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1. Call to Order

Christopher Akuleme
Corey Bravo Sloan
Adan Corea
Bethany Fell
Max Ganem
Ailis Hayden
Gael Javier
Emily Jiang
Lena Klink
Alexandra Kropaneva
Marvin Lopez

Ryley McGovern
Ting Mei
Quentin Messer
Evelyn Molina
Kiara Nelson
Raymond Ni
Jacob Piazza
Mason Schroeder
Allison Sheehan
Nicole Soret
Felix Tager

Katrinah Tejada
Prim Udomphan

Excused:

Muhammad Ahmad Rao
Ting Mei
Joshua Zeledon

2. General Public Comment Period ([TIME: 00:00:39](#))

Maya Mathews '23 (she/her) commented:

“The printers throughout kj have consistently not worked for any array of reasons, and it has on numerous occasions disrupted my work and the work of my peers. I have had issues from being the "37th" request stuck in the Webprint queue to simply not finding a single sheet of paper anywhere in the building. One glitch I've found is that when there is a jam, the printer continues to accept requests and then there becomes a backlog of printing S.t. when you do get your hands on paper, all the previous queues will print before yours, and often times those students will never comeback for their work. I think students would appreciate and be better with their paper consumption if stacks of papers and a stapler were left next to every printer. It should not be hard for my to complete my assignments because I can't get any printing done.

Over my three years and in the econ department, I have seen kj become increasingly packed. As the size of campus becomes bigger, I think there should be more tables and chairs added to kj. I see the current placement of some tables in the brick area of the kj atrium, and I think there's a lot of room/ opportunity for more seating in these spaces. Darkside is crowded, more ppl live on this side of campus because of glenview. More classes are held on darkside because of list. The number of study spaces should reflect this. Not to mention the MAJOR loss of two kj private study rooms...rip. I am sad. I was an avid 6am-10 studies room grinder.”

Felix Tager added that he has heard from multiple students, including super seniors and upperclassmen, that there have been printer issues.



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Katie Rockford '24 (she/her) wrote:

“As editor-in-chief of The Hamiltonian (Yearbook), I sit as a voting member on the media board and I would like to make a statement about the new proposed bylaw. I would first like to mention that I am also a member of the Sustainability Working Group on campus, which I was appointed to via Student Assembly and I think the bylaw needs to be clearer on whether it is just central council/voting members who are affected or committees as well. Additionally, I feel as though some of the publications who are not connected to news, including The Hamiltonian, should not have to follow this new proposed bylaw. I personally feel as though being the editor-in-chief of the yearbook and being on student assembly have no conflict of interest. Additionally, I am frustrated that this bylaw was presented to student assembly without the media board being told at all what was happening. If it weren't for the bylaw being tabled, editors of the publications wouldn't have had any chance to give feedback before it could have potentially passed last Monday.”

Emily Jiang responded to the comment noting that the bylaw states that only central council members will be affected by it, not committee members who are not also part of Student Assembly. The new and updated bylaw will additionally have more clarification on what publications are affected. The bylaw was also presented to the entire school last week before it was discussed during the Student Assembly meeting, so it was available for everyone to look at. Further, it was also presented to the Chair of the Media Board, Fran Cannon, who gave her approval, and it was available for her to distribute prior to when it was sent out to the entire school.

Seth Tobin '25 (he/him) commented:

“Bring back late night jitney from Rok. I see too many drunk drivers.”

Veronica Smolinski '25 (she/her) wrote:

“The wifi in Bundy West is really bad. It makes it challenging to do work, or generally use my devices, when the wifi keeps turning on and off. The inconsistent wifi is really annoying”

Emily Jiang noted that they will contact LITS about Bundy West, but mentioned that anyone with wifi issues should also report to those to LITS themselves.

Isa Cardoso '25 (she/her) commented:

“I'm concerned about the lack of reporting of Covid cases on campus. We have no idea what state the campus is in and have been relying completely on personal anecdotes to gage how cautious we really need to be. I would appreciate a more streamlined, publicized process for students to report if they've tested positive and an update from whoever receives those reports about how we're doing, especially looking ahead to a potential post-Parents Weekend surge.”

