

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment Period

3. New Business

- **Constitutional Amendment — Alex Kurtz**
 - **Alex Kurtz:** We have here an amendment. Orlando has been doing his job great this semester and we want to make his position permanent. We need to pass this tonight, because next week we don't have our regular meeting because of the town hall. We need $\frac{2}{3}$ in here and then we'll send it out next week to the student body. 50% of them need to pass it and then it will be an amendment.



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- **Amanda Kim:** We're basically making Student Organization Liaison an e-board position.
- **Nashely Boursiquot:** It says on the Central Council. Can't it just say Student Assembly?
 - **Alex Kurtz:** Central Council is the more technical name for this group right here. Student Assembly is technically us and Honor Court. If you want to call it SA, that's fine. This is more consistent with the language in the constitution.
 - **Amanda Kim:** Constitutionally we are the Central Council, but people refer to us as Student Assembly.
- **Ben Rhind:** Do you see the role doing anything about the proliferation of clubs. I know this deals with recognition of new orgs, but I think there is a big problem with overlapping organizations that kind leads to us getting 10 million emails and no coordination between clubs. Is there anything planned to address that?
 - **Alex Kurtz:** I'll let Orlando and Amanda answer that more fully, but I'll add that right now this is just the amendment part. Later, we're going to have a bylaw change that has new organization codes. That's sorta kinda like the funding codes, but they have more detail in the bylaws with stuff like this. You guys can speak more to that
 - **Amanda Kim:** The reason his name is Student Org Liaison and not org rec is because he does more than just org recognition. What you're talking about is actually a large part of his job. It's not so much recognition as it is outreach and maintaining positive relations with the clubs that we fund. Part of the job moving forward is making sure that we're practical with the amount of clubs we have and merging where we can.
 - **Orlando Paz:** Something Kaity and I actively trying to attack is the number of clubs on campus. My position would be to make sure these new clubs would have guidance on what they're doing and everything they need. We want to make sure there is no conflict in clubs or between clubs. We also want to allow large clubs to collaborate with each other. That's all stuff I plan to work on with Kaity Stewart.
 - **Gianni Hill:** We're going to work to encourage groups, if they have similar goals, to really merge together under an umbrella organization. They would have a central eboard and different branches within that umbrella org to focus on whatever goals they might have. That would allow us to streamline funding and they could ask for more funding up front as an umbrella organization. They can combine their resources and bring more quality speakers to campus. It's a bunch of groups working together, combing their resources, so they can request a speaker. We'll feel more confident



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giving it to one umbrella orgs, then giving a little bit to this one, and a little bit to that one. It really cleans it up a lot if we can encourage orgs with similar intentions to merge together.

- **Amanda Kim:** It's something Orlando and Kaity have started working on. Certain orgs have started working on that like ASA, Asian Student Association. Before it used to be ASA and SASA, South Asian Student Association. Now ASA is the overarching organization that has different branches with different cultures. SASA is now a branch of ASA. Things like that are what Orlando would also be working on.

4. Old Business

○ Town Hall Update — Amanda Kim & Gianni Hill

- **Amanda Kim:** As we talked about, we had to move the date to next Monday and it will take the place of our usually Student Assembly meeting. There was a previous conflict that some invitees had that we were not aware of. All the people that need to be there can now. The survey for the topics closed Sunday night. We are going through that and we'll have the topics finalized tomorrow or the day after. We'll be sending it out to administrators telling them the relevant administrators to come with things prepared. We are going to send it out to the student body so they have time to prepare questions. If you went to the demonstration on Friday, students brought up that only two topics being talked about. It's not just two topics that we're going to talk about, there are two topics we are going to go in-depth on. There are other topics we'll talk about as a community. In order to make this more solution-oriented, we need to split up the number of topics we're going in-depth on. We're doing an in-depth conversation on two topics and there are other topics we're going to talk about as a community, but we're not necessarily going in-depth on.
- **Diana Perez:** How long are each of those two topics going to take?
 - **Amanda Kim:** We're going to nail down the exact timing of the topics. We need to figure out the amount of other topics we want to talk about too. There were a ton of different topics submitted. We can send that out to you guys. We're also going to send that out to the student body and relevant administrators.
 - **Gianni Hill:** We're trying to be really thoughtful about this and how long the event lasts. We don't want interest to dip and people to head out early. We want to keep it as concise as possible, get through what we have to get through, and then students can leave. We're willing to stick around. Well have an open forum at the end where students can share any issues they have if they still have energy to stay and ask questions. We don't want it to be a three hour town hall and have people be exhausted and leave early. We're going to really stick to tight deadlines. If we set twenty



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minutes for a topic, we're going to talk about it for twenty minutes or however long.

