

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

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1. Call to Order

○ **Present**

- Amanda Kim
- Jiin Jeong
- Seamus Wiseman
- Eric Kopp
- Ashley Garcia
- Orlando Paz
- Nadav Konforty
- Julian Perricone
- Penelope Hoopes
- Luis Morales
- Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke
- Caroline Paulson
- Lily Brackett
- Jay Carhart
- Isha Parkhi
- Dorothy Poucher
- Bryce Febres
- Lóri Fejes
- Tatum Barclay
- Malik Irish
- Tommy Keith
- Juliet Davidson
- Nicole Ramirez
- Emily Fienco
- Nyaari Kothiya
- Omar Lopez
- Frank Meng
- Sam Zachar

○ **Excused**

- Alex Kurtz
- Connie Lorente
- Frederick Xongmixay
- Jay Menner

2. Public Comment Period

○ **Greek Life Insurance**

- **Paola Tabet '20:** I'm here because I'm involved in Greek Life here on campus. I'm secretary of the Inter-Society Council, similar to SA, but it's just for Greek Life to talk about Greek Life things. I've been the secretary since my sophomore year. We have a new Dean of Greek Life, it used to be Noelle, but this year it switched. This Fall, we were told that private



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societies are not considered student organizations. It is something new to us. We've never been told that before. What that means is that we are not covered by the College's insurance if we choose to host events on campus in social spaces. If we want to have an event at The Hub or Annex, we have to pay for insurance ourselves. That goes for any frat or sorority on this campus. I just wanted to bring that issue here because it's pretty expensive to pay for third-party insurance. We are required to pay for every event we want to host. A week in advance, we have show proof that we have the insurance. It's completely new; I'm not sure where it comes from. It's definitely a financial burden. We're not thrilled about not being considered a student org, which is kind of a bummer. I wanted to bring it here because it's definitely something the Greek community is aware of. I work in the Student Activities on campus, so I hear a lot about events being cancelled on weekends because people don't want to pay for insurance. I want to bring this to SA because this is something that could have a pretty big impact on the entire campus. There are fewer societies willing to host events here. We just cancelled an upcoming event in the Annex for next Friday because we can't pay for it. I just wanted to bring that here and see what you thought. We are apparently not considered student organizations because we are exclusive, not based on skill and because we charge dues. I asked why we weren't considered a student organization to Travis Hill and he said we were exclusive. When I said, "How about a cappella?" he took a few weeks to get back to me, and he said because it was we were exclusive not based on skill. That's the clarity that's been given back to us.

- **Amanda Kim:** Thank you so much for coming in, first of all. Jiin and I haven't had a chance to speak with any members of the administration about their side of it, but based on what I'm hearing from you, I don't understand why Greek Life wouldn't be considered a student organization. Before we even open up discussion about this and any suggestions we as an Assembly might have, I do want to thank you for coming in, because Greek Life can seem separated but it is actually a sizable portion of our community and of the student body. Because it is our job to represent the student body on any issues that they feel pertain to them or their wellbeing, it's our obligation as an Assembly to address concerns. So thank you for coming in.
- **Julian Perricone:** I have some questions about all of this, because I don't know too much about how this works. How much is the insurance?
 - **Paola Tabet '20:** It varies. I know when Gamma was doing Jungle Juice, they had to pay between \$150. We were told at the beginning of the year that it would be \$150 per event. If we wanted to host with PBX, which is our plan for the Wet Hot American Summer, we would each have to pay that much.



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- **Julian Perricone:** So \$100 per event, per person?
- **Paola Tabet '20:** No, per society.
- **Julian Perricone:** How many parties are held on campus where this could happen? I know with limited social spaces, there are less parties on campus, especially for Greeks orgs. But I also understand that it's required that you have an event on campus?
 - **Paola Tabet '20:** No. We usually host one in the fall and one in the spring. We didn't host any last year because we couldn't host, but we usually host about two. I think recently it's been more a desire to hold things on campus, because hosting things off-campus creates a lot of stress and anxiety and pressure in regards to have a space large enough to accommodate a large amount of people. It's logistically a challenge. We were looking forward to hosting in the Annex this weekend, so it's kind of a bummer. I work with Student Activities, so I hear a lot about the events that are cancelled. We are managed under the same umbrella as Events Staff and I know they have had so many cancellations. I think for us, it's one or two events a semester, which is about \$300 worth of insurance, but there might be other groups that utilize it as well.
 - **Mason Sheridan '20:** That's only one or two events for each of our societies. We aren't the only society, I think there's twelve. Between all the frats and sororities, that's a lot of events that are gone on campus. We have gone to the social space lottery and there are other clubs that are there that are provided insurance from the school that can do the same things that we're hoping to do, but since we're a different type of club, we're not the same, essentially.
- **Julian Perricone:** One more question. Is there any sort of insurance associated with the frat or sorority? I know the sororities aren't necessarily national, but is there any other external insurance?
 - **Paola Tabet '20:** Last year, Dean Martinez enforced a freeze on having local societies here because of the lack of insurance. Currently, local sororities like ATX and PBX, we can stay local, but frats cannot denationalize, nor any new local fraternities or sororities exist, that came to be because of the concern about insurance. When they were looking at third-party insurers, they were really targeting sororities like ours, because we're not insured. I think this was two weeks ago, but Travis Hill read into the insurance coverage from national groups and decided that it doesn't apply to this campus. So frats, in addition to pay \$300 per piece, on top of national dues that also has a lot of insurance with it, but they also have to pay for third-party insurance as well.



