

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**1/31/22**

**1. Call to Order**

**Present:**

Emily Boviero

Isa Cardoso

Nickie Conlogue

Michelle Estrella

Max Ganem

Nevaeh Gutierrez

Abigail Hagan

Jackson Harris

Emily Jiang

Tommy Keith

Lena Klink

Marvin Lopez

Joe Maalouf

Dewayne Martin

Ryley McGovern

Subin Myong

Raymond Ni

Rafael Osella

Allison Sheehan

Matthew Sinning

Felix Tager

**Excused:**

Cicille Dan-Morton

Christian Hernandez

**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 1/24**

*The motion to approve the 1/24 minutes passes unanimously.*

- **Introduction from President Joe Maalouf '23**

**Joe Maalouf** addressed specifically the Class of 2023 and the assembly. He thanked the Class of 2023 for choosing him as their class president emphasizing that it is both an honor and a privilege as it is the quintessential leadership role for a college student. He expressed his excitement for what lies ahead. He noted that the class had a turbulent past in the assembly, but he expressed his hope that his leadership will bring back a sense of normalcy to the assembly. He mentioned wanting to represent this community with order and resolve. He hoped that through cooperation with his fellow representatives, actively listening to the voices of the people he represents, his representation in SA committees, and following the guidelines in the constitution, he will be able to represent his community with sincerity and goodwill and most importantly lead



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by example. He emphasized that he wants to get feedback and hear what the Class of 2023 has to say specifically in regards to what events they want to hold, their concerns, worries, wants, and needs. He noted that he will do everything he can with his position of power to represent the community as best as he can. He encouraged the community to reach out to him. He mentioned that he is planning to hold a town hall for his class to share concerns vocally. He noted that he wants to look into filling the two empty class representatives seats in his class delegation. He hoped that his actions will speak louder than his words and that he has already begun his work by addressing the lack of accessible printers on campus. He mentioned that he hopes to listen to the student body, represent them well, and bring back some normalcy to the Assembly.

- **President Emily Jiang '25 and Parliamentarian Allison Sheehan '23:  
Constitutional Review Committee Appointments**

**Emily Jiang** mentioned that they wanted their administration to go over, rewrite, amend, and add the constitution as needed. They have decided on the committee members for the Constitutional Review Committee which will include everyone who expressed interest in being on it.

**Allison Sheehan** read aloud the names of the 9 members of the committee including herself as the Chair. She mentioned reaching out to members via email soon and clarified that everyone who has an idea for an amendment can reach out to representatives, not just the ones on the board. She expressed excitement for working with the Committee.

**Emily Jiang** emphasized that everyone from the student body and interested faculty can bring issues regarding the constitution up to them, Allison, and members of the Assembly. They mentioned that this would be greatly appreciated.

- **President Emily Jiang '25: Increase Discretionary Fund for Programming**

**Emily Jiang** formally requested to increase this semester's discretionary budget to \$30k. This is a large increase due to the low amount of spending last semester and thus a large amount of money being rolled back. They mentioned running on a platform for hosting more events for the school which they hope to implement because it will not only improve the quality of student's lives but it will also help SA be more involved with student's lives. With this increase, there is the possibility for more events organized by the E-Board including winter care packages for every student. There will also be an increase in budget for each class year and a budget for other events. They mentioned that this increases for this semester only. If extra funds will not be used, they would not be used otherwise and any leftovers will go to the general school fund next year.



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Additionally, they mentioned that costs have gone up due to inflation but the amount of money available to SA has stayed the same. To approve this request to increase the SA budget past the 10% stated in the constitution, a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote from the central council is required.

**Questions/ Comments:**

**Jackson Harris** asked what the current discretionary fund amount is.

**Felix Tager** replied that the discretionary fund is \$10k total and there are \$18k from rollbacks.

**Tommy Keith** asked how much money will be left over for nonstrategic spending if this was to be moved into the discretionary fund.

**Felix Tager** answered that there would be \$36k left over if this move were to happen.

*The motion to add \$20k to the discretionary fund from the nonstrategic fund passes unanimously.*

○ **Funding Recommendations**

Club Name	Requested Budget	Recommended Budget	Approved Budget
Plants @ Hamilton	\$710.22	\$710.22	\$710.22
Volleyball Club	\$250.68	\$250.68	\$250.68
Slowfood	\$385.00	<i>RESUBMIT</i>	N/A
Tumbling After	\$150.00	\$150	\$150
Board Club	\$873.00	\$873	\$873
Pottery Club	\$4,200.00	\$4,200	\$4,200
HC Winds	\$210.00	\$210	\$210
Finance Club	\$3,575.00	\$3,575	\$2,575
Special K	\$950.00	\$950	\$950
Powder Club	\$3,302.40	\$3,302.40	\$3,302.40



