



Hamilton College Student Assembly

General Meeting of the Central Council - March 28th, 2022

8:30 PM – 10:00 PM, Sadove Conference Room Minutes

1. Call to Order

Present:

Isa Cardoso
Nickie Conlogue
Michelle Estrella
Max Ganem
Nevaeh Gutierrez
Abigail Hagan
Jackson Harris
Josue Herrera Rivera
Emily Jiang

Tommy Keith
Lena Klink
Marvin Lopez
Joseph Maalouf
Dewayne Martin
Ryley McGovern
Evelyn Molina
Adina Mujica
Subin Myong

Raymond Ni
Rafael Osella
Allison Sheehan
Matthew Sinning

Excused:

Cicille Dan-Morton
Felix Tager

- *We are working with the Oneida Nation to create a new land acknowledgment as well as actionable plans to honor our commitment to developing a relationship with the Oneida Nation.*

2. General Public Comment Period

There are no public comments.

3. New Business

- **Approval of Minutes from 3/7 (TIME 01:15)**

The motion to approve the 3/7 minutes passes unanimously.

- **Class of 2023 Representative Appointment: Evelyn Molina '23 (TIME 01:33)**

Evelyn Molina introduced herself and noted that she made a public comment regarding the mold issue in the Dark Side dorm rooms a few weeks ago. She mentioned feeling some satisfaction seeing her action cause a chain of events to fix the issue which motivated her to join SA. She hopes to be more hands-on through being part of the process of addressing issues on campus such as mold and promoting sustainability on campus. She additionally wants to address the isolation COVID-19 has caused many students in the junior class. She expressed her wish to contribute by helping to create more inclusive events and activities that will connect the junior class.



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The motion to confirm Evelyn Molina passes by unanimous consent.

- **Honor Court Confirmation: Nathan Cohen '25** ([TIME 03:28](#))

Nathan Cohen introduced himself and mentioned that he is applying to the Honor Court because he cares about fairness and upholding a culture of fairness and wants to ensure the integrity of the honor court. He believes that listening to the students who are accused and to the witnesses and truly trying to understand the different perspectives of those involved would be the most important job of the honor court shall he be confirmed. He stated that the Honor Court should not exist to punish students and that, when sanctions are necessary they should be appropriate and proportionate. There should not be a goal of vengeance but of fairness.

Adina Mujica asked what perspectives he would like to give to J-Board and the honor court.

Nathan Cohen answered that people will interpret things in different ways, however, it is important to consider nuance and complexity when interpreting these cases. He expressed the need to take in the information during a hearing rather than judging it.

The motion to confirm Nathan Cohen to the Honor Court passes unanimously.

- **Judicial Board Confirmation: Kiley Hartman '23** ([TIME 06:20](#))

Kiley Hartman wrote the following speech which was read aloud:

“Unfortunately, I cannot be here in person, but I am still excited to share with all of you why I decided to run for the judicial board here at Hamilton. I am a part of the class of 2023, a government major, and a women and gender studies minor. I have a significant amount of technical knowledge of the federal judicial system because of my experience on the Mock Trial team; however, that is not what motivated me to run. Our judicial system favors certain privileged individuals over others. Ensuring the court works as it is meant to means making a concerted effort to eliminate biases at all levels of the judicial system while also reimagining the system in its entirety. I believe that can start at the most rudimentary level, specifically in how we choose to operate judicial proceedings at Hamilton. I hope to serve as a fair and unbiased judge of the student population using the experience and prior knowledge that I have. Our system at Hamilton only works if there is intention and care behind every action and decision and I am confident I will be able to meet that need as a student on the Judicial Board. Thank you for your



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time!”

The motion to confirm Kiley Hartman to the Judicial Board passes unanimously.

- **Org Relations Chair Confirmation: Alexandra Kropaneva ‘25 ([TIME 08:34](#))**

Alexandra Kropaneva introduced herself and mentioned that she has been working with the student activities office since the fall as a programmer and helped students do the organizational part of events on campus such as Late Nite events. She expressed her excitement about joining SA and helping with student life on campus.

The motion to confirm Alexandra Kropaneva as Org Relations Chair passes unanimously.

- **Elections Schedule Emailed to Class of 2023, 2024, 2025 ([TIME 08:14](#))**
 - The schedule will be available on the SA website
 - [Student Assembly - Home - Hamilton College](#)

Marvin Lopez mentioned that election emails have been sent to the rising sophomore, junior, and senior classes. Posters will be sent out on the Instagram account and more emails will come soon. He encouraged interested students and current members of the Assembly to be on the lookout should they be interested in a position for the next school year.

- **Funding Requests: ([TIME 09:40](#))**

Club Name	Requested Budget	Recommended Budget
Hamilton College Debate	\$6,588.20	\$6,588.20
La Vanguardia	\$21.70	\$21.70
PreHealth Careers Club	\$207.57	\$207.57
Plants at Hamilton	\$2,251.70	\$2,251.70

Matthew Sinning asked what the Hamilton College Debate team money is going into.

Marvin Lopez answered that it is for some sort of competition and that Felix Tager can provide more information on it in the future.



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Joe Maalouf answered that it is for a trip to DC.

4. Announcements (**TIME 11:25**)

- Class Rep Tommy Keith '22 will join the Teaching Award Committee and assist Dean Suzanne Keen and previous faculty members in the review process.
- All students are welcome to attend SA committee meetings as times and locations are released. If you're interested in joining a committee as a member, please contact the chair and/or the SA email account.
- **Student Assembly Care/Wellness Packages for Students**
 - Inter-departmental collaboration - submit item ideas [here!](#)

Alexandra Kropaneva mentioned that if an organization is hosting an event that requires a contract such as hiring a DJ or renting any materials, they need to inform Student Activities about the contract by Friday, April 8th. Similarly, if the organization is traveling, Student Activities must be informed by April 8th. Additionally, contracts for travel requests should be made at least 10 days prior to the events. The last date to host an event or program is Friday, May 6th as no programs are permitted during Reading Days and Final's week except for the approved study breaks.

Emily Jiang mentioned that student care packages will be going out before the end of April and that if anyone has any items ideas they should submit them through the link on the minutes and the agenda.

Noelle Juliano mentioned that the Student Activities office is embarking on a rebranding. They reorganized their office about a year ago and are now looking to rename the office which they want student feedback on. She asked for comments on the name for a more inclusive name that is more encompassing of what the office does.

Emily Jiang noted that the SA reps have been aware of the discrimination and harassment on the app Jodel. The upcoming closed session is going to talk about the contents on Jodel and how to address it as an assembly. They mentioned that SA is in contact with the administration and other NESCACS regarding this issue.

Motion: Closed Session

- **Discussion:** Jodel Email Proposition - (Class President Joe Maalouf '23)
- **Announcement: Hamilton Campus Event Response Team (CERT)**
(VP Marvin Lopez '23)



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- Travis Hill is looking to host a small focus group with SA members before the project is shared with the greater campus community.
- If interested, the goal of this focus group is to provide feedback on a draft and the overall plan to formalize the CERT.

5. Adjournment

If you would like to be put on the agenda for a public comment, email sa@hamilton.edu by 8:00 PM on Sunday. Otherwise, submit them [here](#) using your Hamilton email account.