

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

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1. Call to Order

Present

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

Excused

- Connie Lorente

2. Public Comment Period

3. Acknowledgements

- A ***HUGE*** thank you to Kaity Stewart, Jake Engelman '19, Casey Codd '19, Rob Hallock '20, Savannah Kelly '21, Lori Fejes '22, Nadav Konforty '20,



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and Julian Perricone '20 for all of their hard work on Sunday AND Monday funding all of these organizations and working all week and for 15 hours on Sunday!

- **Thank you to Gianni Hill '21 and Penelope Hoopes '20 for stepping up and moving NESGov plans forward!**
- **Also a huge thank you to Nani Suzuki '20 and Casey Codd '19 for helping with the minutes!**

4. Committee Reports

Setting up meetings – Julian Perricone '20

- **Julian Perricone:** I expect definitive answers from the chairs as to when and where you're meeting.

5. Funding

STARTING BUDGET: \$102,717.50

STARTING STRATEGIC: \$82,174.00 (80% of above)

STARTING NON-STRATEGIC: \$20,543.50 (20% of above)

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Approved
Anime Club	Didn't use Google form- emailed their budget	\$162.00	\$0	\$0
Asian Student Association	Late budget	\$151.46 (already received \$118.16)	\$0	\$0
French Club	Didn't use budget template	\$867.00	\$0	\$0
Global Health Org	Fundraiser supplies (we don't fund fundraisers)	\$178.00	\$0	\$0
History Club	Late budget	\$226.54	\$0	\$0
Powder Club	Re-submit for advanced funding per discussion with committee	\$11,457.00	\$0	\$0
SAAC	Didn't use budget template	\$540.00	\$0	\$0



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The Buffers	Didn't attend finance training	\$4,147.50	\$0	\$0
American Chemical Society	Fee for alumni to travel for career panel	\$1,080.19	\$1,080.19	\$1,080.19
Beekeeping	Bee suit, preventative supplies, honey extracting supplies	\$235.45	\$235.45	\$235.45
Black and Latinx Student Union	Empanada sale supplies, production fee for play	\$4,243.90	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00
Boffer/LARP Club	Various supplies for boffer game play & PVC pipes to make equipment	\$281.32	\$281.32	\$281.32
Bowling Club	7 bowling trips (bus, shoes, lane rental)	\$7,008.12	\$3,003.48	\$3,003.48
Club ENTO	Bug food	\$298.32	\$280.22	\$280.22
Coding Team	4 Hackathons and 2 movies	\$1,983.48 (already received \$433.00)	\$1,983.48	\$1,983.48
Culinary Society	5 theme food nights	\$1,212.31	\$1,212.31	\$1,212.31
Dance Team	Embroidery on uniforms	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Duelly Noted	CD producing & arranging, welcome dinner, concerts	\$2,063.37	\$2,013.37	\$2,013.37
Feminist of Color Collective	Speakeasy, Various speakers, art engagement programs	\$8,245.26	\$7,388.95	\$7,388.95
Gaming Club	Board games	\$221.69	\$221.69	\$221.69
GNAR	Pirate raft, Haunted house, noisemaking parade, GNAR wrestles event	\$2,041.24	\$1,109.19	\$1,109.19



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Grilling Club	3 grilling food events	\$1,253.15	\$1,253.15	\$1,253.15
HAAND	Kelberman Clubhouse craft/activity supplies	\$627.33	\$627.33	\$627.33
HC Competitive Robotics	Equipment, VEX competitive circuit registration	\$5,093.02	\$4,984.48	\$4,984.48
HC Debate Society	5 regional tournaments	\$6,161.97	\$5,977.11	\$6,020.94
HC Wind Ensemble	Sheet music	\$391.34	\$391.34	\$391.34
HEAG	Film screening snacks, trip to renewable energy center	\$108.65	\$108.65	\$108.65
HamVotes	Supplies for voter registration events	\$372.20	\$129.20	\$129.20
Her Campus	Food for movie screenings, fundraiser	\$337.58	\$296.75	\$296.75
Hogwarts at Hamilton	Hot chocolate and props for performance	\$455.91	\$455.91	\$455.91
Hunt & Dressage	Mileage for riding lessons at local barn	\$1,669.20	\$1,241.24	\$1,241.24
International Student Assoc	Speed Friending, Thanksgiving break trip to Boston, International Music Fest	\$4,420.84	\$3,580.84	\$3,580.84
Italian Club	Opera trip, Italian game night, Italian-American Heritage Month Dinner	\$1,241.97	\$1,001.97	\$1,001.97



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Kendo Club	Equipment/uniforms for practice, Kendo World Championship watch party, annual tournament at Cornell	\$920.85	\$164.38	\$164.38
Keytone Lights	Musical & aesthetic supplies for performances	\$178.00	\$146.00	\$146.00
La Vanguardia	Latinx Movie night, Spoken word event, Several food events, Study break, Game night	\$2,249.66	\$2,109.66	\$2,109.66
League of Legends	Equipment for game play	\$544.80	\$132.45	\$132.45
Minds for Change	Speak Out, poster campaign	\$272.63	\$202.63	\$202.63
Mock Trial	3 competitions	\$6,802.32	\$6,598.25	\$6,602.08
Model UN	Georgetown competition	\$3,214.92 (already received \$5,724.91)	\$2,946.73	\$2,990.56
No Pawn Intended	Chess board & tournament supplies	\$404.00	\$389.00	\$389.00
Novelists' Support Group	Author speaking engagement	\$738.07	\$697.28	\$697.28
On the Move	Multicultural Mayhem, International Food/Craft Fest, Refugee movie	\$3,144.67	\$2,948.47	\$2,948.47
People Who Like to Do Fun Things	Snacks for movie nights, Humans vs. Zombies supplies	\$357.60	\$357.60	\$357.60
Roleplaying Game Club	Game supplies & food for game nights	\$393.02	\$339.04	\$339.04



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Russian Language & Culture Club	Russian History events; Blitz food event	\$901.77	\$721.77	\$721.77
Slow Food	Apple picking & pressing, mushroom farm trip, trip to Common thread	\$345.11	\$264.31	\$264.31
Society of Physics Students	Weather balloon supplies	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
South Asian Student Association	Diwali, Movie nights, Chats with Professors	\$2,396.00	\$2,396.00	\$2,396.00
SPAC	3 Coffeehouse performances, Student Music Fest, Opus event, student band performance	\$1,267.90	\$1,267.90	\$1,267.90
Spanish Club	Soccer game viewing, making empanadas	\$240.50	\$240.50	\$240.50
Special K	Radio City Music Hall performance tickets, Recording & production	\$3,000.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00
Student Dance Alliance	3 dance classes with off-campus instructors	\$415.00	\$415.00	\$415.00
Super Smash Bros	Melee tournament prize, gaming consoles & supplies; Smash tournament in Detroit	\$2,759.24	\$2,594.62	\$2,640.75
Tap That!	Tap shoes	\$88.24	\$88.24	\$88.24
The Social Traditions Committee	Fall Fest (tent, activities, food)	\$7,344.61	\$2,635.88	\$2,635.88
Tropical Sol	Mileage to tango lessons	\$62.16	\$62.16	\$62.16