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- **Bryce Febres:** I know another thing, you probably said this, but they removed the ability to pay your dues through your college bill, but that puts a lot of strain on students with financial need, like myself. Being in a frat you pay your chapter dues and national dues. Like she said, it is upwards of \$350 per semester. It's not on your college bill anymore, so everything is new, so you can't request more financial aid or improvement on your loans even due to that, so it all comes out of pocket. It's even more exclusive due to the school's new policies because it's requiring students to pay out of pocket without any school assistance. I think this adds further strain to students choosing to be in these organizations—especially students with lower-incomes—that might want to be in these organizations that very well might want them, because they might not be able to afford it with these increasing costs that the school is squeezing. I know there was talks of them phasing out social hosts from organizations that host events where drinking is involved. They were thinking of third-party vendors to reduce liability on social hosts for when things may happen to students or if there is an EMT, that used to go back to the social host's liabilities. Is that connected with this insurance or is that separate?
 - **Paola Tabet '20:** I don't know, because the discussions have been kind of ambiguous so far. I know when we first discussed the third-party insurance, we were told that it was something we would have to pay for, but the school would help subsidize parts because that would be completely out of the range for us. I don't think any of us would be able to pay for that for an event. I don't totally know that, but I haven't heard anything about that yet. For now, it's still Events Staff and social hosts.
 - **Mason Sheridan '20:** If I'm remembering that correctly, they decided to table that to see how this insurance policy works and see if it's feasible. If not, then look towards third party vendors.
 - **Amanda Kim:** I can speak about the dues coming out of the tuition bill. We've spoken with Dean Marinez about that. They changed that because the way it was being billed, the school was paying the dues for the chapters, which is not what schools are supposed to do. No colleges do that except Hamilton and they've been doing it this entire time without realizing. They realized that was problematic, so they changed it to be what every other college does. In terms of the insurance costs, I think a lot of this fits into the larger discussion we've been having about social life on campus and how students are feeling constrained by all of these changes that are happening. We're putting together a working group to discuss social life right now, which will be working closely with Community Affairs. I think my suggestion to you



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would be that we could make that a more collaborative effort with the Inter-Society Council and could discuss solutions to social life and Greek Social Life, and how we could make that less exclusive and make you guys feel less constrained about what you can do on campus.

- **Malik Irish:** It does seem to be an idea of phasing out Greek Life, which may be the reason why they are doing new things and not communicating as much with you guys because they're trying to find different ways to make social life more acceptable to their standards. I would suggest finding ways to prove that Greek Life is actually beneficial and finding different reasonings and even looking at other schools and seeing how they've gotten around situations like this. If there are times where you speak to administration and they can see you that you have your information, you can come to a solution.
- **Lily Brackett:** This was just a question, but does not being considered a student org bring any other consequences with it?
 - **Paola Tabet '20:** We have to go do all the student leader training that all other leaders have to go through, we have to do all that stuff in order to be afforded equal opportunity on the same basis as student organizations, so no. The only place I've seen it so far is insurance, but as far as Title IX Training, leaders of Greek Life organizations have to go, same as other student orgs. When it comes to insurance, we're not student organizations. It's a little bit confusing.
 - **Mason Sheridan '20:** We're on the org-leaders listserv.

3. New Business

○ **Mental Health Liaison — Sam Zachar**

- **Amanda Kim:** We have a new mental health liaison. I'll let her introduce herself, I'm just going to say that she is incredibly qualified and she already has done so much for mental health on this campus. We are very lucky to have her with us.
- **Sam Zachar:** I'm Sam, Class of '21. I guess to list my qualifications: I've been in Minds for Change since my freshman fall, was secretary my freshman spring, co-president since sophomore fall. During my time in this position, I've organized the the SpeakOut events. Shoutout to that, the next one is November 13th. We also launched the "It's Okay to Feel" campaign, which you've been seeing posters around for. We've met with several administrators throughout my time in the club, regarding the school's policies about mental health, so I have some experience with that. I joined the Mental Wellness Collective my freshman fall and I was co-president sophomore fall. We did some work getting the mental health newsletter out, which is good. Some project ideas that I have, which can



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be introduced to you guys right now. I think it would be awesome to have posters that outline mental health resources as well as pamphlets outlining resource, and how to help someone who is having suicidal thoughts.

Trainings for club leaders to help students that are suicidal. It might sound familiar, because that's what Title IX is doing, but I think it is important to have it for suicide intervention as well. Finally, just a more general announcement, a lot of our "Okay to Feel Posters" have gone missing. It would be awesome if people around campus would leave them up for the entire student body to appreciate. We love that people like them so much, but it's for everyone to appreciate.

