

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 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
- Ines Ayara
- Penelope Hoopes
- Connie Lorente
- Luis Morales
- Caroline Paulson
- Frederick Xongmixay
- Lily Brackett
- Jay Carhart
- Isha Parkhi
- Lóri Fejes
- Tatum Barclay
- Malik Irish
- Tommy Keith
- Jay Menner
- Juliet Davidson
- Nicole Ramirez
- Emily Fienco
- Nyaari Kothiya
- Omar Lopez
- Frank Meng
- Lea Barros
- Michael Moubarak

2. Public Comment Period

3. New Business

○ New Positions and Confirmations

- **Executive Board - *Nomination Passes Unanimously***
 - Eric Kopp'22 - Secretary



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- a. **Amanda Kim:** We have Eric Kopp as Secretary. He was in this role last semester. He is already typing away furiously.
- b. **Eric Kopp:** Please confirm me. It would be sad if you didn't.

■ J-Board

- **Class of 2020 - Nominations Pass Unanimously**
 - a. Elise Butler
 - b. Alexander Cook, (open spot)
- **Class of 2021 - Nominations Pass (26-0-1)**
 - a. Frederick Xongmixay
 - b. Bo Wang
 - c. Antton De Arbeloa
- **Class of 2022 - Nominations Pass Unanimously**
 - a. Mackenzie Burton
 - b. Remi Zhou
 - c. Conor Harkins

4. Old Business

5. Acknowledgments

- **Ashley, Orlando, Nadav, and Caroline for helping out at the club fair. They also helped facilitate voting for the Class of '23.**
- **Class of 2023. A lot of them voted (about 305). In the run-off, about 300 voted. Thank you to everyone that ran and our new members.**

6. Committees

- **Amanda Kim:** We want each committee chair to give an introduction. We're going to have people sign up to join committees. For new members, most of our work is done in committees. Committees meet once a week to address different issues and promote positive change. We just want each committee chair to introduce themselves and give a brief overview of the committee and the things you have planned for the semester. We expect everyone to be in at least two committees. If you are a treasurer, you are automatically in the funding committee, so you only have to join one more.
- **Orlando Paz:** What the Org Rec. committee does at the beginning of the semester is review all new club applications for approval. First Kaity and I will go over the new organization applications ourselves and weed out any applications that are not acceptable. Then members of the Org Rec. committee will receive the applications before our voting meeting to familiarize themselves with the potential organization. During the voting meeting, members of the committee assess the necessity and validity of the organization then each member votes on whether or not to grant recognition to the org. Ideally we're going to make the



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committee up of one student from each grade level, including Kaity and I. That's basically what we do in the beginning of the year within the Org Rec. committee but I also want the committee to do more. The committee can also assist in getting clubs to hold events together to foster better connections between clubs and create meaningful events to bring the campus closer together. The committee will get to be part of assisting and helping new clubs grow and if you'd like to be part of that then I would highly recommend the org rec committee to you.

- **Seámus Wiseman:** My name is Seamus Wiseman and I am serving as Parliamentarian and heading up the Constitution Committee. This semester, we're looking to remove linguistic ambiguities in the Student Assembly Constitution and bylaws and to clean up these documents. Often inconsistent terms are used to refer to the same committee, branch of government, etc. We also aim to add to these documents rules which currently exist only in practice. This will primarily entail the drawing up of stricter election codes. Amendments may also involve the codification of procedural formalities.
- **Ashley Garcia:** Publicity is all things marketing for SA, trying to get more people to know about SA. Some things we oversee are posters, table toppers, social media, and the SA website. Our job it to get the word out about what SA is doing. Everything we do is targeted towards getting people excited and have them attend and involved at our meetings.
- **Lóri Fejes:** The Cultural Affairs Committee of the Student Assembly prepares to programming centered on cultural and linguistic identity at Hamilton. During the Fall we celebrate Multicultural Week, seven days of events centered on international representation at Hamilton that also includes Multilingual Day. We also organize events for students who stay on campus for Thanksgiving. In the Spring we prepare for our largest event yet, International Fair Day, where students from over a dozen countries host the campus community in a 2-hour-long cultural extravaganza with music, food, language, and more. The Cultural Affairs Committee will co-sponsor initiatives with organizations whose objectives are directly related to the committee's agenda and will also sponsor similar programs and activities independently. It definitely is a lot of work so if you aren't willing to put that effort in honestly just please spare us and don't join.
 - **Luis Morales:** The Student Diversity Council (SDC), a subcommittee within the Cultural Affairs Committee, creates a space and opportunity for multicultural student groups to come together to increase inter-organizational communication, promote leadership development, and foster collaboration. Through dialogue across differences, the SDC strives to improve campus climate by enhancing multicultural education with discussions, programs, and events to ensure that Hamilton is a safe and open space for all students, faculty, staff, and alumni. We are currently working on event for the fall that will bring students together for a common cause, such as mental wellness