- **Nasheley Boursiquot:** What is the format going to look like other than the two topics?
 - **Amanda Kim:** I'm going to do opening remarks and then introduce the first topic. Then the relevant administrators is going to come up and give an update on what they're currently doing and what has already been done, give context on any issues, then open it up for a Q&A, then going into small group, solution-oriented discussion. We're also going to be having a solution submission where you can write down what you want to see. We know a problem with last Town Hall is that we couldn't hear everyone. This way, we're going to get to hear every single person, because Gianni and I are going to look at every submission. We're also going to bring them to the Assembly. We're going to do the same with the other major topic.
 - **Gianni Hill:** We will probably be sending you another discretionary evote over the next week to finalize any materials we might need like big posters, post-it notes, markers, things like that. Whatever we got we'll use, but you might be getting another e-vote again.
- **Lóri Fejes:** We voted to fund the posters, but then the date of the event got moved. Isn't there something in the funding codes that if the event change, it has to be re-approved for funding?
 - **Will Andriola:** Yes, it's been approved. The treasurer can approve reallocations based on date.
 - **Amanda Kim:** The Assembly doesn't need to vote.
 - **Gianni Hill:** It's discretionary so it doesn't follow traditional funding codes. We have a lot of flexibility when it comes to discretionary.
- **Gianni Hill:** As soon as we send the topics out, we're going to be asking for questions. We can have a couple of questions up on the projector at the beginning. We can have opening remarks by administrators and have those questions answered at the beginning by the relevant administrators.
- **Karthik Ravishankar:** Do we have a result of the survey responses?
 - **Amanda Kim:** We can send that out to you.

5. Acknowledgments

- Kudos

- All of you for putting up with our e-votes over the week. Thank you for being responsive so we could fund the demonstration on Friday. It was important to support student voices!

6. Committees



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○ Executive

■ Funding

- **Will Andriola:** First on the thing Gavin talked about from last time about bystander training and how to incentive more students to go through that training. I've been talking to Kaity Stewart in the Student Activity office, and one of our thoughts is reallocating the \$50 credit that clubs already get from going to mandatory club training meetings towards a credit for clubs if their leadership goes to bystander intervention training. Second thing, a cappella recording funding. Casey and I are working on that. For a capella, one of our ideas to make funding a little more consistent and bring costs down is to mandate that all a capella funding most go through Kaity Stewart for negotiation. Instead of them coming to us and saying "This is probably going to cost \$400," they go to Kaity Stewart and she'll negotiate with the recording person to bring it down. If it's still too high, they can look to other people. That will offer some flexibility to a capella groups, while still bringing costs down for SA. Finally, Kaity is going to come in to the next SA meeting and talk about this, but there's this new organization management system that they're implementing next year called Presence. It allows greater tracking for students, clubs and the administrators. For instance, any Student Assembly funded event will be required to take attendance using a little HillCard reader. From that data administration, will be able to have access to demographic information by race, gender, major, all sorts of things. Student org leaders will have access to info on loyalty and basic demographics. One potential issue with this that I'd like to highlight is that this just seems like the administration tracking where you go in your free time, which I am not a fan of. People can feel free to ask questions next meeting.
- **Gianni Hill:** Besides that tracking thing, I've heard a lot of good things about Presence as well in terms of the surveys you can do on there. All the elections we wanted to do this year, like swiping your HillCard, that brings up your specific class year ballot, all of that can be done through Presence. It's a lot easier to see what students are involved in. You're going to be able to put all your stuff you do here throughout your four years here into your Presence profile. It makes it really easy to create a digital portfolio throughout your four years here. It will be great for the next class.

■ Publicity

- **Morgan Perry:** I hope you're having a great week. This Thursday, we'll be tabling in Diner from 11:30 to 1:00. We have a table in front of our bulletin board. This will be a great opportunity to answer questions about the town hall, to let them know it's



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happening. If they enjoy talking to their reps, they can come and build that hype to another level and share it at the town hall. If you can stop by on Thursday, I'll put a message in the GroupMe. If you like it, just stop by at any time. It was a success last time and I hope you can keep it up. Please just keep spreading the word about the town hall. Bring a minimum ten people. Minimum twenty five. That would get the whole room filled. Do it. So excited.

○ Student Life

■ Cultural Affairs

- **Lóri Fejes:** I was supposed to announce of raffle winners from IFD tonight. Stay tuned! You'll get an email.

■ Facilities, Safety, Health, and Residential Life

- **Ben Rhind:** Planning to set up a meeting with Frank Coots and Campus Safety to talk about ongoing investigations into the date rape drug scandal and everything like that. We want to talk with them to see what we can do.