- **Amanda Kim:** Thank you so much for agreeing to take on this role. I really love the ideas you have and they're definitely things we wanted to do. In case there are any concerns about Sam going abroad, because she is next semester: Sam, Jiin, and I will be working to really set a foundation for the role and getting these initiatives actually started. I think part of the problem was that we had no clear expectations set up for the role of liaison and no one really knew what it was. What we'll be working on is setting up guidelines as a strong foundation for someone to come and fill the role and continue the initiatives that I know Sam will be great at starting.
- **Town Hall — Amanda Kim & Jiin Jeong**
 - **Amanda Kim:** Our Town Hall is next week on Monday from 7:30pm in the Annex. That will take the place of our regular meeting. If you cannot be there, it's still the same as a regular meeting, you have to email us. As representatives of the student body we think it is important for you to be there. So it is the same as a regular meeting, you need to say you will be absent for it to be excused. To outline the set up for you, it is going to be the same as last year. Basically, the set up is that we are going to pick two topics. The only change was that it was four topics last year, which we felt was necessary at the time because up until that point we thought there was only going to be one a year. It went really well, so we're going to be doing one every semester. We are going to narrow it down to two topics, because one of the problems last semester was that it went on too long and people felt some topics were rushed. Please tell your friends to submit topic ideas. The link was sent out to the campus. We are going to have round tables around the Annex and microphones. First, Jiin and I will open it up. For each topic, I will introduce the topic, then the relevant administrator will give a five minute presentation on what's being done to address the issue and how the administration views it, and answering any questions that people submit beforehand. We'll follow it with a Q&A, then break into small groups to make sure that the Town Halls are really solution oriented, rather than just talking about the problems. We're going to have sheets labeled start, stop, and continue. People will be able to write



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down what they believe the College should start doing, what the College should stop doing, and what the College should continue doing. It will go like that for the second topic as well. If anyone was at the last Town Hall and they feel like some of the sections should be longer than others, please let us know. We are going to strike a balance between Q&A and the small group discussion. We got mixed feedback on this, some people thought there wasn't enough time for the small groups and some people thought there should be more time taken out of the small groups and put towards the Q&A. People will be able to ask questions though. Also, there will be food and drinks. Hopefully. We are trying to fund that tonight.

- **Frank Meng:** Will we get the questions in advance?
 - **Amanda Kim:** On the topic submission form, people can submit questions they have. That was so the relevant administrator can address those in their presentation and make sure the information they're giving is what students are curious about. The open Q&A is not scripted.
- **Julian Perricone:** What about topics that aren't mainstream, like questions about the student community or how we behave as a group of students, exclusive of the administration? I don't know if that makes sense.
 - **Amanda Kim:** Could you give an example of what you mean by that?
 - **Julian Perricone:** Like misinformation? I'm not really sure if it's clear what I'm trying to say.
 - **Amanda Kim:** I think I know what you mean. The student body is going to submit their topics and the ones that are the two most submitted will be the ones discussed. If one of those two topics is something like that, then maybe. But as we're looking at we have right now, I don't think it will be.
 - **Nadav Konforty:** It was more like when I was talking with a student about racial bias and racism in the student body. That was something they wanted to talk about. There are obviously things that administrators can talk about and address or from a structural aspects that can be addressed, because the student I was talking to was like "I really want to sit down with the student body and discuss racism," because sometimes that isn't always discussed or as tangible to administrators and administrative work.
 - **Amanda Kim:** I think that those discussions can still happen in a Town Hall format and I think it's definitely important that we have those discussions. If something like that is chosen as the topic, then I say we would just modify the format a little bit. It might be that an administrator might not speak, but we just open it up for large and small group discussions.



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- **Dorothy Poucher:** I think something else that might be interesting with that is having a portion of the Town Hall where questions are guided by you guys as the heads of Student Assembly. There are certain topics that are more student oriented or are less focused on a less institutional changes and things like that.
 - **Amanda Kim:** That's a great idea.
- **Amanda Kim:** We will keep you guys updated on the topics the poll closes tomorrow. Once Jjin and I go through all the responses, we will let you know what those topics are and who will be speaking.
- **Statement of Community — Amanda Kim & Jjin Jeong**
Motion to Reaffirm Statement Fails (2-21)
 - **Amanda Kim:** We have a statement of community that we will like to present to you all. This was a statement that was written by the 2016 Student Assembly. This was in relation to inclusivity at Hamilton. Recently, the administration was looking for a way or a statement that they could write up, emphasizing their focus on diversity and inclusion and a commitment to a welcoming community. Then they realized that Student Assembly had already written one in 2016. The senior staff has voted to reaffirm it. We as an Assembly are now being asked to reaffirm this statement. I'll read it: *The Hamilton community gains strength from the diversity of its members. The expression and consideration of differing viewpoints represent education at its best. In our efforts to cultivate an inclusive environment, it is essential that we seek to respect the unique perspectives of individuals on our campus. Students are encouraged to consider the implications of their words and actions. It is a reality that in any diverse community, misunderstandings and conflicts may arise. To work through these disagreements, we as a student body promote engagement in dialogue to create a mutual understanding and expanded knowledge. With this in mind, we urge each student to help promote a welcoming community for all.*
 - **Isha Parkhi:** I am surprised it wasn't a thing before, which is kind of weird. What is the difference that this is going to make? Are there going to be any other institutional changes?
 - **Amanda Kim:** It is for the Strategic Plan. I think part of it is that the institution had no explicit statement that we had agreed upon as a community committed to diversity. There is stuff on the website that is like "Hey come to Hamilton, we're a welcoming community," but I don't think there is a specific statement that we've embraced as students, faculty, and administrators saying that this is what we're committed to.
 - **Malik Irish:** I think my only comment is that while it is great to have a statement, it is only a statement and it can only go so far. Even if we have



