

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**11/28/2022**

**1. Call to Order**

Adan Corea	Ryley McGovern	
Bethany Fell	Ting Mei	<b>Excused:</b>
Max Ganem	Quentin Messer	Muhammad Ahmad Rao
Ailis Hayden	Kiara Nelson	Raymond Ni
Ashby Howard	Jacob Piazza	
Gael Javier	Mason Schroeder	<b>Unexcused:</b>
Emily Jiang	Nicole Soret	
Lena Klink	Felix Tager	
Alexandra Kropaneva	Prim Udomphan	
	Katrinah Tejada	

**2. General Public Comment Period ([TIME: 02:13](#))**

**Greg Bauman '23** came in to ask SA about permission to access the Class of 2023 listservs. Greg explained that a couple years ago, Hamilton did marriage pacts and Greg thought of bringing that back. To do so, he would need access to the listserv.

**Emily Jiang** asked Greg to explain a little more.

**Felix Tager** added that if it is just a program for seniors, it could be put under Senior Programming and use the 2023 listserv. However, if it is for the whole campus then there is an application process with Student Activities that needs to be completed.

**Greg Bauman** explained that another college started the marriage pact and Hamilton copied them, but in essence, a survey is sent out with a list of questions and those who fill it out are matched with based on their answers and how others answered. Greg explained that there has not been much fun programming like that as a senior he would like to bring something like the marriage pacts back to campus.

**Emily Jiang** asked for clarification stating that Greg needs access to the listserv to send out an email explaining what the marriage pack is and a form that students fill out.

**Greg Bauman** replied affirmatively and that results and rankings would also be sent out to the individuals that filled out the form.

**Felix Tager** mentioned that [Marriage Pact](#) is the organization that does this officially and Hamilton is a part of it.



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**Emily Jiang** recommended to pursue it with the Senior Planning committee and execute the idea through the senior listserv.

**Andrew Frey '23 (he/him)** commented:

“Over Thanksgiving break, commons did not set up the egg station. It is an EGGCELLENT part of my diet, and when it is gone, I am left SCRAMBLING for nutrients. Can you all please make sure it will be open during Winter break? It might be cold on campus, but nothing warms my heart like a nice omelet!”

**Emily Jiang** answered that SA can try.

**Amrit Aggarwal '24 (he/him)** wrote:

“We need orange juice available at the Howard Diner - I go to breakfast every morning at the diner and really enjoy the food, but every time I am disappointed that the only drinks are soda and water, I really wish I could drink OJ with my breakfast. Please help us fix this issue, a lot of other people have expressed agreement with this. If not orange juice then I would also be fine with cranberry, grapefruit, or even apple.”

**Emily Jiang** noted that this is a great suggestion and that while they cannot guarantee that it will happen, they will bring it up to Bon Appétit and the Diner staff.

**Gunnar Senatore '24 (he/him)** commented:

“I would like more drink options for diner breakfast. More specifically milk, chocolate milk and some juices.”

**Emily Jiang** replied that this will make its way to Bon Appétit as well.

**3. Old Business (TIME: 07:12)**

- Minutes from 11/14

*The minutes from 11/14 pass as written by unanimous consent.*

**4. New Business (TIME: 07:23)**

- Budget Requests - Treasurer Prim Udomphan '26

**Contingency Budget Requests**

Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
SMART (Sexual Assault Survivors Making Activism and Radical Transformation)	\$50-100	\$25
Special K	\$2,000	\$980



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**Prim Udomphan** read aloud the budget requests. Regarding SMART, she explained that they asked for money for one poster. According to the funding codes, for each event, no more than \$25 can be spent on posters. As such, she recommended funding \$25. Regarding Special K, she explained that Special K is requesting \$2000 for food. Their annual budget is \$3,100; they have not spent any of that money yet. Special K is now requesting money for food for an off-campus event that has popped up. Their annual budget is spent on recording music so they are requesting more money for this special event that has come up. 14 members are going to attend this three day, two nights long event. According to the funding codes, SA can fund a budget of \$35 dollars for each student per night, and because they are only spending two nights, that adds up to \$980.

