

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**OCTOBER 19TH, 2020**

**1. Call to Order**

<b>Present</b>		<b>Tardy</b>	<b>Unexcused</b>
Tatum Barclay	Eric Kopp	Savannah Kelly	Christian Hanna
Emily Boviero	Cole Kuczek		
Johanna Bowen	Emma Liles		
Jeffrey Bush	Omar Lopez		
Olivia Chandler	Dewayne Martin		
Lóri Fejes	Maya Mathews		
Emily Fienco	Dylan Morse		
Ashley Garcia	Adina Mujica		
Jackson Harris	Jessica Parsons		
Christian Hernandez	Dorothy Poucher		
Gianni Hill	Mariam Saied		
Jiin Jeong	Caroline Ullem		
Tommy Keith	Seámus Wiseman		
Stephen Kelly	Jessie Gross		
Amanda Kim	Lilia Harlan		

**2. Public Comment Period**

**3. New Business**

- **COVID-19 Updates and Questions - Karen Leach, Chair of the COVID-19 Taskforce Lisa Magnareli (2:33)**

**Karen Leach** mentioned that the COVID-19 taskforce meets three times a week trying to make plans for next semester and that there are various sub groups within the taskforce. She mentioned that they have been taking advice from outside consultants and community members. She said that COVID-19 is in the community at a low degree and they have been working to lower the risk of exposure. She mentioned that the three key components to reduce risks are wearing a mask, social distance, and testing. She also mentioned that some students forget to test and she encouraged everyone to always make appointments. She said that the community must support



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any student who tests positive and try to not put the blame on certain individuals. She then mentioned to always wash hands and encouraged students to receive their flu shot.

**Questions/Comments:**

**Dylan Morse** asked whether students need to pack their belongings at the end of the semester.

**Karen Leach** said that there is no official decision but mentioned that last year it was difficult to arrange students' belongings at the end of last semester.

**Eric Kopp** mentioned that some belongings were returned broken last semester.

**Karen Leach** said that she received many comments as to why the school released dorm information surrounding the positive case and said that the Oneida County requires they release certain information to the community.

**Tatum Barclay** asked for clarification on the levels of contact tracing that the college goes through.

**Karen Leach** said that when the school receives a notification, the individuals who are at risk receive a text message and a call no matter what time of day. The health center then talks with the student to detect close contacts. A close contact is someone who is closer than six feet with or without masks for more than ten minutes. Those students are then moved to quarantine. She mentioned that it takes a couple hours to quarantine all students. Then, Oneida county does its own contact tracing by talking with multiple people, looking at places they've been, class spaces, air ventilation, etc. From there, they determine whether someone is a low risk contact or whether an area is a low risk one. There is no determination on how long that process would take. She said that they are bettering their communication and that the college sends alerts when contact tracing has concluded. She emphasized that students should be honest with who they've been in contact with to stop the spread.

**Olivia Chandler** asked how many students would need to test positive for the school to go remote.

**Roger Wakeman** said that they purposely did not mention how many students needed to test positive to go into remote learning on the website because there are many factors to take into account.

**Karen Leach** mentioned that students wouldn't be sent home right away because of the risk of exposure in their own community. Though there is no specific number, if there are students constantly testing positive at once, they would immediately have discussion on where to go from there.



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**Caz Ullem** asked whether students who test positive and also break a COVID-19 violation receive the same consequence.

**Karen Leach** mentioned that students would receive some type of amnesty for being honest but it is important that they be honest. She emphasized that the school can not successfully finish the contact tracing without the truth from students.

**Tommy Keith** mentioned that the processes for contact tracing and the disciplinary processes are not correlated.

**Emma Liles** asked what the turnaround time is from when the student tests positive and when the information is released to the entire student body.

**Karen Leach** said that it would depend on the number of close contacts the student had. She mentioned that once the school assets the information, they would send out information. She said the school wants to reassure they are releasing correct information and don't have to make corrections later.

○ **Student Mental Health Discussion (29:36)**

**Tommy Keith** mentioned that mental health has been at the forefront of student body concerns and opened up a conversation for comments or concerns.