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a statement, there is no real initiative to really see that it is going to happen. There are so many loopholes within how it is phrased that it can be dangerous for certain groups of people and can target some people. I am just kind of iffy around that.

- **Frank Meng:** It's really important to vote on actions or something we can implement, rather than a slogan that we say. It does not make sense to me, that means nothing. I think we should come up with something that is more concrete that is more essential to the student body.
 - **Amanda Kim:** When I first read it, I agreed and I thought it was super vague, to the point where I was like, "What are we even saying?" It felt like there was no tangible action. The understanding I came to was that this isn't something that we are adding to our constitution, it's not a law that College has to follow. We are just saying that we agree with the idea of this. Once we've agreed on a statement I think it's actually easier to push for things, because we've said that we are agreeing on this and we can hold ourselves accountable and push for more specific statements. I think as a community we need a baseline statement that says, "We need to be welcoming." Then we can move forward to other items. I do have concerns with how vague it is, but I think that we can work towards a more specific one. We just need to have a baseline one that as a community that we universally agree on. Then we can move forward with change that actually needs to happen, but that is where I stand on it and I think it is easier to actually hold people accountable when they explicitly commit to something.
 - **Luis Morales:** I was going to say exactly that and add a couple of things. I've been here for four years and I think we have had this conversation for a while whether it has been at PossePlus retreat or within individual group conversations. I think it's about time that we take the initiative upon ourselves and we join clubs that actively have these conversations or we do something like Town Hall format where we have conversations for students, among students to have. Again, I do think it is important for the administration to see this to think about more pragmatic solutions for the future, but to create this community as well. It is not just us saying this to each other but also us holding each other accountable for our mission too. Keep this in mind, because you guys are going to be here for the next four years freshman, you have a long time to build out this framework for something bigger, like a larger community conversation.
 - **Amanda Kim:** I agree with that and I would actually say that something I would like to come from this, if we were to reaffirm



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this, is to then build off of this and vote on some resolution that demands what we should be more specific about.

- **Nadav Konforty:** Did this come from the faculty and administrators?
 - **Amanda Kim:** No, the 2016 Student Assembly passed it.
 - **Nadav Konforty:** It just has no teeth for me. It doesn't do anything. In my opinion, I don't see it doing anything. I need an action item.
 - **Amanda Kim:** I completely agree, but this is the baseline from where we can add teeth and build a more specific statement.
- **Nicole Ramirez:** Will this be posted on the website?
 - **Amanda Kim:** I think they wanted us to all agree with the statement of community first, then they wanted to talk about specific action things to do.
 - **Nicole Ramirez:** Is this something that is going to be released or?
 - **Amanda Kim:** I think they did want to put this on the website to be able to have something that we have agreed that every aspect of the community has done it. As the Student Assembly, we represent the student body. The senior staff have agreed that this is what Hamilton should be and very broadly believe this.
 - **Nicole Ramirez:** Personally, I see this and I feel like everyone on SA should already agree to this. I don't know why we have to do this again. But again, I feel like by publicizing this, if I saw it, I'd be like "What the heck, was this not here before? Where am I?" I feel like there should be something else attached to it. If we've already released it, we have to explain whatever it is we want to build off of this.
 - **Amanda Kim:** We're not releasing this and I don't really know what the school will do with it, I can ask. But I hope to affirm it and attach more teeth, as the representatives of the student body, that we want to see on it.
- **Isha Parkhi:** I completely agree. It sucks that there wasn't something before, but is there a possibility to revise this statement because I think there needs to be more. Later, we can revise this and have more discussion about it.
 - **Amanda Kim:** That is a great idea. Just as a baseline, we can just say this is the expectation of you as a Hamilton student. We can either revise the statement, draft up a resolution with demands or something like that we can submit to the community, rather than just coming out with this.
- **Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke:** I understand your conceptualization that this is the bare minimum and I agree with the description of this as the bare minimum, but I am worried that if we agree to this without any changes or adding teeth, it's going to make it look like we think this is



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fixing something. I'm just worried if we say to the faculty and the administration that we're happy with this statement of community, then they're going to go "Oh great, this is what the students want," and not really do anything about it.

