

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2019

1. Call to Order

○ **Present**

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

○ **Excused**

- Penelope Hoopes
- Jay Menner

○ **Unexcused**

- Tatum Barclay

2. Public Comment Period

3. New Business

○ **Constitutional Amendments**

- **Seámus Wiseman:** We got a good amount of feedback about the changes we proposed last meeting. We won't be putting those amendments to a



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vote as we originally proposed doing this semester. A lot of the feedback we received was valuable both from you and from members of the student body at large. All of that feedback will be taken into account next semester as we move forward with other changes that we might be wanting to make to the Constitution and Bylaws, but nothing is being proposed to a vote right now. We are rescinding these proposals. As for the changes we did propose last week, I think that some of it was misinterpreted. There was a fear that we were personally looking to attack people. We want to emphasize that wasn't our intention. We want to emphasize our respect for Amanda and Jiin and all the work that they have put in. They have worked very hard to represent the student body this semester. We couldn't be more pleased and grateful for that. We wanted to apologize to anyone who we unintentionally insulted with these proposals and we want to let you know that that was not the intention. Thank you.

- **Eric Kopp:** I wanted to speak. Some people perceived the constitutional amendments as me trying to have a power grab for power. I want to promise you that I am always prioritizing the needs and efficiency of the student body and Student Assembly. I understand why people think it was a power grab and I completely understand that, but that was never my intention to begin with. I appreciate all the honest feedback and I just wanted to clarify any misunderstandings that anyone might have had, because that was not my intention.
- **Semester Recap — Amanda Kim & Jiin Jeong**
 - **Amanda Kim:** Jiin and I, but mostly Jiin, have put together an Executive Summary, based on the committee reports that committee chairs provided. This is pretty much everything that we did this semester. It doesn't encompass absolutely everything, but it shows the most important things we've done in committees and executively. It's pretty amazing to see what we have managed to get done in just one semester. If you really think about how fast time went by, we accomplished an incredible amount. This transitions straight into the kudos. Jiin and I really want to thank all of you. It has been an honor to work with this Assembly. You guys are really the best of the best. The sheer intelligence and grit and determination that Jiin and I get to see and be in the presence of is amazing. I'm trying not to cry, but you just have made this the most rewarding experience of our lives. Thank you so much for all the work you guys do. We know you guys work tirelessly to address the needs of the student body. Please know that doesn't go unnoticed. This list is just concrete evidence of all of the work that you guys have put in into making sure that your peers are fought for and represented every day. People know that, so thank you.
 - **Jiin Jeong:** Reiterating Amanda's point, thank you so much for your service. I'll miss all of you. If you are still here, I'll tune into livestream



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and see all the great work you do next semester. If you are studying abroad or studying away, then good luck to you. It was really a pleasure serving with all of you and I learned a lot from every single member. You guys are great inspiration and leaders on campus and I hope you continue to carry that out. Thank you so much to all of you.

- **Connie Lorente:** Oh my God, I love you Jiin!

- **Amanda Kim:** Jiin and I also want to specifically thank the people on our E-Board, who put up with us this semester, starting with Seamus.
- **Jiin Jeong:** Seamus, I hand picked you. I still brag to Amanda that is was probably one of the best things I did as Vice President. You were one of the greatest parliamentarians Student Assembly has ever seen. We thank you for the energy, dedication, and great changes you've done to the Constitution. It was a pleasure working with you.
 - **Seamus Wiseman:** Thank you, it was an honor.
- **Amanda Kim:** Alex, you managed probably the trickiest budget that any treasurer has ever had to manage, and we can all agree you did an amazing job. It was tough and I know it feels like the treasurer can be a thankless job, but you've done an amazing job with a tight budget. You've proven to be fair in every decision or recommendation you make. It has been an honor to work with you. We were really lucky to have you this semester.
- **Jiin Jeong:** Eric, who has to be furiously typing even when I give thanks to him, but thank you so much for being such an amazing secretary. I don't think anyone else could type as fast during the meeting and be engaged. I think it is a really difficult position, but you did an amazing job. Honestly, in the beginning of the semester, when Amanda and I were a little frantic searching for a secretary, really thank you for stepping up and committing to the cause. You are a great help to the Assembly and as a current vice president to a future vice president, I think you will be an amazing person in this role.
- **Jiin Jeong:** Ashley, thank you so much for your positivity and your energy and spirit that you brought to the role. You did such an amazing job promoting events on social media and posters everything. I love how you were so open with us about your ideas. We didn't tell you what to do, but you said that "Hey, I want to promote ReachOut for sexual assault research resources on campus." I love that you really have your own ideas and you really want to impact the student body with the things that you are passionate about. Thank you and keep up the good work.
- **Amanda Kim:** To Orlando, you are the first person to ever serve in your role and that is an extremely difficult thing to do. I can't even imagine the kind of burden that has been, but you have handled it incredibly gracefully and you've really made this role your own. You've been an amazing person to work with. You have amazing ideas, on not just recognizing student orgs, but creating a better culture for student organizations and to



