives advice and information to academic advisors.
- **Ben Rhind:** What do you think the biggest problems are with the system right now? I know you're just kind of getting started, but I was wondering about your perspective as a professor and advisor.
 - **Margaret Gentry:** I think overall the big issue is we're all one curriculum and we're all in silos. We operate in silos. So the faculty is advising about academics, the career center is giving you advice about what you might be doing for internships and preparing for careers, you get advice from coaches if you're athletes, you ask other people on campus, and we have no system to communicate. If there's an issue that your coach is aware of that the faculty doesn't know about, for example, we have no way of knowing other than picking up the phone, and some people do that and some people don't. So we'd like a system that provides better communication whether we do that in some kind of a team format if there's some kind of a software that makes that easier to do. I'd say that's one of the big problems. And I think we'd like to hear at this lunch from students in general to see. We have been assessing pre-concentration and concentration academic advising. Although there's always an exception, generally people seem to be pretty satisfied. Now and again you run across a student who has a bad experience but in general people are pretty happy, especially with their concentration advising. I'm not sure I know about how happy students are with career advising or with other kinds of advice that they're giving.

4. Old Business

Org Rec Board Updates — Jake Engelman '19 & Julian Perricone '20

- **Jake Engelman:** We opened it up to campus to submit proposals for new organizations to make it more structured. In the past there hasn't been any clear direction for Student Activities on how to judge whether or not an organization should be included, and that's kind of led to a swelling of organization numbers.



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So we tried to put in place a system that would kind of mirror the funding process of organization approval. We'll read off the criteria but basically we had organizations submit proposals with constitutions and a Google Form of what they plan on accomplishing. And yesterday we met as a committee. Julian and I are co-chairing and it's the class presidents and Nadav is in it too. We met to basically go through organization representation and make sure they checked all the boxes for criteria and did our own voting of two-thirds within that committee. The way it works is that decisions of that committee for either rejection or acceptance are final. But we gave organizations an opportunity to appeal that decision within 7 days, and once they appeal they can come in and make their case to the whole Assembly and the Assembly can take it over with a two-thirds vote. So with that being said, Sports Business Club is here to appeal their rejection.

Sports Business Club Appeal

- **Jake Engelman:** Sports Business was originally rejected because we believed they had unclear goals about what they wanted to accomplish and the impact they would have off-campus. To give some background I can read their organization mission statement, which reads: "We aim to educate and connect members of the Hamilton College community to the sports industry through discussions, speakers networking experiences." To how will this new club benefit the Hamilton College community? They shared that they "want to share our interest in sports business with the Hamilton College community and provide a way for students to learn about the different career paths within it through discussions and networking." And then finally what they plan to accomplish is weekly meetings, Skype speakers, golf outings, and more. In the future they want to run a trip New York City to expose members to more intimate experiences within the business. Before we get into exactly why they're here, Julian, can you read off all the criteria all our committee came up with?
- **Julian Perricone:**
 - *Compliance with the Hamilton College Student Handbook and College policies, including the College's non-discrimination and hazing policies.*
 - *Clearly articulated purpose, objectives, and goals of the proposed student organization.*
 - *Demonstrated non-duplication of the mission/purpose of currently recognized student organizations. Demonstrated avoidance of evident similarity with another recognized student organization.*
 - *Feasibility of funding the organization's projects or goals.*
 - *Local autonomy of the club; the club is led completely by Hamilton College students without direction, interference, obligation to, any entity external to the Hamilton Community (e.g. a parent organization, national chapter, or charter). If the external entity maintains guidelines, policies,*



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or other documents of any kind that are found by the Club Review Board to be in conflict with the Student Code of Conduct, the Club Handbook, or the Hamilton College non-discrimination policy, the proposed club must disavow such items in its constitution in order to be approved. The club may not function solely or predominantly as a fundraising vehicle for the outside entity, or as a means for the outside entity to host events/programs on campus.

