

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

1. Call to Order

Present

- Nadav Konforty
- Julian Perricone
- Gillian Mak
- Jake Engelman
- Caitlin Purdy
- Penelope Hoopes
- Lilly Pieper
- Jonathan Stanhope
- Marquis Palmer
- Ysabel Coss
- Ben Rhind
- Sam Gordon
- Giacomo Cabrera
- Rachel Sutor
- Ben Katz
- Jordan D'Addio
- Nani Suzuki
- Connie Lorente
- Gianni Hill
- Elizabeth Groubert
- Diana Perez
- Amanda Kim
- Jiin Jeong
- Gavin Meade

Excused

- Eseosa Asiruwa
- Ian Chen
- Zach Oscar
- Casey Codd
- Keith Ruggles
- Maria Valencia
- Karthik Ravishankar

Absent



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- Noam Barnhard

2. Public Comment Period

3. New Business

- **Gavin Meade '20 — Mental Health Updates**
- Hey everyone, so in the announcements, you'll see some information about a new screening tool as well as a new portal for students to use. Are there any questions I can try to answer/ forward to Isabel O'Malley? Just for some background, there are 7 nondiagnostic questionnaires that are all anonymous. Not supposed to be a diagnosis, because those can only come from professionals, but it is a good resource for students to get an idea of where they're sitting at. There are instructions and information about the resources available. If you are interested make sure you check the announcements section of the minutes for the links.
- **Ben Katz:** I know it's anonymous, but is there any data collected by this?
 - **Gavin Meade:** My understanding is no, but that could be wrong because I don't own or operate it-- I'll definitely look into it. The whole point is that it is supposed to be anonymous.
 - **Ben Katz:** I think it would be cool to get an overview of where the student body is at.
- **Ysabel Coss:** You said these diagnostic tools are determine of you or a friend would need to connect with a mental health professional. Is there any scenario where it does not recommend you see a professional?
 - **Gavin Meade:** I haven't exhaustively gone through any of the simulations, my guess is no-- of you are in a position where you are seeking our information about mental health, they probably won't __Ben spoke about data, Healthy Minds email is drafted and I hope to hear back from the University of Michigan soon.
- **Gavin Meade:** The task force was supposed to meet last week but weren't able to due to weather-- we are talking about the thrive program. Additional information will be sent out to campus by the taskforce soon. We should have these mental health stickers, accompanied by a brief statement about what they mean, at the health center and the counseling center. For new projects, I've talked to Yassine, a freshman class rep, and rainbow to do some outreach. I think we have opportunities to support all of their programs

Nadav Konforty '20 — Whiteboard Project

- **Nadav Konforty:** I just wanted to get some stuff settled with the whiteboard project. First of all, I would prefer of there was a singular person in charge of the task force and whiteboards. Also, I will be talking to Chidera because Noelle brought up the possibility of drunk college students writing on it.



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- **Penelope Hoopes:** I'll take point because I met with her and her team and have been leading communication with the Levitt team.
- **Nadav Konforty:** We will start getting those town halls on a roll. Thanks Penelope!

4. Old Business

- **Connie Lorente '20 — Menstrual Hygiene Product Initiative**
 - **Nadav Konforty:** I had a few questions about where the menstrual hygiene project is at.
 - **Connie Lorente:** We got an overwhelmingly positive response. People are super happy about this initiative. We are planning to do it this semester, but it might not happen-- we need funding. Nadav had spoken with Dean Martinez and I have emailed her. We spoke to Bill Huggens in physical plant (he's such a nice man) and we have their full support. We just need to get the funding.
- **Publicity**
 - If you haven't already taken (or retaken) your picture for your profile on the SA website, do it!

5. Acknowledgements

- **Cultural Affairs Olympic Opening Ceremony**
 - Thank you to Jiin Jeong '21 for putting on an awesome Olympic Opening Ceremony event on Friday 2/9!!!
 - **Nadav Konforty:** It was awesome. There were snacks all over the place. Jiin is on fire, look at her go!
- **FebFest**
 - Thank you so much to the Social Traditions Committee, Student Activities, and the Campus Activities Board and everyone else who has helped put this years FebFest together! Go to the comedy show tomorrow!
- **Facilities Committee**
 - Thank you to Connie Lorente '20 and the Facilities Committee for working with Facilities and establishing the new solidified policy around staff in rooms.

