

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**APRIL 1, 2019**

**1. Call to Order**

○ **Present**

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

○ **Excused**

- Karthik Ravishankar
- Richard Court

○ **Unexcused**

- Ruben Martinez

**2. Public Comment Period**

**3. New Business**

○ **Feedback Form — Amanda Kim & Gianni Hill**

- **We want to know how you guys think SA is going this semester. Let us know!**



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**4. Old Business**

- **C&C Update — Amanda Kim & Gianni Hill**
  - **Amanda Kim:** We booked Sadove Terrace for our sun location and the Annex for our rain location. We're still talking to vendors to narrow down what we can get.
  - **Gianni Hill:** We're checking in with the C&C committee either at this week's or next week's meeting, just to make sure everything we're doing is fine.
  
- **Town Hall Update — Amanda Kim & Gianni Hill**
  - **Amanda Kim:** We are meeting with Dean Martinez and President Wippman this week to set a date for the town hall. Unless anyone has objections, we're going to use the Barn.
  - **Diana Perez:** There were a lot of people, too much for the Chapel. I think the Barn is smaller than the Chapel. I think we should find a larger venue.
  - **Alex Stetter:** I think pending another event where the administration gets called out, we probably won't have the same turnout as we did last time. I think there were specific forces at play. The first town hall was a lot and now it's a slow burn
    - **Gianni Hill:** We didn't want to reserve such a large space like the Annex because people be too spread out. Then again, if we have good turnout, at least they can all be concentrated and not on opposite sides of the room.
    - **Amanda Kim:** For the barn, people can go upstairs.
  - **Alex Kurtz:** What's the format you guys were thinking about?
    - **Amanda Kim:** We were still thinking about the small group discussions and then having it go to wider Q&A session.
  - **Ben Rhind:** I get the fear about there not being as many people because there isn't one specific thing to boost the turnout. I do also think that if this is going to be the only one we do that semester, students should all have the ability to go. I think it would be a shame if turnout is high and the Barn is too packed and some students can't see or hear. I think we should consider a larger space.
  - **Nasheley Boursiquot:** We don't know how it's going to turn out, but considering it's the only one we're having, I think there will be good turnout. The Barn is pretty tiny in my opinion to fit even half of the student body. I think it's a little too small to fit half the student body and we should go for a bigger space.
  - **Luis Morales:** We don't have to put up any chairs in the Chapel. It would be easier on us and all the people to make sure we can have as many people as possible.



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- **Gianni Hill:** They have faculty meetings in the Barn. They line up chairs and are able to pack a lot of people in there.
  - **Amanda Kim:** It's bigger than it looks. We weren't thinking about the Chapel though, because we did field some complaints that it was a space where not everyone could see and people were positioned awkwardly with their backs to everyone else.
  - **Noelle Niznik:** I think you'd rather be in a space that feels full, than one that feels empty. I do think the Chapel is not a good location. It wasn't an intimate conversation, some people had their backs to each other. It was just awkward.
  - **Gianni Hill:** We could book the Annex and have overflow seating in there, while livestreaming the town hall. If people in the Annex have questions, they can come into the Barn. There are a lot of different workarounds. We thought we could make it a conversation, instead of something that's accusatory. We want to work with the administration to fix these problems.
  - **Diana Perez:** There was a lot of discussion about having tables that people can sit at and have group discussions. Is that something we're doing?
    - **Amanda Kim:** That is something that what we are finalizing this week with Dean Martinez and President Wippman. We don't want to say exactly how this is going to be, but we'll have a lot more information for you next week.
  - **Nasheley Boursiquot:** I still think we should book a bigger space, even if we get 25% of the student body, like four hundred people, it wouldn't fit everyone. If the max is one hundred fifty and people will just be standing, I don't feel how that will feel intimate.
  - **Natalie Rodriguez '22:** I don't like having the ideas of having different floors. It would make it harder for people to be involved in the conversation because it will distance people.
  - **Alex Stetter:** I think the administration might have some space they have in mind. Since we don't know about the format, I think we should table it for this meeting.
- **Elections Update — Amanda Kim & Gianni Hill**
- **Gianni Hill:** I'm in charge of running the elections every semester. At the end of the semester, we will do elections for returning class years. Nominations will be a week, where students and faculty can nominate their peers. Then we can have a week of voting at different locations throughout campus. We're still thinking about how it's going to be logistically. Timeline wise, that will be the last week of classes.