- *Interest by no fewer than 5 Hamilton student-members.*
 - *Designated executive board (e-board) that includes at least a President and Treasurer.*
 - *Demonstrated plan for electing leaders and ensuring sustainability of the organization.*
 - *Demonstrated plan for storing equipment/resources, if applicable.*
 - *Demonstrated benefit to the Hamilton community.*
 - *Demonstrated need for recognition based on benefits provided to recognized student organizations.*
- **Julian Perricone:** So our biggest concerns were basically a little bit of vagueness about what the purpose, objectives, and goals were. Also we were concerned about the longevity of the club because looking at your roster, it was primarily seniors, and one of our biggest concerns in the committee was looking for clubs that might accidentally evaporate after one year. So we just want to make sure your roster will be more sort of diverse so you can be a sustained club.
 - **Jake Engelman:** So with that, we'll open it up to you guys. Just so everyone knows, with the numbers we have here, we need 100% of you guys to vote yes to approve the club because we're running with a lot of people missing tonight. So in order for it to pass we need everyone to vote yes. So do you guys want to start with reiterating what you sent us in the email and then kind of open it up for questions?
 - **Delaney Nicol:** Sure. I'll just start off by going over what we said to the committee. Yesterday, Charlie and I's proposal for the Hamilton College Sports Business Club was rejected, and we would like to appeal this decision. I believe there was a misunderstanding about our goals and purpose and the significant impact that it will have on Hamilton's student body. At Hamilton, students have expressed that they are interested in pursuing a career in the sports industry, and many more students are interested in learning more about sports business. While we did not include the names of every individual that we spoke with because we were planning to wait until our first official meeting to truly gauge the interest of the club, I can assure you that many students – both athletes and non-athletes – would benefit from this club. We plan to hold weekly speakers series, networking events and panels with sports business professionals who have had success in the industry. We did not want to choose our full e-board, as Charlie and I would first like to see who is going to be fully committed to growing this club. However, we



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plan to put younger members on the e-board so that this club will last after we graduate this year.

- **Delaney Nicol:** So basically going off of that, what we plan to do is have primarily skype calls with sports business officials in the industry that we've met and we're going to reach out to. Sports business is a really niche industry and you pretty much have to know people to get into it. I feel like at Hamilton this type of community is really underserved because as you know we don't have classes about sports and it's really hard to learn about sports business here. What we learned primarily from people we networked with in the Hamilton community, like Mason Ashe was here a couple weeks ago, he's a sports lawyer. Besides that, at Hamilton there's really no way to gain those type of contacts with the Career Center either. We've had summer experiences in the sports industry. Charlie worked for the Philadelphia 76ers, I worked at Foot Locker and I've also worked for the Brooklyn Nets. We want to give other Hamilton students those same experiences we had working with sports professionals and expand our own networks as well. This club will benefit both non-athletes and athletes. Both of us don't play a varsity sport and we want to be in sports business. I know a lot of athletes have talked to us about wanting to do this. And yeah, that's pretty much it. Like I said, we didn't want to name an e-board of younger members because we want to see who's going to be fully committed to sending those networking emails out every week and reaching out to these people. We also wanted to have a trip to New York City in which we went to, say, Madison Square Garden or the NBA offices and sat down and had panels with these professionals so that way Hamilton's community can implement sports business and that way we can be known for more things and have a bigger network of people all around the industry. If there's any questions we're happy to answer them.
- **Connie Lorente:** I have a question about the golf outing. How does that contribute to the club's mission?
 - **Charlie Fogg:** A big part of sports business is through networking and a lot of that happens in golf. That's the career advice that me and Delaney been given by professionals. So we thought we could do something with that.
 - **Connie Lorente:** How will SA fund this golf outing?
 - **Delaney Nicol:** We don't need any funding. We think that we've met enough people through our networks who will be willing to speak with us and get on a Skype call with us. The only thing we potentially need funding for is the trip to New York City if we were to do it. But we would also fundraise on our own for that.
- **Lóri Fejes:** You mentioned the presentation by Mason Ashe. That was organized by the Career Center. How do you think your student organization will have more networking experience than the Career Center and how will Student Assembly funding help more than if it was done through Career Center funding?