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- **Connie Lorente:** I'm the reigning queen of facilities, res life, safety and health. I am also the co-chair with Eric. Our committee strives to basically take care of every aspect of student life. Our role is to talk to the people in charge of Facilities, Residential Life, Safety, and Health at Hamilton and act as intermediaries between the student population and them. I'm going to read you a list of things we have planned for this semester: revamping some student spaces such as the ALCC (very bare bones and not inviting), need for inviting non-alcoholic social spaces (like Sadove Basement, yay Student Activities), transportation (I have a project in mind) continue with the Menstrual Hygiene Product Initiative, get an update on the online housing lottery, possibly look at electronic IDs, and putting public printers in the new RA offices on dark side. Finally, we want to work with Frank Coots. Two campus security cars were trying to find 3 streakers this weekend, which I think is a waste of resources. During the first weekend, there was a party outside Babitt and Kirkland Police was called by Resident Advisors. It was weird, I've never seen Kirkland Police show up to a party during my time at Hamilton. I just want to clarify what the protocol is.
- **Julian Perricone:** I'm the chair of Community Affairs. Community Affairs used to be broken up into two committees, that has recently merged into one. We're basically the student life and food committee. A lot of Community Affairs focuses on the food here on campus, as well as other aspects of student life that aren't covered by our other committees. Our intention is to meet on a bi-weekly basis with Dean Martinez, or Derek Roy, he's the head of Bon Appetit. In terms of things were going to cover, I think comes as a little more ad-hoc for Community Affairs. Right now, as I can tell, people are upset about deli meats. I'm looking for about six people to join me on the committee, it is pretty big because it used to encompass two separate committees. Still thinking of a co-chair, so if you're interested in that, let me know. I'm looking for a sophomore or up.
- **Amanda Kim:** I'll quickly explain what liaisons are. Liaisons are appointed for different areas that they focus on. We have three: LITS liaison Lea, Gavin Meade is our Mental Health liaison, and Mike is our Sustainability liaison. They'll explain the areas, but those are the committees. They are appointed liaisons because of their expertise and involvement in those areas.
- **Nadav Konforty:** The Traditions Committee organizes, directs, and creates traditions at Hamilton. However the goals of the Traditions Committee ensures current traditions, if agreed to be kept, are upheld, and works with appropriate members of the administration to create community-wide traditions as well as ones exclusively for students. Goals for the semester are to continue to support the ongoing traditions as well as implement new ones. This semester's Lighting of the Village will be grander than that of last year. Senior Week will be worked on by the class of 2020. Class banners will be continued. The idea of food trucks will be supported, fleshed out, and further implemented.
- **Penelope Hoopes:** The Philanthropy Committee for SA is a liason to the club from Student Assembly. We focus on raising money for local organizations in the



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first semester and raise money for the Young Civic Leader Scholarship in the second. This scholarship goes to a student from a highschool in Utica. We also want to work on partnering with clubs who are raising money for certain events/causes by bringing more publicity to these fundraisers and hopefully raising more money. Ideally, if you want to be on this committee you would also be willing to be a part of the club itself.

- **Lea Barros:** I am the LITS liaison. Library and IT Services. I serve as a relay for students and their concerns about things that relate to the Library and IT and the LITS committee. Examples of the things we do is anything that deals with the internet. If it's digitized or electronic, you can come to me. One of our projects is making the add/drop form digital. We're still working on that. I thought it would be ready by this semester, but we'll see. We're also working on the mass email, sort of. I think everyone knows we get a lot of emails. We're working on that and trying to enforce more regulations on emails. We're also working on projects or trying to see what are better ways that students can learn from a more technological and digital point of view.
- **Jiin Jeong:** We'll skip Mental Health for now because Gavin is not here.
- **Amanda Kim:** The Mental Health committee is chaired by Gavin, who is our liaison. He and the committee work closely with the Mental Wellness Collective and they focus on promoting mental wellness of the student body at Hamilton. Any and all issues related to that, if that's something you're passionate about it, maybe consider joining it.
- **Michael Moubarak:** I'm the liaison of the Sustainability Committee. The Sustainability Committee is pretty new, it started last semester, we only had two meetings, but it came out of a collaboration between SA and the Sustainability Coordinators. It's a group of students employed by Facilities Management to deal with matters of sustainability. It's basically to keep SA updated on what's happening with sustainability. Now apparently, there are new sustainability clubs starting on campus, so I'm hoping to expand our reach a little bit. That's the direction I want to take it in now. There's actually no one but me from our last two meetings, I'm a little lonely right now The Sustainability Action Group was started at Hamilton and it's a collaboration between staff, faculty, and students. I believe they want one representative from SA. Ideally, if you join the committee you could also be on that committee. I'm looking for 2-3 people. Like I said, we don't have an agenda so if you want to work on something, we can.

