
The Spring Semester has been a whirlwind for all Hamilton students, and our Assembly members were no exceptions. With the school transitioning, by necessity, to remote learning, many initiatives and events planned by the Assembly were effectively cancelled. Still, with the exceptional help of dedicated class presidents, representatives, and treasurers, and the work of a very active executive board, we managed to accomplish more than we could have hoped. Our accomplishments this semester include:

Executive

- Supported student activism with **solidarity statements and attendance** for Hamilton College Sunrise Organization's Climate Rally.
- Released [statement](#) condemning attempts to use the pandemic to vilify administrators.
- Responded to virtual harassment and discrimination with a [statement](#) and planned summer initiatives to create a more inclusive Assembly.
- Shared a [statement](#) with the student body in support of our community members during COVID-19, including guidance about appropriate resources.
- Transitioned to virtual Student Assembly meetings to ensure Assembly would continue to function remotely.
- Garnered student opinion of the remote grading policy and published data and a recommendation to Hamilton faculty.
- Brought relevant administrators to meetings to give up-to-date information on the college's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, relevant resources for students, and the new housing selection process.
- Adapted the first-ever remote Student Assembly election and garnered increased turnout with **175 more students** participating than in the previous year.
- Signed [Cornell's letter](#) calling on New York's Congressional Delegation to fight for greater measures that address students' needs in response to COVID-19, beyond the CARES Act.
- Pushed for greater graduate school and mental health flexibility amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Assembled the new Secretary Secretary Committee that consisted of 4 members from the general assembly.
- Established the Secretary Committee's role and how it will function as an essential element in the Student Assembly.
- Piloted a new form of Student Assembly minutes aimed at being more informative and user-friendly.

Org Recognition

- Received 19 applications to start new clubs and approved 12 of these new clubs.
 - Approved 5 of 7 organizations in the Spring
 - Approved 7 of 12 organizations in the Fall
- Restructured the mandatory club leader training to provide information in a more understandable way.



- Planned to host meetings towards the beginning of each new semester with the President and Vice President for every organization on campus .
- Brainstormed new guidelines for organization relations to ensure every organization is active and can access assistance if needed.

Thank you Orlando, Frank, Caroline, and Geoffrey!

Funding

- Allocated over \$79,000 to student organizations and Student Assembly
- Held the most time-efficient strategic funding meeting with class treasurers for initial strategic recommendations (total time ~ 6hrs)
- Established a work calendar for every treasurer to coordinate a weekly budget and bring it forward to the committee for reviewing prior to Student Assembly weekly meetings
- Communicated with student leaders on budget inquiries on a weekly basis
- Met with the Constitutional Committee to discuss future reconstruction of the Funding Codes
- Worked alongside the Constitutional Committee to create an addition, with ARTICLE I, SECTION 3, and an amendment, with ARTICLE X, SECTION 2, SUBPOINT A, to the Student Assembly's Constitution

Thank you Nicole, Omar, Lóri, Shavell, and Julian!

Constitution

- Proofread the entire Constitution and Bylaws, and drafted a **revised copy** for review in Fall 2020
- Passed amendments, in collaboration with the Executive Board and Org Relations Committee, expanding the **responsibilities of representatives**
- Heard arguments in **one constitutional dispute** and published formal opinions
- Produced one additional opinion and two recommendations to the Assembly
- Prepared a list of goals for this summer, to be addressed in weekly meetings
- Joined the Funding Committee to create the provisional **Funding Codes Committee**

Thank you Dylan, Jackson, Maya, Tatum, and Séamus!

Publicity

- Updated pages in the **SA Website** to make it more transparent and resourceful.
 - Initiatives, Traditions, Events Calendar, Media Coverage, Gallery
 - Lost and Finds, Menstrual Health, Helpful Sites and Apps, FAQ
 - Uploaded **statements and resolutions** passed in Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
- Brainstormed the installation of a new page on the website for **Summer Initiatives**
 - Available event log so student body can be aware of the progress on the action item
- Decorated and updated the Student Assembly Diner Bulletin Board.