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- **Delaney Nicol:** Hamilton alums have limited experience in the sports industry. While there are some, like Mason Ashe and someone who works with the Clippers, there's not that many. And there's so many avenues within the sports industry you can pursue and we don't have access to the type of network. Yes, Hamilton has maybe five alumni, but people are willing to share their networks with others so if we reach out to people we know they can also get other people on the panel and those people will be also willing to help.
- **Keir Adamson:** I was just wondering, do you have a rough estimate of number of interested people?
 - **Delaney Nicol:** I would say around 45 is what we're thinking right now. I used to play on the softball team and they said they'd all come out. We've also got a lot of non-athletes who have said they want to be part of this. I think people are just willing to learn more about sports business. I personally didn't know anything about it until I actually had experiences with it. So we just want to expand that knowledge to the rest of the Hamilton community because we wish we'd had that coming in as freshmen.
- **Nani Suzuki:** I know the club is based on you two's networking experiences. I was wondering in terms of the longevity of the club itself, how are you planning on incorporating your knowledge and the people you know to make sure that lasts throughout the entirety of the club's existence so it can continue after you guys graduate?
 - **Charlie Fogg:** We've networked with multiple Hamilton alumni and they are truly passionate about helping students out with this sort of stuff. In the Career Center there's no portal for sports or things like that. So it's very much a business of who you know and we want people our age to be able to jump in early and I guess we just want to share that. When we were freshmen there wasn't a clear path to get there.
 - **Delaney Nicol:** I also think that over the summer when I was in this program we would have workshops where they'd teach us how to send emails out and expand our network with other professionals that we'd never met before. So maybe if Charlie and I were to have those types of workshops and have other people that aren't us sending those types of emails, trying to network with people in the industry, and then asking the people that we know to share their networks with us so we can just expand that in general. And I know that so many people here have had experiences in the sports industry who are willing to bring their networks to us. I think that just having more minds contribute to the cause will be so much more helpful than just what we have.
- **Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke:** One question I have that's more for us as a general body, I know there are a lot of clubs at Hamilton that are networking-oriented and



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career-oriented that were founded before this new org recognition criteria were made. So I get that we're putting this club under more scrutiny. But I was sort of wondering, when we have a club like this that is serving a similar purpose but for a different career path or community, how does that relate to the criteria where we say that it can't be similar to something else? Because the way I see this is it's legitimate because it serves a similar purpose to Finance Club or something. I was just wondering how we were going to approach that because this is a precedent-setting case.

- **Jake Engelman:** That's a great question. Judging applying organizations versus organizations that already exist was a big part of the weighting we had to do here. In this case, the reason we rejected this club's proposal was not because of overlap with other organizations. They're right, there totally is a void and they wouldn't be stepping on toes. We had more of an issue with longevity and a fleshed out plan. To kind of put this in context, an easy example is that we approved Women in STEM even though there already exists Women in Math, Women in Physics, and those all make sense but we didn't those should exclude Women in STEM from existing because we did acknowledge they made the case it was a little bit different. That's even a closer difference than this and Finance Club. They're not like Finance, they're not like Micro-Finance. I know you weren't saying that but to put in context similarities and overlap that was something we considered very seriously but that's not one of the issues that we had with their proposal.
- **Julian Perricone:** Also with clubs we approved that had similarities, we recommended they try to collaborate with those pre-existing clubs. With clubs we rejected on that basis, we asked those organizations and try to go to these clubs first and see how they feel and then maybe re-submit and appeal for their club.
- **Karthik Ravishankar:** So this is a bit of a personal experience with this but I know these guys pretty well and yeah sure, I might have a bit of a personal bias here, but I also know how much work Charlie put into his career search over the last two years. A large part of the reason he had to do so much work is because of the lack of the alumni. I work for the Career Center too. So even though we do have a great institution and we help people find careers, they're limited in the sense that they can only go so far. So I think they're making a very valid point with this club but that's just my personal take on that.
- **Savannah Kelly:** I was wondering if there's a system by which they can amalgamate this information on alumni? Because I can see the issue with longevity but it might not get disseminated so is there a plan for that in place?
 - **Charlie Fogg:** We're definitely going to have a spreadsheet or something to keep all that information in one place.