- **Amanda Kim:** I think that is a valid concern and I think it will be upon Jiin and I to make sure it is not represented in that way. Jiin and I attend every single faculty meeting, the next one is coming up next week. We can make sure we say something there like an announcement saying "We voted to affirm this, but expect us to come up with more language on this topic. We think you should also be looking at something as faculty." We can say that to administrators as well.
- **Emily Fienco:** I was going to say what Isha said, but can there be a clarification on one of the sentences. I'm stuck on the sentence that says: to promote engagement and dialogue to create a mutual understanding. But what if that dialogue revolves around racism and how can we understand the other person's side. You guys are saying "Yeah it's vague," and yeah we do need to vote on it, but that sentence was what I was stuck on.
 - **Amanda Kim:** I didn't write it, so I don't know. The people who did write it graduated. Unless anyone was here, why was it so vague?
 - **Noelle Niznik:** I don't really feel like I should comment, because I have to revisit it through email and things like that. I don't remember exactly.
- **Isha Parkhi:** I'm concerned that until we come up with a revised statement, there won't be any statement.
- **Frank Meng:** I don't think this represents Hamilton College. We're cancelling Posse Boston while we're posing all of this diversity. We need to do something instead of this vague language. This does not represent Hamilton College as wonderful liberal-arts college community. This is not what we want to publicize Hamilton College as a nationwide institution.
 - **Amanda Kim:** If we are going to make a specific statement, I would warn against being too specific, because it's something that's going to last forever.
- **Luis Morales:** I think it's important to leave it vague, because even if we are passionate about certain issues that are pertinent to the communities we come from, that is the same sentiment that is expressed among multiple communities, multiple affinity groups. The more specific we get, the harder it gets to address problems that affect other people, whether it's sexual orientation, religious views, political views, race, you name it. I like the idea of it being vague so we can talk about issues, but we all agree on that we want actionable change. I will say that we won't have actual



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change until we have a statement to even get there, which is why we should pass this.

- **Penelope Hoopes:** I completely agree and just echo that a little bit, I understand all the problems with this statement. That being said, this is a positive statement. At the end of the day, it is a good statement. I think we pass it, then change it. I think it's an action item that we can do, because right now we have nothing.
- **Jay Carhart:** I feel like I agree, but the vagueness could be used to justify negative things that have happened on campus. I think we all remember a few years back when there was that whole kerfuffle with the alt-right speaker that came.
 - **Nadav Konforty:** He was a Nazi. We can call him alt-right, but he was a Nazi, so.
 - **Jay Carhart:** Alright, Nazi.
 - **Nadav Konforty:** Put it in the minutes. @AHI.
 - **Jay Carhart:** Yeah, oh god, AHI. I think if we had something like this that is too vague, then you run into issues like that. This is something that we already voted upon and that came up and was not resolved correctly. I don't think we should continue something that doesn't work.
 - **Amanda Kim:** I totally get that and that was my initial response as well, but after thinking about it more, unless you're really nitpicking, there is really nothing in this statement that I disagree with. By not voting to confirm it, we are just saying that we disagree that we should be welcoming. That we feel like we shouldn't be welcoming. Any more specific statement that we come up with will replace this. We just need to have something or we're saying that we don't have a statement at all, which I think is dangerous.
- **Eric Kopp:** I think I'd rather much have a statement that come up a couple of weeks later than one that really doesn't accomplish anything. Even if we don't vote upon this tonight, I think we all still value diversity and inclusion and things like that, we just have to do it in the right way. If we pass this and then go back and we say "We actually want this instead," the administration won't care because they can just say "Oh look, Student Assembly passed this" on the website and brush past these problems, even though they still exist.
- **Lóri Fejes:** I wonder if texts like this already exist in the Code of Conduct that students that already submitting themselves to by enrolling in Hamilton College. If we could use that as the base as you and Amanda were mentioning that we could work off of to make something.
 - **Amanda Kim:** They were looking and realized that they had nothing. That's why they were looking through and realized



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Student Assembly had passed something in 2016. They were like okay, this is a good baseline.

- **Lóri Fejes:** They don't have one institutionally?
- **Amanda Kim:** No, they realized they didn't have anything, so they decided that they had to write one, but then they realized that SA passed one in 2016.
- **Noelle Niznik:** I'm digging through some old emails and it appears that was developed after Community Conversations were happening in Fall 2015 into Spring 2016. A lot of it had to do with Yik Yak. People were saying a lot of horrible things, mixed with other issues that were coming up in the Fall. I think the Assembly, working through those crucial conversations that happened, I think Ms. Breland led those groups. This is one of the things that came out of it was the Student Assembly work through that entire process to also put out a statement of what community means and what we as a community would and would not tolerate. Just to give you some more context about where this came from. She said that participants would focus on three things: *What we do want in community, what we don't want in community, and suggest what we can do.* I think this one statement was one way to have a collective statement. I don't have anything further on the moment on why it seems vague. I think it came out of some horrible things that were being said in Yik Yak.
- **Amanda Kim:** I understand a certain amount of ambiguity, because I understand it needs to pertain to Hamilton at any one time, although I think they overshot the runway at the end with the ambiguity on this one.
- **Nadav Konforty:** If you're talking about this at the faculty meeting next week, I would want, well people can look at the minutes, the Assembly voted not saying that these things are wrong, but saying it's not enough. Professors can't say "Hamilton students don't care about things like this." No, it's just that enough.
 - **Amanda Kim:** Jiin and I plan on standing up and saying "Just to give y'all an update, the Student Assembly recently voted not to reaffirm and here's why. Expect that we'll come back with these things in the future."
 - **Dorothy Poucher:** I think that should be something we expect to come up at the Town Hall as well, this type of conversation. I think it's important that we are prepared to make a similar statement, just stating that this is essential to us as a group, but it's not enough. That might be something that comes up and it should be something we're willing to share with the people not reading the minutes.



