

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

11/8/21

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Ryley McGovern
Raymond Ni
Subin Myong
Natalia Reboredo
Eric Santomauro-
Stenzel
Felix Tager

Excused:

Nevaeh Gutierrez
Abigail Hagan
Dewayne Martin

Unexcused:

Marvin Lopez

2. Land Acknowledgement

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel read a [land acknowledgement](#) created by the Shenandoah-Kirkland Initiative (SKI).

3. General Public Comment Period

There are no public comments.

4. New Business

- **Approval of Minutes 11/01**

The motion to approve the 11/01 minutes passes unanimously.

- **Food Trucks - Director of Publicity Ashley Garcia and Director of Student Activities Noelle Juliano**

Noelle Juliano wanted to run ideas on how to maximize the budget. She mentioned that Ashley Garcia coordinated the food truck program in September but wanted to do more. Typically in the student activities fee, 15k is paid in the late night shuttle but they didn't have it this semester due to COVID so the money is just sitting there. She mentioned that there will be a food truck during the village event; this would be utilizing the student activities fee, which are not part of the funds allocated to clubs



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Ashley Garcia mentioned that It's hard to imagine \$15k going to food trucks, but food trucks are essentially open to all students and is something that can help with dining issues (props to bon appetit and student help). She mentioned that the assembly should be conscious about how difficult it is for students to eat on campus. Overall with mental health, students seem to have hit that difficult part of the semester and she noted that food can be an immense comfort. As a result, this is something that students can look forward to. If there's agreement, they can move forward. The lighting of the village tradition that SA has been involved in, having a truck there with cool wintery flavors would be nice for the whole community.

Noelle Juliano emphasized that the food trucks come at no cost to the students. Usually there are surveys on board and when they run out they run out. She expressed her hope that the food trucks can be in a few different spots so everyone can experience them.

Questions/ Comments:

Felix Tager brought up the late night jitney that's being forced to phase out by the Dean of Students; find places the money can go. Something that cannot be prevented is the fact that food trucks cannot provide for all the students. If there's a way the Dean of Students can help subsidize or pay for more food trucks with their rolling budget, he advised for it to happen. More food trucks will allow for better accommodation to the student population. Furthermore, most people getting food from food trucks are people with no campus jobs, so allowing student workers to access food trucks is really important.

5. Announcements

- Save the date! On Tuesday, November 30th from 7pm-8pm, the Student Activities, the Student Assembly, and a number of other organizations will help bring the Lighting of the Village tradition to life. Each of the Student Assembly Class Boards will be hosting a table with some of your favorite goodies and numerous opportunities for you to give back to our community. We will also have sparklers, hot chocolate, swag, food, a polaroid to take pictures, and much more! Come through. :)
- Remember to vote in the Vice President Replacement Election! Voting occurs 12:01am to 11:59pm Monday, November 8th. Results will be announced at 12:01am on Wednesday, November 10th and the winner will take office immediately, serving until the first day of the spring semester. Email Rep. Isa Cardoso '25, the Elections Chair, with any comments or questions (icardoso@hamilton.edu).



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Ashley Garcia mentioned that with the Lighting of the Village event, different class years were going to be doing various activities to help provide for the community such as making cards for Bon Appetit and other workers.

Christian Hernandez Barragan mentioned that the Justice and Equity committee really wants to make reaching out to the community, especially marginalized communities, a focus for the holiday season. He noted that Student Assembly and Hamilton College both don't really interact with the communities. As a result, part of Justice and Equity is reaching out to those communities and becoming more aware of what is going on. One of the projects the committee is working on is with upstate cerebral palsy to sponsor two kids for the holiday season, essentially going out and giving five gifts for each kid (through Amy James and COOP). Justice and Equity, furthermore, is extending the invite to anyone on Assembly to organize a trip to go to the stores, buy things, and decorate. Then, they would be able to give the gifts in person to the organization.

Felix Tager mentioned that SAFC has open positions and is currently determining the entire funding process for the entire academic year and forward as well as determining the funding codes for clubs. SAFC will be sending out announcements about decisions in the upcoming week. Furthermore, a policy will be sent out for SA in the next meeting in regards to the agency fund.

Noelle Juliano wanted to acknowledge Felix's hard work in funding, and wanted to express her appreciation about the progress being made.