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- **Delaney Nicol:** They can also send emails to introduce themselves as members of our club and to say that they wanted to expand their network. Something like, “I’m very interested in studying sports business and would love to learn from you your take on it.” We feel like as a student, more people are willing to help you. When you graduate they’ll be less willing to help you. So that’s why we thought it’d be great for students to have the opportunity to start creating their networks now. And I’ve realized that a lot of people want to help. So if more people got in on that and at our weekly meetings we all just contributed to the spreadsheet and we all input our contacts and who we reached out to, we can create this long-lasting network that’s accessible for all the members.
- **Connie Lorente:** I think the common reasoning we had was longevity and they have addressed that in very compelling arguments. The spreadsheet convinced me.
 - **Delaney Nicol:** We’ve already started the spreadsheet.
 - **Connie Lorente:** Well, there you go.

Committee decision to reject Sports Business Club proposal overturned.

Back to Org Rec Board Updates — Jake Engelman ‘19 & Julian Perricone ‘20

- **Nadav Konforty:** So the clubs that were initially denied has been notified like that club and we’ll probably have more clubs come in to the meeting after Fall Break if they choose to appeal. But right now we’re going to go through and talk about the clubs that we approved. So there’s 21 clubs that submitted, and it’s basically 50/50 that we approved and denied.
- **Jake Engelman:** So we approved QuestBridge Scholars Network, Women in STEM, Hamilton Aquaponics, the Hamilton College Anthropology Club, the Juggling Club, the Classics Club, Women in Politics, Star Wars Club, Zumba Club, Hidden Heroes at Hamilton, and MOHASA - Men Of Hamilton Against Sexual Assault.
- **Eric Kopp:** What’s aquaponics?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Aquaponics is basically a new agricultural technique. I think they have a giant tank and they have fish that are living in the tank, and then they have another tank with a lot of plants?
 - **Julian Perricone:** The plants are on top of the fish.
 - **Jake Engelman:** Okay, the plants are on top of the fish. And the fish do a thing and then the plants clean the water. And then fish can use the clean water. Anyway, the point is that it’s very legit and they’re working with a professor and they have space in the greenhouse already. We had no idea what they were talking about so we called them in and they have a really long list of supporters and a professor behind them.



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- **Nadav Konforty:** It seems really cool, it's like agriculture mixed with taking care of animals.
- **Jake Engelman:** They're going to grow fish.
- **Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke:** How do you grow a fish?
- **Jake Engelman:** Anyway, the clubs we didn't approve are Nippon Club, Fika Club, Positive Thinking Club, Liver Lovers, The Ocean Sustainability Club, Women's Recreational Lacrosse, PlayStation Club, and Hamilton College Locksport. School of Rock is a maybe because they didn't give us their constitution. With the ones we didn't approve, those were all in the domain of other organizations.
- **Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke:** Just out of curiosity, what is Liver Lovers?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Their mission statement is: "Liver Lovers will strive to provide quality alternatives to the weekend party scene through organized group activities and events. We will focus on creating Friday and Saturday evening events and fostering relationships between those who share the desire to restrain from the party scene. Officers will be responsible for organizing events, making necessary reservations, distributing funds and determining group interest in subsequent activities." So they had some ideas for events but those were all in the domain of other organizations so we didn't approve them.
 - **Ben Rhind:** We should approve for the name alone.
 - **Jake Engelman:** It was a very clever name.
- **Eric Kopp:** What was Positive Thinking Club about?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Their mission statement was: "The mission of this organization is to influence our members to think and spread positivity throughout their daily lives. We want students to have a safe-space of recharging their energy, feel motivated and supported, and simply have fun while spreading a good message." So we didn't really see a need for an organization to necessarily do all these things and we're all for fundraisers but they'd have to go through the Philanthropy Committee anyway.
 - **Julian Perricone:** I think our general takeaway was just that we're trying our best to concentrate efforts. We're a small school with a lot of clubs and it's very difficult when there's lots of clubs with few members who are all targeting the same goals. So in our response to them we encouraged them to reach out to the Mental Wellness Collective as well as Minds for Change. And I would be shocked if those two organizations did not want some sort of branch to do with positive thinking. So it was a good idea and they definitely had a valid mission, but we just didn't think they necessarily needed to be a separate organization.
- **Savannah Kelly:** What's School of Rock?