Matt Lilley '25 (he/him) wrote:

“Bring back late night jitney from the rok”



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Hideyuki Takagi '26 (he/him) commented:

“Please arrange for a nap room on campus!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Emily Jiang noted that if people wanted to pursue the idea of a nap room, they should send more specific comments inducing locations such as KJ or the Science Center.

3. Old Business (TIME: 00:07:00)

- **Minutes from 9/19**

The minutes from 9/19 pass as written by unanimous consent.

4. New Business (TIME: 00:07:17)

- **(Guest) Sustainability and Food on Campus: Elise Dudley, Visiting Bon Appétit Sustainability Fellow**

Elise Dudley introduced herself as a sustainability fellow, peer educated, mentioned her excitement, and that she will talk about Bon Appétit. She presented a slide show regarding Bon Appétit’s history, purpose, and sustainability. The presentation relayed five things about Bon Appétit’s mission. Overall topics discussed were labor ethics, farmworker's rights, sustainability, holistic growth, tackling food waste, respect for animal welfare, and supporting local farms.

If anyone is interested in the presentation, Elise is giving an open presentation to the student body today at 4pm in Savode.

Emily Jiang explained that there are food quality and staffing issues on Hamilton’s campus. They encouraged Assembly members to focus their questions around sustainability and the presentation, rather than food quality or staffing issues. They stated that neither the Assembly nor Elise have answers at the moment. They also mentioned that they have shifted the agenda, in order to have the resolution proposal “Marge’s Bill” discussed after the Q&A because of its relevance to Bon Appétit.

Christopher Akuleme asked what the current rate of carbon emissions per calorie was since Elise mentioned reducing carbon emissions by 38%

Elise Dudley answered that she had to look into it and would need to come back to it. She mentioned a program that tracks Bon Appétit’s food purchases and communicates that data to the chefs and general managers. The program lets everyone know where they are in terms of reaching their targeted carbon emissions and how to reach their goal. She referred Christopher to Reuben Haag as a great resource for more specific questions.

Felix Tager asked how much of the waste on campus is from students not eating all their food due to low quality. He noted that food waste is a big issue as he frequently sees students throwing away nearly full plates of food. He wondered if there were any initiatives to address



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this aspect of food waste. He questioned animal welfare and what it entailed, especially considering animals are getting killed. As such, he noted that it is hard to describe it as animal welfare.

Elise Dudley answered the second question first, stating that different people would answer that question in many different ways. She stated that the five freedoms previously mentioned are a globally accepted framework, using freedom from pain and freedom to express normal behavior as examples. She said that is the best way the industry has to measure animal welfare. She further noted that there are many culinary techniques to reduce animal protein, and explained how they are training chefs in those techniques.

Felix Tager mentioned that he worked with a non-profit that is currently working to change the Power Plate to remove certain things like milk. This is not just done for people who are vegetarians or vegan, but rather a general switch from regular proteins to plant-based proteins. He stated that this would also help students with religious accommodations. He brought up the fact that Hamilton is one of the only institutions in a 300-mile radius that does not have matzah in dining halls during Passover. He is curious about the changes Bon Appétit's will implement and the possibility of this being one of them.

Elise Dudley replied that they hold collaborative meetings with chefs all over the country to brainstorm strategies to make it easier for chefs to incorporate plant-based food. She claimed that the issue is on their mind but also noted that changes in thinking tend to take a while. She added that, generally, with kitchens being understaffed, priorities shift to addressing those issues. She noted that they are brainstorming ideas to ease the shift towards reducing food waste and the amount of meat being served.

