

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2019

1. Call to Order

Present

- Amanda Kim
- Gianni Hill
- Will Andriola
- Eric Kopp
- Alex Kurtz
- Casey Codd
- Jack Fischman
- Harry Dubke
- Richard Court
- Ben Rhind
- Luis Morales
- Jack Carroll
- Laura Rodriguez
- Ines Ayara
- Diana Perez
- Savannah Kelly
- Ishan Mainali
- Drew Anderson
- Aurora Cai
- Caroline Paulson
- Bryce Febres
- Lóri Fejes
- Finlay Adamson
- Keir Adamson
- Nasheley Boursiquot
- Jay Menner
- Orlando Paz

Absent

- Karthik Ravishankar

2. Public Comment Period



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3. New Business

● **Introduction & Expectations: Amanda and Gianni**

- **Amanda Kim:** Welcome back everyone. Gianni and I are excited to be working with you this semester! We're just going to set some of basic expectations we're going to have during our tenure. A lot of this should be a given but if you're not up here on the e-board, don't have your computer out. You shouldn't have your phone out when you're here. Please don't be texting or calling anyone during a meeting. If for some reason you absolutely need to contact someone, just step out of the room and use your phone. Please don't have side conversations while the meeting is going on. If you have something to say to the Assembly, raise your hand and Gianni will put you on the talking order. Little side conversations and giggling is distracting from actual conversations that are happening and it's disrespectful to the people who are speaking, so none of those.
- **Gianni Hill:** Adding on to that, because we do have livestream, the mics that are on the floor in the middle are very sensitive and pick up on everyone's side conversations. If you want all of campus and whoever else watches the livestream to hear your conversation, they probably will, so it's not the best idea to be having them. Again, it's disrespectful to the people who are talking.
- **Amanda Kim:** The secretary uses the livestream to write the minutes, so Eric will throw your side conversations in there. Now for sweatshirts, so this isn't really like an expectation, more of like a nice suggestion. The new people don't have sweatshirts yet, we want to get you those. Gianni and I are modeling last year's sweatshirts. My big thing for this semester is that we really want to revamp SA and make sure we have more visibility on campus and that people know who their reps are and that we're a resource. So, we're trying to do this thing, SA Mondays, where we encourage you, on Mondays, to wear your SA gear just so people know that you are involved with Student Assembly. If they have anything they want to say, they can come up to you and be like, hey "I have a question about this" or "is this something I can bring up at a meeting?" just so people know who their reps are and that you are a resource for them.



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- **Gianni Hill:** It's one less outfit to decide. Mondays are just SA days, you don't even have to think about what you're gonna wear, you're just going to wear your SA hoodie.
- **Amanda Kim:** The attendance is a hard rule. If your name is called and not in your seat then you're late, or absent depending when you show up. Being late is one-third of an absence. Three unexcused absences and your off the assembly. That's just the rule. Eric keeps track of attendance, so if you know in advance that you are going to be missing a meeting or be late, then email sa@hamilton.edu. Eric will be keeping track of that. You need to do that 24 hours before the meeting. So, if it's under 24 hours, unless it's an emergency, then it will count as unexcused.
- **Gianni Hill:** For example, Karthik knows he has a Career Center event two months out right? So he actually sent us an email today at the SA email and said "hey these two dates I won't be able to make it to the meeting because of a Career Center event," perfect, you're excused. Now if he did that today and was going to miss this meeting and that he didn't let us know in advance, that's not going to be excused. We need 24 hour notice, that's 8:30 p.m. Sunday night. You pretty much have a good idea of what you have going on on campus. It's pretty much a hard rule for us. We really don't have time to chase people down and figure out where people are going and what they're doing. Please just let us know on time and send everything to the sa@hamilton.edu. It'll make our lives a lot easier and you'll have the documentation to say, "Oh, I sent you an email at this date and time." We'll have it in the SA email. So that's just accountability on everyone's parts, so really just make sure you do that. If you text me or Amanda or tell us in McEwen "Hey I'm not going to be at the meeting," chances are we're not going to remember. Then it won't end up being excused. Really just communicate with us.
- **Amanda Kim:** This is also not an expectation, or introduction thing, but we're not live streaming this meeting just because it's a lot of housekeeping and confirmation. We didn't feel the need to use resources from AV in doing that. The live stream will start next week and will be accessible on our facebook page.