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Tumbling After	Off-campus performances, recording costs, rehearsal supplies	\$4,906.95	\$1,816.95	\$1,816.95
Untitled@Large	Play rights, props	\$986.00	\$986.00	\$986.00
Vegan Club	Various vegan food events, movie screenings, vegan spa night, website, newsletter, bake sale	\$1,629.50	\$1,074.14	\$1,074.14
WISE	Snacks & posters for artist gallery talk	\$77.80	\$77.80	\$77.80
<i>Discretionary - HamVotes</i>	<i>Stickers for HamVotes tabling</i>	<i>\$180</i>	<i>\$180</i>	<i>\$180</i>
<i>Discretionary - Minds for Change</i>	<i>Stickers for "It's Ok to feel..." Campaign</i>	<i>\$70</i>	<i>\$140</i>	<i>\$140</i>
<i>Discretionary - Philanthropy Committee</i>	<i>Dumpling Sale, Thanksgiving Dinner ABC House, Candygram sale, Bake sales</i>	<i>\$1,309.04</i>	<i>\$1,309.04</i>	<i>\$1,309.04</i>
Mock Trial - Advanced Funding for Spring	Georgetown & Cornell Competitions	\$1,990.72	\$1,990.72	\$1,990.72

Amount REQUESTED: \$117,838.39

Amount RECOMMENDED:

Strategic: \$82,116.84

Non-Strategic: \$0 (nothing requested)

Discretionary: \$2,130.72

Advanced Funding (for spring 2019): \$1,990.72

Amount REMAINING if Funding Passes:

Strategic: \$175.32

Non-Strategic: \$19,148.33 (starting amount less \$1,395.17 approved last week)

Discretionary: \$3,370.96

- **Jake Engelman:** The treasurers spend a lot of time allocating funding and we really do our best to be equitable to all clubs, so please try and keep that in mind and be respectful if you disagree with what we have. If you're upset with what was allocated to you or feel that you were treated unfairly, we do want to hear it. However, please know that all



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decisions were made with good intentions. We made all of these as recommendations to you guys. Those recommendations are based on two things. First is just a general sweep to make sure that everything in the budgets abides by our Funding Codes. After the general sweep, we looked to see where we are budget-wise and then we made more discretionary cuts from there. So that's kind of where separate costs are for students and total budget size start to take effect. Again, none of these numbers are final. All of them are subject to debate here.

- So a note on how we actually go about voting: we go top to bottom, and we're going to do straw polls as we go along. So we're going to look at a budget, do a straw poll for it, and then once it's passed the threshold for agreement, we move on. The reason we do that is we don't want to set any numbers in stone until our last budget, because there could be complications if we up a budget at the beginning, set that in stone, and then at the end we realize we might not have wanted to do that but it's already over.
- Also, if you are closely associated with the organization or you are a member, you have to abstain from those votes. But that goes for anything with Student Assembly.

Anime Club, ASA, French Club, GHO, History Club, Powder Club, SAAC, and the Buffers

- **Jake Engelman:** We recommended \$0 for Anime Club because you emailed your budget instead of submitting online.
 - **Phillip Tran:** I'll re-submit it.
- **Jake Engelman:** We recommended \$0 for ASA and History Club because their budgets were late. We recommended \$0 for French Club and SAAC because they didn't use the budget template. We also recommended \$0 for GHO because they asked for fundraiser supplies and we don't fund fundraisers, as per our funding codes. And we recommended \$0 for The Buffers because they did not attend finance training. We talked with Powder Club, and they're going to re-submit later for a large trip.

Anime Club, ASA, French Club, Global Health Org, History, Powder Club, SAAC, Buffers funding passes as recommended at zero.

ACS

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting money for alums to travel from various grad school programs to come and hold a grad school panel for students and talk about jobs in different fields relating to chemistry. This is a great opportunity and the budget is correct, so we're recommending funding in full.

Beekeeping

- **Jake Engelman:** Beekeeping is requesting for various regular beekeeping supplies they require. It's a relatively small budget. We're recommending funding in full.

BLSU



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- **Jake Engelman:** Submitted a budget for three things: two empanada sales, which are fundraisers, and Platanos y Collard Greens, which is a theater performance. We funded it last year and we're recommending that part in full. We're not funding the empanada sales because we don't fund fundraisers, so for this case we recommend that they reach out to Philanthropy Committee. So we recommend the one event that isn't a fundraiser in full.

Boffer/LARP Club

- **Jake Engelman:** We're recommending for both relatively cheap supplies and equipment construction stuff, general jerseys, a trash can to store stuff, things we funded last semester but can't carry over obviously. It's pretty simple stuff, so we're recommending funding in full.

Bowling Club

- **Jake Engelman:** Bowling submitted their budget for little over 7 grand. We already funded a trip from non-strategic last week, so we went into this budget not knowing where we stood on the total. So they requested a total of 5 trips a semester. We cut one and changed it to a total of 4 trips for this semester, which comes out to 3 trips in the strategic budget. For some context, we funded 4 trips last semester as well so that's a fair precedent. And they get funding from other opportunities, like a bowling trip they did for Feb Fest. So we recommend a total of 4 trips, 3 for strategic. They take 45 people per trip.

ACS, Beekeeping, BLSU, and Boffer/LARP Club funding passes as recommended.

Club ENTO

- **Jake Engelman:** They submitted a strategic budget for a number of bug-related eating events: a pancake breakfast, a formal dinner, and a movie night. The discrepancy is just to keep thing under \$8 per student as per the codes.

Coding Team

- **Jake Engelman:** They have a slightly larger budget. Important thing to note is that they've already received funding and they're rolling it back, which is awesome. They're requesting for four hackathons and two movies. If orgs want an example of a great budget for trips, this is one. They're taking two local trips and the cost is their jitney cost. The other cost is two trips to Boston, where they're staying at a member's house. So for this trip they're only requesting transportation, jitney expenses, and appropriate amount of food. And they're under \$5 a head for snacks for both of their talks.

Culinary Society

- **Jake Engelman:** They're all appropriately under \$8 head for food-centric events. They're having an Indian night, Korean night, Italian night, and a Pumpkin Spice night. We're recommending funding in full, their events are well-attended and well-publicized.



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- **César Guerrero:** Is there not a way to increase the per head maximum funding since it's a food-centric club, all their events are food-centric, and food is all they ask funding for? Just a thought.
 - **Jake Engelman:** I've never heard a complaint with \$8 being too little. You'd be surprised at how far that stretches. If there are clubs that have that complaint then I'd love to hear it but up until now we haven't had complaints.
 - **César Guerrero:** Okay, that makes sense.

Dance Team

- **Jake Engelman:** They're asking for embroidery on their uniforms. We set a precedent a couple semesters ago that we won't buy them their actual uniforms but we do support the embroidery since they're representing Hamilton College. It's also a very cheap cost.

