

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

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1. Call to Order

Present:

Emily Boviero

Isa Cardoso

Nickie Conlogue

Eric Cortes-Kopp

Cicille Dan-Morton

Ashley Garcia

Melanie Geller

Nevaeh Gutierrez

Michelle Estrella

Joseph Han

Jackson Harris

Abigail Hagan

Christian Hernandez

Jungwon Kim

Cole Kuczek

Maxwell Lee

Dewayne Martin

Ryley McGovern

Maya Mathews

Wriley Nelson

Raymond Ni

Subin Myong

Fatima Oliva

Natalia Reboredo

Sapphire Ruiz

Ele Sorensen

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel

Felix Tager

2. Land Acknowledgement

Sapphire Ruiz read a [land acknowledgement](#) created by the Shenandoah-Kirkland Initiative (SKI).

3. General Public Comment Period (nominee public comment done with New Business)

Izzy Rutkey '22 (she/her) gave the following speech:

“I’d like to encourage you all to not only vote yes on passing the resolution supporting student admissions workers, but to also state your support not just for the vote, but for the union itself. Student employees, under the National Labor Relations Act, have the legal right to petition to form a union and have a vote for unionization. For Student Assembly to support the vote is to do the bare minimum, it is to merely follow the law. I believe that it is incumbent upon the Assembly to do more than the bare minimum. SA is known for its inaction and ineffectiveness. I have been glad to see improvement in this regard, with the resolution on divestment being passed and direct action being taken to address student mental health concerns. However, taking a neutral stance is not how further change is made. Merely supporting the vote is taking a neutral stance.

I watched the live stream of last week’s meeting and heard the argument that the Assembly is a representative of all admissions workers and therefore shouldn’t support the union as it is not what all of those workers want. Of course the former point is true. However, the latter point leads me to believe that the concern isn’t about representing all admissions workers, but about opposing the union without saying it outright. Refusing to support the union and instead framing your support as being for the election process itself does not represent all tour guides



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and senior fellows as it directly goes against the more than half of the admissions workers who signed a union authorization card. As a tour guide who signed an authorization card, I can attest that I received all relevant information to inform my decision and was told that signing a card was indicative of my support for the union itself.

I appreciate that you all are trying to make the best decision. But I'm disappointed to see that the Assembly is reluctant to take any official stance on an important and historic issue. It is unfortunate that the Assembly seems to be making the safe choice and aligning itself with the official stance of the College who is currently represented by a well-known union busting attorney and law firm. The Assembly is meant to be a voice for the students, not for the administration. I urge you to make the decision that will actually promote positive change. I urge you to be a voice for that change. I urge you to do something more than the bare minimum. And I urge you to vote yes on the resolution and state your support for the union. Thank you."

Gabriel Bit-Babik '25 (he/him) gave his support for the admissions union and expressed his belief that the Student Assembly should support the union. He mentioned that when he first heard about the Student Assembly at Hamilton College, the first thing he heard was that it was a union of students. As a result, he assumed that this union of students will focus on all other unions of students going further along. He expressed his belief that if the assembly sees a portion of their campus fighting for their own right to create their own union, it is the duty of the greater student union to support smaller unions who are doing the same thing. He emphasized his belief that the vote should pass as he believes that it would not only show the strength of the student union at Hamilton, but also show that if successful, Hamilton College is a beacon for other college campuses across the nation to look up to show that students can organize and work together to make the campus better for everyone no matter who they are or where they came from.

Jenn Fleming '22 (she/her) wrote:

Hi. I'm a senior and upon reading former Representative Kopp's resignation, I was deeply disappointed. I worry that, based on his letter, seniors' and other upperclassmens' concerns or opinions will be disregarded. Lately, many of us feel as though the Assembly is not focusing on issues students care most about (i.e parking).

Kaela Dunne '22 (she/her) wrote:

"I am writing in because of the increasingly difficult parking situation this semester. While I recognize the college does not guarantee convenient parking, it is frustrating to walk by empty faculty/staff lots (on weekends or due to the staff shortages the school is experiencing and that students are helping to combat) on the way from North or New lot. It is also frustrating that as parking has been taken away from students, the only additions seem to be for faculty and staff. If faculty and staff were struggling to find parking, this would be completely understandable. However, as students who purchase parking passes, our availability is increasingly restricted and over-ticketing to combat the situation does not help the student body. Furthermore, as students it



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would be good to know where the ticket money goes as our tuition and parking passes increase in cost. Thank you for bringing attention to this issue!”

