



# Hamilton College Student Assembly

General Meeting of the Central Council - May 2nd, 2022

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**8:30 PM – 10:00 PM, Zoom  
Minutes**

## 1. Call to Order

### Present:

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

Lena Klink  
Alex Kropaneva  
Marvin Lopez  
Joe Maalouf  
Dewayne Martin  
Ryley McGovern  
Evelyn Molina  
Adina Mujica  
Subin Myong

Raymond Ni  
Rafael Osella  
Allison Sheehan  
Matthew Sinning  
Felix Tager

### Unexcused:

Josue Herrera Rivera

- *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 (**TIME: 1:30**)

**Connor Feldman '22 (he/him)** wrote:

“There has been a lot of talk about the "problem" with parking on campus. Park in North Lot and walk. The furthest you are from north lot is Milbank, which is probably a 20 minute walk. Problem solved.”

**Saphire Ruiz '22 (they/them)** wrote:

“Hey I wrote this final reflection about my time on SA and I suggest everyone read!  
<https://www.hamiltonmonitor.com/post/final-reflections-on-my-time-as-president-of-student-assembly>”

**Michael Scoleri '24 (he/him)** wrote:



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“There needs to be more public parking near the Bundy Residence Halls.”

**Nathaniel Field '24 (he/him)** wrote:

“The only parking that is remotely close to Bundy is the skenendoah parking lot and the wertimer parking lot. Nevertheless, these lots, especially skenendoah are almost always full. When I lived in Bundy my roommate and I had to park in the Ferguson and even north lot on multiple occasions which just seems wrong. When u look at Bundy cafe, I see empty park spaces that are seemingly never used. It’s frustrating to see the limited infrastructure that the school has being wasted. Allowing students to park in that Bundy lot is just one simple solution to this issue. I’m sure the school could come up with more solutions, but I offer just one.”

**Summer McClintic '24 (she/her)** wrote:

“More parking at Bundy please”

**Jackson Harris** responded to the public comments regarding parking near Bundy stating that the Res Life and Safety committee has mentioned this issue. Because this issue has been discussed and the committee is aware, it would be great if students would not submit duplicate comments. The lot in Bundy Cafe is only for deliveries and Bon Appetit. Furthermore, the lot has approximately eight parking spaces, so it is not a viable solution, because there are way more than eight people living in Bundy who would like to park there. He stated that he is not denying the presence of a problem but this is not a solution. A solution would involve a collective petition to the school to give money to Campus Safety and Facilities to build a new parking lot or expand the existing lot and open it to students. This, however, will not happen through the continued submission of public comments to SA, it will happen through concerns submitted to Karen Leach who is in control of the budget.

**Isa Cardoso** addressed the comment regarding parking in North Lot. She noted that it is not right for anyone to have to park in North Lot because it is far away and a 20-minute walk at night across campus is scary, especially for any person who is a woman or femme presenting. She mentioned that this has been a constant conversation with Frank Coots for the entire year. She stated that there is only so much the Assembly can do and that at a certain point, there is the need for the student body, not just the Assembly, to speak to administrators regarding these issues. She recommended that students who feel strongly about this issue go to higher-ups themselves as well.



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**Joe Maalouf** responded to the same comment as Isa Cardoso and mentioned that parking in North Lot is difficult and potentially dangerous because it is cold for most of the year and some dorms are far from the lot. In his opinion, this is something that should be considered when looking into providing more parking for students especially those who live in residence halls that are far away from parking lots or lots that are generally filled.

**Felix Tager** mentioned that the school itself is inaccessible. For someone with a physical disability, being on this campus is impossible. Not only is the College on a hill, but even in general, there is little regard for making this campus accessible. The Assembly is fighting so hard for Bundy Café to expand its options because students who cannot walk up the hill due to physical disabilities need to buy food as well. A lot of infrastructural issues are all related to accessibility. The parking issue is not just about congestion, cars, and safety. These concerns, especially safety, are all valid, but there is also the issue of accessibility. He noted that this campus is very dark in certain areas and expressed a need for more lights to increase safety. However, it is not just about safety but also about physical accessibility, which the College does not do enough about right now. He mentioned talking to the Building and Grounds Committee about this, however, noted that their mind is entirely on the renovations that need to be done and the Digital Hamilton Campaign. However, if there is a really strong push, maybe they can do something over the summer because something needs to be done before students come back to campus. With the size of the current freshman class, who will be able to bring cars next semester, there is an imminent need for a solution. This solution can be through Karen Leach and the Building and Grounds Committee, or through working with Res Life to figure out if there can be parking lots built around dorms where there is space. However, this is a long-term issue. Dorms and parking lots cannot be built immediately but if it is started now, it will be something that is beneficial to students in the long run.

**Noelle Juliano** mentioned that the issues of parking and food come up regularly. The issue never loses its importance. However, faculty and staff commute to campus, and therefore they get priority for parking. Students, once they park their cars, can walk on campus. Hamilton is trying to preserve nice grounds and greenery and not as many parking areas. On the flip side, however, it is inconvenient. She suggested that there should be a small group and brainstorm a different approach after reviewing past strategies for addressing this issue.

**Joe Maalouf** mentioned the need to have a conversation about this. He noted that one thing that can be done is allowing people to park in the Bundy loop as a primary temporary solution. This is something that can be done during finals weeks.



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**Marvin Lopez** mentioned that a committee can be put to address this issue. He noted that the Bundy loop might not be feasible, as there is fire hydrants there.