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- **Gianni Hill:** A lot of our expectations that we have are a result of the live streaming. So live stream is one of the ways we keep people accountable. If your having side conversations, or eating food, or looking into your phone, that's all going to be on camera and that's not cool. It's a bad look for SA. We're really here to represent the student body, to represent our classes, so lets be clean, let's be professional about it.
- **Amanda Kim:** Going off that with food, so there is no rule saying you can't have food at Student Assembly. If you haven't eaten all day and you're about to drop dead then like yeah, get a meal, bring food. But try not to bring food to Student Assembly, it can be really distracting. I don't know if you want people watching you eat on the livestream. This meeting is an exception because we have all this leftover food from the pizza party. If you want food, grab it. In the future, try not and bring food.
- **New Positions and Confirmations**
 - **Executive Board - All Nominations Pass Unanimously**
 - Will Andriola '21 - Treasurer
 - Eric Kopp '22 - Secretary
 - Alex Kurtz '21 - Parliamentarian
 - **Jeffrey Clarke '20:** What is a parliamentarian?
 - **Amanda Kim:** He is basically in charge of the constitution, or he will be if you vote him in. He will advise us if there is a situation where we need a special vote, or wanna know how to proceed with a certain issue, then we turn to Alex. He also leads the constitution committee and spearheads any constitutional amendments.
 - Morgan Perry '21 - Director of Publicity
 - **Morgan Perry:** So nice! Thank you!
 - **Class of 2020 - All Nominations Pass Unanimously**
 - Luis Morales - Class President
 - Laura Rodriguez - Class Representative
 - Ines Ayara - Class Representative
 - **Class of 2021 - All Nominations Pass Unanimously**
 - Diana Perez - Class President
 - Ishan Mainali - Class Representative



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- Drew Anderson - Class Representative
- Aurora Cai - Class Representative
- Caroline Paulson - Class Representative
- **Class of 2022 - *The Nomination Passes Unanimously***
 - Jay Menner - Class Representative
- **Liaisons - *The Nomination Passes Unanimously***
 - Orlando Paz '22 - Student Organization Liaison
 - **Noelle Niznik:** It's really important to Kaity Stewart and my office, who works closely with the SA Treasurer, to me because year after year we have new clubs and organizations that have tried to start up on campus. Instead of us reviewing/approving clubs on our own, we want students involved and we need a student committee and chair (liaison) who's going to coordinate those efforts. For those of you who have used our organization database, which is a really old, clunky, system online to register your organizations-- we're going to be moving to a new student engagement platform called "Presence". That system is going to be unrolled to students hopefully later this spring, but definitely by the fall. We're going to be working with Orlando in his position, to roll it out to students and to make sure they get familiar with it. It's really cool, you can communicate to your clubs through that system and does really good things in giving you back information in terms of your roster, leadership positions over the years, and helps you advertise events and meetings. It does a curriculum for you if you wanna look at all the different leadership positions you've held on campus. Kaity and I are really excited and look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks. These are some things that the Office of Student Activities is going to be rolling out to the student body. Having a student liaison to help us with this will be key.



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- **Gianni Hill:** For a bit of insight into why we're appointing this position as a liaison for now: The long term goal is to make this an e-board position, but that requires some constitutional changes which need to go out to the entire student body for a vote. To avoid doing all that right now, we want to give it some time to see if this position will be effective. We're going to pilot it for the semester, and if all goes well, and we decide we want to make it a permanent E-board position, we'll vote on it at the end of the semester when we send out ballots for all four classes.
- **Plans for the Semester**
 - **Amanda Kim:** Our main goal is rebranding SA, and we're hitting the ground running with that already with Morgan who can tell you all about her logo competition in a second. It's not so much about changing the organization of SA and the way that SA currently is, but making sure that people know who we are and know what we do and making sure that's visible. All students should know the names and faces of their representatives, their class presidents, their treasurer. We can't properly represent the students unless they know that we're there to represent them. A huge part of this semester is going to be working on visibility for SA and publicizing our accomplishments and just being accessible to students. Part of that is wearing your sweatshirt on Mondays. We want to get a new logo. Morgan has already been working on a lot of stuff for us and she can tell you about her logo competition.
 - **Morgan Perry:** We are hoping to get a new logo. Ours, you might know, is that blue circle. It's fine, it's nice, it's a little bland. We'd like to spice it up a little, something that can be marketed around campus and be very recognizable and associated with us on this new mission to rebrand SA and make it more visible. We are going to be taking submissions until February 15th, and if your submission is picked we will add \$50 to your HillCard. Wow, huge! We will probably be choosing between the final three that have been submitted and vote on the last one as an assembly.