- Collaborated and discussed sticker ideas with the Mental Health Committee to make students aware of faculty trained on handling difficult situations.
- Streamed events on social media using [Facebook Livestream](#).
- Piloted the first **Campaign Initiative** on the [Student Assembly's Instagram Story](#) to promote candidates and inform the student body on their platforms.

Thank you Ashley, Stephanie, Orlando, and Emily!

Cultural Affairs

- Introduced new objectives this semester to assist the Assembly with its initiatives to increase representation and to dedicate the Committee as a platform for these initiatives.
- Met with student leaders and Assembly members about the future of CAC.
- Created a master document with records of these meetings and will make it available to all student leaders.
- Tasked members with delegating action items and provide periodic updates on projects for the entire student body to be informed on.

Thank you Luis, Lóri, Amari, Jenny, Mariam, and Emily!

FRSH (Facilities, Res Life, Safety, Health)

Facilities:

- Coordinated with Facilities Management the installation of new dispensers for the **Menstrual Hygiene Product Initiative (MHPI)** in Commons, Gym, McEwen, and Sadove.
- Designed and distributed posters for MHPI.
- Discussed New water dispensers, washers, and dryers

Res Life:

- Met and invited Residential Life to a Student Assembly meeting to discuss Online Housing Lottery.

Overall:

- Sent a survey to the entire student body about things that could be improved within the committee.

Thank you Connie, Omar, Jeffrey, Amanda, and Amari!

Traditions

- Spearheaded the planning of a new tradition for sophomore's to celebrate the declaration of their majors.
- Collaborated with the Grilling Club and worked to secure outside funding for their Annual Pig Roast.
- Worked with SAAC in seeing the Winter Classic's big success this year.
- Began focusing on expanding the Lighting of Our Village event after receiving feedback from last semester's traditions.



Thank you Nadav, Tatum, Omar, and Nyaari!

Community Affairs

- Worked with various staff and administrators to brainstorm new initiatives for community
- Met regularly with Derek Roy from Bon Appetit to discuss food needs
- Discussed ways of increasing student engagement with members of the Alumni Office
- Began preliminary conversations on a new community effort regarding engraved bricks on Martin's way

Thank you Julian, Nyaari, Geoffrey, Jenny, and Amanda!

Philanthropy

- Multiple fundraisers to raise over \$300 for the ABC House.
- Awarded one \$4000 scholarship to a Proctor High School student.

Thank you Penelope, Caroline, and Matt!

LITS

- Discussed mass emails and daily events calendar to reduce clutter in student inboxes.

Thank you Lea, Shavell, Mariam!

Mental Health

- Began working on stickers that would identify faculty properly trained to handle situations and promote safe spaces.
- Focused on resource posters that would bring awareness to campus resources.
- Met with David Walden (Director, Counseling Center) and Dean Keen (Dean of Faculty).
- Brainstormed Mental Health and Wellness Day and Fair where students will be exposed to programs, campus resources for wellness, sign up to classes and activities, participate in raffles and games.

Thank you Mackenzie, Stephanie, Matt, and Frank!

Sustainability

- Distributed buckets for all suites participating in the composting program and collected compost weekly.
- Held an all campus meeting to facilitate conversation over the organization of Green Week with HSC and other sustainability initiatives on campus.



- Created a **sustainability newsletter** with FAQs and information on sustainability clubs and how to get involved.
- Began planning a **climate story sharing initiative** to share stories of the impact of climate change on members of the Hamilton community.
- Held climate open hours during McEwen lunch to discuss climate politics, science, and societal impact.

Thank you Mike, Jackson, Jeffrey, and Juliet!

*Despite COVID-19, the planning and brainstorming of various projects will continue to extend over the summer and the upcoming Fall 2020 semester. Thank you for all your hard work!