6. Committee Reports

- **Funding:** We are revamping the funding codes to make them more comprehensive. We are going to send our a google form to get feedback from club leaders. As Student Assembly leaders, of you've ever had a club that's expressed concern about the funding codes, shoot me an email.
- **Constitution:** We met and the first thing we are working on is that it is a NY state law that all student leaders have diversity and sexual assault trainings. We are going to make it a little more than club leaders. We will set up a time to get this



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done. We will also work with cultural affairs to define the terms of what diversity training is going to look like.

- **Jonathan Stanhope:** I think there is a part in the first page of the actual constitution--we added it in last spring.
- **Caitlin Purdy:** We are having a bit of a problem with versions of the constitution. Things weren't kept track of in a way that is great. There are multiple versions and we are working on what is most up to date.
- **Cultural Affairs:** Last week we worked on the olympic opening ceremony. There will be an international fair with multiple committees
- **Facilities:**
 - **Connie Lorente:** Giacomo and I met with Bill Huggens again-- he had some issues with how they manage going into rooms. So we figured it out and sent out an email. We will probably send our an all campus email about all the Lost and Finds on campus. That's for you and Jon Stanhope, personally.
- **Food Committee:** We met with Derek Roy and addressed a couple requests including having salt and pepper at every table at Commons and Mcewen, stop over cooking the chicken on the grill. We are meeting with the Hamilton sustainability coordinators on Tuesday and we will meet with Derek again on Friday. We are looking into having a weekly email sent all campus so students can give feedback on the meals.
 - **Rachel Sutor:** I'm a big fan of the rice cookers in Commons, but the soy sauce is really thick and not the same kind as in mcewen.
 - **Jake Engelman:** I wanted to say that the food in mcewen has been really good. The sandwiches are really great. Please pass on that students notice and appreciate the work.
 - **Julian Perricone:** I would love to see root beer at the soda fountains. There are like 4 types of coke.
 - **Elizabeth Groubert:** I met with Gavin about getting more healthy options, as well as more options for vegans and vegetarians at the diner for athletes who might be getting out of practice late.
 - **Diana Perez:** More pescaterian options would be appreciated.
 - The baskets in the global food line are cumbersome.
 - **Nadav Konforty:** Have you been throwing out the baskets?
 - **Ben Katz:** Maybe.
- **Health and Safety:** We brainstormed goals last week for both the health center and for Campo. We will be meeting with Frank Coots from campo this week!
- **Social Traditions:**
 - **Jordan D'Addio:** Feb fest! Mr Hamilton, Chocolate Tasting, Beer Tasting, We will send our emails with all the events each day.
- **Philanthropy:**



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- **Marquis Palmer:** We are focused on fundraising for the scholarship. A part of what we discussed in terms of how we are going to do the scholarship-- increasing publicity in Utica. Talking to a college prep organization and a bunch of college ready seniors to make sure we have a good applicant pool. In general we are doing our carnation sale, it's going pretty well. Men's hockey donated to us and Brothers' is working on a seperate fundraiser as well.
 - **Publicity Committee:** We are updating the website this week. Please take your headshots! If you have a slogan idea, email me. Logo may be redesigned as well.
 - **Executive Committee:**
 - **Nadav Konforty:** Julian and I meet every other week with David Wippman and Dean Martinez. Is there anything you all would like to bring up to them?
 - **Diana Perez:** I know Dean Martinez went to PPR and I'd love to hear her response.
 - **Elizabeth Groubert:** Seven meal plan and their thoughts on that.
 - **Jon Stanhope:** Bring up academic team funding
 - **Nadav Konforty:** We are doing that tomorrow with Jake!
 - **Connie Lorente:** My initiative, please.