Elise Dudley responded to the first question that there is a lot of peer education when it comes to plate waste. She also mentions that she is on Bon Appétit's side with temp labor and training on proper portioning, which is hard to make sure everyone is on the same page, especially with students being able to go back and get more. She noted that she also wants to raise student awareness towards food waste. This week she will pair up with sustainability coordinators and do waste studies. She will be at Commons and McEwen, asking students to scrape waste into Cambros to weigh the amount of waste that is produced per plate. She believes those events are very impactful, since at the end of the day it is up to students to be mindful of how much they take.

Quentin Messer asked about the relationship between farmers that supply Bon Appétit and the company. He further inquired about the flexibility and conditions of whether they are allowed to produce certain items.

Elise Dudley answered by explaining their Farm to Fork program, which is intended for smaller farms. Bon Appétit also works with larger cooperatives of farms, and sources food from



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distributors outside of that. She proposed to speak to Reuben Haag, as he and the executive chef are in contact with those farms.

- **Upcoming Resolution Proposal Explanation: An Investigation into Bon Appétit's Ethics (Marge's Bill), by Class President Felix Tager '23**
([TIME:00:32:50](#))

Emily Jiang clarified that this is not an actual proposal and the Assembly will not be voting on it or editing anything. The purpose of presenting it is to get an estimation of what the proposal is going to be.

Mason Schroeder noted that Marge left last Thursday but she wanted Mason to pass a message from her on to the campus community. He noted that she wants the campus to know that she misses and loves everyone. Marge wanted the campus to have her address so that everyone can send her postcards, pictures, and update her on what is happening on campus so she can come and visit.

Marge's address is the following:

Marge Petteys
2452 Holman City Rd
Clayville, NY 13322

Felix Tager stated that he cares a lot about Marge and that she matters a lot to him and a lot of people at Hamilton. Hamilton always marketed her extensively, so she must have been valuable to the College as well. However, she left due to issues with the workplace and mistreatments of Bon Appétit staff members. Felix noted that the issue of a high turnover rate and staff working for Bon Appetit leaving is something that upperclassmen have also witnessed. A lot of people left during the height of COVID. He further noted that he has become friends and built relationships with a lot of staff working for Hamilton and talked to a lot of them because he thinks that it is important to have conversations with the people who work here and treat them with the respect they deserve. A lot of people do not interact with staff beyond telling them their order but he thinks it is important to listen to them and learn about their experiences working at Hamilton. He mentioned that a lot of staff left because of workplace treatment and lack of benefits. For example, a lot of staff have accessibility needs. SA talks a lot about the need for accessibility on campus when it comes to students but these needs also apply to people that work here. He noted Marge mentioned how having hearing implants and being hearing impaired led to having moments where the sounds would be overstimulating and led to her sometimes needing days off. However, Bon Appétit does not provide vacation days, so she could not really do that which ultimately led to her quitting. One thing that needs to be addressed is how to support Bon Appétit workers while also addressing the quality of food on campus that a lot of students have an issue with. He mentioned that if the staff is happy, food quality will increase. Next week, he will present a resolution asking for an investigation into Bon Appétit workplace treatment at



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Hamilton that is done not by baseline standards but by what standards should be. This investigation will be public and for the student body to see through SA. SA will review it and it will go onto the minutes and then to the entire school. Students then can discuss it and share what they think should be improved in terms of staff treatment and student Bon Appétit employees as well. He noted that he told Marge about this resolution and she was touched by the fact that something is happening because of her leaving. However, she did not want to leave Hamilton, she had to leave for her health. People who love this community should not be forced to leave it because of poor working conditions. He hoped that this resolution can be the first step to improving the system.

Bethany Fell brought up that they talked with Steve and that he also raised a lot of issues especially regarding understaffing. She recounted that Steve told them that everyone working in Commons is extremely overworked and have no days off. He further told Bethany that he would like for them to bring his suggestions to SA's attention. He thinks it would be beneficial for Commons to close at 3pm instead of 4pm, because very few people show up between 3pm and 4pm. If Commons closed at 3pm, staff could have that extra hour as a break. He also mentioned to Bethany that opening McEwen on the weekends would allow for more balance between dining halls.

Katrinah Tejada asked why McEwen is still closed on the weekends, as she thought it was just related to COVID.

