

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

1/24/22

1. Call to Order

Present:

Emily Boviero
Isa Cardoso
Nickie Conlogue
Cicille Dan-Morton
Michelle Estrella
Max Ganem
Nevaeh Gutierrez
Abigail Hagan
Jackson Harris

Christian Hernandez
Emily Jiang
Tommy Keith
Lena Klink
Marvin Lopez
Joe Maalouf
Ryley McGovern
Subin Myong
Raymond Ni

Rafael Osella
Allison Sheehan
Matthew Sinning
Felix Tager

Unexcused:
Dewayne Martin

2. Land Acknowledgement

Emily Jiang read a [land acknowledgement](#) created by the Shenandoah-Kirkland Initiative (SKI).

3. General Public Comment Period

There are no public comments.

4. New Business

- **Approval of Minutes 12/6**

The motion to approve the Minutes of 12/6 passes via unanimous consent.

- **Confirm representative appointments: Tommy Keith '22, Gabriele Fett '23**

Tommy Keith mentioned that he was the Student Body President during the year of 2020 and expressed excitement to be returning back to the assembly. He noted that he believed his role to be assisting the members as a member who has had extensive experience on the assembly. He mentioned wanting to focus on clarity of COVID-19 guidelines, increasing the accessibility of SA, and working with administrators to ensure that institutional and financial power is used for good. In regards to the latter, he specifically mentioned mindful consumption and the diversion from fossil fuels. He reiterated that he is here as a resource for everyone in the assembly.

The motion to confirm Tommy Keith passes by unanimous consent.



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The motion to confirm Gabriele Fett was rescinded due to Fett no longer wanting to join.

- **Confirm cabinet: Treasurer Felix Tager '23, Secretary Raymond Ni '24, Parliamentarian Allison Sheehan '23, Director of Publicity Max Ganem '25**

Felix Tager mentioned that budgets are due this Friday and expressed excitement to resume his role as Treasurer.

Raymond Ni mentioned that this is his third semester as the Secretary of SA and asked if anyone knows someone who would be interested in helping out in the secretary department.

Allison Sheehan expressed her excitement about joining the Assembly. She mentioned having experience in facilitating and that she is familiar with the assembly although she has not previously served on it.

Max Ganem expressed excitement to be joining the board. He mentioned that he is open to suggestions and feedback which members might have regarding the publicity department.

The motion to confirm all cabinet members passes with unanimous consent.

- **Vote on J-board nominees: Julio Demb, Blake Wintermute**

Tommy Keith mentioned that he liked how Blake Wintermute's discussion about how students on the Judicial Board are often used as a cover for administration to punish students harshly. He enjoys how he wants to be a voice for the students instead of someone siding with the administration.

The motion to confirm Julio Demb and Blake Wintermute passes.

- **Funding**

Club Name	Requested Budget	Recommended Budget	Approved Budget
WINGS: Women Inspiring a Network	\$23.96	\$23.96	\$23.96



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of Growth & Support:			
Class of 2024 Sweatshirts - Requested by The Class of 2024 Delegation	\$1237.50	\$1237.50	\$1237.50

Felix Tager mentioned that next week will be strategic budgets so members should expect a long session. At the moment, it seems like the assembly is going to get a mix of people submitting strategic budget requests and non-strategic. He mentioned that he is still waiting for the totals of rollovers, but that he will have a budget for next semester either later tonight or tomorrow. He hoped that the rollover is enough that we can do more as an assembly, and potentially for club programming and club events. In regards to that he mentioned looking into different options with the finance committee. For the two budget requests on the agendas, WINGS is requesting money for candy for their club fair. The sweatshirts for the class of 2024 are a discretionary purchase which will come out of the \$10,000 discretionary budget. So far, around \$800 out of the \$10,000 have been used so far, so there is a lot left over. Felix mentioned that SA is looking to create a fund for traditions so that money for those will no longer come out of the SA budget. The majority of the money for traditions is currently coming from the Dean of Students Office which is contributing \$2500, and matched by the Student Activities Office.

The motion to approve the funding requests as recommended passes.