■ Community Affairs

- **Karthik Ravishankar:** Pretty routine stuff. Had a meeting with Derek Roy last Thursday just to give a food update. Please keep sending feedback. Sauces tend to get too concentrated and watery. That was brought to his attention. Desserts, to make them less cake oriented. It's pretty much only cake, but there are a plethora of other dessert options out there in the world and we will explore them. Other than that, it's been pretty routine.
- **Amanda Kim:** I actually have a suggestion. In Commons, the water thing on the side closer to the entrance is broken. I'm really tired of artillery firing water into my cup everyday at lunch. That thing is like a machine gun. I'm sure they already know about it but please bring that to them!

○ Associative

■ LITS

- **Gianni Hill:** We sent an email mentioning the Hamilton App. Please advertise that to you friends on campus. If people feel unsafe from recent events, there is an entire safety toolbox on it that has a lot of great features. Please talk that up to everyone you see. I know the bluelight was brought up at the demonstration. There is a mobile bluelight, it doesn't solve all the problems. They are things that make people feel safer though. Please just promote that.
- **Bryce Febres:** As for the Wifi, the school should be going through a Wifi update. Carnegie was the first space where they put the newer WiFi because apparently they had the worst WiFi according



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to the WiFi survey. Over the summer they replaced some WiFi, but they said they were waiting for the new technology to come out so they don't buy all this WiFi, but then it's outdated and they have to buy new stuff. They're trying to put more sources outside while you're walking around, so you have more access to WiFi. We've been looking at active classrooms and classrooms of the future. We've been looking at McGill University and some of the futuristic classrooms they have and how we can bring those to Hamilton.

- **Nasheley Boursiquot:** You said the updated Wifi. Is there a time where that will come out?
 - a. **Bryce Febres:** They told us that in the coming months there should be an update.
 - b. **Nasheley Boursiquot:** So it should be ready for next semester?
 - c. **Bryce Febres:** Hopefully by next semester it should be.

■ Traditions

- **Casey Codd:** I met with Margie Thickstun, the person involved in the ceremonies. She runs commencement and convocation. She is looking to potentially replace Amazing Grace in the commencement ceremony to something that is more friendly and open to everyone. If anyone has any well known songs that you would like to suggest, please do.
 - a. **Amanda Kim:** Old Town Road?
- **Gianni Hill:** We have an update on the C&C event. We've been talking to vendors. So far we are in contact with an ice cream truck, hard/soft pretzels, and a photobooth. Maybe getting some temporary tattoos. We're going to get large games outside. We're looking for a student DJ to come and play some music. Pretty chill, relaxed event. Stop by and get some food. There will also be a food truck that was at CAB last year will be at Sadove Terrace this year. If you're hungry, stop by C&C. You guys will get more updates in the coming weeks, but we just wanted to let you guys know where we are. We're just looking at contracts now. We will let you know how much that costs, but we should have enough money in discretionary.
- **Nasheley Boursiquot:** When is the C&C event?
 - a. **Gianni Hill:** Friday, May 10th is the concert day. That's when we're having our Student Assembly event. Actual Class and Charter Day is the Monday after. That's when they have the actual ceremony and student awards.
 - b. **Nasheley Boursiquot:** When's that?
 - c. **Gianni Hill:** May 13th.

■ Mental Health



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- **Gianni Hill:** Please committee chairs, send stuff to Gavin. He's been asking us about it. We want to make sure we're giving him tangible things that he can work on or just suggestions you have for him. Even if you're not a committee chair, please reach out to him and give him some suggestions that SA could support. His job, he doesn't really need to meet with us because he's working on these things. As a liaison, it's important that you give him things to work on and we communicate as an Assembly back and forth.
- **Lóri Fejes:** I was actively working on that and thinking about my committee. I really couldn't come up with anything.
 - a. **Gianni Hill:** Let him know that and ask him, "How can I help you?"
- **Sustainability**
 - **Gianni Hill:** Bon Appetit asked them in their meeting. Derek Roy is interested in converting the McEwen juice bar into a power bowl station. Powerbowls consist of protein packed bowls of grain, veggies, protein bowls. They're like poke bowls. They would be grab and go, it would be prepared. You wouldn't be able to customize it, you would just go up and ask for one of the options. They are asking for our feedback on that.
 - **Bryce Febres:** I'll stay neutral, but I'll say I haven't had the juice bar. I think we can all do with some protein. I think it sounds really interesting and new.
 - **Lóri Fejes:** I am the most biased in this situation because I work at the juice bar, but I vote juice bar.
 - a. **Harry Dubke:** You would be putting him out of a job.
 - b. **Gianni Hill:** Someone will still be stocking the station, it will be like the global line.
 - **Nasheley Boursiquot:** I feel like you could essentially, I don't know if you do smoothies, but I feel like you could do the same thing yourself without adding that much. If they added proteins as an option that would be great. If they did smoothies and juice bar, you could have a bowl. You get my point.
 - **Karthik Ravishankar:** We are meeting with Derek Roy anyway, so if you have thoughts, just email me. Then I can bring it up so we don't have half-fleshed thoughts.
 - **Diana Perez:** How would it be different from the current breakfast bowls they do in commons. Sometimes they have the chia bowls.
 - a. **Gianni Hill:** I'm not sure
 - **Ben Rhind:** Bipartisan compromise: get rid of McEwen pizza, put the bowls there and keep the juice.
 - **Will Andriola:** Do they have any figures on the amount of people that use the juice bar, because it doesn't seem like that many people use it.