**Felix Tager** clarified that Special K has not spent any money yet and asked Prim why she chose to not recommend \$0 and ask Special K to request additional funding later once they have run out of money. He wanted to know why it is important to fund them now rather than having them apply again later considering that the idea of the declining budget model is that clubs utilize their money before asking for additional funds.

**Prim Udomphan** agreed but noted that \$980 is not that much money compared to what other clubs have requested. She noted that she tried to reduce the costs and apply the rules of the funding codes on how much money can be spent.

*The motion to fund SMART and Special K as recommended passes unanimously via voice vote.*

**Discretionary Budget Requests (TIME: 11:22)**

Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Executive Board	\$69	\$69

**Prim Udompahn** explained that the money will go towards 100 accessibility stickers.

**Felix Tager** mentioned that last year, SA voted “no” on SA pins. He wanted to mention that the pins could have been helpful so he wanted to emphasize that it is worthwhile voting “yes” on this because the stickers could help a lot of students.

*The motion to fund the Executive Board as recommended passes unanimously via voice vote.*

**Emily Jiang** noted that they have the final draft of the design which they will show later.

**Traditions Budget Requests (TIME: 12:39)**

Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Class of 2023	\$1,176	\$1,176



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**Prim Udompahn** explained that the Class of 2023 is requesting money for two Senior Pub Nights; the first one will be hosted on December 3rd, the second one on December 8th. The reason for the Class of 2023 applying for Traditions funding is that while SA voted on dividing the Student Voted Programming Budget Line equally among the four classes, the policy of the application and the approval of the student voting has not been finalized; therefore Class of 2023 is applying for Traditions funding. Prim noted that she will present a policy proposal next week.

*The motion to fund the Class of 2023 as recommended passes unanimously via voice vote.*

- **Accessibility Stickers Update: President Emily Jiang '25 (TIME: 14:22)**

**Emily Jiang** noted that they worked it out with Associate Vice President Mike Klappmeyer, and explained it took a little longer than expected due to Klappmeyer wanting to send it to and get it approved by the office to make sure everything matches the order requirements. They further explained that the sticker would no longer lead to the work order form. Instead, it opens a template email on your mail app. The subject line is “x door is not working”. You will then fill out which door is not working, and the body text will say x door is not working, and other details to provide its location. The email will go straight to facilities email. This way the door problem will be addressed quicker than the work order form.

**Felix Tager** asked if it would just send them to an automated email, as well as if they could demo it right now.

**Emily Jiang** responded by inviting them to bring out their phones to test it.

**Emily Jiang** further noted that facilities will be the ones spearheading the distribution, and told Mike Klappmeyer that Student Assembly could also assist. However, the office decided it will be more efficient since they will be able to cover every accessible door, and also ensure that the stickers will not be taken down.

- **Accessibility Renovations Update: Class President Felix Tager '23 (TIME: 16:23)**
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**Felix Tager** pointed out at the fact that the bridge was not open, and apologized. He explained that it is due to necessary renovations taking place, that being filling in the potholes. He expanded on how the bridge works, explaining that the bridge consists of platforms that are being held up by two support points each; these support points are prone to potholes. The potholes are due to the usage of salt on the bridge; however, frequent salting is necessary because of the amount of snow Hamilton gets. As the salt breaks down the concrete, salting causes potholes. He stated that the current renovation is not an end solution. A possible solution down the road could be potentially replacing the bridge in the next few years. He reminded everyone that nothing is confirmed, but one of the ideas would be having a covering on the bridge — a



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type of overlay that would prevent snow buildup, and be more future resistant. He cautioned everyone to stay safe, and to not try to attempt to sneak onto the bridge.