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- **Gianni Hill:** We don't want you to think that we are bulldozing everything SA has ever done, we just want to make students aware of the work that we do, and upping our PR a little bit and the way that we publicize the events that we do, or the initiatives we take part in, we really want to make it more known to the student body. We want to make it more known by designing a new logo. We want to make a promo video about the work we do in meetings and committees, maybe a thirty second video we send out. SA Seconds we're going to do, which will be in *The Spectator* every week. They'll just be a really quick rundown of what we talked about in the meetings. Then we have some other ideas in terms of Student Assembly members getting more involved in formal ceremonies of the college, just to kinda bring about a little more legitimacy to Student Assembly and to kind of inspire other students who wanna take part and be civically engaged on campus. We really noticed how much apathy there was on campus, and we also noticed that in terms of student voice, I worked on a resolution last year as a first semester freshman, I was pretty frustrated at the fact that SA had great ideas and or things we wanted to bring to administrators, but nothing we ever did had any teeth. We would say that we really want to change this or this needs to change and we would demand it in a resolution, but administrators could just throw away the resolutions, it really meant nothing. We've created a really great working relationship with the administrators and we really want to work to improve that, but also create more more accountability between SA and the administrators. By making ourselves more legit and known on campus, it's a great way for us to do that.
- **Amanda Kim:** We are not just another club, we are the club of clubs. It's just about making ourselves really legitimate and making sure that people know who we are and what we do. That's why Morgan's position is going to be really important this semester. She'll be making sure we actually put things in our SA bulletin board, making sure those SA seconds in *The Spectator* go



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out, and redoing the website and making sure it's a place people actually want to visit.

- **Gianni Hill:** One of our ideas is putting staff hours for all the professors on campus and put it on the SA website. That will give students a reason to go to our website and click and check it out and say "I really want to know when Professor Klinkner's office hours are," you know instead of just sending an email, you can just go check on the SA website. Information like that, students would like to have readily available. We're going to try and become a hub for all of that.
- **Amanda Kim:** A lot of this goes into concerns that have been raised over super uncompetitive elections. Gianni touched on this briefly, but incentivizing these positions more is also part of that. We're talking with administrators about having SA members take part in different formal ceremonies in the college.
- **Gianni Hill:** Some of the reasons we're so set with our expectations is because we hold you all to higher standards because you represent the student body. Unless you were appointed to your position, you were elected to them by your classmates and it's your job to serve them. If we start changing the way we think about the the positions that we hold, we all play an important role in student life on campus, so it's going to take us kind of perpetuating that and teaching other people the work that we do. That's also having a positive attitude about the Assembly. If there are concerns you have, things you don't like, we'll talk about that in a minute and things you want to change or work on if there are things you want to work on in the Assembly, but come talk to us. Let's make this an effective and efficient machine for all the students on campus. Communication is key. If you have a problem on campus and say "Student Assembly sucks, they're so boring." We're sorry this meeting in particular is so boring. But, don't bad mouth SA. We are putting in a lot of time, and we know that you are too, so please give us that open communication as much as possible.



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4. Old Business

Update on Class Banners

- **Amanda Kim:** The banners are now fire retardant, as I understand. It's safe to be hanging them up. We are going to put them right above Euphoria in the Sadove atrium on the railings. If you're ordering something at Euphoria, you look up and they're right there. When the seniors graduate and the new freshman class comes in and have their own new banner, we're thinking of putting the old banners in the barn. If anyone has a suggestion please let us know, because we are still deciding on where to put them.
- **Gianni Hill:** We need a space that's fairly visible and there's really no great place on campus. Commons has all the international flags, so we thought that the barn would be a great place to have at least 50 years worth of flags in there eventually. If you guys have any place on campus that you think the banners would look great in, please let us know.

Update on Bundy Cafe

- **Amanda Kim:** As you might have heard they are piloting a new cafe in Bundy Dining Hall for greysiders who don't want to walk all the way up to get a muffin. The main concern we've heard from some students is whether or not the cafe will be on the meal plan. We talked with President Wippman and it will be included on the meal plan, when they're piloting it this semester. It should be coming soon. We didn't get an exact date of when they're rolling it out but they will be starting it up soon.
- **Gianni Hill:** I know a lot of students were concerned about the dining hall being removed as one of the space where students can host events with alcohol. We spoke with President Wippman about that on Friday, and he told us that there has never been a weekend or single evening when all three of the social spaces with alcohol were booked at the same time. That's why the administration didn't really think it'd be an issue to take away Bundy Dining Hall as an alcohol space, but that was kind of their rationale.
- **Harry Dubke:** I think they it's really screwed up that they did it without informing us, they should've ran it through us. You can feel free to put that in the minutes. They definitely should've come to Student Assembly, before the students, and the fact that they're taking away our social spaces without any kind



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of transparency or discussion about it. Whether it's justified or not by whether we're booking it, it's not just about having three spaces to fill up, but having three different spaces with distinct options. I think it's a terrible indication of how this administration acts towards the students.