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just improve how we deal with student organizations and how to help the student body. You are an amazing advocate for students and for student organizations. Thank you so much for your work.

- **Amanda Kim:** She's not on the e-board, but we want to thank Noelle. We have a card that people have been signing. For our two viewers on the livestream, that might not know who Noelle is, hi mom! Noelle is our advisor, but she is so much more than that. She is a role model for me and Jiin and a lot of other students on this campus. She is honestly a student representative. She is always representing student voices and interests. She is a rock for the Assembly whenever we need any guidance or need to talk about something, she's been there and gives up so much of her time just to support the student body. Thank you so much for everything you do, not just everything you've done for Jiin and me, but everything you've done for the student body. Every single student on this campus has been positively affected by you, whether or not they know it.
- **Noelle Niznik:** I just wanted to give my thanks to all of you. I know that these are thankless positions, but it is because of you giving your time and energy to the different committees you are on and the work that you do, that you truly work to represent student voices and have an open dialogue with administration. Specifically to the E-board and Amanda and Jiin, it has been wonderful working with you and seeing you grow in these leadership positions, it is amazing to think where we were a year ago. It is just wonderful to see you grow in these positions and I'm excited to see what you do next. Thank you for such a great year and I'm excited to see how things go in the Spring. I'm excited to work with you all.
- **Amanda Kim:** Lastly, I want to thank Jiin. It can't be easy coming into this role for a semester, just having fun abroad and then having to deal with me and all my antics. I want to thank you because not only have you been an amazing VP and friend, but you are an advocate for the student body in every sense. Everything you do, you are always fighting for the students. I don't know if all of you know how much Jiin thinks about you all and thinking of ways to make your life easier and better. She is constantly fighting for you guys. Jiin, you are just an amazing person. Thank you so much for being incredible to work with, for always supporting the students, and always being there for the student body and anyone who needs you. I don't know how you do it all, you're just Superwoman. I was really blessed to have you this semester, the student body was extremely blessed, this Student Assembly was extremely blessed to have you for this semester. I got you something, it is not a big deal. Some background context for everyone, earlier in the semester, Jiin and I would joke that we were like Obama and Biden, like their bromance. No, I did not get you Obama or Biden. One time we were joking and Jiin made the joke that if we are really like Obama and Biden, I should give her the



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Medal of Freedom. I don't have one of those or the money to get one of those. If you go online and look, I guess it is illegal to sell fake versions of the medal, I could not find any. Hamilton College doesn't have their own version of the medal of freedom, maybe that is a constitutional amendment we could pass! If we did have the Medal of Freedom, I know that undoubtedly it would go to you. Everything you do is for the students. So, I just want to thank you for everything you've done and present you with this really lame, fake Medal of Freedom. I kind of planned out doing this really extra, like an awarding ceremony. I'm so sorry, it is so embarrassing, please stand up. You are incredible, I'm going to take this out of the box hold on a second. You are incredible advocate for students and it might be a lame plastic medal, but just pretend it is the really expensive Medal of Freedom.