Jacob Hane ‘22 (he/him) wrote:

“Hello, my name is Jacob Hane, Class of '22, and I am writing in support of the "Motion to commit the nominees to committee for email questions and confirmation vote recommendation, and nominees to appear on next week's agenda for Assembly vote." As a former member of the Honor Court, I have had some experience working in our judicial system, albeit not on the j-board. These two boards are an important function of student-run governance at Hamilton, and they are important for cultivating a friendly, supportive campus environment.

In my years on the Honor Court and time after, I have come to learn just how important it is that there is a democratic component to the appointment process. These bodies hold an important authority over the entire campus student population, and therefore, I believe students should be able to participate in their appointment procedure. Thankfully, this is actually included in the constitution of the j-board (see paragraph one of subsection entitled "Composition of the Judicial Board" under the Judicial Procedures).

It is important that we can give input about nominees through you in a process that is fair, well-designed, and structured to promote active, constructive conversation. I have loved the intake form you sent out last week; that was an excellent way to engage us in this very capacity. However, I do worry about the specifics of the confirmation process.

Because of the vagueness in the language of the Judicial Procedures, there does not seem to be a standard structure to this review. I urge you to take the time you need to design the process so that you can thoroughly read our responses, review our input, and move forward in a structured way.

Giving yourself time to review all of this material promotes a strong democratic process and guarantees that no opinion, however long or short, is overlooked. Furthermore, it gives you time to prepare your own thoughts after reviewing the material in full. As elected representatives, I hope you take the time you need to fully consider every perspective.

These boards are composed of our peers, fellow students, colleagues, classmates, and e-board members. Take the time to design a way forward that works best for all students.

Thank you for your time.

Jacob”

Anonymous Comments of ‘23:



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“Hello. I would like to address two things in this anonymous public comment. First, is there precedence for the acceptance of comments, and consequently public reading of comments of the public’s thoughts on Judicial Board nominees? I am referring to the Tuesday, September 7th email notifying the student body of this initiative. Second, I want to make a comment regarding the Student Assembly’s association with the unionization effort for the tour guides. I will endeavor to keep my thoughts brief, as these meetings are already overly long and bloated affairs. While nearly everyone I have spoken to supports the unionization effort, there is a growing sense that the Student Assembly is obsessing over the unionization effort, and neglecting its other duties. To many students, unionization drama is Student Assembly’s collective Moby Dick. To be frank, many students view Student Assembly as an annoyance and a farce; the past drama with the unionization effort has confirmed, if not strengthened this belief in many students. A simple acknowledgement of supporting the right for tour guides to employ democratic tools to unionize is all that can be done. Personally, I believe that the Student Assembly has done many good things in the past, and has the potential to do much good in the future, but it is currently wasting its potential. Not a single club can receive funding as far as I know, the mental health crisis is not being alleviated, and very little, if anything is being done to combat the housing, dining hall, and parking shortages, which are in turn worsening the mental health crisis. So, Student Assembly, do your job. Prove to the student body that you are not just looking to network with administrators and alumni, that you are not just here to have a better resume for law school, or to engage in vanity projects to fit your political agenda. You can ensure that the students who want a union, get a union, while also working on the myriad of other issues affecting students on campus. I know this comment may sound harsh, but as an upperclassman on multiple E-Boards who cannot do events because of a lack of funding, and who suffers from anxiety and other mental health issues, I just want to be able to do my clubs and live in peace. Thank you.”

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel expressed his belief that the previously stated anonymous comment did not have to be an anonymous comment. He mentioned that he wanted to have a larger conversation about how the assembly wanted to allow anonymous comments into the space in terms of purpose, and if anonymous comments are something that the Student Assembly wants to continue permitting . He explained that as Chair, he will continue permitting them but wanted a conversation regarding them.

Saphire Ruiz mentioned that Hamilton’s history involves students abusing anonymous public forums. They expressed their desire to structure anonymous comments in a way that is productive and safe.