Duelly Noted

- **Jake Engelman:** We're recommending funding in full except for their welcome dinner. We are recommending things like their recording costs and publicity funds for number of concerts they're going to have. They are performing at a country club to which we're providing jitney expenses.

Club ENTO, Coding Team, Culinary Society, Dance Team, and Duelly Noted funding passes as recommended.

Feminists of Color Collective

- **Jake Engelman:** This is another large budget, you'll notice there's a kickback. We recommended funding in full. So in the spirit of spreading the excess as thin as we could, they were super happy to work with us and cut a \$700 event called Blue Vinyl. They're going to work with Late Nite to make that happen, which we really appreciate their cooperation on. They're going to have a Speakeasy, art event, Revolution in Art and bringing in someone to speak - one note on that is we cut artist travel accommodations. So a few caveats there and I'll try to point them out when I can but we're not funding travel costs. Transformative art is where we cut a little more. They're bringing in some artists and they're going to have some food.

Gaming Club

- **Jake Engelman:** They are requesting board games. We set the precedent last semester that we'd recommend about \$500 per semester for board games, and this semester they're submitting under that. We're all for it - it's substance-free regular club meetings, and they are really public about their events so we're recommending funding in full.

GNAR

- **Jake Engelman:** They submitted what I think is fair to say an eccentric budget for lots of stuff. In total they requested \$2,041.24. The bulk of what they're requesting is for two



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events. They want to build a pirate ship in KTSA pond, and also a haunted house in academic Root basement. So the pirate event is more expensive, we cut quite a bit from this. Some things we cut were a trough, a customized flag for \$90, a kiddie pool also for \$90. For the haunted house they wanted a morph suit and animated flying reaper for \$43, but they also requested funding for two other cheaper flying reapers, which we are recommending. We also cut 10 pounds of flannel shirts, the inflatable cow costume, and a Santa suit for a wrestling event they want to have. This was a large budget that is very back and forth on necessity versus desire, and so we had to cut a little bit.

- **Leo Ross:** I think you guys did a great job, the wood fabric was really important so I'm glad you added that to the recommended. I'm content with the amount you recommended.

Grilling Club

- **Jake Engelman:** We are requesting \$1,253 for three events; a brunch, rib night, and a hamburger event. We're under the allotted costs, so the funding committee is recommending funding in full.
- **Eric Kopp:** Are these events open to the campus?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Yes, great question. Every event we fund has to be open to the whole campus.

HAAND

- **Jake Engelman:** They submitted a budget for a list of clubhouse supplies, and craft and activity supplies. They're a really responsible organization and do a lot of really great events throughout the year. We are recommending funding in full.

Feminist of Color Collective, Gaming Club, GNAR, Grilling Club, and HAAND funding passes as recommended.

HC Competitive Robotics

- **Jake Engelman:** This is a pretty large budget with a total of \$5,093.02. This is a new organization that was founded because existing robotics teams didn't want to make competitions a focus of theirs. All of what they're requesting revolve around competing in a robotics competition called VEX. So this is kind of a large upfront cost. It should cost a lot less moving forward per semester to keep them going. They're requesting pretty standard, relatively low-cost parts and tools we'd expect a robotics team to need. We cut tools that could potentially be dangerous. Really the meat of this budget is for the robots themselves, the arena, and the team registration. Robots are around \$3,000, arena is \$300, and registration is \$150. All these things combined come out to a total of \$4,984.48.
- **Rob Rioux:** To compete in VEX U, you need VEX brand parts. For the following years, this stuff will keep us going for a while. I mean, pieces and the field will be gone in any future funding. We can reuse those every year. They have different games every year so every fall we'd need to buy new game pieces. That would be the real bulk of our budget



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going forward every year. So basically these are just some high upfront costs with pretty much nothing afterwards.

- **Jiin Jeong:** How many robots do you need, since the robots seem to cost a lot?
 - **Rob Rioux:** I have a fairly large roster of people. We have 21 or 22 people on the roster. So we need these things because each team has to build at least 2 robots. I don't know that it's feasible to try to cut down on the robots. I'm not entirely sure but that's something I can try to work around.

HC Debate Society

- **Jake Engelman:** Debate is submitting for a relatively large budget. They're submitting for five regional tournaments, and requesting for jitney expenses. They're partially funded by the OCC, and it's a good budget. In the spirit of fairness and spreading that deficit thin, we did the same 3% cut here. The total that we're recommending is correct on the agenda. We contacted them and told them what we're cutting on.

Wind Ensemble

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting money for sheet music and some software to keep the sheet music in order. This is a super competitive, super well-regarded organization on campus. For this sheet music and shipping, we're recommending funding in full.

HEAG

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting money to fund a tour, so we're recommending funding for the tour and jitney reimbursements as well as a film screening that's well under \$5 per person. We're recommending funding in full.

HamVotes

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting items for National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) which includes candy, push-pins, and napkins to put at their table. An important thing to note is that we don't fund stickers, so we're not recommending their stickers from non-strategic. However, with that being said, HamVotes is an organization that the executive committee has decided we want to support, so we're funding the stickers out of our discretionary budget. So that's technically not part of the budget, we're funding it out of our discretionary budget. What we're actually funding them is \$129.20 and we're filling the discrepancy with discretionary.
- **Ben Rhind:** What's the metric for us deciding that this is an organization that Student Assembly should be funding from discretionary? Is that at the discretion of the treasurers?
 - **Nadav Konforty:** No, that was a decision made by the executive committee. Y'all don't have to agree with it.
 - **Jake Engelman:** Discretionary still needs a two-thirds vote, so we're doing that. But the stickers are not something that the funding committee is recommending for strategic since we don't want to set that precedent. But we were proposing



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using discretionary funding to fund something that maybe the funding codes don't support but that SA wants to do.

- **Ben Rhind:** I guess my concern is that obviously it's reasonable to not let every club get stickers, but we mitigate that if then we've set the precedent for all other clubs that we don't fund stickers because they essentially provide very little value, but then we're kind of going back on that in the executive committee. I just think there should be clarity amongst clubs which ones should or should not be able to get sticker funding.
 - **Jake Engelman:** I mean, we gave the Mental Wellness Collective their logo stickers. If that's something we want to have a further discussion on we will, but that's not going to be part of the discussion right now.
- **Gianni Hill:** The reason we requested the stickers is because Amanda and I joined HamVotes as part of a special project SA undertook, so in that sense it became a branch of SA almost. So in doing so with this special project we've been working directly with Student Assembly, which is why we applied for the sticker funding. But again, it still comes down to a discretionary vote.
- **Casey Codd:** We also cut their trophy funding.
 - **Jake Engelman:** Yes, they wanted a trophy for varsity athletes for a challenge and we're not recommending for that. We considered it but we decided not to recommend that.

HC Competitive Robotics, Debate, Wind Ensemble, HEAG, and HamVotes funding passes as recommended.