**Kaylee Davis** said that she has been studying the effects of the pandemic on mental health in one of her classes. She mentioned that a major issue is social isolation. She said that people are not able to distress in any way. She suggested that it'd be beneficial to brainstorm how students can socialize more in person. She mentioned that if students don't have the means to distress they cannot perform well in their classes.

**Eric Kopp** suggested that a good way to have more social interactions is to ask people directly to meet up and make time to meet with other students safely.

**Tatum Barclay** suggested that although this is an elite institution, students should not hesitate to ask for extensions on assignments and not feel that there is something wrong with asking for help.

**Olivia Chandler** asked whether Tommy and Eric can mention to the faculty to be mindful of the workload and the mental health of students during the election.

**Eric Kopp** mentioned that the Community Affairs Committee will be meeting with faculty chairs and discussing the election. He also mentioned that he is on a committee



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that will be working on structuring programs for the day after the election. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, they should email Eric Kopp or Dean Martinez.

**Gianni Hill** mentioned that although students have been wanting a day off, it might not be the best option. He mentioned that instead, faculty should cut out certain assignments or give small breaks on homework to relieve pressure on students.

**Eric Kopp** emphasized Gianni's point and mentioned that he has felt grateful for professors who have adjusted their assignments due to the pandemic.

**Noelle Niznik** offered some programs that the counseling center has for students. She mentioned that the administration has been listening to this feedback from students and are trying to address concerns.

<https://www.hamilton.edu/offices/counselingcenter/crisis-services> Crisis Services

<https://www.hamilton.edu/offices/counselingcenter/wellness-services> Counseling Center Resources For Wellness

- **Babbitt Pavillion Incident - Frank Coots (43:30)**

**Frank Coots** mentioned that the investigation determined that a student threw a full beer bottle at a campus safety officer. Frank Coots clarified that it was actually a large bottle of vodka. He said that at the scene, there was a one full time officer and two part time officers. He mentioned that throughout the year they've received over a hundred calls regarding COVID-19 infractions. He mentioned that Babbitt Pavilion has received around twenty reports. He said that the incident could've been more dangerous and harmful to the officer. He mentioned that President Wippman showcased his support for campus safety and asked for written support from the Student Assembly. He stated that he has an open door policy and any student is allowed to address their concerns to him.

**Frank Coots** attempted to share the body camera footage but could not showcase it.

**Questions/Comments:**

**Noelle Niznik** said that this act was extremely disrespectful and that the incident was not justifiable if someone was intoxicated.

**Jackson Harris** condemned the physical violence towards campus safety officers. He said the community must reflect as to why that type of relationship between campus officers and students exist. He mentioned that Residential Life and the Safety Committee would release a survey about the relationship between students and campus safety officers for the community to respond to.



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**Jeffrey Bush** serves on the Judicial Board and he emphasized that being honest and coming forward is the best option when it comes to conduct violations.

**4. Old Business**

- **Vote on Statement Responding to the Board of Trustees (57:02)**

**Eric Kopp** showcased the letter that would be sent to the Board of Trustees

*The Central Council of Student Assembly, Hamilton College*

*STATEMENT: RESPONSE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' DECISION REGARDING  
RESOLUTION 20-1  
OCTOBER 19TH, 2020*

*Dear Chairman Sadove and Members of the Board of Trustees,*

*First, we would like to thank you for allowing Eric Kopp '22 and Cole Kuczek '23 to present at the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, October 2nd.*

*The Assembly appreciates the Board's commitment to greater student representation on trustee committees. We believe regular meetings between Student Assembly officers and Board leadership are an achievable goal that can be implemented for this semester and onwards. There should also be clearer roles for committee liaisons and defined responsibilities in both SA and Trustee bylaws. Student Assembly is currently working on codifying these changes in our Constitution. Officers of the Student Assembly have briefly talked to both President Wippman and Dean Martinez about a formal mechanism for student comments to be collected before matters are brought to the Board. The Assembly also appreciates the Board's willingness to enhance student communication. Officers of Student Assembly have also briefly discussed further measures and options in regard to communication with President Wippman.*

*The Trustees' response was a step in the right direction for greater interaction and input with the student body. However, Student Assembly affirms that the implementation of formal inclusion of students and recent alumni on the Board of Trustees should still be considered as a long-term Discussion.*

*Student Assembly officers, led by Eric Kopp (SA Vice President), look forward to meeting with Chairman Sadove and other trustees to discuss strategies to increase student representation on the Board*

*Sincerely,  
Student Assembly*



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**Questions/Comments:**

**Jeffrey Bush** suggested that there should be a grammatical change in the letter.

**Dorothy Poucher** stated that the “or” should be taken out because the inclusion of students and recent alumni are both important.