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- **Noelle Niznik:** I do have one update. Around that same time, it happened around The Movement. The Movement submitted their list of demands to President Stewart, which ranged from: *We the students of Hamilton demand that all student activism receives an institutional change.* It basically has a whole list of things they wanted. It was submitted by a group that was anonymous, which is weird with the Yik Yak thing because that was anonymous as well.
 - **Amanda Kim:** I don't think that was an unreasonable demand. I think we could work on a similar list of some kind if we want to. We should put together some language that has some more specificity and has less leniency for bias or discrimination.
 - **Noelle Niznik:** I think SA's response to try and bring everything together after all of these conversations and this is the response that came out of it was this statement.
 - **Amanda Kim:** Jiin and I will clarify that votes for weren't saying that they don't want a more specific statement and votes against saying weren't saying that they're against a welcoming community.
- **Bylaw Amendment — Seamus Wiseman**
 - **Amanda Kim:** We are moving on to a new Bylaw amendment because Seamus and his committee are on fire.
 - **Seamus Wiseman:** This is one of the simpler ones. we want to change it so that someone who wants to run for a position for president and vice president needs to attend 8 meetings and now with the amendment only has to attend 5 meetings.
 - **Amanda Kim:** Just some context for you all, previously anyone that wanted to run as President had to come to 8 meetings of the Student Assembly. So, you basically had to be on Student Assembly already. We do understand that the President should have gone to some meetings to know how the Student Assembly runs because it is impossible to run a Student Assembly meeting if you haven't seen one happen, but we did want to lower that because we wanted to open up the position to more people. We felt like 5 was a good number where it was enough to know what everything looks like but you don't have to be on the Assembly to run.
 - **Seamus Wiseman:** Jiin and Amanda came to us and we didn't think it was a controversial amendment so we just threw that together quickly.
 - **Frank Meng:** I feel like being a President, it's not just about knowing how the Student Assembly works. As the President, you represent the Student Assembly itself. You are the head person, you talk to faculty. Like if you have a commitment to be President, I feel like if you have the



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commitment to be the President then you should have the equal commitment to come to 8 meetings.

- **Jiin Jeong:** There are other ways for people to be involved on campus which is not necessarily Student Assembly. If they are involved in any other way and understands how Student Assembly works, I think that makes a great combination for a candidate. We want this position to not be prohibitive but we also want to make sure the candidate knows how the Student Assembly works. We recognize that if you are not voted in on Student Assembly, it's hard for you to make it to 8 meetings. I don't think there will be many people who would come to 8 meetings if they weren't voted in on Student Assembly.
- **Nyaari Kothiya:** Are there any other requirements for anyone running for President or is attending 8 meetings pretty much it?
 - **Amanda Kim:** This is the only requirement.
 - **Seámus Wiseman:** For someone who wants to run, there are other meetings you have to attend. If you look in the back there is a list.
 - **Amanda Kim:** Right, you have to attend an election rules meeting and submit a certain number of signatures, but in terms of being eligible to consider running this is the only requirement.

4. Old Business

5. Acknowledgments

- **Ashley Garcia for doing the Kudos this week**
 - Emily Fienco who created a poster for ReachOut App.
 - Malik Irish for creating the poster for the Ice Cream Social.
 - Orlando Paz for putting questions on the website.
- **Cultural Affairs Committee, who submitted their budget for Multilingual Day.**

6. Committees

- **Executive**
 - **Org Recognition**
 - **Orlando Paz:** We have the applications and we will look into them tomorrow. We will get back to the people.
 - **Constitution**
 - **Seámus Wiseman:** Just an update with the situation right now, so far we've passed three bylaw amendments. Going forward, we will be taking a closer look at the constitution. We have a meeting tomorrow, first floor Sadove at 7 pm if anyone is interested in popping by and see what we do and you will hear more from us later.
 - **Publicity**



