

## STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

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### 1. Call to Order

- **Present**

- Tommy Keith
- Bryce Febres
- Nicole Ramirez
- Seámus Wiseman
- Catherine McFarland
- Ashley Garcia
- Orlando Paz
- Nadav Konforty
- Julian Perricone
- Penelope Hoopes
- Luis Morales
- Geoffrey Ravenhall Meinke
- Caroline Paulson
- Shavell Jones
- Matt Knowlton
- Amari Leigh
- Stephanie Wu
- Amanda Kim
- Tatum Barclay
- Lóri Fejes
- Jackson Harris
- Jeffrey Bush
- Jenny Tran
- Juliet Davidson
- Emily Fienco
- Nyaari Kothiya
- Omar Lopez
- Frank Meng
- Mariam Saied
- Lea Barros
- Michael Moubarak
- Mackenzie Burton

- **Unexcused**

- Connie Lorente

- **Tardy**

- Jay Menner

### 2. Public Comment Period



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### 3. New Business

#### ○ Introduction & Expectations: Tommy and Bryce

- **Tommy Keith:** I'm Tommy. I'm the new president of student assembly for 2020.
- **Bryce Febres:** I'm Bryce, I'm the new vice president for 2020.
- **Tommy Keith:** Alright, just to lay some ground rules. Don't have your computer or phone out unless you are on the e-board, its distracting to the conversation at hand and we really want you to be focused at these meetings, so just try to keep them away. Committee assignments happen after the meeting and later on we will go over committee chairs and committee responsibilities. Usually committees meet once a week and they meet with administrators concerning different parts of student life and you are all required to attend those meetings. Attendance policy: so, once you have accrued 3 unexcused absences you are kicked off of the assembly. That's not a fourth absence, it's not like you are allowed three absences, you are kicked off once you hit three absences. So, at the beginning of every meeting Catherine will take attendance and if you are not in your seat during attendance that counts as  $\frac{1}{3}$  of an absence. You can excuse absences by emailing the secretary 24 hours in advance, but you need a good reason for why you are skipping. You can't just say I have homework or I'm too busy, there has to be a concrete reason for why you can't attend. Also, no side conversations, those can be picked up from the mic and it distracts from the actual conversation at hand so we are just going to ask you refrain from those
- **Bryce Febres:** Again, the livestream mics are very sensitive. They will pick up on everything. If you are saying something sus, they will catch it and someone out there will hear it. It's funny but it's also not. As for the sweatshirts, we'll get them to the new members and we encourage you to wear them on Mondays. We want to do SA Mondays, they have been a thing that has been recurring in talks. We really want to encourage people to wear their SA swag on Mondays because the reason we got them was to promote SA, so why not wear it on the day we meet because it's a good thing for people to see you out and about wearing it and showing SA is visible and approachable.
- **Tommy Keith:** Especially because we have a bylaw that we won't fund apparel that is not integral to the function of an organization. I know that doesn't apply for discretionary funding, but the purpose of the sweatshirts is to help students recognize their representatives and ask for help regarding matters concerning school. If you don't wear them, then the apparel is no longer integral to the function of student assembly and ceases to be a necessary expense.