4. New Business

- **Approval of Minutes**

Jackson Harris asked if the voting record can be added for the vote that led to the conclusion of the meeting last week. He mentioned that he heard several people claim that pro-union members



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and several people claim anti-union members purposely cut the meeting short. He expressed his belief that for the best of the campus, the assembly should just include who voted yes and who voted no for these motions.

Wiley Nelson noted that he saw his concern. He mentioned that he did not keep track of procedural votes but he will start doing so in the future.

Joseph Han asked if the livestream can be reviewed to see who voted for what in the vote to conclude the meeting.

Wiley Nelson confirmed that reviewing the recorded meeting to see the votes was a possibility.

Jackson Harris asked how the assembly would vote on the 9/06 minutes if the livestream was going to be reviewed.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that the assembly could postpone the minutes and do an e-vote.

The motion to postpone the approval of the 9/06 minutes to e-vote passes via unanimous consent.

○ **Judicial Board Nominations**

■ **Motions**

- Motion to commit the nominees to committee for email questions and confirmation vote recommendation, and nominees to appear on next week's agenda for Assembly vote

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel explained that if the motion passes, the judicial board nominees will appear before the standing committees they are assigned to for questioning via email instead of considering the nominees during this current assembly meeting. The nominees will choose whether to answer the questions or not and the committee will make a recommendation to the full assembly about whether or not the nominee should be confirmed which will then be voted on by the general assembly.

Nevaeh Gutierrez asked why the nominees were being emailed these questions.



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Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that initially he, Sapphire, and Wriley proposed for the questioning to be completed in person or on zoom. However, the college administration acted very strongly against that idea. This option to do the questioning via email was voted on by class presidents and committee chairs. He mentioned that an assembly member can make a motion for an alternative method of conducting the hearing.

Joseph Han asked which committee gets which judicial board nominee.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel answered that the original plan was that AED was to get three, student health would get one, residential life and safety would get one, sustainability & facilities one, and justice and equity would get two. He mentioned that there is still a nominee who has yet to be selected by J-Board, so once they are selected, that nominee would go to sustainability.

Isa Cardoso asked how the committees will know if the candidates are fit for the role. She asked if there were going to be a universal set of questioning for the nominees.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that he and Sapphire were planning on making a draft of a few universal questions and then distributing them to committee chairs. He expressed his hope for a universal set, but mentioned that it would be up to each committee which questions to ask. He noted that ideally there would also be a rubric that would be overseen by committee chairs to assess fitness for the judicial board.

Eric Cortes-Kopp asked if the people who came for public comments will be able to make the public comments if the first motion is passed.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that if the first motion passes, the public comments will be seen by members of the assembly next week. He further clarified that people will be making public comments in person next week.

Cole Kuczek asked if the public comments that have been submitted by students regarding the J-Board nominees will be read next week.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel confirmed that the public comments will not be read aloud but will be made available to all members of the assembly. He noted that if a person who made a public comment would like to say the public comment aloud by then, they could do so the next meeting.



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The motion to commit the nominees to committees for email questioning passes via unanimous consent. Nominees will have confirmation votes at the meeting next Monday, September 20th.

5. Old Business

- **Cluster Model By-Laws Amendment: Making Interim Class Treasurers voting members of the Assembly - Introduced: Rep. Dewanye Martin '24**

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel mentioned that the effect of Dewayne's amendment passing would require the interim class treasurers to be full voting members of the assembly, with committee assignments. They would be required to attend weekly meetings. He expressed that the increase in workload would be from 3-5 to 10 hours a week.

Felix Tager emphasized that both of the current treasurers have suggested they will possibly resign if the amendment is passed.

Dewayne Martin mentioned that the main issue he had with the point was that if an individual is elected by the entire student body, they do not have voting and central council power.

Abigail Hagan asked about if and when we have vacant positions on the cluster treasury in which the students have not voted for. She brought up that if the current cluster treasurers resigned, then all cluster treasurers would be appointed rather than voted for by the whole student body. She mentioned the threats of the cluster treasurers to resign was alarming. She asked what to do with the students who were nominated rather than voted in.

Dewayne Martin replied that there had been members that have been elected by the entire student body who now do not have voting power.

Eric-Santomauro-Stenzel clarified that the current cluster/interim class treasurers ran on the understanding that they would not have voting power.

Jackson Harris asked if the interim treasurer position would be only for this semester (yes). He mentioned that a previous cluster treasurer who was elected resigned because they did not have voting power (and last year she did).