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- **Ashley Garcia:** I touched upon it already but we are doing a poster publicity for ReachOut and I met with Dana and Catherine Berryman and they are on board for that. The ice cream social with student assembly will be happening the Monday after the Town Hall so November 11th. It's from 7-8 pm. It's going to be on the third floor of Sadove and it is basically like the pizza socials you guys have done in previous years but this year we're doing it with an ice cream social bar. Please attend so people can actually speak to you and ask any questions or tell you any concerns.
- **Student Life**
 - **Cultural Affairs**
 - **Luis Morales:** Special shoutout to my committee members. You guys are super dope and have put in a lot of effort into making International Week happen. Speaking of posters, I want to thank Emily for the posters. She made really dope posters last night at 1 am and it's super cool and I really appreciate that because we are going to be putting them out soon. You guys are more than welcome to be presenters for multilingual day. You just have to be able to write someone's name in a different language, whether it be your native language or a language that you are learning here at Hamilton. We have Korea confirmed, hopefully we can get Swahili, Hungarian and Russian confirmed. We are looking for Germany, Italy. Any Spanish speaking country? Posse Miami? Let's make it happen and represent our cultures.
 - **Facilities, Res. Life, Safety, and Health**
 - **Eric Kopp:** Last week we met with Roger Wakeman, Bill Huggins, and the other heads of Facilities Management. We talked about the Menstrual Hygiene Health Initiative. We asked them to put the dispensers in better locations, because they aren't being utilized to their full potential. They're moving the dispenser in the Science Center to the first floor, while adding ones to the Gym, Commons, McEwen, and Sadove. Facilities also hired an outside contractor to conduct a Condition Assessment of the 29 dorms, to look at deficiencies with the buildings and highlight potential improvements. In the summer, Facilities is also going to update the lighting in Bundy, so people won't need those plug-in lights anymore. Madness luv, lit rally madness. Once we get an email, will be sending a survey, asking people for feedback on all the things under our committee. We will also be asking about any feedback with Bundy Cafe and a proposed social space on the Dunham Green. So when you see that in your inbox, fill it out. Everyone in the committee will also be working on their own



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project. Jay will be reaching out to Bill Huggins asking more about the proposed Dunham Green space, so we can provide that in the survey and get a better sense of student opinion. Omar and Dorothy will be creating an updated Menstrual Health poster. I also asked Ashley to help make a page on the SA site that lists where all the dispensers are. Isha will now talk about the washer thing.

- **Isha Parkhi:** So I worked on a less glamorous washer instruction poster because we spoke with Roger Wakeman and Bill Huggins and turns out a lot of people don't know how to use the washers. So we have this beautiful poster I made on Word with instructions on how many clothes to put in a washing machine and what's a medium and large load. Hopefully, we have fewer broken ones because we had a lot.
- **Community Affairs**
 - **Julian Perricone:** We had a pretty light last week because it was our general meeting. Tomorrow we're meeting with Derek Roy and Bon Appetit. We are meeting with him at 11 am at McEwen, if anyone would like to come. On Wednesday we have a community affairs table at noon in Commons. We will be joined by Dean Martinez who will be there to deal with questions and talk to any students that may have issues. I was going to suggest to the sorority individuals to come then but we are going to be sending out an email about this. Nyaari made an amazing graphic and added some great gifs to it. Next week we have a meeting with Jeff Landry and Frank Coots to talk about the late night Jitney issues that were brought up in the last meeting. Geoffrey has been sending out some emails. If you are interested in joining that conversation, it will also be happening at 11 am next week here at Sadove. The week after, we are meeting with Amber Denny. She is the stand in Auxiliary Services member right now so we are going to be talking about some of the more tertiary things like vending machines, jukeboxes, Opus, Euphoria, things like that. Also 11 am Sadove. So 29th with Derek Roy, 30th with Dean Martinez, 5th for Jeff Landry and Frank Coots and 12th for Amber Denny.
 - **Tatum Barclay:** I am not on Community Affairs but I had something brought up to me a couple of times in the past couple of weeks by some student athletes. I know community Affairs has a lot to do but I just wanted to bring it up to the Assembly that we can maybe talk about with faculty. It's to do with two sport athletes not getting 2 gym credits. They only get 1 gym credit even if they are in two sports. Sam Dorian, he is on football and baseball. The issue is that he gets one gym credit for being an



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athlete like every athlete gets, makes complete sense that one athlete gets one gym credit and has to take two gym classes. But he only gets one and other two-sport athletes also only get 1 for doing 2 sports. It is twice as hard for them to get that gym class in. Because there is one season, Winter II, is the only slot where they can get a gym class. Not getting a gym class, like forgetting about it or not getting in a particular class, their study abroad can be messed with and their registration can be messed with. They usually have a lift, and their regular practice and they would be in their regular gym class which puts strain on your schedule, but also your body, because no one should be doing that much exercise in one day. He wrote a letter and he is going to send it to someone in administration but he told me that he totaled the number of hours he does for sports in one semester and for one sport and it is 165 and all three gyms that you have to take only amount 27 hours which is great for gym classes. He's just wondering and he had some questions about it so I just want to put it out for faculty and so they can look it into it further and have to go on extra strain.

- a. **Julian Perricone:** We can't say we are the best people to do this but we can definitely bring it up.
- b. **Amanda Kim:** Jiin and I can ask about this as well.
- c. **Julian Perricone:** Would SAAC be interested?
- d. **Tatum Barclay:** Yeah he was going to talk about it there as well.

- **Caroline Paulson:** I had raised a similar concern about lab credit to a professor of mine. Just that science students are taking so much more class hours because they have so many lab requirements. Maybe that can be something that can be joined together.