- **Gianni Hill:** I'm not here to pick sides or anything, but also additional rationale was that they had developed a student committee working on how to address the issue with Bundy. They had a Res. Life working group, that Dean Martinez spearheaded. In working with that, one of their main solutions to fixing a lot of the problems with the Bundys was to put a dining option down the hill. I know we are losing a social space and I don't know how we could've gotten around that, but we are gaining something that there was a lot of student interest for.
- **Harry Dubke:** I understand. I was one of the people who represented the social life subcommittee interaction with Dean Martinez. One of the things I pointed out was the need for them not to just to include us in the decision. I really think we should invite Terry Martinez or President Wippman as well to come and discuss that. Again, however they justified it, they justified it after the fact and that is a terrible approach.
- **Amanda Kim:** Gianni and I will reach out to President Wippman and Dean Martinez to hopefully have them come in next week or the week after and talk about that.
- **Luis Morales:** Is the dining hall just going to be muffins and bananas, or is there going to be a breakfast option?
 - **Amanda Kim:** It's going to be, to my understanding, meal and snack options. Kinda like Opus where you can get a meal, like food, and a muffin, and coffee, and tea.
 - **Gianni Hill:** Mostly grab and go. At first it will be limited hours on a trial basis. We also heard this from President Wippman, we haven't heard from Dean Martinez about this. We meet with her next week.
- **Richard Court:** Are there any other statistics that he gave you besides the fact there hasn't been a night where all three have been booked at the same time? In terms of total usage, I'm pretty sure that would be the number one alcohol space on campus.



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- **Noelle Nizik:** There are three committees going on simultaneously in the Dean of Students Office with the Res. Life experience committee, the Blue Ribbon Committee, and the Alcohol Working Strategy Group. There is going to be more conversations around these topics. In terms of what you just asked, there actually have been nights this semester where all three spaces were booked. What we were finding with Bundy specifically was that was a space that most of the time was either not booked or cancelled. Last semester I believe there were only three nights total, the whole semester, where all three spaces were booked. I gave that information to Dean Martinez and I'm working to do a report from the last three years to look at all the weekends. I don't want to say that President Wippman's information was wrong in the minutes, but I want to clarify first when I get the report I'm going to download it to see on Fridays and Saturday nights how many weekends we had events in all three spaces. What it sounds like to me, but it sounds like students, it's not so much Bundy that people might be upset about, but about what are we giving you in place of Bundy. Would that be fair?
- **Harry Dubke:** I'm more concerned about the administration taking unilateral action without consulting the student body or SA before taking action. Other than that, if they had brought it to us yes I would make that argument. My base argument is that they did this without telling us and the whole idea of creating that committee is so that there would be more communication and transparency and then they just threw that right overboard because they wanted to make a decision.
- **Noelle Niznik:** I think this is going to be a semester where this group is going to be really influential in providing a voice to students. This is going to be the group to move all these policies forward. Yes let's invite Dean Martinez to a meeting. I think we should definitely do this soon. These three committees are looking to student life on campus. There have been some nights where all three spaces were booked, but Bundy was the least popular option.
- **Drew Anderson:** Does SA have liaisons on these three committees?
 - **Bryce Febres:** I'm personally on the Alcohol Working Strategy group and we have been in discussion about social spaces because a lot of the issues



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that came up with liability with the students is off-campus activity and they've been pushing to keep it on. I find it strange that it happened. I didn't know this decision was made. We're still developing plans about what we want to do with alcohol on campus and present it to Terry Martinez.

- **Eric Kopp:** I'm also on the same group and we never really discussed what was going to happen to Bundy. It was really never in the purview of our committee, so I just wanted to clarify that.
- **Bryce Febres:** To clarify with the purview of our committee, given the Bundy Dining Hall that it was a social space that had alcohol, given all the data that we went through, I believe it does fall through our purview. That was something that should have passed through the committee that we have an interest in.
- **Ben Rhind:** I know Noelle didn't want to spark any confrontation with President Wippman, but if we're starting our first meeting by saying we want to be real in holding the administration accountable, I mean based on the facts presented on social spaces, it's deeply concerning that when you guys are meeting with the president of the college, that he is presenting something that's not true at all. I think that if we as a body want to hold the administration accountable it starts with making sure our baseline of facts, at a minimum, is straight. To me that's more concerning.
- **Gianni Hill:** We're going to cut this conversation here. We will be scheduling a meeting for Dean Martinez for her to update us on the situation.

