

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**10/11/21**

**1. Call to Order**

**Present:**

Gabriel Bit-Babik  
Emily Boviero  
Isa Cardoso  
Nickie Conlogue  
Cicille Dan-Morton  
Ashley Garcia  
Michelle Estrella  
Jackson Harris  
Abigail Hagan  
Christian Hernandez  
Emily Jiang

Lena Klink  
Cole Kuczek  
Ryley McGovern  
Raymond Ni  
Subin Myong  
Natalia Reboredo  
Sapphire Ruiz  
Eric Santomauro-  
Stenzel  
Felix Tager

**Excused:**

Nevaeh Gutierrez  
Jungwon Kim  
Dewayne Martin

**2. Indigenous Peoples' Day Commemoration**

**Sapphire Ruiz** read aloud the following speech:

“Today, we honor and celebrate Indigenous People’s Day, a day to reckon with settler-colonialism and to support, defend, and fight for Indigenous People.

The history of Hamilton College is one founded on anti-Indigenous sentiments and beliefs; the land the College sits on is stolen from the Oneida people, given to Samuel Kirkland for his efforts in the Revolutionary War, accepted despite his promises that he would never take Indigenous land.

Hamilton College started in 1793 as Hamilton-Oneida Academy, a settler-colonial institution with the purpose of teaching the Oneida people assimilation into whiteness and white culture, and to turn their back behind on their own history and culture. Failing to ever retain Indigenous youth, it became Hamilton College in 1812, in the middle of yet another U.S. war, partly over land that wasn’t theirs to begin with.

Despite efforts from those within it, Hamilton as an institution has failed, and continues to fail, to reckon with its past and honor the Oneida people. It fails to develop strong and genuine relationships with the Oneida, it fails to include the Oneida Nation in the decision-making processes of the institution, especially those that directly impact the land and community surrounding it, it even fails to accept and retain Oneida youth as students.



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All of us are on stolen land, and all of us who are not Indigenous to what is called the “United States” has a responsibility to do our part in the returning of Indigenous land, the protection of Indigeneity, and the liberation of all Indigenous peoples.”

**3. General Public Comment Period**

There are no public comments.

**4. New Business**

- **Parliamentarian Nomination: Gabriel Bit-Babik ‘25**
  - Statement and questions

**Gabriel Bit-Babik** expressed his desire to be a part of and improve student life on campus. He believes that SA is one of the most important aspects of student life as it is a student run organization that holds power in representing students. For that reason, when he was looking at opportunities to get involved, he thought that it was necessary to do his part especially with the turbulent times going on currently in SA. He mentioned that he will do the best he can to be impartial, to be objective to everyone’s concerns, and to be a resource for all Assembly members. He emphasized that he is here for everyone to make sure the assembly is the best and most efficient body it can be for students and hopes that he can be confirmed.

**Cole Kuczek** asked if Gabriel Bit-Babik saw any points in the constitution that can be addressed or improved.

**Gabriel Bit-Babik** responded that there are many parts of the constitution that may be revised, which is what the Assembly may want to consider. He has talked to other members of the assembly regarding this and mentioned that he is happy to consult regarding this if someone wants to talk about this more deeply. In terms of his personal opinions, he wants to see the Constitution be more efficient and representative of the campus along with being more inclusive. He would be in favor of constitutional changes if it’s the will of the Student Assembly.

**Jackson Harris** asked how familiar Gabriel Bit-Babik is with the Constitution.

**Gabriel Bit-Babik** replied that he had read the Constitution even before the Assembly asked him to serve as Parliamentarian. He mentioned that he is also becoming more and



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more familiar everyday with the Constitution, how it's been utilized in cases of the Constitutional Committee. He is learning more and more everyday about the constitution.

**Eric Santomauro-Stenzel** mentioned that he had interviewed Gabriel for over an hour about the Constitution and the Assembly, so he is sure Gabriel is fit for the position.

- Discussion
- Voting

*The motion to confirm Gabriel Bit-Babik as Parliamentarian passes unanimously.*

**Gabriel Bit-Babik** thanked the assembly for their support and reiterated that he would use his position to the best of his ability.

- **Approval of Minutes 10/4**

*The motion to approve the 10/4 minutes passes unanimously.*

- **Appeals Board Constitutional Amendments - Introduced: Appeals Board**

**Eric Santomauro-Stenzel** read aloud the amendments of the Appeals Board Constitutional Amendments.

- Quorum Amendment

*The motion to approve the Quorum Amendment passes unanimously.*

- Administrator Title Amendment

*The motion to approve the Administrator Title Amendment passes unanimously.*

- **Judicial Board Confirmations: Eli Kanfer '23**
  - Discussion
  - Voting

*The motion to confirm Eli Kanfer as a Judicial Board member passes unanimously.*

## 5. Funding



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Total Starting General Fund: \$ 151,423

Amount Remaining: \$ 21,224.96 for Fall semester

Amount Remaining Non-Strategic: \$21,224.96

Amount Remaining Discretionary (with Rollbacks): \$ ---

*Please note that all budgets this semester must be approved by the full Assembly, after being submitted by the Funding Committee. The budgets below will be voted on during this meeting, and representatives from organizations are allowed to come to answer questions about their budgets.*

Club Name	Requested Budget	Recommended Budget	Approved Budget
Powder Club	\$6000	\$6000	\$6000
Society of Physics Students	\$1235	\$1235	\$1235

**Felix Tager** read aloud the club's motivation for requesting this amount. He mentioned that Society of Physics Students increased their budget request because they did not account for a few things in their initial strategic budget plan. He explained that they needed cameras for a weather balloon that goes up every few years.

**Jackson Harris** asked if the Physics Crew retrieved the cameras after using them and asked what happened to the cameras in the past.

**Felix Tager** replied that they did and that they had never previously used cameras. They wanted to get footage from these cameras.

*The motion to confirm the funding requests for Powder Club and Society of Physics Students passes unanimously via voice vote.*

## 6. Old Business

- **Resolution 21-4: Cannabis Legalization Response - Introduced: VP Eric Santomauro-Stenzel '24, Class President Jackson Harris '22**

**Jackson Harris** mentioned that he wanted to motion to delay the vote of the resolution. He is about to finish scheduling a meeting to take place with the Office of Community Standards and Catherine Berryman which will most likely happen on Wednesday. Next week, they can bring a much more legitimate update regarding the resolution.



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- Amendments
- Discussion
- Voting

*The motion to postpone the vote on Resolution 21-4 to next week's meeting passes unanimously via voice vote.*

**7. Announcements**

- New Student Organization Applications are open starting Monday, October 4th. Applications will go live at this [link](#). Contact the Director of Organization Relations, Natalia (Nat) Reboredo '24 (she/her) ([saorgs@hamilton.edu](mailto:saorgs@hamilton.edu)) for further information.
- Parliamentarian Wriley Nelson '22 (he/him) has resigned with Gabriel Bit-Babik '25 (he/him) taking his place as the new Parliamentarian.
- William Crane-Morris '22 has been appointed by President Sapphire Ruiz to the COVID-19 Task Force as one of three student representatives.