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- **Jake Engelman:** Again, we didn't approve or deny them, but it's basically a medium to connect musicians on campus with other musicians that want to join to be in a band together. It sounds like a social network to me, which is cool. It's like a social network for musicians who want to jam together. That's pretty much it but it seemed like we were leaning toward a yes but we need to look at their constitution to know exactly what we're getting ourselves into.
- **Nadav Konforty:** Also for funding we wanted to make sure they weren't asking Student Assembly for instruments specifically, like to buy a band's worth of musical instruments.

Trustee Committees — Nadav Konforty '20 & Julian Perricone '20

- **Nadav Konforty:** We finally got the email from the trustee committees. I'll just go down and list the committees. They consolidated them significantly to the point where there's only five trustee committees and they have very strict guidelines as to who can be on them. But I'll let you know exactly when there's an option position when I read them off and how that process will work with filling that position with someone from SA. So for trustee committees the first one is Building, Grounds, & Equipment. That one is already filled because Harry Dubke was working last year on it. The second is Budget & Finance and they want just Jake. The third one is Student Affairs, and for that one they asked for the SA President, Vice President, the Senior Class President, and they want one more person. So that's me, Julian, Karthik, and one other person. The fourth one is Governance. I'm going to get more information on that one because they didn't give me definitions. This is a committee that's kind of a mixture of a bunch of other committees. Governance they want the Sophomore Class President, the Junior Class President, and then one other junior. So that's Gianni, Connie, and another junior. And then for Enrollment, which is a lot to do with admissions, they want the First-Year President and one other student from any year. So that's Bryce, and then any other student.
- **Nadav Konforty:** So how that process is going to work is that essentially I'm going to email out a Google Form once I get the definitions for Governance and Enrollment. Student Affairs deals with student life in general. But I'll get the descriptions for the other two. If you want to potentially be on one of those committees, fill out that application. I ask that if you're already on one, let someone else have a turn as well. Once I get a list of all the people who apply, I'll send it back out to the Assembly and the Assembly itself will vote on who we want to fill those positions for those committees. So that'll all be done on email.
- **Nasheley Boursiquot:** Do you have the times they meet on there?
 - **Nadav Konforty:** I do. We'll send it out in the form and the email but I'll say it now. So the only ones that meet in October because they're meeting the same weekend as family weekend – which is suboptimal – is the



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Student Affairs committee. That is the Friday from 11am to noon. If there's a conflict with that, email me. Also the Governance trustee committee, which will be meeting Friday the 26th at 2:30pm. And then they'll also be meeting that Saturday the following day on the 27th at 7:30am.

- **Connie Lorente:** What? Is that me? Is Governance me?
- **Nadav Konforty:** Yeah, you're on Governance.
- **Connie Lorente:** Why are they meeting so early?
- **Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke:** They're real adults, Connie.
- **Nadav Konforty:** I don't know, but they're meeting here and they give really nice food when they come here.
- **Julian Perricone:** You know what? They wrote César on accident.
- **Connie Lorente:** He can go.
- **Nadav Konforty:** Anyway, the other ones don't meet in October. The trustees come on campus three times a year.

5. Acknowledgements

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- **Also, thank you to Karthik Ravishankar '19, Connie Lorente '20, Bryce Febres '22, Jake Engelman '19, Nadav Konforty '20, and Kaity Stewart for dedicating their time Sunday evening to meet and deliberate over the new orgs!**

6. Committee Reports

Executive Committees:

- **Executive:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
 - **Penelope Hoopes:** We talked about this flyer we want to publish but we're actually going to do it in the Spec which we think is a better idea and it'll be more accessible. Also after Fall Break we're going to do the bulletin board with updates and announcements and we also want to put up all of your photos. If everyone could write a three-sentence bio over Fall Break that would be great. We're also going to do a pizza night with SA one night before a meeting. We feel like a lot of people don't come in



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to SA to express their opinions because they're intimidated by the atmosphere so we want to have a more informal one-on-one conversation space where people can come and say what they think. We're also going to do an Instagram contest with Opus gift cards for whoever can post the best fall pic on the Hill.