Her Campus

- **Jake Engelman:** They submitted for food for movie screenings and fundraiser. One movie night that's under \$5 a head, and we cut 83 cents from another to keep it under \$5 a head. We don't fund fundraisers so we cut that part. That's where the discrepancy comes from.

Hogwarts at Hamilton

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting money for hot chocolate and props for their annual performance. It's a lower budget than they usually submit, which is amazing. Publicity is under and they asked for reasonably priced sticker paper, which are not stickers – we looked into it.

Her Campus and Hogwarts at Hamilton funding passes as recommended.

Hunt & Dressage

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting for a vehicle reimbursement for large number of trips they take to the barn throughout this semester. They requested a total of \$1,669.20. We looked at a map and there's a shorter route, so we chose that amount for the mileage



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reimbursement to cut down the cost slightly. This is exactly what they wanted, we just found a cheaper option.

- **César Guerrero:** How many members does this club have again?
 - **Jake Engelman:** That's a good question, I'm not totally sure. This is something we talked about last semester. There's a really exorbitant cost for being in this organization, so they came to us last semester because we actually recommended \$0. But now we're funding them in full as they requested. There's a high barrier to entry for this organization but we were acting within the realm of what organizations can request for.
 - **Penelope Hoopes:** They have 18 people.
- **César Guerrero:** Can someone explain to me what this club is? Like do people know what it is in general?
 - **Jake Engelman:** I can read you the organization description.
 - **César Guerrero:** I'm just trying to make a point, no one knows what this club does. That's all I'm saying. Like with other clubs, you can criticize Model UN but you know what we do. And I feel like this club has always been – since freshman year – kind of clouded in something. I don't know, what does Hunt & Dressage do?
 - **Nadav Konforty:** Just because you don't know what it does doesn't mean it's less valid or eligible for funding.
 - **César Guerrero:** No, that's not what I'm saying. My criticism is that we never explain. We've never said what it is.
 - **Jake Engelman:** I'll read the organization description: *Members of the Hunt and Dressage Club are encouraged to pursue excellence in the discipline of horseback riding. Through prolonged exposure to the techniques and methodologies of highly skilled professionals in the field, the Hunt and Dressage Club teaches students to exercise precision in all aspects of horsemanship, properly apply the instructor's directives in order to achieve a desired response from the horse, and develop confidence in overcoming obstacles presented during their lessons. We accept members of all skill levels who are interested in acquiring a depth of equestrian knowledge. We strive to create opportunities for disciplinary practice.*
 - **César Guerrero:** Is that not up for discussion too? They say that there's no field so that's why they have to go there, but is that a reasonable expectation from the students? What if students are unable to pay the fee to join? I don't know that that's a reasonable expectation from students. Do we want to discuss or do we not care?
 - **Ben Rhind:** I think that it's not necessarily our job to dictate whether or not this activity is something that merits funding. My concern is based on what you're saying, though. Correct me if I'm wrong, but it doesn't really seem like an event that's open to the whole campus if essentially we're paying for the right for students to pay several hundred dollars for those lessons. That seems to be really pricing out the vast majority of the student



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body. And if they have 18 members that's great, but that doesn't really strike me as something particularly open. So that's kind of why I am opposed to it.

- **Eric Kopp:** Is this different from an equestrian sports team? Is it recreational?
 - **Jake:** It's different. I think it's more of like showmanship than eventing.
- **Savannah Kelly:** Is there any financial assistance for students who can't pay? It does seem exclusive if there isn't.
- **Bryce Febres:** It seems a little like an honors society and with a lot of students on campus with financial aid, it seems a little exclusive to be considered an all-campus organization based on the fact that to get in you need to pay a high fee.
- **Julian Perricone:** I'm not saying this necessarily in defense of Hunt & Dressage, but I think it's kind of like clubs like Powder Club where it's pretty hard to join if you've never done the activity before. Like it's hard to join Powder Club if you're going for the first time and paying all this money to rent out skis and equipment. So there are other clubs that also have some barriers to entry. Basically what I'm trying to say is that whatever decision we make for Hunt & Dressage we should apply to clubs that are similar to it.
- **Huzefah Umer:** I was part of this club in the fall last year. In the first meeting they say anyone who needs financial assistance is welcome to talk to them, and we also did a fundraiser to help those who needed financial assistance.
- **Karthik Ravishankar:** I just have a general question. When people submit their club budgets, the club is categorized, right?
 - **Jake Engelman:** As of right now, no.
- **Eric Kopp:** Can we clarify the quantity and the costs?
 - **Jake Engelman:** These are the number of weekly trips they take. Twelve weeks, for Mondays at 9am, they're taking two people. They multiplied their mileage, and then it turns into the total cost.

Hunt & Dressage funding passes as recommended.

International Student Association

- **Jake Engelman:** They have a speed friending event and an international music festival for which they requested an appropriate amount of food. Raffle tickets are super cheap, and they want to provide prizes for individuals who attend the event. This is also the organization who in the past has taken jitneys and gone to Boston, therefore requesting hotel, food, gas and tickets for a Cavs vs. Celtics game. We think the trip is a great thing for international students who would otherwise be stuck on campus during the break, but we have decided in the past that we don't fund tickets to games. If those students would like to go to the game, we're recommending they pay for the tickets with their own money. The rationale is that there are plenty of free things to do in Boston.
- **Finlay Adamson:** Do raffle tickets count as fundraiser?



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- **Jake Engelman:** No, you don't have to pay to get a raffle ticket, you just go to the event.

Italian Club

- **Jake Engelman:** They are requesting an opera trip, an Italian game night, and a dinner for Italian Heritage Month. They are requesting tickets to the opera and lunch at an Italian place, but we do not fund food for off campus events that are not overnight, so we are not funding the lunch. We are funding these tickets and it's not something like the Cavs game because we see this as more of a cultural/academic pursuit and fits with the goals of the club. They are also requesting a Heritage Month dinner, which we see as an appropriate amount.

ISA and Italian Club funding passes as recommended.

Kendo Club

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting equipment/uniforms for practice, a Kendo World Championship watch party, and funding for an annual tournament at Cornell. They were unsure if they were going to get new participants, so we told them to take an inventory and figure out what they need. But for now we're not recommending any of their new gear they requested. It's \$5 a head for a watch party, which is totally appropriate. They're requesting to go to the tournament at Cornell. Approximate attendance is 5, but we don't fund anything that's not for students. We really try to stick to just students and this is an org that has lots of faculty and other students, so the tournament fee is for one individual who's going to participate and we're not funding food and we doubled travel expenses since they only requested funding to get there and they need to get back.
- **Jack Fischman:** What is Kendo Club?
 - **Jake Engelman:** It's like fencing but with foam pads and stuff.

Keytone Lights

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting funding for miscellaneous expenses like glow sticks and strobe lights. We're not recommending the strobe lights because AV has them. We're not funding a megaphone because we don't think they need it and it would be inconsistent with GNAR who also wanted one. So with those two cut items it brings down the request from \$178 to \$146 flat.