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- **Bryce Febres:** And because of the nature of SA and the way we are looking for it to run this semester, it's very important that not only do you maintain a good attendance record but that when you are here you are present, that you are involved as part of initiatives. SA initiatives won't work unless we work together to make them a reality. We are in a very good position to be able to meet with administrators on a regular basis and I think there's a lot we can do with that if we use it to our advantage. There's a lot of us in this room and it's a privilege to be elected or nominated and it's important that you use that privilege to help other students on this campus and make it better for everybody.
  - **Tommy Keith:** And something else I forgot to mention. When you are emailing about excused absences that goes to [SA@hamilton.edu](mailto:SA@hamilton.edu). Now Bryce is going to talk about food.
  - **Bryce Febres:** Yes, food. So, we don't want to completely stop you from eating anything because we understand a lot of people's schedules are really busy. While we do encourage you to eat beforehand we are not going to throw you out of the room and lock the door if you are eating a granola bar or something. Just try to be as least distracting as possible. We just don't want to see you with a whole like Philly you know sitting there going at it. Not that that's a bad thing, but try to eat beforehand to the best of your ability but if you need to have something by all means we won't stop you.
  - **Tommy Keith:** Ok so now we are going to go onto executive board nominations. I am going to ask all of my E-board members to give a brief introduction about their position and what they want to bring to Student Assembly.
- **Executive Board Nominations**
    - Nicole Ramirez, Treasurer
      - **Nicole Ramirez:** Hi everybody, I'm Nicole Ramirez and I will be your new treasurer. I'm very excited and honored to have been appointed to this position. I'm also very eager to learn, work with all of you guys and do the job. So, I'm here for you guys and I'm excited.
    - Catherine McFarland, Secretary
      - **Catherine McFarland:** Hi, I'm Catherine. I will be Secretary. I used to always love reading the minutes and now I'm excited to write them!
    - Orlando Paz, Org. Relations
      - **Orlando Paz:** My name is Orlando, org. Relations chair. I'm your guy, any questions at all about org. Recognition committee. This semester we will likely change it to org. Relations committee and



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I'm sure we will get into that later. But basically, anything org related I'm your go to.

- Ashley Garcia, Publicity
  - **Ashley Garcia:** Hi, I am Ashley. I'm the Publicity Director of SA and basically that means that I help ensure that you are being transparent with the entire campus and promoting all of our events.
- Séamus Wiseman, Parliamentarian
  - **Séamus Wiseman:** I am Seamus and I am Parliamentarian and head of the constitution committee. I'm hoping to bring less controversy. Thank you.
  - **Tommy Keith:** As president, it is at my discretion to appoint my E-Board so I am going to formally appoint them right now. So, now we are going to go on to the class of 2023 nominations and keep giving brief overviews.
- **Class of 2023 Nominations – Nominations Pass Unanimously**
  - Omar Lopez, Treasurer
    - **Omar Lopez:** Hi, my name is Omar and I was a class rep for the class of 2023 and I worked with the traditions committee and the FRSH committee and I hope to go back to them this time around.
  - Mariam Saied, Class Representative
    - **Mariam Saied:** I am Mariam. I wasn't able to be involved in SA last semester because I had a class that went on whenever you guys had meetings. So, I am really excited to have a say in the decisions that you guys make.
- **Class of 2022 Nominations – Nominations Pass Unanimously**
  - Tatum Barclay, President
    - **Tatum Barclay:** Hi, I'm Tatum. I was a rep last year for 2022. I am hoping to becoming president now. I was on the traditions and the constitution committee and I'm hoping to continue that this year.
  - Jackson Harris, Class Representative
    - **Jackson Harris:** Hi, I'm Jackson. I have not been on SA before but I am excited to be here. I am excited to get my committee assignments and get started!
  - Jenny Tran, Class Representative
    - **Jenny Tran:** Hi, I'm Jenny. I've always wanted to be involved with SA and I can't wait to contribute and be a part of this amazing community and new position.
  - Jeffrey Bush, Class Representative



