

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING

2/7/22

1. Call to Order

Present

Nickie Conlogue
Cicille Dan-Morton
Michelle Estrella
Max Ganem
Nevaeh Gutierrez
Christian Hernandez
Tommy Keith
Lena Klink
Marvin Lopez
Joe Maalouf

Ryley McGovern
Raymond Ni
Rafael Osella
Allison Sheehan
Matthew Sinning
Felix Tager

Excused:

Abigail Hagan
Isa Cardoso
Subin Myong
Emily Jiang
Jackson Harris
Dewayne Martin

2. Land Acknowledgement

Marvin Lopez 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 1/31**

The motion to approve the minutes of 1/31 passes via voice vote.

- **Committee Updates:**

- **Justice & Equity**

Neveah Gutierrez thanked Christian Hernandez Barragan for leading the committee last semester. She acknowledged that the committee wants to continue to be an outlet for all marginalized groups by being a committee in which students can confide. They also want to continue relations with the HEOP director, Aaron Ray. The J&E Committee wants to partner with all the cultural organizations out of the DMC.

- **Student Health**

Michelle Estrella-Dominguez gave an update on the Student Health Committee. She mentioned meeting with David Walden and being in the process of scheduling a meeting with Lucy Burke.



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She noted that Nevaeh, Ryley and herself have met with David Porter today to discuss dining at Hamilton.

■ **Sustainability & Facilities**

Marvin Lopez noted that he has previously mentioned a merger between the ResLife and Safety committee and Sustainability and Facilities committee. The merger is not going to take place anymore due to logistical difficulties. Instead, he will be chairing the Sustainability and Facilities committee himself. He mentioned that he has been working with Brian Hansen and on filling vacancies for college committees. Anyone, including students who are not on the Assembly, can join this committee by reaching out via email.

Food & Nutrition at Hamilton: Variety, Accommodations, Gray Side

Felix Tager mentioned that SA is working on accommodations for religious reasons. Something else they are working on is opening up Bundy Cafe for people who live on Gray Side. This will allow a more safe and accessible environment especially for those with disabilities and with the current temperatures.

Marvin Lopez mentioned that he and Emily spoke to President Wippman about dining accommodations. He mentioned that the college is still in the process of finding more workers for Bon Appetit and asked Student Health to follow-up and take over responsibility for further discussions.

Student Activities Funding Committee (SAFC) Update

Felix Tager mentioned that SAFC has begun the policy writing process for 3 legislative documents: Funding Codes, Funding system, and the Rollover System. This is still under negotiation with the budget committee of the College, but Felix mentioned being optimistic that it will go through. He mentioned the current timeline being as follows: In the next two weeks policy should be hitting the Assembly, after which the Assembly will get public comments from the student body through an event like town halls as this is something that impact club leaders and he wanted them to have a chance to express their opinions. After, it will be voted on by the Assembly. Because this is a constitutional amendment, it will require votes from the student body, so it will be put on an election. He expressed hope that the Funding Codes and Funding system will begin in the middle of March during spring break so that the funding for the following academic year can be begun after.

- **SA Tables on Campus**



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Marvin Lopez mentioned that Jackson Harris and Ashley García brought this idea up and that he wrote up some preliminary goals of the SA table. He noted that it was something that gained a lot of support last semester and that SA really wants to make it happen. Maybe including providing incentives at a later date as well. He urged the assembly to comment or raise questions. He stated that it is not a formal proposal but informed the Assembly that decisions on the SA Tables will be made next week. He noted that class presidents meet with their constituents every so often and this could be the first step to fulfilling the Town Hall requirement for representatives.

Joe Maalouf asked if this would be a replacement for the two town hall requirements each class president has to fulfill each semester.

Allison Sheehan answered that class presidents could go ahead and fill the available spots and have the SA table count towards that requirement.

Marvin Lopez added that they are trying to see what exactly the requirements for the town hall are but if the SA table fulfills the requirements for it, it would count. He also noted that this plan is not a formal proposal and that it can be modified.

Nickie Conlogue asked how many weeks SA is planning to do this.

Marvin Lopez responded that SA is currently understaffed but that the table can run for as little or as long as the Assembly wants. He stated that doing it consistently for four weeks would show commitment. The schedule is flexible so that SA can be there to listen to people.

Tommy Keith mentioned that there should only be two or three people per spot because he does not want to overwhelm students.

Marvin Lopez replied that the number of people on the preliminary schedules are the amount of people that that schedule can accommodate overall, which range between 2-20 assembly members.

- **Funding**



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Club Name	Requested Budget	Recommended Budget	Approved Budget
Association for Women in Mathematics	\$61.37	\$61.37	\$61.37
Blockchain Club	\$280.13	\$280.13	\$280.13

Joe Maalouf asked what the \$280.13 that Blockchain Club requested is going towards.

Marvin Lopez replied that it was for a trip to NYC.

The motion to fund the Association for Women in Mathematics and Blockchain Club as recommended passes unanimously via voice vote.

5. Announcements

- Christian Hernandez '24 has resigned from his post effective February 12th.
- 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.
- Org leader training is now closed, if you have not completed org leader training, you will be notified by student activities soon. Please do not reach out to student activities asking if you have been approved, you will only get an email if you have not been.
- 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!

Christian Hernandez Barragan thanked everyone who has made his time on the assembly a good experience and thanked his delegation. He also gave a big shout out to the Justice and Equity Committee which consisted of freshmen. Lastly, he shouted out Tommy Keith for being the person who brought him onto the assembly. He mentioned that members of the assembly have criticized what he has done while on SA and asked for them to reflect on those comments. He hoped people can go forward with a more positive mindset.



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Marvin Lopez thanked Christian and the Class of 2024 delegation on behalf of the SA E-Board for planning and organizing the Declaration Day event.