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Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that one signed up to run during the original process (Allison Curry '23), who ran and won her office unopposed, and write-ins for Brianna Padilla from '25 who won unopposed. The presidents of classes of '24 and '22 have to appoint interim class treasurers for confirmation by the full Assembly.

Jackson Harris asked if the current treasurers who ran knew they would not have voting power (yes).

Dewayne Martin clarified that he felt that if a position is elected by the entire student body they should be involved overall, including with the power to vote.

Abigail Hagan expressed her agreement that they should have voting power. However, she emphasized that the treasurers would resign if they had to be present for votes which would pose a threat to the Student Assembly.

Saphire Ruiz mentioned that regardless of the voting power issue, the assembly is in a position where funding is almost in a crisis. In the case that Felix lost his treasurers, they mentioned that everything would get pushed back, organizations would not get money, and the democratization of the student activity fee would not happen. This would affect a deficit of funds next year as well. They emphasized that treasurers should focus on the current situation and responsibilities they signed up for, and that the Student Assembly cannot afford to lose all of its treasurers.

Dewayne Martin clarified again that he agreed with Saphire that the assembly is in a crisis. He is no longer advocating for this specific amendment, though he reinforced his point that if an individual is elected by the entire student body they should have voting power.

Jackson Harris mentioned that he agreed with the principle stated by Dewayne Martin.

Felix Tager mentioned that it would not be a full democratic process because it would be voted in by the clubs within the cluster. A vote among clubs within the cluster would no longer be a full student body vote.

The motion to amend the Cluster Model By-Laws fails to pass. Placard vote shows 0 in favor, 22 against, 0 abstentions.

- **Resolution 21-3: Student Admission Workers - Introduced: Rep. Eric Cortes-Kopp '22, Rep. Subin Myong '22**



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- Amendment from Rep. Melanie Geller '22 to 1st *Resolved* clause
 - Debate

Melanie Geller clarified that just because a majority signed the card, it does not mean that a majority supported the union. She mentioned that there were some tour guides she spoke to who did not know what was going on. She said that if/when the Student Assembly finds that a majority of tour guides support the unionization effort, they should support that, but until then they should not declare support for the union.

Eric Cortes-Kopp mentioned that if this amendment is not so hot of a take, in his opinion, it is not worth passing. He mentioned that he supported the original document. Hamilton College has invested in law firms that have thwarted the formation of unions. A lot of times, organizers have not so much worried about what they want but how they will be treated at the end of the day.

Subin Myong asked whether they could add additional statements to the resolution. She then asked if she could add a statement that stated that if the union fell through, the assembly would still support the workers.

Joseph Han stated that he felt there were no concerns and that a resolution should say something. He mentioned that this was the purpose of having a vote and that merely stating that the Student Assembly supported the right to vote is already inherent to the values of SA and is not worth voting on.

Saphire Ruiz mentioned their belief that passing the amendment would be taking the same position as the college and that SA needed to pass a resolution that puts their unique take on the union. For the students who are in support of the union, the assembly taking the same stance as the college wouldn't be doing anything to commit itself to actively supporting the union, and would be silent in the face of the college's efforts to weaken the union.

Christian Hernandez Barragan clarified that if the entire resolution passes, he is not sure how the assembly will move forward in the future. He asked what the assembly is doing besides making a position in support or not in support of the union.

Wiley Nelson read the definition and parameters of a resolution.



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Cole Kuczek asked what the assembly is planning on doing specifically outside of the resolution.

Abigail Hagan recommended that Student Assembly ask the union how they think the SA could support them instead of having SA make suggestions themselves.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel offered the option that the vote on the amendment be postponed to right before voting on the full resolution since the conversation was going outside of the scope of the amendment, and motion for a separate conversation.

Ryley McGovern mentioned that the wording of “full support” is very important because it confirms the amendment’s effectiveness; otherwise the amendment would be a weak amendment, and would lessen the belief that students have in the Assembly.

Melanie Geller clarified that she has spoken to tour guides who were unsure on how to vote. She mentioned that she wanted to support what the majority wanted to support.

Jackson Harris expressed his agreement with Melanie Geller’s statements but is worried because the tour guides will be and already are under pressure from the college administration to vote no. He emphasized that the people on the fence are going to be the ones most worried about this. He mentioned that the Student Assembly needs to express support for the vote and also let the tour guides know that the SA are in support of them and to not be afraid of backlash.