7. Funding

Starting Semester Budget: \$80,913.53

Starting Strategic: \$64,730.82

Starting Non-Strategic: \$16,182.71



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Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Resubmit
Coding Team	Snacks for event	\$41.45	\$41.45	N
Beekeeping Club	New gloves	\$39.98	\$39.98	N
HAAND	Food for meeting	\$60.45	\$0	N
Slow Foods	Food for event	\$129.27	\$129.27	N
Bowling Club	Bus, shoes, lanes for bowling event	\$1,142.76	\$1,142.76	N
Debate Team	Tournament transport/lodging	\$1,291.50	\$1,291.50	N
<i>Discretionary</i>	<i>SA Discretionary Funds</i>	<i>\$4,045.67</i>	<i>\$4,045.67</i>	N

Amount Requested: \$2,705.41

Amount Recommended: \$2,644.96

Amount remaining if approved: \$74,222.90

Amount requested discretionary: \$4,045.67

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- **Coding Team - Funding Passes (26-0-1)**
 - **Alex Kurtz:** A Computer Science professor is giving a talk and they would like us to fund some snacks. Other than the \$5 limit per person in the funding codes. The Funding Committee is recommending funding in full.

- **Beekeeping Club - Funding Passes**
 - **Alex Kurtz:** Apparently all of their equipment was devoured by mice recently. They need completely new equipment. It's very sad. Most of that will be coming down the pipe in strategic funding, but for this week they're requesting to pairs of gloves, so that they can disinfect their hives. It's gotta be done now, so they're requesting non-strategic. We thought that was also within the funding codes, so we're recommending funding in full.
 - **Julian Perricone:** I don't know if that was a freak accident, but is there any ideas about preventing mice attacks in the future?
 - **Alex Kurtz:** I didn't have any. Do you have any ideas?



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- **Julian Perricone:** No. I was just asking.
- **Connie Lorente:** I feel like we should ask them what happened and work with them to order new stuff.
- **Jay Carhart:** I'm pretty sure they kept them in the same shed as the community farm. It's kind of not used anymore, so a lot of things live in there. They changed it to the Science Center over the summer.
 - **Julian Perricone:** Thank you.
- **HAAND - Funding Passes**
 - **Alex Kurtz:** This also at first glance seems straight forward, but actually kind of have a rule that we don't fund food for generic weekly meetings. Basically for the simple fact that we would run out of non-strategic money really fast if this happened. It's kind of a long-standing precedent, it's kind of clear in the funding codes, but we're in the process of clearing that up.
- **Slow Foods - Funding Passes**
 - **Alex Kurtz:** They have an exciting upcoming event, which is an orchard visit. It's open to everyone. They're requesting food for apples at the orchard and gas. We are also requesting funding in full for this. This is also something that the funding codes are a little ambiguous about, which is food for off-campus events. We think that it's pretty central to Slow Foods and their mission, and also because they've promised to bring the food back to campus, we're recommending funding in full.
- **Bowling Club - Funding Passes**
 - **Alex Kurtz:** This was pretty much within the funding guidelines, so it looked good to us. We're recommending funding in full.
 - **Lóri Fejes:** My issue with this one was that for the last four semesters, the cost was the same for the lanes at \$56. The amount requested is higher, even though the cost is the same. The cost is \$71 now. It seems weird to me that that price would rise so dramatically after a lot of time. I want to check on the bowling company to confirm and I had to leave a voicemail for them to get back to me. I don't like that, it's the largest budget we have.
 - **Bryce Febres:** They have all their details set out about the bus company, or how much the cost of the bus is, like everything broken down?
 - **Alex Kurtz:** It is itemized.
 - **Bryce Febres:** Okay. So in the itemization of this event, it meets all the funding codes?
 - **Alex Kurtz:** It does. It won't have explicit things about bowling events, but yeah.