- **Vending Machine Mini Market Update: Class President Felix Tager '23**  
([TIME: 18:29](#))

**Felix Tager** stated that last week, he announced the vending machine pilot which Senior Administration has approved. Since then he has sent out a form, which, as of the meeting, has accumulated 139 responses. The form will be sent out again in hopes of getting a few more responses. He noted being really grateful to all the people who have been involved in the process as well as the people who responded to the form. He also added that the lack of gluten free options has been brought up and announced that they are working on solving that. He acknowledged the drink recommendations, but stated that milkshakes are not possible in these spaces, as much as he would love for that to happen. However, he will try to get different things, and added that he loves the idea of kombucha. He recommended that if the student body had any additional ideas to please submit them through the form. One of the most upvoted items was the bacon, egg & cheese, as well as the Caesar Salads. He also noted that 65% of people wanted fresh fruit cups, 59% wanted yogurt parfait, and 64% wanted the Mac & Cheese. He noted the importance of putting these options out there, since these are meals that are not frequently seen in the dining halls. He hoped that their success at vending machines will guide the dining services to increase and expand their options. He sent a lot of thank you's to people for filling out the form. Another comment they received was a request for dairy free options, which is something they will work on. However, one of the main issues that they encounter when ordering dairy free options, is that manufacturers remove meat, turning the options into vegetarian options altogether. He is working on figuring this out with Lucy and Eddie. He closed by thanking Lucy Burke who worked on the project.

**Emily Jiang** restated that if someone has not filled out the form, they can find it in their email inboxes. The form should not take long.

- **Final Elections Timeline: President Emily Jiang '25, Elections Chair Felix Tager '23** ([TIME: 21:04](#))

**Emily Jiang** went over the final elections timeline displayed below.

- ❖ **November 29 - December 1:** Election Rules Meetings. Petitions will be sent to attendees. Please fill out [this form](#) to state your interest prior to/immediately after.
  - \*NOTE: Write-in candidates must still attend Election Rules Meetings, but will not receive a petition nor be on the ballot.
- ❖ **December 3:** Reminder email sent to candidates (those who fill out the interest form/attendees of Elections Rules Meetings) who have either:
  - a) not met the meeting requirement or



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b) not received the minimum number of petition signatures (75).

- ❖ **December 4 @ 11:59 PM:** Petitions, platforms, and pictures due via Google Forms that can be found throughout and at the end of this document. *Extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Elections Chair.*
- ❖ **December 5:** Platforms released to the student body.
- ❖ **December 6 @ 11:59 PM:** Optional campaign posters/videos due to Publicity Director Max Ganem ([mganem@hamilton.edu](mailto:mganem@hamilton.edu)).
- ❖ **December 10:** Election Day (12:01 AM-11:59 PM)
- ❖ **December 11:** Constitutionally required 24-hour waiting period before results
- ❖ **December 12:** Results Released (@ 12:01 AM)
- ❖ **January 16:** First SA meeting w/ new President and Vice President

**Emily Jiang** explained that the timeline has been condensed due to the special circumstances; however they also noted that there has been some interest in the positions. They further added that if students are interested, they should reach out to them or Felix.

**Felix Tager** added that the election rules meeting will be by appointment in order to avoid sitting in empty zoom calls.

**5. Announcements ([TIME: 23:18](#))**

- Please keep an eye out for the updated elections schedule! Dates will come up fast. If you're unsure about running or would like more information, please reach out to either of the election chairs, Emily Jiang or Felix Tager.
- An email has been sent out regarding sophomore hoodies - we've already had 293 responses! The leading design will be announced tomorrow, so please submit your design preferences tonight.

**Ryley McGovern** announced that the sophomore delegation has been working on a hoodie for Declaration Day. The email was sent yesterday, and the survey gained 293 responses, and there is a leading design that will be announced tomorrow to give more people the chance to submit their response. He also thanked Eniman, a freshman who has worked with the designs on the hoodies. He wanted to share their appreciation for her help.

**Emily Jiang** reinstated that Class of 2025 should fill out the survey and that the design looks awesome.

**Emily Jiang** announced that Lighting of the Village is tomorrow at 7pm. They added that it was a nice experience their freshmen year. Student Assembly will have tables; for example, the Senior Class will have cookies. There will also be fireplaces outside of Sadove, and the junior class invites students to join them in cookie decorating.



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**6. Adjournment**