- **Nadav Konforty:** Did you say what the name is for the thing in the Spec?
- **Penelope Hoopes:** Oh, are you ready? You know how we send out the Student Assembly minutes? In the Spec, it's gonna be the Student Assembly Seconds. Because it's shorter.
- **Nadav Konforty:** I got a kick out of it.
- **Constitution:**
 - **Sam Gordon:** We have a meeting tomorrow with Cori Smith to go over some changes in language.
- **Funding:** N/A

Student Life Committees:

- **Cultural Affairs:**
 - **Jiin Jeong:** We went with Noelle and we talked about where we should get funding for cultural events and we also talked about making a Student Diversity Council and we are hoping to have one meeting this semester.
- **FSH Affairs (Facilities, Safety & Health):**
 - **Connie Lorente:** We're waiting to hear back from Mr. Wakeman.
- **Community Affairs (Student Affairs & Food):**
 - **Karthik Ravishankar:** Great meeting with Derek, great guy, very receptive. So Richard and I met with him and we also met within our committee. So basically the first thing is the flies. They brought in pest control and I've personally seen less flies in the dining hall. Another thing was the late night options in Commons, which people were saying weren't the healthiest. Starting this past Monday, they had rolled out a new menu which included a couple of different kinds of salads and different burger options. Two big things is that #1 is to be aware of the allergen areas and be considerate of those. We have toasters for gluten-free people I think. So don't mix and cross-contaminate because people can actually get sick. #2 is to keep sending in feedback and keep talking to the people in the committee. The people in the committee are Harry Dubke, Jack Fischman, Geoffrey Ravenhall Mienke, Nasheley Boursiquot, Huzefah Umer, Finlay Adamson, Morgan Perry, Natalie Rodriguez, and me and Richard Court. So you can also reach out to any of us with questions.

Associative Committees:

- **LITS:**
 - **Minh To:** We're still focusing on mass emails, so we're thinking after break we're going to have meetings prior to SA so that students can just come in and talk to us about what they feel would be the best way to



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design communication on campus. We're also thinking about setting up a table in Beinecke and just asking students as they pass what their opinion is.

- **Philanthropy:**
 - **Richard Court:** I'm meeting them next Tuesday to get a more full picture of what they're doing independently. Everyone knows they funded the Purple Ribbon so they've been helpful with that.
 - **Jake Engelman:** Do you know what charity they're going to focus on this year?
 - **Richard Court:** No, I don't. I know they've been particularly busy but we're meeting on Tuesday and I'll have more information after we talk.
- **Traditions:** N/A

7. Funding

Amount Remaining: \$13,439.61

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Approved
Spanish Club	Dinner	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00
ISA	Thanksgiving Trip, Weekly dinner Gifts	\$5,816.90	\$2,831.62	\$2,831.62
TEDx	Chipotle for Viewing	\$630.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
SAAC	Superfan Items	\$4,020.22	\$4,020.22	\$4,020.22
Hogwarts @ Hamilton	Props	\$313.94	\$313.94	\$313.94

Amount Requested: \$10,915.86

Amount Recommended: \$7,670.78

Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: \$5,768.83

- **Jake Engelman:** Just a note about the amount remaining, we're actually running at significantly more than that. We've received a big influx of rollbacks over the past few days.

SAAC

- **Jake Engelman:** SAAC submitted a budget for a little over 4 grand for primarily apparel items to be given out as a reward for attending games. This is something there has been



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debate on in the past so I recommended that they come and support the budget. I'm not going to go too much into the budget, I'll just list off the items they're requesting and then let them explain the changes they're making this year. So they are requesting 72 crewnecks, 100 bottles of water, 100 socks, 50 blankets, and 150 keychain lights. This all comes out to about 4 grand and there's \$20 for publicity. With that I'll let them take it away.