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- **Jeffrey Bush:** I am Jeffrey. I ran for SA my freshman year, did not get on. Some of you might remember from last semester, I showed up quite a few times and I thought that was fun so!
- **Class of 2021 Nominations – Nominations Pass Unanimously**
  - Shavell Jones, Treasurer
    - **Shavell Jones:** Hi, nice to meet you all. I am Shavell and I will be the class of 2021 treasurer. I am looking forward to getting started, having this big treasurer meeting that I heard is so scary and long next week. I look forward to doing that and my other committee assignments and just getting acclimated to Student Assembly.
  - Amari Leigh, Class Representative
    - **Amari Leigh:** Hey, I'm Amari. I'm excited to be here and represent the class of 2021 and to work with all of you.
  - Amanda Kim, Class Representative
    - **Amanda Kim:** Hey everyone. I'm Amanda. Nice to meet you all. I am really excited to be here. I really love SA so I hope I am just really excited to be a part of it once again. Shout out to Caroline for letting me in again.
    - **Caroline Paulson:** It was a hard decision.
  - Matt Knowlton, Class Representative
    - **Matt Knowlton:** Hey guys, I'm Matt. I was abroad last semester so I couldn't sadly participate in SA but I'm excited to represent the views of the constituency.
  - Stephanie Wu, Class Representative
    - **Stephanie Wu:** Hi, I'm Stephanie and I am also new here. I am excited to get involved and get to know SA better.
- **Mental Health Liaison Update – Nomination Passes Unanimously**
  - Mackenzie Burton, Class of 2022
    - **Tommy Keith:** Lastly, we have a mental health liaison update. Unfortunately, our former mental health liaison Sam is going abroad and so now we are going to nominate Mackenzie burton of the class of 2022.
    - **Mackenzie Burton:** Hi, I'm Mackenzie. I was on Minds for Change with Sam and she talked a lot about this with me. And I am hoping to pick up where she left off and help her out while she is abroad.
- **Plans for the Semester: Tommy and Bryce**
  - **Tommy Keith:** So now we are going to go on to plans for the semester. As I mentioned in my platform my main goal for student assembly is to



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work towards building more interconnected community where people are engaging with new people with diverse perspectives. We are going to push class year specific events to promote class solidarity and hopefully become traditions in the future. We would like to put on a student's forum in the events barn where students can voice their concerns to the college so our administration can get a gauge on the most pressing issues facing our campus for the town hall after spring break. Furthermore, our administration will continue to push the college to ensure adequate mental health resources.

- **Bryce Febres:** Yes, and I know I have already said it but we are going to encourage your participation in here and outside in your committees. Committees won't work unless you do. Please go to your committee meetings. Please talk to your chairs. Please be a part of those projects. There are some really cool things that have been going on in some committees that are very notable. I would like to mention Traditions. Traditions is actually creating things that are becoming traditions. So, each committee can really do what they are set out to do. It's not going to work if you are absent from them all the time because it's a disservice to the people that are also putting their time into it if you don't fully commit to something that you signed up for. So please really be a part of this.

#### 4. Old Business

#### 5. Kudos

- Amanda Kim
  - **Tommy Keith:** We want to give kudos to our former president, Amanda Kim. She was an amazing president and she really helped Bryce and I during the transition period to get us to where we are today and convince us that we are ready for this.
- Noelle Niznik
  - **Tommy Keith:** I also want to give a kudos to Noelle Niznik, the director of student activities for guiding us through this as well. We couldn't have done it without you. Now we are going to get on to the most fun part of our meeting, funding.
  - **Orlando Paz:** I think we should also give a kudos to Tommy and Bryce for preparing very hard for this meeting They have been planning for weeks, thinking about it and talking about it. And it does take a lot of hard work to do what they are doing right now. So, I think we should give it up for them.

#### 6. Funding



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Amount Remaining:

Total General Fund: **\$ 80,913.53**Amount Remaining Non-Strategic: **\$14,651.47**Amount Remaining Discretionary (with Rollbacks): **\$5,000**

Starting Strategic Budget: \$64,730.82

Strategic Budget (including advanced funding): **\$52,605.86**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Items/Services Requested</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Resubmit</b>
Model UN	Competition trips/lodge & food	\$5,381.68	\$5,381.68	N
Powder Club	Weekend Ski Trip	\$920.80	\$0	N
Mock trial	Regional Tournament	\$ 2,131.34	\$ 2,011.37	N
Star Wars Club	Final Viewing Party	\$ 57.55	\$ 57.55	N
Hamilton College Quiz Bowl	NY Tournament	\$ 242.58	\$ 242.58	N
Vegan Club	Dinner/Brunch events	\$1,200	\$ 200	Y
Hamilton College Debate Society	Washington Tournament	\$ 3,319.10	\$ 3,319.10	N



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Hamilton Aquaponics	Algae bacteria sanitizer	\$ 358.83	\$ 358.83	Y
Bowling Club	Bowling Trip	\$1,142.76	\$0	Y
Discretionary		\$5000.00	\$5000.00	N