**Jackson Harris** asked whether the Assembly could collaborate and have more of a say on a response in the future.

**Gianni Hill** said that it could be easier for the Vice President and President to present something to the Assembly rather than work together.

**Eric Kopp** said that he would take into consideration Jackson’s point. He mentioned he took the conversations surrounding the resolution into consideration when creating the letter.

**Maya Matthews** suggested that the Vice President or President notify the Assembly once they start working on a letter so members who want to collaborate can do so.

**Gianni Hill** suggested that the letter be added on to the resolution for the community to see what the conclusion of the resolution was.

*The motion to send the statement passes*

**5. Acknowledgments (1:05:03)**

**Tommy Keith** acknowledged Eric Kopp, Cole Kuczek, and Mariam Saied for working on the response to the Board of Trustees.

**6. Funding (1:06:18)**

- **Review and vote on funding requests**

Amount Remaining: \$58,497.48

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Resubmit
Helping Hands	Wool for remote engagement	\$34.95	\$34.95	no
Roots	ABRCMS	\$3750	\$3750	no



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FCC+BLSU	SpeakEasy funding	\$4920	\$4920	no
Duelly Noted	arrangements/binder s/editing and mixing fees	\$723.75	\$323.75	no
The Bull	Halloween Decor & Stickers	\$550	\$0.00	no
Tap That!	Tap Shoes!	\$31.99	\$31.99	no
Publicity Committee	Funding for varied Nov. Spirit Day booths	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	no

Amount Requested: \$11,140.69

Amount Recommended: \$10,190.69

Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: \$48,306.69

**Maya Matthews** reported:

Helping Hands is seeking to accommodate their remote participants by shipping wool knitting supplies to homes. The treasurers recommend approving this request as it falls in line with the Funding codes.

Roots is looking to send 25 students to the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS). To share elements from their request form, “Sending students to ABRCMS this year follows the precedent of seven Hamilton students attending the conference in the 2019 fall semester. Due to the ongoing global pandemic, the conference this year is virtual and the cost per student has greatly decreased. As such, this is an opportunity to increase the accessibility for a large number of Hamilton students, which would not be possible under the in person conference model. Upon ABRCMS returning to an in person conference in upcoming years, ROOTS plans to send two students from each class year to attend the conference.” The treasurers recommend approving this request as it falls in line with the Funding codes.

The Femisit Color Collective and the Black Latinx Student Union are hosting their annual SpeakEasy event and have requested funding from the Student Assembly in line with requests made by previous years. Some of the costs this budget covers include various artist fees and publicity. They anticipate 50 Hamilton students will be in attendance. Although this event budget request has significantly increased in comparison to previous years, the treasurers recommend this request as it falls in line with the funding codes.

**Lea Barros** mentioned that the budget has remained consistent throughout the years and



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that this year's cost is slightly higher because FCC and BLSU are offering more programs.

**Maya Matthews** mentioned that before, Student Assembly had funded half of what the organization requested this year.

**Lea Barros** clarified that the requests have been around the same range every year.

**Lóri Fejes** reiterated what Maya Mathews stated about the budget in years past.

**Lea Barros** mentioned that the total funds needed to support the programs have been more than what they've requested from Student Assembly and that some funding is coming from other resources. She said that the total did increase, but not substantially.

Duelly Noted is requesting funding to cover music arrangement fees, binders for sheet music, and professional editing/mixing fees. As per the latest addition of the funding codes, the Student Assembly budget no longer can fund professional editing/mixing fees as a means to encourage organizations to utilize oncampus audio mixing equipment and expertise. For this reason the treasurers recommend funding all of the requests aside from the editing/mixing fees.

**Kaylee Davis** mentioned she was not sure whether Duelly Noted had access to mixing and editing resources that the school offers.