### 3. New Business

- **Approval of Minutes from 4/25**

*The motion to approve the 4/25 minutes passes unanimously.*

- **Guest Speaker: Marjorie Johnson and Anna Goula '22, Wellin Museum**  
**([TIME: 14:10](#))**

**Marjorie Johnson** introduced herself as the museum educator and the docent supervisor at the Wellin Museum of art.

**Anna Goula** introduced the docent position for students as they are hiring their next round of docents. She noted that docents will have the opportunity to engage with the art and different communities, lead tours, meet artists, and create art. She emphasized that this is a great opportunity for students to get involved with their passions, especially art.

**Marjorie Johnson** mentioned that there were other opportunities to work with the collection's curator. She introduced the Collections Assistant and the Artist Assistant student opportunities. She noted that the museum usually hires in August and considers applications from all class years. Students with questions about the position should contact [mljohnso@hamilton.edu](mailto:mljohnso@hamilton.edu)

**Marvin Lopez** reiterated that students interested in working for the Wellin should be on the lookout for recruitment events or job listings.

- **Updates:**
  - **Printer Initiative: Class President Joe Maalouf '23 (TIME: 31:00)**

**Joe Maalouf** mentioned that there is now 24/7 access to Bundy which allows 24/7 access to printers there. Furthermore, Hamilton is committed to guaranteeing food is available during finals week. This includes the omelet bar and the bagels. In the future, Bundy Café should expand its options but this is what could be done now given the time constraints. He noted that he is glad that something got done and hopes everyone enjoys the new Bundy hours.



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## **Wellness Packages Assembly Schedule: President Emily Jiang '25**

**([TIME: 32:35](#))**

**Emily Jiang** mentioned that they have ordered all the items and that packages will be distributed during finals week. They asked who would be available to help package items and if they would prefer to do so on Friday or Saturday. They emphasized that they would appreciate any help and encouraged people to bring their friends. The packaging will be done assembly-line style. Most of the items in the packages will be little wellness items and one or two edible items. Marvin also has secured some stuff from Clinton. Packages will be distributed through the mail center early during finals week. They thanked everyone for their help on the wellness packages.

### ■ **Movie Channel Usage: Noelle Juliano, Director of Student Activities**

**([TIME: 35:35](#))**

**Noelle Juliano** mentioned that the LITS Ambassadors met with the movie contractors. She mentioned that the price is going down for the coming contract. The money comes from the student activities fee. If students are not using it, they can reallocate the funds to clubs and other organizations. If students are utilizing it, the College should keep it. She noted that the cost is going down for the next three years. According to the students, the highlights from the session say that Hamilton's use is around 70% usage. One of the ambassadors can pull students and ask them if they are still interested in continuing this service. Some features are not utilized that come with the service such as 60-second announcements. The monthly survey option is the best option to advertise the service. If students are utilizing the service, however, it is worthwhile to keep it. She reiterated that she does not want to renew this subscription if students are not using it and rather turn to other streaming services. LITS ambassadors will follow up with the Assembly on this.

### ■ **Dean of Students + Dean of Faculty ([TIME: 41:30](#))**

**Emily Jiang** mentioned that the Dean of Students search process is confidential so they cannot say much about it. However, the interviews with candidates have been good. They mentioned that the Dean of Faculty position is open to students, faculty, and staff to attend. If students are invited to closed sessions, they should attend, because there is a need for student input. They emphasized the need for all to attend open meetings and for student involvement. Sessions are also streamed.



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**Max Ganem** expressed the need to send in SA pictures and updates for the SA newsletter. If anyone wants to be featured in the newsletter, they should send that information to him.

- **SA Tables Semester Recap and Updates: Marvin Lopez '23 + table participants! ([TIME: 44:10](#))**

**Marvin Lopez** thanked everyone who participated in the SA tables this semester. The tables were something SA was experimenting with and learned a lot about how to engage with the student body. This will be used to plan more interactions with the campus next year. There is one final SA table for this semester on May 7th on SA election day. There will be laptops so people can sign into their accounts and vote. Students will not only vote for student representatives but also votes on the new funding codes and the amendment to the Honor Court constitution. It is important to get votes because these votes can fail. He expressed his hope that members who have not participated in SA tables this semester will consider participating in this one because its main purpose is to get people to vote.

#### 4. Closed Session

- **Labor/Land Acknowledgment Updates/Proposal: President Emily Jiang '25**

#### 5. Announcements ([TIME: 45:30](#))

- This Friday is the Class and Charter Concert! The Food Truck Friday trucks will be featured at the concert in the Field House parking lot.
- Reminder that no club events or meetings can be held during reading days or finals.
- Class of 2025, please fill out the First-Year survey that was sent out by email on April 21st and 26th with the subject "Your First College Year Survey!" The results of this survey will be perused carefully by staff, namely the ALEX advisors, to improve the first-year experience for the future as well as the experience for sophomores next year. You could also win a \$100 gift card to a vendor of your choice! The survey takes about 15 minutes and consists largely of multiple choice questions.
- SA will have a table on Saturday May 7th, which is SA Election Day! Please stop by for instructions on how to cast your vote and laptops available to vote on. More information including time and location will be emailed later in the week.



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**Felix Tager** mentioned that club budgets for the following year are due this Friday, May 6th at noon. Late submissions will not be accepted.

## 5. Adjournment

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