Marvin Lopez mentioned that SA had Reuben Haag join before in the previous semester, and that it would be a good idea to bring him in again.

Bethany Fell responded to Katrinah that McEwen had always been closed on the weekends.

Emily Jiang proposed hosting an SA letter-writing session to Marge sometime in the coming weeks. They also mentioned the necessity for continued contact with Bon Appétit staff on campus.

- **Initiative Update: J&E Survey by Class President Ryley McGovern '25, Class President Felix Tager '23 ([TIME: 00:40:55](#))**

Ryley McGovern stated that the Justice and Equity Committee has been working with Felix on this survey and they have come to a good finishing point. He hoped that everyone has had a chance to look at it and wanted to use this time to go over each section to answer any questions and incorporate any suggestions that anyone might have. They offered to talk more about it or to jump into discussion.

Felix Tager mentioned that he and J&E are doing this because it is important to get concrete data on marginalized students feel at Hamilton. The College gets external contractors to assess student experiences on campus but never asks students themselves how they are really doing.



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The hope is that by having as many students as possible fill out this survey, and through utilizing this data, there will be an idea of what students want and need fixed. From there, the executive council and the rest of SA can start planning initiatives on how to address that. This cannot be done without data and he hoped that this survey will help address this lack of data.

Raymond Ni suggested adding an option on the religious section for non-religious students, as he believed that is likely the largest group on campus and to reduce a large number of “other” answers.

Emily Jiang liked the language that was used in the disability and accessibility section of the survey and asked if everyone was okay with sending it.

Marvin Lopez asked how long the survey would take to complete and if there will be an incentive to complete the survey. He mentioned that J&E has used gift cards as an incentive in the past.

Ryley McGovern responded that the motivation would come from the prospect of being able to provide feedback to fix specific issues. They added that there has not been a thorough survey like this sent out to students before. He thought that this should be pretty good motivation. However, there has been talk about advertising on social media and in person. He mentioned being willing to do advertising himself like talking in their own classes about it. If there is a suggestion to offer another incentive like gift cards, they are open to talk about it, however, it would delay the survey which should be kept in mind as the authors would like to get this survey out as soon as possible.

Emily Jiang suggested doing a raffle with leftover care package items from last year.

Bethany Fell noted that it would be best to warn students that the survey is long, but that they can just answer the things that are most important to them. They added that in principle it would be nice if people just did things based on the incentive of getting their thoughts heard, however, as someone who has tried a lot to get people heard, she noted that it is difficult to get people’s opinions because they feel like it does not matter. People feel like their opinion does not matter because they have not been heard in the past despite filling out many surveys and speaking out. Therefore, she suggested offering an incentive as without one people might not fill out the survey.

Ryley McGovern emphasized wanting to get the survey out as soon as possible. They are open to offering an incentive but the survey should still go out in the next couple of days. He asked what incentive people would like to offer.

Bethany Fell responded that a raffle is a good idea. They added that J&E could offer free parking passes as people like those incentives and will fill out surveys, regardless of survey consumption time.



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Raymond Ni mentioned that he does not fill out surveys with raffles because of bad luck with raffles. He mentioned utilizing leftover items from the care packages like Cremeria tokens.

Ryley McGovern added that he emailed Sean Bennett, who is the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, to set up a meeting and noted that they could ask him for resources to offer as incentives.

Bethany Fell wanted to add that the information in the survey will be biased to some extent. Speaking as someone with a learning disability, she knows that she will not fill out a long survey like this one. There are a lot of groups of people on campus that will not fill out this survey for whatever reason, but that does not mean that they are not present on campus.

Jacob Piazza noted that advertising, in addition to incentives, could work as well. He knows that a lot of students do not read SA emails so putting posters up and reaching out to clubs for those to send out emails could help with getting people to fill out the survey.

Ailis Hayed stated that she recognizes the high priority of the survey and thinks that it should be sent out soon. However, if the survey does not get a lot of responses within the first couple of days, it could be sent out again with an incentive attached to it.