Joseph Han mentioned that the assembly is voting on a resolution, mentioning that it is kind of a hot take. He also mentioned that the assembly is allowed to vote no if they did not agree with the moral and ethical commitment of the resolution.

Eric Cortes-Kopp mentioned that back in Spring ‘20 there was backlash for not giving a stance on the credit/no credit issue when students went remote. The credit/no credit policy was eventually put into place.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel mentioned that the wide support for the union can be seen in the increased number of public comments that have been made. He emphasized that if this amendment is passed, the SA’s position will be identical to the administration’s position, and the administration is against the union, and he believes that a position needed to be made. He mentioned that the assembly needed to think about what this statement will be taken by the students, especially what other students will think about their places in their workplaces. He



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remarked that if the amendment was passed, students would hear that the SA only supports the rights already guaranteed under federal law, and that the SA does not stand as a student union who will advocate for them, and the college will be very happy with the amendment passing. He mentioned that the priority should be whether students as a whole will benefit from the union, which he believes is yes. The union being formed will be the first in the country, and will send a message to every other department on campus that employs students to treat their workers better. He reiterated that taking an unequivocal stance on the union is important because it serves as a universal benefit to students on campus.

Melanie Geller asked what Eric Santomauro-Stenzel felt about police unions, emphasizing her belief that there was room for nuance when speaking about these issues. She mentioned that regarding the lack of public comments against the unionization efforts, people are sometimes scared to go against the flow.

Emily Boviero expressed that she felt the same points were being reiterated, and that she wanted to motion to motion to vote.

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Jungwon Kim reiterated Emily's point and mentioned that the most powerful stance to take is to vote.

- Voting

The motion to pass the amendment to the 1st resolved clause fails to pass. Roll call vote shows 1 in favor, 20 against, 1 abstention.

The vote on Resolution 21-3 passes. Roll call vote shows 21 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstentions.

- **Student Parking Concerns**

- Updates

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel reviewed what has occurred with regard to parking in the past week. He mentioned parking was on last Monday's agenda but the meeting ended before the Assembly got there, and that he encouraged Frank Coots to review public comment and minutes, which he did. He said that he solicited ideas and questions from the Assembly during the week leading up to a meeting between him, Sapphire, and Frank on Friday (9/10) afternoon, at which all the Assembly's comments were presented. From this meeting, Frank committed to sending an email



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to the Assembly going over what was discussed. He then read aloud the statement from Frank Coots:

“Saphire & Eric,

Parking on campus continues to be a challenge for each user who possesses a vehicle at Hamilton. We are looking at a few different opportunities to alleviate the constant challenge of finding parking that does not cause too much inconvenience.

A student has approached me and suggested the use of the Old Tennis Courts which is adjacent to the Field House closest to the Little Squash Court. Presently it is used by faculty/staff during the business day as well as by a Phys Ed. class. We will need to do some striping and some event protection for the Phys Ed. class but I'll be working with FM personnel on this project.

Additionally, faculty members who work in List and List center (newly renovated) have asked that the new parking in front of List Center be reserved for the weekend because of shows. However, if students are permitted to park in the newly created spots after 5:00 PM, must remove their vehicles prior to 7:00 AM each weekday, M-F. There are very few events during the week in which these vehicles would interfere. However, this still must receive faculty agreement and the vehicles that remain will be towed if not removed prior to 7:00 AM.

I realize that I am being redundant when I express this point but there is sufficient parking in the college's North/New Lots. The North Lot is unpaved and open to any user of the campus to park their vehicle when other authorized spots are unavailable. The New Lot, which is adjacent to the North Lot, is paved and has been utilized extensively this semester. Both lots are under the watch of closed circuit televisions that are monitored by Campus safety personnel. This lot, though not convenient to everyone, is still on campus and is far closer than parking off campus.

Two things that I encourage each student to utilize: we provide safety escorts at any time of the day. Please remember, Campus Safety has other responsibilities and our response may be delayed; also, the Hamilton College app (downloadable through Apple & Google) has multiple safety features that I encourage everyone to download, experiment with and use.