7. Funding

Amount Remaining: **\$31,512.16**

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Approved
Chabad	Crazy Jewish Mother	\$2,500.00	\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00
Hamtrek	Hamtrek Prizes	\$1,225.00	\$0	\$0
Grilling Club	Pig Roast, Baby Back Ribs	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
WISE	Senior Soiree & Gallery Talk	\$5,629.71	\$2,060.86	\$2,060.86
History Club	Mileage Reimbursement	\$52.32	\$52.32	\$52.32
Untitled@Large	"Baby in the Bathwater" Props	\$267.02	\$267.02	\$267.02



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French Club	Stickers	\$110.00	\$0	\$0
Poetry Slam	Temple University Poetry Slam Competition	\$3,584.88	\$3,584.88	\$3,584.88
Hamilton Culinary Society	Aprons & Stickers	\$360.00	\$0	\$0

Amount Requested: **\$15,978.93**

Amount Recommended: **\$10,340.08**

Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: **\$21,172.08**

Poetry Slam:

- **Jake Engelman:** You requested \$3,584.88 to bring six students to a poetry competition that's over 4 days. Treasurers are recommending funding in full.
- **Paula Weiman:** So, the slam poetry team is going to the national collegiate slam poetry competition. It's a scored poetry competition over the entire four days. Slam poetry is important for Hamilton be supporting-- it gives voice to people who don't often have a voice. It melds art and activism in a really cool way.
 - **Sam Gordon:** Will you be competing all four days? What is the breakdown?
 - **Paula Weiman:** We won't know that until we get there. It's knockout rounds, but it's unlikely that we won't make it past 2-3 days.
 - **Sam Gordon:** Sorry, this is a lot of money. How has the team done in the past to compare?
 - **Paula Weiman:** We couldn't do a shortened trip. You can't go to the competition and leave early. The team is fairly new at Hamilton. Last year was the first year they went to this competition but I was abroad. We have events on campus. It's a competitive team, it's not just people going there to relax.
 - **Ysabel Coss:** I just wanted to say that I think this is a fantastic opportunity and I think it is a little unfair to ask essentially of they're good enough to go for the full four days. I've spoken to poetry club because I was pretty upset because we didn't fund them the full the first time. I don't think it is fair to particularly to ask that question.
- **Marquis Palmer:** We recommended funding in full-- does anyone oppose that? Are most people on board? I'd like to fund it.

Hamilton Culinary Society

- **Jake:** Calvin submitted a budget for HSC; they asked for six aprons and stickers. We recommended zero for the stickers -- they can be part of the \$25 publicity for a specific event, but this wasn't. You also requested 6 aprons at \$32 a piece, and while we were



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sure you'd take good care of them from year to year, we'd like to find a cheaper option if possible.

- **Elizabeth Groubert:** Also, if you wanted to customize them, it would be a cheaper option to do it in the 3rd floor of Sadove.
- **Kalvin Nash:** For the stickers, the \$25 publicity thing change from last year to this year? The treasurer of French club asked me, saying that he went by the model for Duelly Noted stickers last year.
- **Jake Engelman:** That wasn't when I was treasurer so I can't necessarily speak to it. I will say that the funding rules haven't always been followed perfectly in the past and we are not doing that anymore.
 - **Kalvin Nash:** So I should re-submit for next week and find cheaper options for aprons?
 - **Jake Engelman:** For stickers you'll need to tie them to a particular event.
 - **Kalvin Nash:** So, does SA have a sticker making website that lets you ship a minimum of \$25?
 - **Jake Engelman:** Generally we don't fund stickers, we have before in bulk, but for a campaign of sorts when the publicity is the event.
 - **Kalvin Nash:** So I couldn't tell if you were hinting that I should try to implement a campaign event.
 - **Jake Engelman:** We've done it with SAVES in the past, but I'm not sure if that would necessarily apply to
- **Jon Stanhope:** We've funded SA stickers for ourselves in the past that weren't for a specific event. You might talk to someone on the e-board currently, or someone else who might know.

Hillel:

- **Jake Engelman:** Crazy Jewish Mom-- split cost between the two clubs. We did 85% of the speaker.
- **Elizabeth:** Just to speak to the Chabad budget, we knew it was coming, but they had a problem with their submission.