Corey Bravo Sloan agreed with Ailis especially he worried about utilizing incentives given that this is a survey about people's experiences with discrimination on campus and their perception of the campus. He does not want to prioritize people who have not been discriminated against. Filling out this survey means that someone has an experience with being marginalized on campus, however, he worried about what that means for people that, even if they are marginalized, do not experience discrimination. He further worried about an incentive encouraging people who have not experienced discrimination to fill out the survey for the sole intent of the incentive, rather than the purpose of the survey itself. He noted that it could be helpful to get feedback from those who have not been discriminated against, and filled out the survey for the incentive, as well. But it should be clarified who the incentive is for. As such, he would advocate for sending the survey and adding an incentive later.

Bethany Fell added that the survey should avoid leading questions or questions that seem like they are looking for a specific answer. Questions should allow people to say they have not experienced discrimination while giving those who have experienced discrimination a space to talk about it. With leading questions people are more inclined to say something was bad. Regarding the idea of offering a reward after the survey was sent out did not make sense to them. The people who fill the survey out first are the ones it actually matters to. As such, everyone should be included in the raffle afterwards, as those who filled the survey out first should not be getting cheated out of a reward simply because they filled the survey out earlier.



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Ryley McGovern noted that there will be some sort of a record of who filled the survey out, especially if there will be an incentive. As such, there is always a possibility to go back and include everyone.

Bethany Fell asked if the survey is anonymous.

Ryley McGovern responded that the survey cannot be anonymous if there is an incentive.

Bethany Fell added that the survey not being anonymous will discourage people from filling it out because they are worried, for example, about people finding out about a disability they have.

Ryley McGovern responded that this is why the survey was going to be anonymous and that they did not want to keep anyone's information.

Mason Schroeder asked if there was a possibility to make the survey semi-anonymous so that there is a record of who filled it out but the answers are not linked to anyone.

Ryley McGovern responded that the survey already exists like that. He wondered if they should still advertise the survey as anonymous given that they know who filled out the survey.

Felix Tager added that the survey is set so that the authors know who filled out the survey. However, that is just to filter out troll responses.

Emily Jiang mentioned that the consensus seems to be that the survey itself is good and can be sent out. There is an opportunity to revisit incentives.

Felix Tager wanted to thank everyone who has helped work on this including Corey Bravo Sloan '25 and Emily Jiang '25 for their contributions to the form, specifically in the language used.

Ryley McGovern wanted to thank Leslie de la Rosa '25, Shi-Anne Morgan '25, and Isis Riviere '25 who are members of the J&E committee and helped out with this survey but are not on the Assembly.

- **Bylaws Resolution Proposal Extended Discussion & Vote: Ethics of Assembly Membership, by Class President Felix Tager '23 ([TIME: 00:57:05](#))**
 - Extended discussion, edits, and voting

Emily Jiang started the conversation stating that they feel like everyone would like for this proposal to be voted on tonight. From the last meeting, they thought the consensus was that the proposal itself was fine but that there were issues with wording and application. They also set



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ground rules for the discussion which included members, except the authors of the proposal, not speaking multiple times before everyone who wants to speak has spoken and motion to vote if someone feels like the conversation is not going anywhere.

Felix Tager wanted to thank Mason, Emily, and Tessa for their help on this amended version of the proposal. He noted that edits include clarifying terms and that the authors listened to feedback on the need to clarify wording and the definition of news publication and what it meant to contribute to a news publication. The two major changes are that the bylaw would not impact members of the Assembly until the Spring '23 semester starting in January. Furthermore, Assembly members can be contributors to non-news publications and a staff writer for a news publication as long as they are not reporting on the Assembly. However, Assembly members would have to relinquish their voting privileges at the news publication. Additionally, the bylaw is asking Assembly members to not report on SA matters while being on the Assembly.

Mason Schroeder went through the bylaw proposal line by line and pointed out significant changes.

Marvin Lopez asked how the authors of the proposal decided on how to identify the publication sources.