Every ticket that is written is reviewable by the student run Appeals Committee. The only voting members are students and they review each appeal and make the decision on which ticket is dismissed or sustained. A member of Student Transportation staff is available for advice and counsel to ensure the committee is not violating policy. I encourage each and every student to



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file an appeal and wait until they receive a determination prior to paying any fine. Fines are included in the student bill at the end of each semester and payment in person or with cash is not available due to Covid restrictions.

Finally I wish to convey that Campus Safety receives none of the money that is collected for permits or fines. It is all returned into the general fund. Campus Safety provides from their budget all permits, tickets and other equipment as well as software maintenance. It would be unethical to do so otherwise.

Parking is a concern for all users, faculty/staff and students alike. I take all suggestions and any constructive criticism into my decision making process when it comes to parking and parking enforcement. Students such as Nicole Papert and Kate Molinsek, though upset with the process, brought real and actionable ideas to me. We had constructive conversations and listened to each other's concerns and ideas. I encourage everyone who wishes to have dialogue with me or provide ideas that are possible to accomplish, that they reach out to me via email, phone or just stop in as I have an open door policy.

Frank”

Subin Myong asked what was considered North lot on campus.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that the North lot was the gravel lot with the Events Parking sign.

Cole Kuczek asked whether the lot near the North parking lot was a new lot.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel answered that while he was not sure exactly what lot Cole Kuczek was referring to, there was a sign by it that said Event parking.

Emily Boviero asked why the North parking lot wasn't more televised as she has never heard about that parking lot. She mentioned that if it was, more people would park in the North lot.

Jackson Harris replied that the reason why there were not many that park in the North lot is because the lot is very far away.

Melanie Geller asked which faculty parking lots the 5PM - 7AM parking option would apply to. She asked if that would only apply to List and List Circle or other parking lots as well.



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Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that the assembly would need to double check with Frank Coots.

Subin Myong asked whether students were still getting ticketed for parking at KTSA. She further asked whether the school was back to the schedule for weekends where students were allowed to park at KTSA.

Saphire Ruiz replied that KTSA is not only for guest parking. They emphasized that the assembly needed more clarification about what areas can be parked because they noted that there were some faculty spots that can be parked on during the weekends. They mentioned that the assembly could try to get a list of the places and the specific rules.

Abigail Hagan asked how the faculty parking ratios were calculated. She suggested that there should be a 1:1 ratio for faculty parking, and the rest of the spots should be allocated to students. She mentioned that there were most likely extra parking spots within the faculty.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that this question would need to be asked to Frank Coots.

Saphire Ruiz mentioned that within faculty lots, student cars have to be out at a certain time. They explained that if the student's car is still there, Frank is required to tow those cars. They noted that part of the issue was that there were not enough resources for students to get their cars out in enough time. If cars were not out by 7AM in some parking areas, they had to be towed. They mentioned that the assembly could make a clarification around what the rules were regarding this.

Emily Boviero asked if the parking crisis has been a problem before and asked what created this problem.

Subin Myong answered that the problem is arising now because most of the faculty were not on campus last year due to COVID-19 restrictions and online classes, but now the faculty are back on campus. She mentioned that another reason is because the Glenview dorms were created last year which took away many of the parking spaces.

Saphire Ruiz clarified that constructing Glenview took up 60 parking spots.



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Subin Myong brought up the situation about the Dunham parking lot. She asked if she could get clarification about

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that they will email Frank Coots after this meeting to try to get the answers to some of these questions.

Melanie Geller asked where the school took towed cars to.

Eric Cortes-Kopp mentioned that some of the parking spots in Glenview were not discernable as some spots overlapped over others. He mentioned that he unintentionally parked on a fire lane in Glenview, and got a 50 dollar parking ticket. He asked if there us a way to make parking spots more visible

Saphire Ruiz mentioned that there are new yellow signs that indicate that you could not park in the aforementioned spot anymore. They emphasized that everyone had the opportunity to appeal in a student-led process, although SA does not know the students on the appeal board. They reiterated that Frank Coots encourages everyone to appeal before paying as chances are, an appeal will get approved.

Isa Cardoso mentioned that while she could understand the appeal of appealing, she wanted to have a discussion on the possibility of suspending the tickets altogether.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel replied that during the meeting with Frank Coots, the answer to that request was no. However, he emphasized that the student assembly could work to pass things if they wanted to.