5. Acknowledgments

Kudos

- **This week's shoutout goes to Morgan Perry. She has hit the ground running even before the semester started with all different projects. We are lucky and grateful to have her with us!**

6. Committees

Expectations

- **Amanda Kim:** The committees are where a lot of the actual work happens. We do expect that when you sign up for committees that you show up and work. We will talk to the committee chairs and see whether people are showing up and



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doing the work. We're going to have the class delegations come up for committees one at a time. While you are not signing up, we will have you fill out these quick surveys that are really short. This is for Gianni and I to know what you liked about Student Assembly. If you're new, let us know what you want to do or stuff you might want to change.

7. Funding

Organization	Items/Service Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Resubmit
Society of Physics Students	Music Rights	\$65	\$65	N
La Vanguardia	Honorarium Speaker w/ food	\$1146.33	\$1037.63	N
Italian Club	Opera Trip	\$357.82	\$357.82	N
Quiz Bowl	Colgate Tournament Registration	\$205.00	\$205.00	N
Discretionary	-	\$5,000	\$5,000	N

Amount Requested: \$6,709.15

Amount Recommended: \$6,600.45

We are still calculating the full budget for this semester and processing rollbacks. We will have an updated total for next week!

Society of Physics Students - Funding Passes as Recommended

- **Will Andriola:** They are requesting \$65 to get music rights for a promotional video for a weather balloon.
- **Ben Rhind:** What music are they requesting?
 - **Will Andriola:**
<https://www.premiumbeat.com/royalty-free-tracks/we-can-t-slow-down>
 - **Amanda Kim:** This beat slaps.



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- **Lóri Fejes:** If the website says royalty free, do we have to pay for it?
 - **Will Andriola:** I checked the website and it actually costs \$65.
- **Drew Anderson:** Is there a reason they're requesting this song?
 - **Will Andriola:** It's for a web video. For promotional videos, they need to buy the rights to the song.

La Vanguardia - *Funding Passes as Recommended*

- **Will Andriola:** They are throwing a speaker event that also has food. They originally requested \$1,146, but we ended cutting that down to \$1037.63 because we only fund \$5 per person for food, when food is not the main part of the event.

Italian Club - *Funding Passes as Recommended*

- **Will Andriola:** They're doing a trip to an opera.

Quiz Bowl - *Funding Passes as Recommended*

- **Will Andriola:** They are registering for a tournament at Colgate.

Discretionary - *Funding Passes as Recommended*

- **Will Andriola:** This is to fund things for us that might be outside the funding code.
- **Amanda Kim:** This funding is very important for projects this year that we want to go forward with, especially Publicity. We also have this idea to have a block party at the end of the year to boost SA's visibility. This discretionary spending is very important and we have rollbacks from last semester. We have about \$2,500 from last semester that wasn't spent. This \$5,000 will be on top of that. There isn't a guarantee that it will be spent this semester, but we thought it would be better if there was more and then we give it back to non-discretionary.
- **Gianni Hill:** We'd rather have more upfront to work with, so we don't have to request more and then take it away from the rest of the organizations on campus. Also, Student Assembly only spent half our discretionary funding last semester and I've noticed that it's been a trend over my three semesters I've been on SA. If you don't use that money in the middle of the year, it rolls over from fall to spring. After spring semester, it just goes back to the school. We're paying these student activity fees, we might as well use that money for us, rather than it going back to God knows where.
- **Amanda Kim:** We don't have the total budget for this semester yet because Will and Katie are still processing a bunch of rollbacks from different clubs. With that



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being said, accounting for this funding, we will likely have about \$112,000-120,000 for strategic funding this semester.

8. Announcements

- **Funding meeting is in two weeks (2/11)**
 - Strategic budgets must be submitted [using this link](#) by Saturday, February 9th at noon sharp (No exceptions!). Email satreas@hamilton.edu if you have any questions.
- **Welcome back! A special welcome to our Jans and our new transfer students. We are so happy you're here!**
- **Student Assembly is looking for a new logo and we want your help!**
 - If you have a vision, design a new logo and email it to us before February 15. We'll add \$50 to your Hill Card account if your logo is selected!
 - See these guidelines regarding our colors, seal, and other fun Hamilton things: <https://www.hamilton.edu/styleguides/graphicidentity>