Mason Schroeder responded that they did not want to create an umbrella term that would include *The Daily Bull* or *The Duel Observer*, which are satirical papers. However, they wanted to make sure that those publications that report directly on campus events and have the power to sway campus opinion are affected. The term “news publication” was too broad so the authors decided on pointing to the affected publications, *The Spectator*, *The Monitor*, and *Enquiry*, which report on hard news on campus.

Jacob Piazza noted that he thinks that the addition of the publication sources is good. However, he still thinks that this will hurt individual people for distinguishable reasons. It also hurts SA involvement, as students would not want to be on SA if they cannot vote. The two questions he had for the authors regarded the ideology behind the bylaw and if being unable to vote means not being able to vote on SA at all.

Mason Schroder responded that relinquishing voting power refers to the news publication and not SA. He further clarified that SA members can still vote on the Assembly. Regarding the question on the purpose of the bylaw, Mason drew a comparison to Congress. Members of Congress controlling the news would be a huge issue, yet they still frequently provide comments. The idea for the bylaw is similar. SA does not want members of the Assembly being able to control what news is output while still being able to make comments. Additionally, because Hamilton is a small campus, SA will not prevent anyone from writing. As such, SA members can still write for news publications, they just cannot have voting power over that publication because that would give them too much control over what is put out to the campus.



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Marvin Lopez asked Felix to clarify the bylaw's rules around commenting on an article versus writing an article, specifically about SA matters. He also added that he didn't understand the parallel of SA matters to real-world politics.

Mason Schroeder answered that he, for example, could not publish an article about the Bon Appétit situation.

Felix Tager clarified that Assembly members cannot write about Assembly matters the same way a senator cannot write about their own bill.

Raymond Ni thanked the writers of the bylaw for listening to feedback and criticism and noted that the bylaw is in a lot better shape now. However, he asked what "controls the news content" refers to as he, as Social Media Editor, has no control over what news gets published or reported on, he only posts the news to social media.

Mason Schroder answered, utilizing Raymond's *Spectator* Social Media Editor position as an example, that it is fine for SA members to make infographics advertising a new edition of *The Spectator*. However, members cannot pick and choose the articles they want to emphasize because that would show bias.

Raymond Ni explained that his position requires him to post articles equally and he does not pick and choose what to post on the Spectator Social Media.

Mason Schroeder replied that Raymond's position would be allowed under the bylaw. It does not show bias because all of the articles have to be reported on.

Bethany Fell felt like comparing SA to Congress is outlandish. However, this does not mean that SA should not have morals and standards. However, if SA would start to go down the road of wanting to be like Congress, it would get caught up in all of Congress' rules. This would deter people from joining Student Assembly. She asked for a clarification on what "SA matters" are. For example, she is involved with disability activism outside of SA, but SA has talked about it. Therefore, they wondered what and how much they can say.

Mason Schroeder replied that this bylaw currently affects three publications. Furthermore, SA is only limiting voting and editorial power and not the ability to write. As such, this should not prevent people from not joining Student Assembly. He noted that he understands that Congress is much more important and complex than Hamilton's Student Assembly. However, the two institutions should still share the same basis of ethics and the authors of this bylaw believe that this is one of the basic levels of ethics that should be applied to SA. He also reiterated what Felix mentioned last week, namely that this proposal has the approval of chairs of Media Board and CAB. Furthermore, working on this bylaw creates a bigger ripple effect. Regarding the part about issues, he noted that issues like disabilities will be talked about on campus. The bylaw is



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referring to members being unable to talk about SA itself until after things happened. For example, if a vote passed and ratified, that topic can be written on. However, if the topic has not been voted on or if it came up in a closed meeting, it can not be reported on. For example, Felix could not write on Marge's Bill at the moment but could comment on it if someone else, not on SA, would like to report on it.

Bethany Fell mentioned that this would be important to specify. This bylaw will be around ten years from now and could have a different meaning that was not intended. As such, it should be as specific as possible.