HamTrek:

- **Jake Engelman:** HamTrek submitted a budget entirely made up of prizes. This was like giftcards. We have a few issues with those. We can't guarantee that these prizes would only be handed out to students. We don't do cash prizes-- itemized prizes. This is a charitable event, so it might be strange to be handing out nearly \$1300 in prizes. We are recommending zero, but are open to talking to them in the future. We talked with Nadav, Julian, and Kaity and Noelle.
- **Ysabel Coss:** have we ever done Hamtrek prizes before?
- **Jake Engelman:** Just for some history, it used to be an alternative event on C&C that served as a sober event, run by athletics, coming out of the SA budget. Last year we said



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we would do it one last time. We've already funded them quite a bit. Student Activities is paying for the road management and the security, but are not doing the prizes.

Chabad and Hamtrek Funding Passes as Recommending.

Grilling Club:

- **Jake Engelman:** full disclosure, I submitted this budget. It is for two events, one of which is a pig roast which is super well attended. The other is a baby back ribs event.
- **Nadav Konforty:** Anyone want to grill Jake on Grilling Club?
 - **Jon Stanhope:** What's the location?
 - **Jake Engelman:** It's going to be at BabPav. Hopefully we will have April 21st for the pig roast and the Baby back ribs on April 7th (I think?).
- **Julian Perricone:** How many people do you expect?
 - **Jake Engelman:** 250 at pig roast-- weather was awful last year and we had around 200 people. We are expecting 100 people at baby back ribs, but we are requesting significantly less than the max per person.
- **Jake Engelman:** I will wear my lamb costume. It's super adorable.

WISE:

Jake Engelman: Thank you for working with us and resubmitting for food for Senior Soiree. They came back requesting far over \$8 a head. We are going to recommend \$5 a person because they are not food centric. For the sponsored gallery talk, they requested over \$300 of food. We are going to recommend \$150.

History Club:

- **Jake Engelman:** They're requesting mileage reimbursement for a trip to Syracuse.
- **Gianni Hill:** I'm wondering if we could change the wording of "reimbursement" so it's not confusing when people see.
- **Jake Engelman:** This is for a personal reimbursement for mileage. We generally go by the IRS estimate.

Grilling Club, WISE, and History Club Funding Passes as Recommended

Untitled@large: They worked very hard to find the cheapest props that would work for them. It will be directed by our very own Zach Oscar. We recommend funding in full.

French Club: \$110 in stickers for no event.

- **Giacomo:** It seems like there are a lot of groups asking for stickers.
- **Lilly Pieper:** For my club, we used our \$50 credit for our stickers.
- **Jake Engelman:** Yeah, for the minutes, the fifty dollar basic training credit is a great way to do anything with very few rules. Also, organizations used to come to us and ask for stickers, and there wasn't a way to say no.



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- **Lilly Pieper:** Also, another way to get money for stickers, ask your department. That's what we do at the chaplaincy. It's all about looking for better options.

Untitled@Large and French Club Funding Passes as Recommended.

8. Announcements

- A reminder to everyone that the third floor of Sadove is home to the **Community Mosaic** spearheaded by Irina Rojas '18. Feel free to come by during the day to put a few tiles on and contribute to this wonderful project for the college.
- There are **two new online resources** both available on the **Counseling Center's website** under "[Resources](#)"
 - 1. The [screening tool](#): These brief screenings are the quickest way to determine if you or a friend may need to connect with mental health professionals. There are seven different non-diagnostic 2 minute questionnaires about a variety of mental health concerns: depression, generalized anxiety, substance use, alcohol use disorder, PTSD, disordered eating, bipolar disorder. Non-diagnostic means that the screening results will tell you if your symptoms are consistent with a particular mental health disorder, but only a mental health professional can give you a real diagnosis. This program is completely anonymous and confidential, and immediately following the brief questionnaire you will see your results, recommendations, and key resources.
 - 2. The [student resource site](#): This site provides general information about mental health concerns: the same concerns mentioned above, and additionally: relationship concerns, student athletes mental health concerns, myths about therapy, suicide warning signs, and tips for how to support friends in distress. The information on these pages is brief, and by no means all encompassing, but it is a good place to start if you are just beginning to explore information about a particular mental health concern. The interactive website is designed like a pirate map - pretty cheesy - and you can click on the different images to pull up the information on each topic.