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- a. **Gianni Hill:** I disagree with you on that. I would like to go there, but there isn't anyone there when I'm there. I go and there's no one even staffing it. For lunch sometimes, but dinner never. Or rarely. I usually go during busy hours too.
- b. **Lóri Fejes:** Now there is a full time person doing it during almost every lunch period. I don't think we do Fridays. There's a select dinner every week. Well, 95% of the weeks.
 - **Drew Anderson:** I've never had a juice from the juice bar. I would like them to do smoothies.
 - **Alex Stetter:** I would just say when thinking of new options in terms of food waste, more customization is definitely for advantageous. I would be the picky person who would pick out what they didn't want from a premade bowl and throw everything else out.

7. Funding:

Organization	Items/Services Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Resubmit
Women in Computer Science	Conference, <i>advanced funding for next semester</i>	\$8,100	\$8,100	N
HEAG	Travel to March for Science	\$500.70	\$500.70	N
Student Assembly	Posters, signs, megaphone for demonstration	\$300	\$300	N
Student Assembly	Town Hall Publicity	\$40	\$40	N

Amount Requested Non-Strategic: \$500.70

Amount Recommended Non-Strategic: \$500.70

Advanced funding requested: \$8,100.00

Remaining non-strategic: \$7,128.47

○ **Women in Computer Science**

- **Will Andriola:** This isn't drawing from our remaining non-strategic, but our strategic from next semester. We're recommending funding in full. There will be future costs though, most likely for food in the fall. For now, the org is under the \$9,700 cap and it seems like a good cause.



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- **Ben Rhind:** Obviously a very good cause, but have they reached out to the computer science department about getting outside funding?
 - **Ines Ayara:** This is an upper limit. We're working at getting a discount because since we have fifty people. We're requesting the upper limit for hotels, which is not what we're going to spend. We'll be rolling back a lot of money. Also we can't get airfare through SA, so we're requesting it through the Kirkland Endowment funding. The department of computer science did not have the funding available which is unfortunate. Two years ago I went on this trip and they had a grant. This year we don't have the funding available, so we had to reach out to other other sources.
- **HEAG**
 - **Will Andriola:** They're just requesting money for Jitney, gas, and mileage. We're recommending funding in full, because we have a lot of money left over. Last deadline is this Saturday: PLEASE APPLY FOR FUNDING IF YOU ARE A CLUB LEADER! We want to give you money!
 - **Note:** Student Assembly discretionary funding votes were conducted via e-vote.

8. Announcements

- **Student Assembly Elections are approaching! If you are interested in running for a position:**
 - Attend a brief Election Rules meeting at **7:30 PM on Monday, April 22nd in the Sadove Living Room** or at **4:00 PM on Tuesday, April 23rd in the Sadove Living Room**. *If you do not attend either of these meetings and do not send a proxy in your place, your name will not appear on the ballot.* Students interested in running *may not* begin any formal campaigning before the election rules meeting.
 - Submit a 100-word platform explaining your interest in, and qualifications for, the position for which you are running. Email your platform to sa@hamilton.edu with "Platform" in the subject line. Please include the word count in the document!
 - Collect signatures from your classmates on the sheet attached to this email. Please note this important difference in signature requirements: Students running for Class President and Treasurer must collect at least **50** signatures, while students running for Class Representative need **25**.
 - Submit your completed signature sheet via all-campus mail to: **Gianni Hill, Campus Mailbox #806**. See below for dates and times of signature submission.
 - Please contact Vice President Gianni Hill (ghill@hamilton.edu) with any questions!
- **Student Assembly Town Hall 2.0 this Monday, April 29!**
 - 8pm in the Annex
 - Topics and format will be announced soon. Please come ready with questions and solutions!
- **Mental Health Seminar with Victoria Garrick**



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- Student Athletic Advisory Committee and Mental Wellness Collective will be bringing Victoria Garrick, mental health and body image advocate, to speak to the campus community on April 25. She will be giving a talk at 4:30 pm (Body-Image, Self-Love, and the Influences of Social Media) and another one at 7 pm (The Importance of Student-Athlete Mental Health).
- Both talks will take place in the Bradford Auditorium and posters have been put up around campus with more information!