**Noelle Niznik** suggested to Maya Matthews to follow up with Kaity Stewart.

**Jesse Gross** mentioned that only students in certain classes have access to recording booths and mixing/editing resources. He said he would follow up with LITS on those specific requests.

**Tommy Keith** encouraged the Assembly to vote to pass the recommendations and then allow Duelly Noted to propose a new budget if they are not allowed to use the resources.

**Lóri Fejes** said that in the past, funding for mixing and editing cost thousands of dollars which is why the Assembly decided to edit the funding codes.

The Bull requested Student Assembly funding for halloween decorations and stickers. As per the funding codes, the Student Assembly does not fund publications and referred the Bull's request to the Media Board as an alternative means for funding.

**Noelle Niznik** mentioned that publications should request funding from the media board.

Tap That! Is requesting funding for a tap shoe size they currently do not have for a student. Tap That! Over a few years time has been requesting shoes to join the collection for





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reuse year after year, and they have ensured this purchase will also join this collection. The treasurers recommend approving this request as it falls in line with the Funding codes.

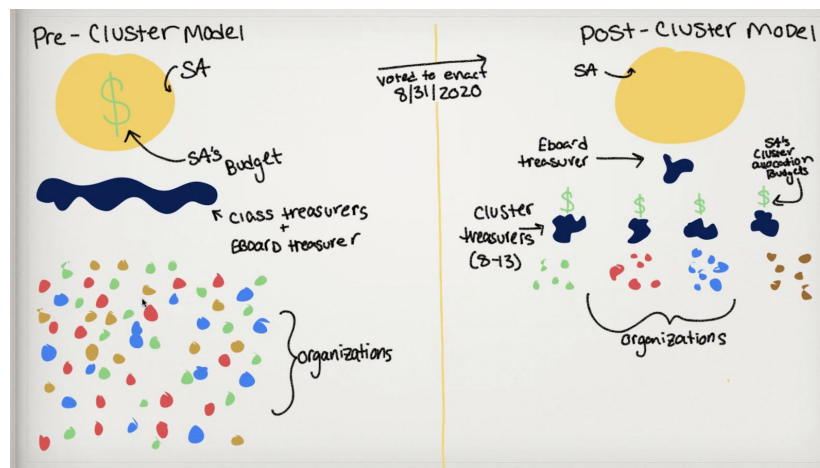
**Ashley Garcia** mentioned that the Publicity Committee is requesting funding for the next spirit day on November 2nd which will allow students to stop by different locations and receive different treats including photo booth pictures.

*The motion to fund the requests passes*

*The motion to extend the meeting passes*

- **Introduction to Funding Cluster Model (1:30:00)**
  - Brief discussion covering the integration of the Funding Cluster Model for Spring Semester '21

**Maya Matthews** explained that the cluster model was voted for on August 31st which changes the process in which the Student Assembly allocates and funds organizations. There will be an E Board Treasurer and Cluster Treasurers that will each be assigned a few of the 8-13 different clusters. The process would allow for specific organizations to collaborate in order to seek funding. The hope is to mitigate issues among organizations requesting funding.



- **Confirmation of Cluster Model Treasures (1:34:17)**

- Julia Barkan'23

Julia Barkan'23 is involved with HAVOC, AV team and favorite animal is a sloth.

- George Diebel'23

George Diebel'23 enjoys playing board games.

- Kaela Dunne'22

Kaela Dunne'22 is a teacher's assistant, has the same birthday as her dad, and was attacked by a goat at a farm camp.



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■ Shavell Jones'21

Shavell Jones'21 is a double major in Asian studies and Anthropology and has been taking Japanese for two years.

*The motion to confirm the cluster treasurers passes*

**7. Announcements ([1:38:00](#))**

- **Student Activities Presents: Fire Pits 4 Friends**
  - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 7-10pm, Weather permitting (watch email for updates)
  - Reserve one of six fire pits for you and 3 friends at the Sadove Sun Porch "Fire Pit Valet"
  - Fire Pits are located between the Johnson Health Center and Martin's Way
- **FCC is hosting its annual SpeakEasy event on Thursday, October 22nd (Today!) at 7PM on Zoom! Look for more information in your emails.**
- **The All Night Reading Room is now open until 5:30AM!**
- **Organization Leaders, check your emails about a pop up event you could participate in!**