Joseph Han asked if it was possible to make a security camera to the parking lots public as there are already cameras facing KJ.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel mentioned that it was a possibility but he would have to ask Frank Coots about that.

Jackson Harris expressed his agreement with Joseph Han's idea and mentioned that this idea was similar to a similar problem (long lines at the Commons dining hall.)

Maya Mathews suggested that the Transportation Office make a visual using a Hamilton College map signifying which lots are available to students and when opposed to an email list



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that has already been sent out to help students know where the New Lot is among other parking lots.

Saphire Ruiz mentioned that they had difficulty remembering which lot is which so that question could be asked.

Cole Kuczek expressed his belief that Maya Mathews's suggestion should be extended to the weekend lots specifically. He further expressed his concern that the new lot is 20-30 minutes away from dark side.

Jackson Harris expressed his belief that the problem is simple and that the solution is simple. He mentioned that the school needs to petition the college administration to possibly build a new parking lot. He mentioned that the school

Jungwon Kim mentioned that this is a time sensitive matter as it is currently warm. He explained that the walks in the cold, due to the limited parking lots, would only get longer and less feasible.

Cole Kuczek mentioned that the school already had the infrastructure to provide more parking in opening up the squash or tennis courts where he rarely sees the lot filled.

Saphire Ruiz noted that the tennis court is possibly being turned into a temporary parking lot

Emily Boviero expressed her agreement with Jackson Harris's point and mentioned that the college over-admitted 50 students for the class of 2025. She emphasized that this problem will only worsen in the coming years when those students bring cars on campus.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel said more comments will be taken in a moment, but notified that there was only 5 minutes remaining in the meeting and that while he will not be making a motion to extend given last week's meeting length, other members may. He asked that if there is no motion, remaining discussion on this issue be about what we can be tangibly doing as an Assembly to address the parking issue.

Subin Myong asked if students are being ticketed for parking on the grass.

Saphire Ruiz replied that students were being ticketed for parking in the grass.



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Subin Myong suggested that the school should open up fields such as Minor field or grassy areas in general for student parking.

Abigail Hagan expressed concern about the parking getting out of control but had the concern clarified by Subin Myong.

Maya Mathews mentioned that the Elephant Graveyard could be an additional possible parking area.

Jackson Harris expressed his agreement with Maya Mathews's idea.

Christian Hernandez Barragan mentioned that future ideas should be placed in the group Slack for the sake of saving time.

Eric Santomauro-Stenzel motioned to commit the question of parking to the Residential Life & Safety Committee, Chaired by Jackson Harris and Vice-Chaired by Dewayne Martin, for further action.

The motion to move the issue of parking to the Residential Life & Safety committee passes by voice vote with no objection.

- **Org Audit Updates**

At the discretion of the Chair due to less than 2 minutes in the meeting remaining, this item was skipped to move to funding updates.

5. Funding (awaiting written confirmation from Student Activities)

Amount Remaining: \$ 75,711.50 for Fall semester

Total General Fund: \$ 151,423

Amount Remaining Non-Strategic: \$ 15,142.30

Amount Remaining Discretionary (with Rollbacks): \$ 3,785.58

Starting Strategic Budget: \$ 60,569.20

Strategic Budget (including advanced funding): \$ ----

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Resubmit
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STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

9/13/21

Discretionary		\$5000.00	\$5000.00	N
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Amount Requested: **\$ 0.00**

Amount Recommended (Non-Strategic): \$

Amount Recommended (Discretionary): \$

Amount Remaining if Funding passes (Non-Strategic): \$

Amount Remaining Strategic: \$

Felix Tager mentioned that the funding committee will revert to the 2019 funding model due to issues of presence. He mentioned that the committee will be dealing with a total of 158 budget requests during the weekend. He emphasized that if org leaders do not attend orientation, they will not receive funding.

6. Announcements

- Rep. Eric Cortes-Kopp '22 (he/they) is resigning effective at the end of the following Monday, Sept. 20th meeting. Please see resignation letter addressed to President Sapphire Ruiz attached in email.
- Students who have received a parking ticket on campus should appeal them using the instructions on the back of the ticket. [Link here](#). Appeals are determined by a board including students. While an appeal is not guaranteed, it often does work. The Assembly is working with Campus Safety to identify and implement stronger solutions.
- **Future SA general meetings will be held in the Events Barn.**