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- **NESGov Update — Amanda Kim & Gianni Hill**
  - **Amanda Kim:** We couldn't get a confirmation from them saying that there would be enough people there for it to be worth our time. We are going to try the NY6 Conference instead. That's going to be held at Union. I'm currently talking to the student president of student government at Union, so it's happening. If you're interested, let me know. It's going to be the 13th or 20th. I'm pushing for the 20th because that's the date for NESGov.
  - **Finlay Adamson:** Are the other four groups in NESGov going?
    - **Amanda Kim:** I'm not sure, but I'll keep you guys updated.
    - **Gianni Hill:** All the schools are in New York, so it would be a lot easier for us to bring more people.

**5. Acknowledgments**

- **Kudos**
  - **Morgan Perry for her work on the bulletin board outside Diner. It looks beautiful, go check it out!**

**6. Committees**

- **Publicity**
  - **Morgan Perry:** I would like to set up some tables in Diner so four to six reps can be there and talk to people who pass by so they can talk to people who walk by. We can ask them their concerns and see what they wanted addressed by the Assembly. I'm thinking about doing it Wednesdays, because Diner mac.
  - **Ben Rhind:** Sounds like a good idea. With Diner tables, if you just sit there, people will walk past you. Don't be forceful to be people at the tables, but they will work past you.
  - **Lori Fejes:** What if we plant SA members dressed as regular students?
    - **Amanda Kim:** Yeah, we need to pretend to be regular students.
- **Cultural Affairs**
  - **Luis Morales:** SDC met today. We're planning a fall cultural event. We already have a spring event for cultural groups on campus, so we want a fall one so other groups can get involved especially when the weather is nice. Stay tuned.
- **Philanthropy**
  - *We are dispersing the Young Civic Leader scholarship applications this week (I have not heard back from the leaders at Proctor public school via either email or phone call so I am going to head there in person). Once these are dispersed, the students will have a month to get the application form in. We will be reviewing the applications starting the 26th of April.*



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**7. Funding:**

Amount remaining non-strategic: **\$13,687.73**

Amount remaining discretionary: **\$8,864.40**

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Resubmit
Duelly Noted	Unforeseen recording costs and one more song	\$700	\$700	N
College Democrats	Convention	\$200	\$200	N
Finance Club	Trip to NYC	\$3000	\$3000	N
Social Traditions Committee	Jackie Robinson Classic and Softball game promotion	\$3800.50	\$3805.50	N
<i>Student Assembly</i>	<i>Banner &amp; stickers for new logo</i>	<i>\$161.91</i>	<i>\$161.91</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Student Assembly</i>	<i>Custom Student Assembly van for new logo</i> <a href="https://automobiles.honda.com/odyssey">https://automobiles.honda.com/odyssey</a>	<i>\$30,190</i>	<i>\$30,190</i>	<i>N</i>

Amount Requested Non-Strategic: \$7,700.50

Amount Recommended Non-Strategic: \$7,705.50

Remaining non-strategic if funding passes as recommended: \$5,982.23

*Amount Requested Discretionary: \$30,351.91*

*Amount Recommended Discretionary: \$30,351.91*

*Remaining discretionary if funding passes as recommended: -\$21,487.51*

○ **Duelly Noted - Funding Passes as Recommended**

- **Will Andriola:** To be honest, the a capella funding is kind of a mess. Groups are requesting a lot and some aren't requesting as much. Duelly Noted is requesting less than the Buffers and Tumbling After. Kaity Stewart and I are going to meet with the treasurers of the a cappella groups to come up with a more consistent plan for recording costs. We should fund this in full in courtesy to this group, because the other groups got funding.



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- **College Democrats - *Funding Passes as Recommended***
  - **Will Andriola:** It's a really low cost per student, they're taken ten to twenty students. The tickets covers hotel and food as well. \$200 is a deal and helping a lot of students.
  
- **Finance Club - *Funding Passes as Recommended***
  - **Will Andriola:** They've done this trip in the past.
  