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- **Lóri Fejes:** Itemized is like \$360 per bus and there is no more info, so their itemization is lacking. So like, which bus company is it, if it's the same one. Anyway.
- **Connie Lorente:** I'm trying to understand your comment/concern. You're saying the cost of the lanes has gone up, so their amount requested goes up as well?
 - **Lóri Fejes:** No, it is up right now.
 - **Jay Menner:** I think what Lori is trying to say is that in the past, lanes were \$56, but now they're saying that lanes are \$71. He's concerned why the lane cost has drastically increased. He's basically saying we would rather look into it more before we vote on this.
 - **Lóri Fejes:** The itemization says that the lanes are \$56. I guess that's them just not updating their old form and them just copying it. That's why we have that box for explanation.
- **Alex Kurtz:** Just to clarify, this afternoon I did reach out to the Bowling Club and I said "Hey your explanation box says \$56 dollars, and the actual request says \$71. Is this just a typo?" They did say yes, it was a typo. They apologized and said that the price had just risen to \$71 this year.
- **Julian Perricone:** They said the price rose from \$56 to \$71?
 - **Alex Kurtz:** Yes, they did.
 - **Julian Perricone:** Can we double check that? Because that seems like a big price increase. I guess it might seem tiny, but it is a lot of money.
- **Amanda Kim:** Is this for an event that they need funding for right now?
 - **Julian Perricone:** It's for September 18th. That would be before the funding meeting.
 - **Amanda Kim:** If we want to double check and have them resubmit, we can do an e-vote, which is a vote via email.
- **Penelope Hoopes:** Is there a way to pass it this week, but when they give us their strategic, we make them show us the costs?
 - **Alex Kurtz:** The problem is that it would be too late for their event. If they want to have it.
 - **Amanda Kim:** We can pass it and then have them come in.
- **Debate Team - Funding Passes**
 - **Alex Kurtz:** They are going to a tournament at Swarthmore. They are asking for hotel rooms and jitney transportation. This was also pretty standard and within the funding codes. We are also recommending funding in full.
- **Discretionary - Funding Passes**



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- **Alex Kurtz:** Discretionary funding is money that we use here at SA for our own additions. Every semester, as per the constitution, we have 5% of the budget reserved for this fund. Every semester, we are recommending that we pass this amount.
- **Nadav Konforty:** It could be that I haven't been here for a bit, I know that we've had \$5000 and overall the Student Assembly budget has brought that down. I know the Student Activities fee had gone up and I am just wondering if all the money that goes to Student Assembly, because I know not all of that Student Activities fee goes to Student Assembly, if that money that's going to Student Assembly is getting proportionally less.
 - **Amanda Kim:** We actually made a constitutional amendment last semester where we changed it so that we get 5% of the overall budget. It did used to be that we got \$5,000 per semester. We thought that because the amount of funding Student Activities assigns to Student Assembly for our budget varies by semester, we should have it as a percentage. So now we have 5%, which is around \$5,000, but we can also request more from non-discretionary or roll some money back if we need to.
 - **Nadav Konforty:** I was just curious. Thank you.

8. Announcements

- **Welcome to our first-year SA members!**
- **Next week's meeting (Funding) will start at 8PM.**
- **NYT Subscription**
 - Renewed 70 print subscription Monday - Friday for 2019/2020. Print copies are available in Commons, McEwen, Opus, and Diner.
 - 24-hour [digital pass](#); Create a Times account with your Hamilton e-mail and click the link in the confirmation email to complete registration.
- **Funding meeting is next week (9/15) — this is when we vote to approve/deny Strategic funding requests!**
 - Strategic budgets must be submitted by Saturday, September 14th at noon sharp (No exceptions!). Email satreas@hamilton.edu with questions.
 - To submit your budget (strategic or non-strategic) or to read budget proposal guidelines, please follow this [link](#).
 - Maximum funding one club can receive this semester is 8% of the semester budget, which is \$6,473.08.
- **Club leaders, please abide by the [Listserv/mass email policies](#) and [Hamilton's posting guidelines](#) for posters when promoting your club.**
- **Listen to the Division of Student Life's new "Life on the Hill" podcast ([Podcast](#), [Spotify](#))! The recent episode features Amanda & Jiin, SA President & VP!**
- **SAVE the date for FallFest/Off-the-Hill Challenge on Saturday, Oct. 5.**