La Vanguardia

- **Jake Engelman:** This budget is requesting a movie night, food for that is under \$5 a head. Another event which is appropriately priced is game night empanadas. There's also an honorary speaker event, which we cut food costs to accommodate \$5 per head but we're recommending funding for the speaker. They're working with the DMC and VCLS for costs for artist accommodations and lodging, which is awesome. They also have



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another food event which is appropriately priced. With those slight adjustments we cut down recommended.

League of Legends

- **Jake Engelman:** We ended up installing the game on five computers. They also requested gaming keyboards, mice, and mouse pads. They requested 10 of each and what we are recommending is five mice and five mouse pads. So we're not recommending funding for those. It comes down from \$544.80 to \$132.45.

Minds for Change

- **Jake Engelman:** They have one Speak Out event, for which they requested appropriate amounts for posters and snacks. They also have a poster campaign. This is the other organization for which the executive committee is recommending funding stickers for. That discussion will happen later.
- **Karthik Ravishankar:** Is there a cap for marketing materials?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Yes, for single events publicity costs are maxed at \$20. We have made exceptions because there are a number of organizations for which more poster money makes sense and when the posters themselves are the event we don't follow that rule. But typically it's \$20.

Kendo Club, Keytone Lights, La Vanguardia, League of Legends, and Minds for Change funding passes as recommended.

Mock Trial

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting three competitions: one in Rochester, one at Rutgers, and one at Fordham. It's stuff like registration fees, hotel, parking, gas, and mileage. They're taking 11-12 students per trip. For consistency's sake, we cut 3% off the top. We're not cutting specific items because we don't know what's valuable to them, so they can make that choice.

Model UN

- **Jake Engelman:** Model UN has an interesting budget because they're taking 3 trips, but due to circumstances they needed to get access to funding late last semester. So those of you who are new, we do sometimes make exceptions for clubs with extenuating circumstances. Last semester we recommended advanced funding for \$5,724.91. So they have secured that funding and that counts toward their total budget this semester. They came to us this semester for another event, a Georgetown competition, for which they're requesting various fees related to travel. The total of this event is \$3,214.92, for which we are recommending \$2,946.73. The reason for that cut is off the top. Just like with Smash Bros, we took 3% off the total, but we're not saying what that 3% is for. When we look at all the budgets for areas to cut down, we look at budgets which have a high cost for students. MUN was the biggest budget we had this semester, toeing the line at 10 percent



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of our total budget. So the total is \$8,939.83. The maximum they can get is \$8,960. That's very close. So we took 3% off of their total budget. We did this because we didn't think just because they secured funding last semester that money should be out of the question for stressful budgets that we have this semester. This would give an undue advantage for clubs who applied for funding a semester ahead. So unfortunately that means that for this total we are only recommending \$2,946.73 of the total \$3,214.92. So it comes out of this event but it's a cut we're applying to the entire budget.

- **Almahdi Mahil:** Thank you Jake, and thanks to Student Assembly for letting me come here to talk. I just have a few problems with this, one being that cutting the \$270 will make this event an impossibility because we'd have to cut from jitney fees, which is impossible, or our hotel fees, which is impossible, or our registration fees, which is impossible, or parking, which is impossible.
 - **Jake Engelman:** I really don't believe it makes it impossible. All it entails is collecting money from members in your organization. We made similar cuts to other clubs. And other organizations do similar things. For example, club sports require some money from students. So to be clear, we're not making this an impossibility.
 - **Almahdi Mahil:** We cannot ask the vast majority of our members for funding. Many of the students who are a part of MUN are on financial aid, so we cannot ask members of our club to pay money. Part of our mission statement is to be inclusive of everyone. We want members to be comfortable and this would contradict that. Someone in this Assembly mentioned this last semester but asking our members to pay money or to pitch in more for students who can't would create a very uncomfortable power dynamic on the team. We have looked for the cheapest options but we are almost unable to cut anything at this point. We were specially invited to Georgetown this year because we made the ranking of Top 50 in the country. We already cut the food budget, so we didn't even factor in the food. The conference is in October and we were doing a stopgap measure by cutting the food. But now it's not just the food that is cut but now this on top of that. I know you're in a difficult position but so are we. I want to reiterate that unlike some other clubs or teams we do not have access to an endowment or outside funding. We are purely funded by Student Assembly. So I understand where you're coming from but I can't send students to a conference and not only ask them not to eat but basically not to have any of these other travel fees funded at this point. When I say it's an impossibility it's not because I'm being difficult but because we've talked and tried to get advice from multiple sources and this is our only source of funding.
- **Jake Engelman:** So we're asking the students to pay \$30, if you factor in the other trips you're taking this semester that's \$10 a trip per student. I understand that students are facing problems but since this was at the top of the budget we needed to cut back.
- **Sam Gordon:** Have you looked at the Ferguson Endowment for the OCC? Just speaking from personal experience, that's specifically only for clubs like that.



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- **Almahdi Mahil:** We haven't gotten anything back from them, but we did reach out to them. We did talk and the feeling I got from that is that we weren't eligible.
- **Kaity Stewart:** As far as I know, it's for Mock Trial and Debate and not Model UN. So they can't get funding from them. It's not going to work for them. That's what I was informed.
- **Jiin Jeong:** I'm not questioning the budget, but I just wanted to suggest as part of an academic team that goes on trips is that that maybe you can stay at a member's house or an alumni's house if you can reach out to them? Or you can ask about the Hamilton apartments in D.C.
 - **Almahdi Mahil:** We've asked about that, specifically about the Hamilton College apartments. They're being used by students right now, so they're technically not available for use. In D.C., we can reach out to alumni and ask them, but if we ask if we can stay at their houses then the Career Center and Alumni Office will be upset. We have no members from D.C. that could house us for the conference.
- **Harry Dubke:** I'm a member of the Men's Rugby team. I know pretty much everyone in here is part of some club. All these clubs usually will have something that you need to pay for out of pocket. I understand that about 50% of students on campus are on some kind of financial aid, but the reality is that if you guys take more money out of the budget for 8 people, that means you are taking more money from other clubs where their own students have to pay some kind of extra money out of pocket. So I understand that students are on financial aid and that it's difficult to ask students to pay out of pocket, but \$30 in the grand scheme of things is not an incredible amount of money. Club sports teams get help from the administration and we still have to pay 10% of that help on top of it. We get on-campus jobs, we divvy up the money, those who can pay a little more pay more and those who can't pay as much will pay a little less. But there are workarounds. I just wanted to point out that taking more money means taking that money out of other people's budgets.
 - **Almahdi Mahil:** So we can only get funding from Student Assembly. And I think the nature of our two things are different. Model UN attracts different kinds of people than I imagine rugby does. And while \$30 might not seem like a lot, some people really can't pay that for a club. I don't want someone else to have to pay it for them because if that happens it creates an uncomfortable power dynamic on the team. Even if it's done in good spirit, I don't know what kind of effect it could have and how it might make members feel. When we recruit people on our team, one of our draws is that these conferences are funded mainly by the school. Obviously our members know this is not a luxury vacation, but not having to pay out of pocket prevents people from being discouraged to join the team.
- **Ben Rhind:** Are you not interested in doing any kind of outside fundraising?
 - **Almahdi Mahil:** We can do fundraising, but where would the money to host a fundraiser come from?
 - **Jake Engelman:** You would have to pay the initial front cost for fundraising.