- **Jiin Jeong:** I'm not going to be as eloquent as Amanda is, but a thank you to Amanda. I think we all know how great of a president she was and how much work she has put into the Assembly. Working with you was a real pleasure, from my part as well. She really cares about the Assembly and she puts so much work into it. She is such an amazing leader and friend. I felt that she was the support I needed, even outside of Assembly problems, she is someone I always turned to. Thank you for your company and friendship, your intellect, and kind heart, and your humor. I love it when you wave your gavel around. Thank you Amanda. There is more to come.
- **SA 2020 President & VP Introduction — Tommy Keith, Bryce Febres, & Eric Kopp**
 - **Amanda Kim:** You all should have gotten the results email, it was a tight race. We have our new President and Vice President, so hi.
 - **Tommy Keith:** I'm Tommy, I'm sure you all know me. I just want to thank everyone that voted, democracy is not a spectator sport. I also appreciate the people who voted yes on the constitutional amendment to reduce the number of meetings from eight to five. I think that is going to do a lot to deter having uncontested elections in the future. As president for next semester, I just want to reiterate my commitment to creating more community-wide and class year specific events to promote a more interconnected Hamilton community. I'll be pushing for divestment of Hamilton from fossil fuels, along with other sustainability initiatives. I plan with working with administrators on ensuring adequate physical and mental health resources, along with increasing transparency regarding sexual assault allegations.
 - **Bryce Febres:** I'm Bryce Febres and I echo everything that Tommy has said. I also want to emphasize that we remain committed to the student body at-large and we will do everything to represent that student body to the best of our ability. We are going to remain committed to our promises



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of transparency in regards to Student Assembly and the administration. We want to promote solution oriented dialogue between the student body and the administration. We want to make accessibility more prudent for Student Assembly and the student body at-large to receive feedback and better represent our peers. I really look forward to working with Tommy and I'm nervous, but I think it is going to be a good semester.

- **Eric Kopp:** Yeah I'm Eric Kopp. Again, emphasizing everything they said, but of course, since we did run unopposed, I think it is important that we stick to everything we promise. The students and the Assembly are a key part of that. Like everyone has said before, transparency is king. Going forward, making sure we are held accountable and actually doing what we said is very important.
- **Amanda Kim:** I know you guys are going to do a great job. I know everyone else is as excited as I am to see everything you are going to do.

4. Old Business

5. Acknowledgments

6. Funding

Remaining Non-Strategic: \$566.85

Remaining discretionary: \$1,787.56

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Resubmit
Student Assembly	Food truck for students	\$2,000	\$2,000	N

Amount requested discretionary: \$2,000

Amount recommended discretionary: \$2,000

Amount remaining discretionary if approved as recommended: \$0

○ **Student Assembly**

Motion to Move \$212.44 to Discretionary Passes Unanimously

Motion to Fund \$2,000 for the Food Trucks Passes Unanimously

- **Alex Kurtz:** Our last bit of funding is just something that will brighten everyone's day this week. Amanda has proposed a food truck to come up on Friday. That will come out of the remaining money of our discretionary fund. We will need to vote to allocate an additional \$200 from the remaining non-strategic pool that is remaining to round out the cost. We will vote on that first, then the food truck.
- **Amanda Kim:** The basic idea is that we have money left over and we are anticipating a lot of money for next semester's budget that aren't factored



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into this. Even without this, the next semester's budget will be larger to work with than this semester's. We just thought seasonal depression, finals, it would be really nice. We would be able to pay for 200 tickets for Tings. It would be at noon on Friday.

- **Nadav Konforty:** Where?
 - **Amanda Kim:** I don't want to make her stand in the cold, so maybe right outside Diner or The Annex.

7. Announcements

- TUESDAY (Tomorrow) — **The Lighting of Our Village** will take place tomorrow (**Tuesday, December 10th**) at Sadove.
- **Reimbursements for club expenses were due to Student Activities TODAY!**
- **Good luck with finals and have a great rest of the semester!**