- **Ian Nichols:** This is all part of a new system we've got in place with this app called the SuperFan app. So instead of us handing out different apparel for people going to Games of the Week or those kinds of events, anyone on campus is able to download this app which will list all the events that are upcoming. If you go to these games then you are able to check in, get points, and then you can redeem them in any way you wish when we have pop-up shops at the end of semesters. So there's apparel on here but there's also lunches with the Athletic Director and Associate Athletic Director, there's a raffle to win a VIP parking spot, and more. We feel like it's a good way to address some of the concerns Student Assembly has had in the past. For one, the athletics department has already funded the app, which was \$3,000, so we didn't have to go through Student Assembly for that. They also put in over \$1,000 for other apparel that we already have. This app will also make it so these items will be going to the community on the Hill, so we don't have people coming from off-campus getting these items. Finally, as of right now we just started using this app so we've kept it only to varsity games, but it is our plan to begin to incorporate club games and then hopefully other events on campus whether that be some type of concert or different talks. That's something we want to consider and hopefully that works out in the future. So if anyone has any questions we'd be happy to answer anything.
- **Jake Engelman:** We do have one question about the water bottles. Are those plastic water bottles?
 - **Caroline Chivily:** They're reusable imitation S'well bottles.
- **Ben Rhind:** Just first, in the past this has been super contentious. And I appreciate that the new system just sounds like it addresses a lot of problems from last year. I guess my one question would be that a lot of the debate in the past has been that these items are theoretically designed to drive up turnout. A lot of the argument was that it was just the same people coming to these games who would already attend a game who just happen to get it. Do you guys have any data on Game of the Week attendance or attendance at wherever you'd be giving these out?
 - **Ian Nichols:** We have data from last year's Game of the Weeks. For example, women's soccer would average about 190-220 people, at Game of the Week we had 320. Field hockey's regular attendance was 170, Game of the Week was close to 400. Football averaged 900, but their Game of the Week was close to 2,500. So it is getting a lot of people out.
- **Caroline Chivily:** We've only had the app up and running for two weeks now, but our ultimate goal is to make it an all-encompassing kind of app in the sense that it'll be a place where we can put notices about a cappella concerts, speakers, and other events.



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Right now yes, we're just starting with athletics, but that's just because that's who our initial backing is from. But our goal is to make it more of a community thing and we're starting with athletics because that's where the idea and backing came from. We found out that Williams College has been using this app for several years now. We actually got the idea from them. They've been using it a while so they include a whole bunch of different events in it too and they said they've had great success in making it a big community thing. So we have a similar campus environment as them being a small liberal arts college in the NESCAC and we think it'll be a really successful thing making it so it's not the same people.

- **Eric Kopp:** Just to clarify the numbers you gave for attendance, are those just Hamilton students or including the people who come from off-campus to the games?
 - **Ian Nichols:** These numbers are just pure averages so it's whoever shows up.
 - **Caroline Chivily:** But to actually use this app and get points from attending events, you actually need to go to the event. And you can't just show up and leave. A huge issue we've had is that some people would just show up, get the item, and then leave. But with this app you have to stay a certain amount of time to actually benefit from using the app so it promotes actually attending events and showing support. You have to be in a certain geolocation or you can't check into the event. So it's really meant to promote support from students and faculty and the rest of the campus community.
- **Finlay Adamson:** You guys mentioned that one of the benefits of the app is that it stops people from coming in off of the Hill and getting this stuff. Has that been a problem in the past?
 - **Ian Nichols:** We leave it up to some of our SAAC membership volunteers to give out items at Game of the Week. In the past it's been kind of a bloodbath so it's been tough to keep people from taking items if they weren't meant to. We won't actually have the items at the games now. We're planning on doing pop-up shops at the end of the year. We'll only be giving out pizza at the games. So to get pizza you'll have to check into the game.

SAAC funding passes as recommended.