- **Social Traditions Committee - *Funding Fails to Pass***
  - **Will Andriola:** We have enough for their request, but we thought there would be some room to cut some of the t-shirts for the Jackie Robinson Classic because they're requestin \$2,500 for t-shirts. That's for 250 t-shirts. We figured we would leave it up to Student Assembly to see what you want to do.
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** I'm one of the co-chairs of Social Traditions. The JRC has happened for thirty-two years. We hadn't supported it until this year. Social Traditions wants to bring it back this year. The baseball team is interested in bringing it back so they can reach more students. We host every year, we play Utica College every time, but this time Hamilton will be hosting it in early May. The idea is the weather will be great and we want to get students there, which is the motivation for the shirt thing. The issue with scaling back on shirt quantity is that it gets more expensive if you request less shirts. Two hundred fifty is that cut off for the best deal. It's kinda hard to know quantity wise, how many students will come because we haven't supported it in a while. That's the two-fold debate here.
  - **Luis Morales:** In recent years, have you guys had a large turnout for shirts?
    - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** We haven't done shirts in a while, so we don't know numbers. We do Citrus Bowl and get about 300 shirts for that. Citrus Bowl is a huge thing though. It's hard to know how many people will come for baseball because the field is far away and it's a thing that many people don't know about yet. It's kinda hard to know numbers and I would argue that we would get fewer than two hundred fifty attendees. I think why it's important to bring it to discussion
  - **Nasheley Boursiquot:** Do you intend on having this event next year?
    - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** This issue is that we don't host every year. Hamilton will host again in the next two years. You might be able to see it, I won't necessarily be here for that process. The reason behind bringing it back is because this year's captains want more people to come watch. They haven't always got the crowd that



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they've wanted, so I think this is a pretty good way to build awareness for it.

- **Nasheley Boursiquot:** Are the shirts going to have dates on them?
- **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** No. They're going to be general so we can save them and we can use them for future years.
- **Harry Dubke:** I think a good starting point, depending on the cost, would be fifty to one hundred shirts just because we don't know the turnout yet. The idea of shirts is not only just to get the word out for future years, but draw people in. Citrus Bowl, we know there are going to be hundreds of people there, so we know people are going to show up and want shirts. If people know they're going to get a shirt, then it's not as effective at getting people there. Starting at a lower closer to one hundred, but yeah depending on the cost.
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** Athletics always track attendance year to year. I know last year, even when it was at Utica College, over a hundred people went. It's a big event, and I would argue that even more people would come because of our new field.
- **Caroline Paulson:** We talked about this when the SA Traditions Committee met, but Casey was saying that the Citrus Bowl were a lot cheaper than \$10 a shirt. Do you know if that's true?
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** I'm not sure, but we're doing a different type of shirt, especially because it's baseball. I don't know a ton about it, but it is a different type of shirt and a little more expensive. It is what will get most people interested in it though.
- **Ben Rhind:** I know every year we give SAAC a hard time for their funding. I think part of that concern is knowing that the shirts will go to Hamilton students, especially considering that we're playing against Utica College. Is there a plan to track to make sure it's only Hamilton students getting t-shirts?
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** We've had that issue in the past. Every time it's possible, we turn people away that are not Hamilton students. Obviously people get filtered through, but we'll make sure it's given towards the end of the game. It's an important component of the giveaway
  - **Ben Rhind:** Have you considered a HillCard swipe?
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** We could.
  - **Gianni Hill:** In our funding codes, we can't fund anything that doesn't go directly to students, so we would have to put something in place. In past years I know we've talked with SAAC. Last year, we set up some contingency that funding would only be given if there was a way that made sure that the t-shirts would only go to Hamilton students.



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- **Gianni Hill:** Are they made out of athletic material?
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** Yes it is.
- **Alex Stetter:** How do we choose which games? The Classic I get because it's an event, but this seems like a random softball game. Is there anything else that it's important about this softball game? I think historically, student attendance at athletic events is pretty low. SAAC's superfan app was implemented to increase interest, which was a super good thing, but what are you doing about that game?
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** To be honest, there's not a specific reason why we picked that game. I think the major reason for supporting softball is to make sure we're supporting women's sports. We've had constant conversations about the annual events social traditions has supported, and they typically tend to be male-dominated sports. It's easy to stick with those because those are the games that already have the name on them, so we want to create a balance. That's the motivation behind the softball one. In terms of the game, we just had to pick a date. I think the giveaway would be the same no matter what.
- **Amanda Kim:** Does the price of the hats go down as your order more? Would it be cheaper to order seventy five?
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** Yes it would to get less, but I think the price per hat goes up. So we're spending the same amount of money either way.
- **Nasheley Boursiquot:** So you just normally just choose a game for funding in terms of the softball game?
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** This is something new that we make sure we're support women's teams.
- **Amanda Kim:** How are you going to publicize this to make sure people know about it?
  - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** We're open to ideas. Obviously we have a lot of resources as Social Traditions, but there is no specific name boxed around this softball game. I'm open to ideas, I don't personally have a specific idea at the moment, but we can talk.
- **Caroline Paulson:** I get supporting women's sports, but I feel like if we give this much money to a random softball games, what's going to stop other teams from coming to us to do the same thing?
- **Luis Morales:** I think this is unique in that we have the Classic the same day. I think the softball event could be as popular as the Classic, but it needs the opportunity to grow and have that chance.
  - **Will Andriola:** Just for clarification, the softball game is on April 10th, while the Classic is on May 1st.