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- **Ben Rhind:** You'd have to pay some upfront costs, but the nature of a fundraiser is that you would then make more money off of it. So if there's any out of pocket cost can you not do that?
- **Almahdi Mahil:** I don't think our club is capable of that. I'm more than interested in talking about it and maybe putting one together with a more reasonable timeframe but I don't see it as being a sustainable source of funding for us.
- **Ben Rhind:** I guess my comment to the Assembly is that asking for some small fundraising for a couple hundred dollars, especially with all these other clubs getting slashed, is pretty reasonable. And also if you're saying that this event as currently recommended with the 3% cut isn't possible, then we should either fund it in full or not fund it at all, because otherwise what's the point of putting that money in, So I frankly think if you're not able to do a fundraiser and you're not willing to do the event with the 3% cut, it's a reasonable request to fundraise a couple hundred dollars.
- **Almahdi Mahil:** I see what you're saying and I wanted to add that this was an event that we were invited to. There have been conferences that we've been invited to but haven't attended and they've stopped inviting us. And when we reached out to some of the other people on the circuit and asked why we weren't invited, we were told it was because Hamilton cancelled at the last minute. So our reputation has suffered for things like this.
- **César Guerrero:** For the new people, I want to clarify some points. Honestly, I feel like Model UN is always characterized by this Assembly as a gargantuan machine that just eats up money. So to give some context, Model UN was basically founded about 5-6 years ago and it was disbanded for a while. At first we weren't ranked and nobody joined, but some people started up the club and to make the story kind of short, they went from doing nothing to getting ranked. But in that process Student Assembly kept making our budget smaller. So I remember my freshman year, we had three trips, 12 people, we had our research team, everything we were building up. Then I remember last year, we had to cut down on the food and cut down on the size. I was abroad last spring and now I found out that not only are we going on three trips with 8 people and not 12, but we are also getting this problem in the meeting. So I know it's easy to characterize MUN as just spending our money and burning it in a bonfire, but that's just not the case. We're an academic team, we build stuff, we've accomplished our rankings, we're known on the national circuit, and we're trying to make it even better. There's other great clubs at this school and we want to be like them. So that's just my two cents on Model UN.
 - **Julian Perricone:** Are less people going to these events because of the budget?
 - **Almahdi Mahil:** Yes, we've had to cut down on the number of people we take to conferences due to funding issues.
 - **César Guerrero:** It's also not the same 8 people going every trip. It's a big team. We have different teams: research teams, traveling teams, etc.



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We try to rotate different people per trip to avoid having the same people go to all of them. It's a great, dynamic club where we have a good time talking about international affairs.

No Pawn Intended

- **Jake Engelman:** They requested a chess board and tournament supplies. It's two chess boards for \$17 each, publicity for their event, and prize money for four rounds of their chess game tournament. Total prize money is okay, but the top prize can only be \$20 so we cut that. Again, none of these prizes can go to people on their roster and they know that. They are requesting food for that event as well, which is appropriately \$5 by the 16 people. So the \$5 prize money is the only discrepancy.

Novelists' Support Group

- **Jake Engelman:** They came in and had a question about where the discrepancy came from. They have one workshop and Q&A with an author, so we're funding the accommodation, the gas price, as part of the speaker fee, and the appropriate amount of marketing. The gas price is different because we found an alternative route. That's what we're recommending funding for. Again for consistency's sake here, the criteria for funding the speaker travel is roughly the proportion of speaker fee to guest fee, which are more nuanced issues. So, we're pretty much recommending in full, but with an alternative route that lowers the gas price.

On the Move

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting International Food and Craft Fair. The first item is just food for that, which they're over budget for. We funded all the crafts for the crafts fair in full. They're showing a refugee documentary which is appropriately priced for snacks. Multicultural Mayhem is very much an event that brings groups to campus so we're funding that. We cut from the total budget.

Mock Trial, Model UN, No Pawn Intended, Novelists' Support Group, and On the Move funding passes as recommended.

People Who Like to Do Fun Things

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting a movie night appropriately priced for snacks, a horror game night that's also appropriately priced for snacks, Humans vs. Zombies which we're recommending funding in full for, and stress balls. We're strongly encouraging them to take better care of the stress balls, because we funded those last year and they don't know where they are. Please keep track of your balls.

Role Playing Game Club

- **Jake Engelman:** They requested \$393.02 and we recommended \$339.04. This includes general supplies, such as dry erase markers, plexiglass, stuff for D&D. The discrepancy is



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that they requested two microphones for podcast recording. They reached out to AV who does not have these, but we're still not recommending these. We recommend they reach out to WHCL if they want to record a podcast.

Russian Language & Culture Club

- **Jake Engelman:** They asked for appropriate funding for food events and what's basically a speaker series. For the series we cut the food cost down to \$5 per person.

Slow Food

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting for a tour of a farm, which includes gas mileage and farm boxes. They're getting local produce. Also they're going to North Star to go apple picking/pressing, and taking 24 people in two jitneys and bags for apple picking. They are requesting costs for gas and we are recommending in full for that.

Society of Physics Students

- **Jake Engelman:** This is the cheapest budget in the lot. We're just requesting for a weather balloon that will get high enough to see the curvature of the Earth. After running some tests we found that we need a larger parachute than we initially thought so that's what we're requesting for. Hopefully you guys will see a cool video from that soon.
- **César Guerrero:** If we raise your funding, could you build a rocket?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Yeah dude, raise my funding.
 - **César Guerrero:** The Space Force is a thing, we gotta join it.

People Who Like to Do Fun Things, Roleplaying Game Club, Russian Language & Culture Club, Slow Food, and Society of Physics Students funding passes as recommended.

South Asian Student Association

- **Jake Engelman:** SASA is requesting for Diwali food which is appropriate priced. They're also requesting four movie nights which are appropriately priced for snacks. So we're recommending funding in full.

SPAC

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting for Coffee Houses that they always do. These are super well-attended and they had a reasonable approximate attendance. They requested funding for those three coffee houses, as well as a student band performance which has an appropriate amount requested for snacks. Also requested for a concert series and a student music festival which has appropriate amount requested for snacks. We're recommending funding in full.

Spanish Club



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- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting \$240.50 for snacks, and the cost of streaming a game in Sadove as well as a traditional home-made empanada meal which is well under what they could've requested in total.