Felix Tager asked if anyone had any suggestions on how to improve the wording of the bylaw.

Adan Corea asked why being part of CAB and Student Assembly is an issue, as both organizations work for the benefit of the student body.

Felix Tager replied that they are both significant governing bodies on campus. As such, being on the E-Board of both allows for an unfair monopoly of power. He agreed that both systems are about bettering people, but these systems can be abused. He added that the same thing applies to the Media Board.

Marvin Lopez recommended that the bylaw not have a line that serves one purpose for one semester, because if in the middle of this semester a change is made, like another publication getting added to campus, the bylaw will not protect that change. Affect, something to the people on Assembly

The motion to amend the amendment to include "type of news" passes via voice vote.

The motion to amend the amendment to include "current issues" passes via voice vote.

Raymond Ni clarified that the "type of news" edit is to clarify that his position is not affected by the bylaw.

Marvin Lopez suggested to amend the last line.

The motion to amend the amendment to have sections that affect Assembly membership go into effect at the start of the next semester after verification passes via voice vote.

Jacob Piazza commented that he thinks the word "ethics" has more significance than what it is being used for here. It is a complex thing that needs to be based on some idea of what is good and not on what Congress does. If we are basing our ethics on what Congress does, he added, then we should then also be massively involved with insider trading.



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The vote on Obligations of Membership amendment presented by Felix Tager '23 fails via placard vote.

Raymond Ni noted that based on what the parliamentarian of Sapphire Ruiz and Eric Santomauro-Stenzel's administration mentioned that reintroducing bills immediately after they got voted down is not a good look for the Assembly.

Emily Jiang responded that this is a comment that should be made to the writers. They added that this bill did not get voted down but it rather did not pass. There were more yes votes than no votes, but the bill did not pass because some people could not vote due to being absent.

Allison Sheehan added that the proposal would need 13 yes votes to pass.

Correction to voting numbers from President Emily Jiang '25:

"We had 9 yesses, 4 nos, and 3 abstentions, totaling 16 votes (we had 3 excused absences out of 19 total members).

Correction to voting results from President Emily Jiang '25:

Bylaw amendments that are not voting related only require a majority, acc. to Article 13 Sec. 2 of the Constitution - not a 3/4 majority, as the Parliamentarian said during the meeting. Since we had 9 yesses and 4 nos, this bylaw passes by majority.

In terms of simple majority, 9 yes > 7 majority (out of 15) pass; in terms of total voting membership majority, 9 yes = 9 majority (out of 19) pass. The exact majority calculation will be solidified by the executive for future votes.

Regardless of majority calculation, this bylaw passes and is now officially part of the constitution.

The official bylaw will be distributed as part of the minutes email on Wednesday."

- **(Guest) Lighting of the Village: Tessa Chefalo, Director of Student Activities**
([TIME: 01:28:37](#))

Tessa Chefalo mentioned that the Student Activities Office is working on plans for this year's Lighting of the Village. She explained that the Lighting of the Village is an annual tradition that happens in the winter time; this year it tentatively will take place on November 29, but she noted that she will have an update on or confirmation of the exact date next week. The Lighting of the Village is a community gathering and celebration of light to welcome the winter, which comes with a lot of darkness. Usually, there are food trucks, remarks from various members of the community, traditions that reflect religious and cultural observances that happen in December. Last year, Student Assembly and some of the class council specifically participated and she offered to share additional people with people who are interested in that. If students on the Assembly are interested, they should talk to Tessa and it can be brought up at future meetings as



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well. Last year, one of the classes did a “thank you notes” writing activity for campus staff and another one did a coat drive.

Announcements ([TIME: 01:29:57](#))

- Student Sustainability Coordinators will be organizing a Sustainability Fair on Campus - they have reached out to org leaders via email to gauge interest. The goal of this event is to emphasize the intersectionality of environmental issues and action. Your club does not need to be directly engaged with “sustainability” to participate (and be an important part of!) this event. If you’re an org leader, please check your email for more info and to participate.

5. Adjournment