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- **Jake Engelman:** Spanish Club is just requesting money for a cultural meal for 28-33 people in attendance. This is well under the cost per student, so we're recommending funding in full. That's the Monday we get back from break. Next is ISA. You'll notice a big discrepancy in what they requested and what we recommended, but that's actually kind of misleading. So they're expanding their trip for Thanksgiving. We had approved their trip to Boston, and we funded basically all the expenses but just not the Celtics game. They received way more interest than they expected. They'd initially asked to take 12 people, but now they're expanding from 12 to 27. So naturally this is much more expensive. The difference between what we approved and what we're requesting now is



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\$2,791. So we're recommending the difference because it's not an increase in cost per student, it's just an increase in students. Again, it's for hotel fees, gas, mileage, and tolls. So we're recommending funding that in full. They also submitted a proposal for gifts for a raffle system that they're doing this year. So we approved these raffle tickets. And they requested three prizes to give out at the end of the year. They requested one college sweatshirt for \$36.98 and two Hamilton mugs for \$10 each. So we are approving the two Hamilton mugs and we're cutting the sweatshirt down to \$20 because of our rule for the max value of a prize that can be given. All of this is totally conditional on them giving Kaity the name, information, and Hill Card number of the person getting the prize because it can't be anyone in ISA as per the codes.

- **Jiin Jeong:** Who's driving? Are they taking a bus or a jitney?
- **Jake Engelman:** They're taking jitneys.
- **Jiin Jeong:** Okay. I'm just wondering because I haven't heard of any jitney drivers who would be willing to drive ISA to Boston.
- **Jake Engelman:** That's really important. So I guess before we approve anything for them we'll lockdown the fact that they have jitney drivers. Just for the record, we don't necessarily check that they have jitney drivers, it's just an expectation. It'd be a hugely terrible thing for them to not be able to go because they have no jitney drivers. I don't know what the penalty would be for that but it would be pretty dramatic for them to get the funding and pay for the hotels and then not be able to go.
- **Jake Engelman:** So TEDx requested money for Chipotle for a TED talk viewing. They're expecting 70 people and they're bringing in OCC tutors to discuss afterwards. They requested \$9 per person for a total of \$630 and we cut that down to \$5 as per the funding codes regarding a non-food-centric event, which is the discrepancy.
 - **Richard Court:** Did they ask for donations from Chipotle? Because they've done that in the past with events.
 - **Jake Engelman:** I don't know.
 - **Jake Engelman:** Also Bon Appétit can cater events. I know they will donate pizza and cookies to events as well.
 - **Jake Engelman:** This isn't a fundraiser so I don't know if they would but I will totally share that info with them.
- **Jake Engelman:** Last budget is Hogwarts @ Hamilton, which requested money for props and we recommend funding that in full. They keep all of the props they can reuse every year and they do a great job with it, so we have no problem with that.

Spanish Club, ISA, TEDx, and Hogwarts @ Hamilton funding passes as recommended.

8. Announcements

- **MEETING CHANGE:** We will not be having a meeting on Monday, October 15th due to the Great Names event. The new meeting time will be Tuesday, October 16th, at 8:30 in the Sadove Conference Room.



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- If you have not registered to vote, **PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE!!!**
There are several organizations across campus that are more than willing to support you in registering to vote. Deadline in New York to register is the 12th.
- The strategic plan's advising committee will be holding a lunch on Tuesday October 16th at noon for interested students in the Hub. Stop by and share ideas you might have for improving the advising process!
- Jitney staff and Noelle Niznik are working to get election day jitneys running.
- **Karthik Ravishankar:** Professor Balkan is working with a non-profit called On-Point for College. Right now they're focusing on kids in Utica and the big goal this year is to get laptops for kids. They said they can provide them for about \$100. Right now he's trying to reach out to people for support. So from the student perspective I suggested we work with Philanthropy Committee and other philanthropy clubs and try and organize fundraisers through student orgs to try and raise money for this cause. There will be more information in the coming weeks but keep this on your radars and if there are clubs willing to help please reach out.