Amount Requested: **\$14,754.64**Amount Recommended (Non-Strategic): **\$11,571.91**Amount Recommended (Discretionary): **\$5000.00**Amount Remaining if Funding passes (Non-Strategic): **\$3,182.73**Amount Remaining Strategic: **\$52,605.86**

- **Model UN - Funding Passes Unanimously**

- **Nicole Ramirez:** The first one we have is Model UN. They are basically asking for \$5,381.68 for competition trips, lodging and food. And I know it seems really scary especially because the number is really big because this is non-strategic. However, they are requesting this large amount now because they do have upcoming events that they have to pay for this week and they have already asked for an extension and actually emailed Kaity about this. That's why we are deciding to advance the funding of strategic and do it during this week. That is not to say that it will take money out of strategic because essentially anything left in the strategic amount rolls over into non-strategic. So, it's not like we are going to give them double the money. No, this is just that we are giving them the money in advance for the events that they have to pay for now. So, we are recommending a funding in full.

- **Powder Club - Funding Passes Unanimously**

- **Nicole Ramirez:** Ok, so next we have powder club. They are asking for \$920.80 and this is for a weekend ski trip. We recommended funding 0 for this and our reason for that is if you guys remember for last semester they asked for \$6000 in advance funding and according to the funding codes a club can't have more than 8% of the general fund. If we fund this, this is giving them more than 8% which means Powder club has capped out this year. So, that is why we recommend not funding this request.





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- **Star Wars Club - *Funding Passes Unanimously***
  - **Nicole Ramirez:** For Star Wars Club they are asking for \$57.55 for their final viewing party. The committee voted on this based on the past semester. Typically, with events like this it's not like the food is essential for the event itself. However, in the past for at least 3 events we have given them money for pizza. And Pizza is very good because the budget is very low. So, since it's coming now on the first of February, we can't wait for strategic funding so that's why we are putting it in non-strategic.
  
- **Hamilton College Quiz Bowl- *Funding Passes Unanimously***
  - **Nicole Ramirez:** Then, we have the Hamilton College Quiz Bowl. They are asking for \$ 242.58 for this New York tournament that's actually coming up on February 8th. So again, it's not long enough to wait until after February 9th's strategic meeting which is why we are also applying that to non-strategic right now.
  
- **Vegan Club- *Funding Passes Unanimously***
  - **Nicole Ramirez:** Next, we have the Vegan Club. They are asking for \$1,200. We decided to only recommend \$200 for one event which is the most upcoming and can't wait for strategic funding. But for the rest, we are asking them to resubmit for strategic funding because they are events that happen later on in the year and obviously we can take of that when we take care of the other budgets.
  
- **Hamilton College Debate Society- *Funding Passes Unanimously***
  - **Nicole Ramirez:** Then we have the Hamilton College Debate Society, they are asking for \$ 3,319.10 and this is for their Washington tournament. Again, very large budget but this is normally something that would go under strategic. However, the event is coming up on February 15th so they won't be able to receive the funds if we waited for the strategic meeting which is why we decided to fund them now, this week. Typically, everything they are asking for has been laid out in the same way that is has been in the past semester.
  
- **Hamilton Aquaponics- *Funding Passes Unanimously***
  - **Nicole Ramirez:** Then, Hamilton Aquaponics. We have decided to fund them in full as well. They again, submitted their strategic budget now because they are asking for algae bacteria sanitizer. Since they do grow lettuce, they are



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saying that there is a lot of algae growth that they need to deal with right now and waiting two weeks will just make the situation worse. So that is why though it would normally go under strategic, it is being voted on now because they are not going to ask for any money in strategic and we should be good.

- **Bowling Club - *Funding Passes Unanimously***

- **Nicole Ramirez:** Then we got Bowling club. They actually asked for \$1,142.76 for a bowling trip. However, we decided not to fund that because in the proposal there was a miscommunication with how much the lane costs again. In the description they said that it was \$56 per lane however in the itemized section it was \$71. Therefore, we would be giving them more money than the lane actually costs and so we are asking them to resubmit.
- **Tommy Keith:** We may need to do an E-Vote for that because they need the funds before they have the event which is February 5th. Be on the lookout for that.