- **President of Class of 2023 Joe Maalouf: Printers in Dorm Buildings**

Joe Maalouf mentioned that he wanted to give equal access to college resources to those around the campus who are far away (e.g. students living in gray side dorms) from certain resources such as printers. He mentioned that lots of students opt to purchase their own printer for a lack of accessibility, especially students on Gray Side. He states that this is not an issue of laziness but fairness; it is not fair to ask students on Gray Side to walk 20 minutes to go to an academic building to try to find the closest printer. WebPrint lists 17 available printers and currently 1902 students are enrolled at Hamilton. Thus, each printer should service 112 students. The total number of students living on Gray Side, assuming full capacity, is 388. Therefore, the one printer in Bundy Cafe services over 3 times the amount of students that the printers up the hill are meant



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to service. Joe mentioned that he is in the process of scheduling a meeting with David Robrik, who is the Director of Hamilton's Tech infrastructure, and his associates to talk about the feasibility of the subject. He also mentioned wanting to address how to service printers themselves and setting up WebPrint for their own printers as these issues have been brought up to him. He wanted to bring this issue up to the assembly and the student body to gauge their interest in pursuing it and opened the floor to anyone who wants to comment.

Isa Cardoso thanked Joe for bringing this idea up as she lives in Wally J. She mentioned that there is also a printer in Bristol that can service Gray Side that's closer to Wally and Wertimer. She noted that the printers in Bristol and Bundy should be the same distance to the Gray Side dorms as KJ to the Dark Side dorms. She asked if Joe is suggesting adding a printer in each of the Gray Side dorms or just adding another printer to Gray Side.

Joe Maalouf replied that even with the printer in Bristol, two printers is still a very few for the amount of students that live on Gray side and that they would still service more students than the printers up the hill. He considered putting printers in the dorms as, with Gray Side being mostly residential life, there is a lack of common spaces where a printer could be placed.

Felix Tager mentioned that this is a good thing for those with disabilities and academic accommodations. He noted that many people in wheelchairs, for example, are not able to easily access these resources such as printers. He mentioned that there are a lot of small things like this printer issue that impact students on a daily basis. He mentioned the major LITS expenses that are currently happening: major revamps of the wifi, WebAdvisor, and pay request shifts. Therefore, a lot of purchases are happening this semester. SA would need to figure out if new printers would be feasible as this might be a huge purchase outside of their general costs especially as printers are a long-term purchase with the continuous cost of paper and ink.

Isa Cardoso mentioned that the idea of accessibility is very important and believes this is something SA should take on. She mentioned possibly asking for one more printer and placing it in Sken where disability housing is located. She noted that one printer is not that much of a financial burden, in the name of accessibility on campus. She mentioned that requesting this through Residential Life and Safety would not be an unreasonable thing to do for the assembly.

Joe Maalouf replied that it was a good middle ground to have a printer in Skenandoa as it is a good distance from the dorms on the side of the hill on which Wally J and Wertimer



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are located. He noted that the best thing would be to ask for as much as we can get but that a printer in Skenandoa would be a good target.

Emily Jiang noted that the ResLife and Safety committee could prepare to work on this issue.

- **Food Service Consultant Focus Groups (2/7)**

Noelle Niznik introduced herself as the advisor to SA. She noted that she was contacted by Lucy Burke who is in charge of college food contracts. The school will bring in a food service consultant to talk about the dining options on campus. She mentioned that they would like focus groups of students possibly organized by class year and hoped that the Health Committee would help with coordinating them. She noted that this is a great opportunity to give feedback about Hamilton's dining options so that they can improve in any way that makes sense.

Felix Tager asked whether now is the best time to ask about religious accommodations to the food on campus.

Noelle Niznik replied that this is something that can be talked about with the food service consultant focus group.

- **Treasurer Felix Tager '23: Town Hall, SAF proposal**

Felix Tager mentioned that he is working with the budget committee to turn the Student Activities fund into an agency fund starting in the 2022/2023 academic year. This would allow for annual rollovers for all departments under the Student Activities Fee. It will be formally sent to the budget committee in writing this week, and SA should hear back in March; Felix mentioned that he will be there in person for the vote. Additionally, SAFC is planning a Town Hall to hear club leader's and student's inputs on the new funding model. The hope is to do it sometime mid-February but more updates will be coming soon.

- **SA Spring 2022 Onboarding/Expectations Presentation**
- **Committee Assignments**

5. Announcements

- Club Fair on February 4th from 11am-2pm; various locations around campus, big prizes for clubs and participants



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- Open to anyone: read over the Constitution (available on the SA website) and highlight parts that are wrong or missing for the constitutional rewrite initiative
- SA Retreat on February 20th; Attendance is mandatory