Special K

- **Jake Engelman:** This a capella group is requesting a total of \$3K. This is interesting because they requested money for tickets but we're referring that request to an endowment that's specifically for a capella events like these. Recording and production is the only thing we're recommending for this budget.
 - **Eric Kopp:** Is funding for this guaranteed?
 - **Jake Engelman:** I can't definitively say it's guaranteed, but they have a very good chance of getting the funding.

Student Dance Alliance

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting a number of workshops with various teachers that they're bringing in. Each of them are reasonably priced, we're recommending funding in full. This is a pretty cool thing an organization can do.

South Asian Student Association, SPAC, Spanish Club, Special K, and Student Dance Alliance funding passes as recommended.

Super Smash Bros

- **Jake Engelman:** They came to us requesting some gaming equipment, a Wii, some TVs, some accessories for a Wii, prizes for a competition they want to hold, and a trip they want to take to Detroit which is obviously the big budget item. We recommend funding the TVs because they're relatively cheap for three TVs. There's a Wii in Sadove that we're seeing if they can either acquire or use. We cut down the prize to \$20 since that's in the funding codes. We are encouraging them to do an item or a gift card for less money. And the trip is a Smash Bros tournament in Detroit. The total cost as requested is \$2,410.91. We are recommending \$2,242. We took a 3% cut to that trip just to be consistent because we had to take similar cuts to other organizations that are taking expensive trips. That being said this is still an incredibly expensive trip at something like \$380 per student. So I expect that to warrant a discussion.
- **Thomas Parker:** So the tournament, Big House 8, is one of the largest tournaments of the year. It's a great opportunity for students at Hamilton to go and participate in a really large tournament, see top players, test their mettle, and participate in the Smash Bros community.
- **Paul Turner:** I think the point of clubs is to allow students to experience new things and this is a great experience. The entry fee for this tournament is \$85, and even if we lived in Detroit it's pretty steep for college students, so I was wondering if SA could fund that.
 - **Jake Engelman:** So for the entry fee you're requesting a total of \$510, which is six students. Jitney miles to and from the tournament come out to around \$600.



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Parking is free. Gas is \$330. There's a total of \$360 for food, which is within our codes. And the Holiday Inn is going to cost a total of \$580.

- **Harry Dubke:** The tournament is melee, not brawl. So could you guys scrap the Wii and get the Game Cube instead? Would that be cheaper?
 - **Jake Engelman:** We're not funding the Wii.
 - **Harry Dubke:** Oh, okay. Well then instead of a hotel, an Airbnb could be shared among multiple people, it might be cheaper, and you can book some way in advance. Maybe you guys can look that up?
 - **Thomas Parker:** We certainly could look at that, but our hotel costs are already on the lower end of what it could be.
 - **Jake Engelman:** At \$45 a night, so they're actually way under what they could be. Hotel cost isn't the most exorbitant thing, it's just the sum of everything together.
- **Eric Kopp:** How many people are in your club?
 - **Paul Turner:** We have about 10-12 people who come to meetings, but we're only taking six on the trip.
- **Paul Turner:** I have a question. What did you cut for the 3%?
 - **Jake:** We can work with you on that later. We didn't pick a certain thing and just took the 3% off the total, so you guys can choose what you want it cut from.

Tap That!

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting money for tap shoes plus shipping costs, these are not going to members but to the organization. They're slowly accumulating different pairs of different sizes. So we're recommending funding them in full.

The Social Traditions Committee

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting funds only for Fall Fest. It's a rather large budget at around seven and a half grand. We only recommended \$2,635.88 of that. The bulk of what came out of that was the tent because we did our first by-the-codes sweep and we were seven grand over, so we were scrambling looking for places to get that back. They're going to work with Student Activities to try and get funding for the tent. We also cut from food. They also requested items for different activities and tables, which we ended up recommending in full for.
- **Maggie Horne:** I'm here representing Social Traditions. I've been here and I know this meeting's really long, but I'd really like to say a few words about Fall Fest. I've been planning it for the past three years with Cheryl who can't be here tonight, but basically Fall Fest is the biggest town-gown event. So we partner with the town to do it. We do activities for the town that clubs here are running, showing we want to be part of this community, and it's just good to be nice to the town you're a part of. We requested for and approximated 300 attendees. We were abroad last fall so we weren't sure exactly how many people came last year, but what we're really hoping for is more money for food by the end of the night. Food is a lot of the reason why people come down. Even



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though it's technically not a food-centric event but it's a huge part of why people come. So any kind of extra money for that would be awesome. To be sure that next year it's easier to know attendance, we'll be doing a better job of taking attendance this year. It is hard especially because there's people coming from campus and also off-campus, so it gets a little sticky with the budget in terms of who the food is going to, but there will be jitneys running, it's a super fun event, there's tons of awesome activities like arts and crafts, and you should all come down. But we're seeking some more money for food, especially because Bon Appetit can be pricey for getting good food and we want to put on a good event for this town and community that we love.

- **Ben Rhind:** I have a quick question. Is the jitney a regular jitney?
 - **Maggie Horne:** No, we just have vans who will be doing that loop only so you don't have to wait an hour to get down there or come back up. The regular jitney will be functioning separately.

Tropical Sol

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting gas money to go to dance lessons in Utica. We're recommending funding in full.

Tumbling After

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting stuff for off-campus performances. They also requested funding for their CD recording costs, a sheet music subscription service so they don't have to print sheet music, \$20 for posters for all of their concerts, as well as several trips. They will be going to the endowment for the various trips they are planning on taking. They have an endowment for things like this. So we cut this funding from \$4,906.95 to \$1,816.95.

Super Smash Bros, Tap That!, The Social Traditions Committee, Tropical Sol, and Tumbling After funding passes as recommended.

Untitled@Large

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting money for playwrights and props. This is less than what we've recommended in the past for props, so we're recommending funding in full. This is a great thing since it's open to all students.

Vegan Club

- **Jake Engelman:** We do not fund food for weekly meetings. That was part of our rationalization for cutting this. We changed it to \$2 a head just to make sure it's priced correctly for snacks. Vegan Brunch, Lasagna Night, and Dessert Tasting are appropriately priced. Vegan Ice Cream was not appropriately priced so we cut a little. For Spa Night, we're recommending funding in full. Finally, there's a newsletter they want to print bi-weekly. We think this is a cool idea and it's relatively cheap, so we're recommending funding that in full as well.



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- **Penelope Hoopes:** What's a vegan spa night?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Great question. So I guess that's all about using items that are vegan products.

WISE

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting a pretty reasonable amount of money for snacks and posters for an artist gallery talk.

Untitled@Large, Vegan Club, and WISE funding passes as recommended.

Advanced funding

Mock Trial

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting two events for the Spring of '19. Registration fees, hotels, tolls, etc. This will come out of their budget next semester but we need to vote on it now.
- **Eric Kopp:** Do they tell us about how many other competitions they're going to next year?
 - **Sam Gordon:** As of right now, we're going to two invitationals, regionals, and from there it's the competitive circuit. So it depends on how far we get. Three more competitions hopefully.
- **César Guerrero:** Just for people who voted against MUN but not Mock Trial or Debate, I respect them but it's the same kind of funding. So just saying, be consistent.