- **Mock Trial - *Funding Passes Unanimously***

- **Nicole Ramirez:** So, for mock trial they are asking for \$2,131.34. This is for a regional tournament and again, they need the money now this will all go under strategic. So, same thing with this. However, we are not giving them funding in full because they said for some reason they need hiking sticks for \$119 dollars. I don't know why Mock Trial would need hiking sticks, which is why we decided to only fund them \$2,011.37.

- **Discretionary - *Funding Passes Unanimously***

- **Nicole Ramirez:** Perfect. Then, the discretionary. This, as you guys should know, is the amount from the general fund to use at our discretion. Or, we can decide to give some to the general fund for any reason during the semester.
- **Tommy Keith:** Great job Nicole. Now we are going to get on to committee assignments. I mentioned committees before but I just want to have all the committee chairs going down from the agenda just give a brief description of the committee so that all of the new Student Assembly members can get an idea of what your committee does and can figure out whether or not they want to join.

## 7. Committee Overview

- **Executive Committees:**
  - **Publicity:** Ashley Garcia



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- **Ashley Garcia:** I am the chair for the publicity committee. Basically, what we do is create flyers, posters, table toppers, take control of the Instagram, basically all the publicity just to get people to come to our meetings and events across campus.
- **Org Recognition:** Orlando Paz
  - **Orlando Paz:** I am the chair of the Org Recognition committee. The first thing we are going to do is change it to Org Relations committee as recognition that we recognize clubs ever semester. People who want to create new clubs, we are the committee that they go through. We decide whether or not they get recognition. The reason I say Org Relations now is we are trying to move more towards being a liaison group between student assembly and the orgs trying to create more interconnectivity between orgs and do more events together. So, if you like organizations on campus and you have good ideas and are creative, this is the committee for you.
- **Constitution:** Séamus Wiseman
  - **Séamus Wiseman:** I run the constitution committee or constitutional committee depending on where you look in the constitution. What we do is we look at things like that, we seek to fix those discrepancies and any other issues that we might find in the constitution. We will get together every other week to find thing like that and put proposals before everyone here.
- **Funding:** Nicole Ramirez
  - **Nicole Ramirez:** I am Nicole and I am the chair of the Funding Committee. What we do is basically look at the semester budget for each of the student organizations and with the general fund we decide how to allocate it based on funding codes and past decisions. So, it's fun.
- **Student Life Committees:**
  - **Cultural Affairs:** Luis Morales and Lori Fejes
    - **Lori Fejes:** I'm usually the bad cop in these introductions. So, cultural affairs does a lot of work which requires its members to do a lot of work. We will have a major event this semester which is international fair day which is where students who are here on visas present about their home culture. This past year we also expanded that to students who have heritage from other countries. They can also be involved in this effort. If you are interested in culture and learning with us, please join cultural affairs, but it is a lot of work. And other people's work relies on what we do or do not do, so join cultural affairs.



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- **FRSH Affairs (Facilities, Residential Life, Safety & Health):** Connie Lorente
  - **Tommy Keith:** Connie is not here so does anyone on FRSB want to speak on FRSB's behalf.
  - **Omar Lopez:** So FRSB it stands for facilities, res life, safety, and health. That was off the top of my head. Basically, we work in those 4 sectors and we actually did a lot of stuff last semester.
- **Community Affairs (Student Affairs & Food):** Julian Perricone
  - **Julian Perricone:** Hey everybody, I'm the chair of community affairs. Tommy was the old chair back in the day. Basically, we are called community affairs but mostly deal with food on campus. We meet with the Bon Appetit staff once every two weeks. We also work with other staff members on campus who work in other parts of the food sector. So, last semester we met with person that manages the vending machines on campus, euphoria, opus, stuff like that. But, we also do work around student affairs that are not just food. We met with Dean Martinez about once a month last semester to talk about initiatives that she is trying to facilitate and how we can help her with that. We also are the pseudo-partner of traditions and we are thinking about maybe doing a world record on campus. Lots of cool stuff happens in the committee, I know its mostly food but definitely a fun one.
- **Associative Committees:**
  - **LITS:** Lea Barros
    - **Lea Barros:** Hey guys, I'm Lea. I am the liaison between the Library and IT services and SA. Essentially, what we work with is anything that has to do with library or internet and technology that affects the student body. So, for example, one of our projects is working on the mass email problem. We also analyze student survey of the Wi-Fi to be able to see how we can improve it to serve you best. So, our projects are pretty cool and they don't involve a lot of time to dedicate. You just come to the meeting and we discuss it.
  - **Mental Health & Wellness Collective:** Mackenzie Burton
    - **Mackenzie Burton:** So, we work on the communications with the counseling center and administration regarding mental health on campus. We are working on a couple different things this semester than Sam and the committee had already been working on last semester like posters and working with David Walden.
  - **Philanthropy:** Penelope Hoopes