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- **Alex Stetter:** I would love to see a more fleshed out proposal of a tradition to establish to support women's sports. It can be a trend in every season, that a new women's sports team is picked to be a feature team to support. It seems really arbitrary and softball specific. I love the idea, but I'd love to see a more long term and enduring tradition if we are going to put more money behind this.
  - **Drew Anderson:** If we have the Jackie Robinson Classic, why don't we make a softball classic? I don't know many popular softball players, but we could find a Hamilton alum to name the game after.
  - **Jay Menner:** I understand what's being said about trying to establish it as a tradition, but everyone needs to understand that traditions aren't born out of creating something. It needs to happen gradually over time. Obviously for future people, they need to continue doing it, but you can't say 'This is going to be a new tradition right here, right now.' You need a movement behind it. Seeing how the game goes and the turnout is a good starting point, but we don't want to just start traditions if we're not going to follow it.
  - **Savannah Kelly:** I'm just wondering why we are getting this request from you instead of SAAC?
    - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** What generally happens later in the season, softball games are cancelled because they have to make up games. I felt it was unfair to apply for funding for a game that might not happen late in the semester. I'm also going to say that I'm not necessarily planning it in the sense that it's going to be a softball game that they play at SUNY Oneonta every year. We're committed to doing it, but we want to gauge how it works. For right now, this is a one time thing. I totally get your point about the SAAC vs. Social Traditions because it is a very similar giveaway type deal. We wanted to try it out so we could support women's sports because this year it's been pretty male dominated.
  - **Gianni Hill:** I think we would encourage you working with SAAC. I'm in favor of your resubmitting, but if you guys come back with a joint proposal with SAAC, that would be good.
    - **Elizabeth Sherrill '19:** Social Traditions is going to be dissolved next year. All the different traditions are going to be split up between the athletic teams. Pretty much all the athletic involvement will be under SAAC next year. We're applying under us because we still exist, but next year it's going to be SAAC people handing out the shirts. I want to make it clear that SAAC is involved in this.
- *Student Assembly (Banners and Stickers) - Funding Passes as Recommended*



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- **Amanda Kim:** We need a new banner with our logo on it. The stickers will be not only for our term, but for future administrations. We're requesting three hundred stickers for \$117 and the rest is for the banner. It's important that we get these as soon as possible for Admitted Students Day, where we're going to be tabling.
- **Alex Stetter:** Are going to be giving the stickers out?
  - **Amanda Kim:** The stickers are just for Student Assembly, but the banner would be for tabling.
- ***Student Assembly (Van) - Funding Fails to Pass***
  - **Amanda Kim:** It's a Honda Odyssey, and before you guys freak out it's only base price and we got a ton of rollbacks over the break, so we did request more from discretionary over break. The numbers on the bottom are not super accurate, so I'm sorry about that. We'll update them. Anyway, we think this would be really great in terms of making Student Assembly more visible on campus.
  - **Gianni Hill:** April Fools!
  - **Amanda Kim:** We planned to do the bit but never decided how long we'd keep it up for. Sorry I ruined it. I'll take constructive criticism on my comedic timing.

### 8. Announcements

- **Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a great Spring Break!**
- **Student Organizations:** If you want to hold an event at any point during the rest of this semester that will require **performance contracts, service agreements, or travel accommodations**, you **MUST** reach out to Kaity or Noelle in Student Activities to initiate these contracts and bookings by this **FRIDAY, April 5th at 4:30pm**. Any brand new requests to initiate contracts, service agreements, and travel accommodations after this deadline **will not** be considered and supported. (see email from Kaity Stewart for more info)
- **Purim Festival**
  - On April 7th from 11am to 2pm, join Hillel in the Annex for bouncy houses, carnival food, games, and fun
- **Combating Hate Seminar**
  - Hosted by Hillel, this interactive workshop will increase your understanding of individual/group identity, will explore ways to promote civil discourse on campus, and challenge anti-Semitism, racism, and all forms of discrimination
  - The event will be held on April 8th at 6 pm, in the Red Pit. Contact Anat Guez ([aguez@hamilton.edu](mailto:aguez@hamilton.edu)) for more information.