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<b>Society of Physics Students</b>	\$300.00	\$300	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Pokemon Club</b>	\$387.40	\$387.40	<b>\$387.40</b>
<b>Hamilton Questbridge</b>	\$4,154.63	\$4,155.63	<b>\$4,155.63</b>
<b>Poetry Slam Club</b>	\$1,957.74	\$1,976.74	<b>\$1,976.74</b>
<b>Aquaponics</b>	\$665.66	\$665.66	<b>\$665.66</b>
<b>Pre-Health Careers Club</b>	\$43.53	\$43.53	<b>\$43.53</b>
<b>Humans of Hamilton</b>	\$473.50	\$473.50	<b>\$473.50</b>
<b>Pretty Tough</b>	\$339.79	\$339.79	<b>\$339.79</b>
<b>Juggling Club</b>	\$653.17	\$653.17	<b>\$653.17</b>
<b>Duelly Noted</b>	\$2,385.54	\$2,385.54	<b>\$2,385.54</b>
<b>Spanish Club</b>	\$640.35	\$640.35	<b>\$640.35</b>
<b>ASU (Asian Student Union)</b>	\$1,847.90	\$1,847.90	<b>\$1,847.90</b>
<b>WINGS</b>	\$106.67	\$106.67	<b>\$106.67</b>
<b>La Vanguardia</b>	\$438.00	\$438	<b>\$438</b>
<b>Bowling Club</b>	\$4,927.04	\$4,927.04	<b>\$4,927.04</b>
<b>French Club</b>	\$1,240.00	\$1,240	<b>\$1,240</b>
<b>On The Move</b>	\$1,200.00	\$1,200	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Blockchain Club</b>	\$479.41	\$479.41	<b>\$479.41</b>
<b>Ping Pong Club</b>	\$848.06	\$848.06	<b>\$848.06</b>
<b>Film Club</b>	\$140.00	\$140	<b>\$140</b>
<b>SAAC</b>	\$360.00	\$360	<b>\$360</b>
<b>YDSA</b>	\$245.27	\$245.27	<b>\$245.27</b>
<b>American Chemical Society</b>	\$3,160.00	\$3,160	<b>\$3,160</b>
<b>French Club</b>	\$110.00	\$110	<b>\$110</b>
<b>ICA</b>	\$145.00	\$145	<b>\$145</b>
<b>2024 Delegation</b>	\$965.60	\$965.60	<b>\$965.60</b>
<b>SA Media</b>	\$120.00	\$120	<b>\$120</b>



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**Felix Tager** noted that his Deputy Treasurers went through the funding requests to check whether they were compliant with funding codes. Clubs and groups who have not submitted a compliant funding request would have been emailed from him noting the noncompliance. The only club that he has not heard back from is Slow Foods, but everyone else's funding requests have been compliant. He mentioned that the assembly can fund all these strategic budget requests fully without it affecting the budget significantly. Furthermore, he has reached out to the clubs who have not submitted their strategic budgets who normally do during the spring. The Finance committee passed every single budget unanimously, although he noted that there is a representative for the Class 2022 missing which makes it an uneven vote.

**Marvin Lopez** mentioned that if anyone had any concerns and wanted to divide a specific budget request for questioning, they should raise it up. That request will be saved for the very end of the meeting for debate.

**Felix Tager** read out loud the funding requests from Plants @Hamilton to Pretty Tough.

**Jackson Harris** mentioned that he was curious about some of the bigger requests but noted that if the treasurers approved the budgets, he feels that the assembly should approve them all.

**Felix Tager** mentioned that the reason why Pottery Club was requesting so much money is because the space needed is massive and because the funding is greater to go downtown due to the club being one of the largest and most active clubs on campus. Bowling Club also follows this trend. Poetry Slam is going on a trip to a conference they participate in every year. Powder Club does three ski trips which cost a lot. The QuestBridge funding is used to provide care packages for their members which is also done annually and funded. Finance Club is taking a trip to New York City along with hosting a variety of events this semester which is also true for many other clubs asking for funding.

**Abby Hagan** asked to repeat what the Finance Club funding request was for.

**Felix Tager** confirmed that it is for their yearly trip to New York City.

*The motion to approve the funding requests for Plants @ Hamilton, Volleyball Club, Tumbling After, Board Club, Pottery Club, HC Winds, Finance Club, Powder Club, Society of Physics Students, Pokemon Club, Hamilton Questbridge, Poetry Slam Club, Aquaponics, Pre-Health Careers Club, Humans of Hamilton, and Pretty Tough passes unanimously via voice vote.*



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**Dewayne Martin** motioned to vote for all the funding requests all at once without having to read through the entire list.

*The motion to vote for all the funding requests all at once passes unanimously via voice vote.*

**Joe Maalouf** mentioned that he needed to recuse himself from two of the clubs being voted on because he is the president of them, in accordance with voting guidelines.

**Emily Boviero** suggested that if any other people have to abstain from voting for a funding request, they can just not vote for them.

*The motion to approve the remaining funding requests passes via voice vote.*

**Emily Jiang** noted that anyone who needs to abstain from a particular funding request should email them or make note of that in the SA Slack.

## **5. Announcements**

- This Friday (Feb 4) is the Club Fair! 11am-2pm at various locations around campus. Awesome prizes if you complete a passport and go to the different stops to meet the club leaders. 60 clubs will be represented! Look out for the campus email from [involve@hamilton.edu](mailto:involve@hamilton.edu)
- Emily Boviero '24 has resigned from her post effective January 31st.
- Please submit proof of your COVID booster onto the health portal, linked [here](#).
- Remember to register for weekly COVID tests! Registration helps the process move along quicker, reducing long lines at testing. Link is [here](#), and in your email.
- We want to fund your events! If there are any events, big or small, that you want to see on-campus, please reach out to the President, VP, or your class representatives!
- SA members, please submit your bios to the Publicity Director if you have not already.
- 2/20 SA retreat!