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- **Penelope Hoopes:** Hi. This committee is really just a liaison between the actual Philanthropy Club and Student Assembly. If you are on the committee all we do is attend the club meetings so if you like raising money and doing fun activities it's great. This semester we are focused on a young civil leadership scholarship that we do each year. It is dedicated to a kid in the area which is pretty cool.
- **Traditions:** Nadav Konforty
  - **Nadav Konforty:** Hi, I'm Nadav, chair of the traditions committee. So, of course, we are working on continuing old traditions and starting some new ones this semester. Essentially the bulk of it is event planning. So, if that's what you like to do, it's wonderful come join me. Last semester we worked on things such as fall fest, citrus bowl, and lighting of the village. So, if that sounds like your speed you know where to find me.
- **Sustainability:** Michael Moubarak
  - **Michael Moubarak:** Hey all. I am Mike and I run the sustainability committee. Basically, we are a collaboration between the Hamilton Sustainability Coordinators, which is another sustainability group on campus, and SA. We kind of see our goal as trying to leverage SA's position between the student body and the administration to advance some of the sustainability goals on campus. We are going to try to collaborate with some of the other sustainability clubs. A couple of initiatives we had last semester were open hours which was basically a way to create a forum for discussions around climate change and sustainability on campus. We also started the compost program in the suites. And we have hosted all the E-board members of sustainability clubs on campus for collaborative brainstorms and meetings. We are really trying to make sustainability and environmental programs on campus more accessible to people. So, if you are interested in that, that is what we do.
  - **Tommy Keith:** Awesome, so at the end of this meeting we will have all our new members sign up for the committees that they want to be on. We are going to have them sign up for at least two committees.

### 8. Announcements

**Orientation Leader Applications-** Due by Friday January 31st. Apply through the [online](#)



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[google form](#) sent to your email or pick up a hard copy at the Mail Center, Glen House, Days-Massolo Center, COOP, or Res Life office!

- **Tommy Keith:** I personally encourage everyone to apply, even if you believe that you are not currently up for the task. Orientation is an integral part of every students' transition to campus and we want to ensure that we have the best leaders in place to make this transition smooth! If you have any questions, there's an information session for 7-9 on Wednesday in Sadove Conference Room where you can ask former leaders questions about the orientation process.

### DMC Update-

- **Ashley Garcia:** The DMC, Womxn's Center, and SMART have begun working with the YWCA to create office hours on campus. This is a resource that is useful if you need to talk to someone about domestic abuse or sexual assault or just have questions about sexual health or anything in that sphere. Their office hours will begin on February 4th. On Tuesdays, it will be from 12pm-1pm and on Thursdays, it will be from 5pm to 6pm. They will be held on the second floor of the DMC. We picked these times so athletes could fit it into their schedules. This resource is completely confidential. It is not tied to any office on this campus.

**First-Year Formal-** February 8th from 8pm-12am in the Annex and Events Barn.

**Funding Updates:** Strategic Budget deadline is Saturday February 8th at noon. Big Funding Meeting with all Treasurers is Sunday February 9th. SA Funding meeting where proposals are approved/denied by Student Assembly is Monday February 10th.