- **Associative**

- **Traditions**

- **Nadav Konforty:** The Traditions Committee has mainly been working on laying the groundwork for the rest of the events for the semester. The Lighting of Our Village will be on December 10th, 7:30pm, Sadove Terrace (Sadove 1st Floor Rainsite). The goal of this year is to expand on last year's event with increased lights, food, and to incorporate *Chrissima* into the festivities. Regarding world records, Hamilton holds the record for the most people involved in a swimming relay. There is also current discussion regarding the status of the Citrus Bowl in early December. At SAAC, let me know, I will reach out to you. We will be looking into that in the coming weeks.



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- **Noelle Niznik:** Kaity said that CAB would be interested in partnering and doing a trifecta Citrus Bowl with the Women’s Hockey Ice Rink. They can help with finding too. If SAAC, Traditions, and Special Events can colab.
 - a. **Nadav Konforty:** Call me a varsity athlete. I’m on hockey now.

■ **Sustainability**

- **Juliet Davidson:** So we had an all club meeting with other sustainability groups on campus which was super groovy. We are working on a newsletter that will be sent out monthly to keep people posted on the sustainability happenings on campus and what specific groups are doing. It will also have a couple of blurbs about things like “How Can I Get Involved.” All your eco questions are answered.
- **Jay Carhart:** If anyone wants to write a climate essay for the pamphlet we would appreciate that.
- **Ashley Garcia:** Last week, I mentioned the whole Eco-2-Go boxes and the Sustainability committee actually wrote a paragraph on that. The Hamilton Sustainability Coordinators reached out and said that SA had sent out an email and that meant that SA shouldn’t. We can post it on our Instagram.
 - a. **Jay Carhart:** No you can still send it. The more the merrier. We are also tabling for them in Commons.

■ **Philanthropy**

- **Penelope Hoopes:** Our Halloween candy grams go out on Wednesday and we raised a lot of money for the ABC house which is awesome. If they want to do anything with Philanthropy, they can partner with us and we will help them with it and help them fundraise. We have our scholarship in the spring so stay tuned for that.

7. Funding

Remaining Non-Strategic: \$447.81

Remaining discretionary: \$2,700.21

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Resubmit
Band Club	Posters	\$20	\$20	N
Student Dance Alliance	Guest choreographer, lighting for a show	\$250	\$250	N



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<i>Publicity Committee</i>	<i>Ice Cream Social</i>	<i>\$130</i>	<i>\$130</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Cultural Affairs Committee</i>	<i>Multilingual Day</i>	<i>\$172.37</i>	<i>\$172.37</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Student Assembly</i>	<i>Town Hall (Food & Beverages)</i>	<i>\$250</i>	<i>\$250</i>	<i>N</i>

Amount Requested non-strategic: \$270

Amount Recommended non-strategic: \$270

Amount remaining non-strategic if approved as recommended: \$177.81

Amount requested discretionary: \$552.37

Amount recommended discretionary: \$552.37

Amount remaining discretionary if approved as recommended: \$2,147.84

- **Band Club - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passes Unanimously**
 - **Amanda Kim:** Band Club requested funding for posters. It was within the funding codes.

- **Student Dance Alliance**
Motion to Fund as Recommended Passes Unanimously
 - **Amanda Kim:** That is within the funding codes and we have the money.

- **Publicity Committee - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passes Unanimously**
 - **Amanda Kim:** Ashley and the committee is requesting money for ice cream social and this ties into the idea to make SA more approachable and easier for students to come in and just talk to the representatives instead of coming to this room and feeling like they're on trial.

- **Cultural Affairs Committee**
Motion to Fund as Recommended Passes Unanimously
 - **Amanda Kim:** Cultural Affairs committee is submitting budget for Multilingual Day.

- **Student Assembly - Motion to Fund as Recommended Passes Unanimously**
 - **Amanda Kim:** We are requesting for food and beverages for the Town Hall next week. Any other committee that are anticipating events, or you know that you will require funding for events that are happening, just send it to us so we can get everything out of Discretionary and potentially roll some of it over to Non-Strategic.

8. Announcements

- Our **Town Hall** will take place on **Monday, November 4th at 7:30pm** in the **Annex**. The two chosen topics are **Sustainability** and **Mental Health**.



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- **Please stop taking the Minds for Change posters - they are for the entire student body!**
- **The Student Assembly President & Vice President election is coming up!**
Please note that in order to be eligible for SA Presidency, you must have attended a certain number of SA meetings. The tentative timeline is the following:
 - **Election Rules Meeting:** Monday, November 18
 - **Platform and Signature Sheet Due:** Saturday, November 30
 - **Debate or Q&A:** Monday, December 2
 - **Voting Opens:** Friday, December 6 - Saturday, December 7
 - **Results Announced:** Monday, December 9
 - For questions regarding elections, please contact VP Jiin Jeong (ijeong@hamilton.edu) or SA (sa@hamilton.edu).
- **SAVE THE DATE — Lighting of Our Village will take place on Tuesday, December 10th.**

