

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2020

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment Period

3. New Business

- **Campus Safety Community Relationship Presentation - RLS Committee**
(3:06)

Jackson Harris and the RLS Committee presented the [data](#) from the Campus Safety Community Relationship survey that was sent to faculty members, staff, and students. Jackson clarified that Residential Life was not involved with the survey.

Drew Morse presented the number of students, faculty, and staff that filled out the survey. He then showcased the most common reasons that people have encounters with campus safety. He then went through the variety of questions asked about campus safety.



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Jackson Harris showed the Assembly the many comments and responses in regards to the relationship between campus safety and the student body. Jackson mentioned that it was interesting to see that the community felt comfortable to reach out to campus safety but still felt the relationship between the two could be improved. Jackson mentioned that a major takeaway from the responses show that there must be a certain degree of respect from both sides. He then suggested action steps to move forward which included clearer communication between the Assembly and Frank Coots, implementing a Campus Safety Advisory Board, and having a complaint/compliment form. They mentioned that the complaint/compliment form would be available on the Hamilton app very soon. Jackson then emphasized that campus safety is an essential aspect of the Hamilton community and hopefully in the future, students could get to know the officers on a more personal level.

Frank Coots thanked the RLS committee and emphasized that it's important for both students and the officers to continue to learn from each other.

Questions/Comments:

Gianni Hill thanked Frank Coots for being an ally for the Student Assembly. He emphasized that students should contact their RA with noise complaints instead of calling Campus Safety. He mentioned that Campus Safety do not actively seek out students to give out points, rather they work to maintain safety. He mentioned that if there is concern about certain policies or procedures, students should be working with the Conduct Board and the college to address those concerns.

Eric Kopp expressed his support for the implementation of the Campus Safety Advisory Board.

Frank Coots mentioned that there have been 3-5 externally generated personnel complaints made against campus safety officers and a couple more internally generated complaints but mentioned that there have only been 2 officers terminated in his time at Hamilton. He believed that the relationship between campus safety and students is fairly healthy.

Jackson Harris mentioned that if anyone had opinions on the ideas going forward, to reach out to him.

4. Old Business

- **Long-term Structure of SA - Eric Kopp (34:11)**

Eric Kopp mentioned that if anyone had comments or suggestions on the presentation from last week's meeting, to reach out. He mentioned they have thought of creating a new committee to look at the new structure of the Assembly. He mentioned that there is a possibility of reducing the number of committees for next semester.



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Gianni Hill emphasized implementing aspects of Eric’s committee structure to reduce the number of committees.

Eric Kopp said that his outline was a baseline for the committee to build off of in the future.

- **Resolution 20-1: Meeting w/Board of Trustee Leadership (37:41)**

Eric Kopp updated that he and Tommy will have a meeting on November 24th with President Wippman, Stephen Sadove, and the two vice chairs of the Board of Trustees to discuss details on how to move forward and create a base for the next President and Vice President to build off of.

5. Acknowledgments (38:57)

Eric Kopp thanked the RLS Committee and Frank Coats for the work they’ve done. He then thanked Ashley Garcia, Noelle Niznik, and Savannah Kelly for their work on the movie and ice cream night.

6. Funding (40:04)

Amount Remaining: **\$46,142.55**

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Resubmit
Coding Team	Licensing accounts	\$124.00	\$124.00	no
Questbridge	Projector/ T-shirts	\$819.99	\$0.00	no
Poetry Slam Club	Gift cards	\$30.00	\$30.00	no

Amount Requested: \$973.99

Amount Recommended: \$154.00

Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: \$45,988.55

Maya Matthews reported:

The Coding Team requested funding for licensing accounts and the treasurers recommended to fund in full.

QuestBridge requested funding for a projector and t-shirts. The Assembly does not fund unessential apparel and the projector could be provided from other sources. The treasurers recommended not to fund the request. They recommended reaching out to the DMC because they fund apparel for organizations.



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Gianni Hill asked what the reasoning was to not fund Questbridge's request.

Maya Matthews said that they do not fund unessential apparel and that in the past, students have received shirts from Questbridge but this year they did not.

Gianni Hill suggested that the Assembly overturn some of the funding codes from this year considering the large budget still available. He said that if they did not spend the remaining funds by the end of this year, the Assembly would lose it.

Lóri Lejes mentioned that the Assembly still have to abide by other funding codes. He mentioned that if they were to fund t-shirts they'd be given back at the end of the year. He mentioned that if they were to fund apparel, more organizations would want to be funded as well which would cause the Assembly to run out of funds quicker.

Eric Kopp suggested that the Assembly could use the funding for a school event. He then mentioned that allowing funding for apparel would create a logistical issue to fund all organizations.

Seámus Wiseman mentioned that in accordance with some of the funding codes, if the Assembly were to override them, they would have to wait a week to disburse the funding.

Maya Matthews asked whether the Assembly could have an E Vote.

Seámus Wiseman said that there would have to be a one week delay because in the past, there would be a lack of funds because the Assembly kept overriding the treasurer's recommendations.

Eric Kopp suggested that there be a separate fund where excess funding from past years go to for emergency purposes.

Seámus Wiseman mentioned that the fund would be in place starting next fall.

Noelle Niznik suggested that there could be alternative ways to fund organizations that haven't been done before. She agreed with Lóri about the trouble of reversing the precedent of funding certain requests.

Eric Kopp asked whether putting remaining funds in a separate fund is possible.

Noelle Niznik mentioned that they could have conversations about what to do with remaining funds.



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Ashley Garcia asked whether there was still an emergency fund for low income students like the college had last semester. She mentioned it might be better to use the remaining student activities' money in case of emergencies instead of spending it on another school event.

Noelle Niznik mentioned that the money provided for student activities must be used to fund student organizations. She mentioned that last year, the college found funding elsewhere for students who needed help with emergencies.

Lóri Fejes asked about what happened to the care packages that were supposed to be given to students on campus and remote students.

Eric Kopp mentioned that those packages were going to cost around \$40,000 and that they have been in discussion with Dean Martinez to give out something to remote students.

Poetry Slam Club requested funding for gift cards and the treasurers recommend to fund in full.

Eric Kopp asked Maya Matthews why the budgets were added in after the agenda was sent.

Maya Matthews mentioned that the treasurers had a chance to meet before the meeting to decide on the newly added recommendations.

The motion to fund the recommendations passes.

7. Announcements (55:33)

- **SA President and Vice President Election will be held electronically Thursday, Nov. 19th to the end of day on Friday, Nov. 20th.**
To appear on the ballot, candidates must then:
 - **Attend one (1) election rules meeting the week of Nov. 9th (time can in the hyperlinked document below)**
 - **Submit a 200-word ticket platform, photographs, and signature sheets by Nov. 14th at noon.**
 - **To find more in-depth information about running for the positions, please refer to the [election information sheet](#).**
- **The Peer Counselors continue to host a series called “Managing Stress During COVID-19 at Hamilton College” on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday for the next three weeks from 7-8pm EST. [Here is the Zoom Link!](#)**