Mock Trial funding passes as recommended.

Re-allocating the leftover strategic budget

- **Jake Engelman:** We have \$175.31 left in our strategic budget. I would like to now open it up for discussion to see what our plan is in regards to reallocating this fund to the clubs we cut 3% from.
- **Sam Gordon:** That won't make a difference for Mock. If MUN actually can't function without this funding, I'd be willing to give that back.
- **Richard Court:** As President of Model UN, I think it's fair to split it between all the clubs whose funding was cut by 3%. We can fundraise and figure things out.
- **Bryce Febres:** I'll be pretty brief with this. I think it'd be very easy to just do an equal separation of the funding to any of the clubs but being that they might be in agreement, I'm looking at how we can use it equitably. I think MUN wouldn't have come from just wanting it, I think there are genuine concerns over some financial situations of members in the club. Even \$30 may be a significant financial burden on their members. So I think allocating all the leftover funding to them would be the best. I know if I had to pay more to help another student it would be a different situation and that really could create an uncomfortable power dynamic. And obviously it's something that they're very passionate



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about. There isn't really much of an alternative and I think that'd be the best decision to make for them.

- **Eric Kopp:** Would it be possible to allocate remaining money to non-strategic?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Yes.
- **Gianni Hill:** I think we should split it between the four major groups. Just to cut out a percentage chunk is very different from saying "you shouldn't go to this event," cutting a number off of someone's travel budget is kind of difficult so it's just more fair to give it back to them all.
- **Karthik Ravishankar:** Considering that MUN does not receive any additional funding, I think we should give them 175 to MUN. But as Bryce said, we should give it to them I think because they have no additional support.
 - **Jack Fischman:** I agree with spreading it thicker as opposed to thinner because it's easier to work that back into the budget.

Funding across four major teams passes as recommended.

Discretionary funding

Philanthropy Committee

- **Jake Engelman:** Their total budget is \$1309.04, this requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Philanthropy Committee funding passes as recommended.

Student Assembly Retreat

- **Jake Engelman:** Funding for Taj for the SA retreat this Saturday. \$300 for our bonding or whatever we're forced to do.

SA Retreat funding passes as recommended.

HamVotes and Minds for Change

- **Jake Engelman:** HamVotes requested for stickers for the CAB Comedy Show. We doubled Minds for Change's sticker request.
- **Nadav Konforty:** I just want to say beforehand that we did not make the decision to support these organizations lightly or out of bias. For the Minds for Change stickers, they, along with the Mental Wellness Collective, are doing the work on campus to advocate for mental health and wellness. Similarly, HamVotes is doing wonderful bipartisan work to register students to vote here and at home. They have secured a Jitney for the New York primaries and will work on one for election day in November. You don't have to like them, but they're doing good work and it is my belief that the Assembly should support them.
- **Ben Rhind:** I know it's late and people don't want to talk about the stickers but I still think it's an important thing to talk about. I just have a couple quick points. The first point is that it is bad precedent funding stickers at all. It's going back on a precedent we already set. If we say to clubs that stickers provide no promotional value and we're not



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funding them, we should keep that precedent for all clubs. Also when club leaders attend training they have 50 extra dollars and they're told this is a great thing to spend on stickers, and I agree. They should spend that money. Also they can always apply for the usual promotional funding within SA funding codes and I totally encourage that. They're great causes that I both promote. Second point is that again this is bad precedent for SA. The justification that was given earlier was that because multiple members on SA have been working with HamVotes that it somehow designates it as being more worthy of funding because we're working with them. That's paraphrasing a bit but the justification that because we are involved with them therefore they are more worthy of our discretionary funding I think is the really bad point that we should be addressing here. Those are my main points, I'll just keep it to that.

- **Jack Fischman:** I think it's valid that we should fund things we're involved with through discretionary. I think that rule applies more to non-strategic and the fact that it's discretionary funding means that it's totally fine if we're working with it and that's a totally valid point.
- **Nadav Konforty:** I also want to clarify I'm personally supporting HamVotes not because students on SA are involved with it, but because I support the cause of getting students registered to vote. I commend the work that students on Hamilton Dems and Reps have been doing, as well as students working on campaigns. That work is very important. However, I will also say that I support HamVotes as a cause, not necessarily because it's a certain group of people.
- **Gianni Hill:** Yeah, these two things also aren't just like, "Oh, I'm a member of this club so I'm going to slap a sticker on my water bottle." These are campaigns going on on-campus and we're trying to bring awareness to them.
 - **Ben Rhind:** Just a few words really quickly on that though, that's the exact justification we gave for not funding them, is because just putting a sticker on your water bottle and saying "this is an ongoing campaign," we have decided as an organization that is pretty much useless.
 - **Nadav Konforty:** Actually, we funded the Mental Wellness Initiative stickers, which is the same thing. If the votes aren't there then we won't fund it.

HamVotes and Minds for Change funding passes as recommended.

6. Announcements

- **HamVotes:**
 - **Thank you for your expressed interest in joining the HamVotes Student Ambassador Team! We are excited to have you join us and help to make the ballot more accessible to Hamilton students.**
 - **In order to join the team, you are required to attend a 1-hour training run by the Chair, Nicole Taylor. We will be hosting two trainings this week:**



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- **Wednesday, September 12 from 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Red Pit (KJ 127)**
- **Thursday, September 13 from 8pm-9pm in KJ 101**
- **You only need to attend ONE of these trainings! If you are unable to attend either training, please let us know!**
- **Please [RSVP HERE](#).**
- **Once you have been trained, you are officially a general member of the Student Ambassador Team and we will follow up with opportunities for engagement. *If you know anyone who is interested in joining the team but isn't on this email list, feel free to forward this along!***
- **We hope to see you there!**
- **HamVotes Student Ambassador Team**
- **New York Times**
 - **Regarding NY Times web subscription: Student Assembly has a subscription to the New York Times. We receive 100 online daily passes for the NYT. You can access the online subscription using your Hamilton.edu email address to make an account on the NYT website: <https://myaccount.nytimes.com/verification/edupass>. Once you've made your account, the pass still must be renewed every 24 hours (or whenever you want to access the site again) which can be done by returning to the above link and providing your login information--you will then be prompted to claim a pass which should grant you access for another 24 hours.**

If you are interested in starting a new club, you MUST attend one of the interest meetings next week. The New Club Interest Meeting times have been rescheduled as follows:

- **Wed 9/19 from 4:30pm-5:30pm in Sadove Conference Room (rm 112)**
 - **Thursday 9/20 from 12pm-1pm in the Sadove Sunporch (rm 118)**
 - **Friday 9/21 from 4:30-5:30pm in the Sadove Conference Room (rm 112)**
- Only students who attend one of the above info sessions will be permitted to apply to start a new club this semester. A link to apply will be sent to students after attending one of the interest meetings. Applications will be due on Friday, September 28th at 11:59pm (midnight).**

