

Fall 2019 Executive Summary

Executive

- Introduced SA at **orientation** through First-Year/Transfer Food Truck + Photo Booth.
- Presented to **trustees** on student needs and wants including student health, diversity and inclusion, climate crisis, and transparency and communication.
- Supported student activism with **solidarity statements** for Sustainability/Climate Strike and Indigenous People's Day.
- Held a solution-based **Town Hall** focused on Mental Health and Sustainability.
- Established norm of holding a Town Hall every semester, as opposed to every year.

Org Recognition

- Approved **eight** new student clubs.
- Future Plans: Implementing a club evaluation process.

Thank you Orlando, Jay, Bryce, Frank, Caroline, and Geoffrey!

Funding

- Funded over **\$75,000** to student organizations.

Thank you Alex, Julian, Frederick, Lóri, and Nicole!

Constitution

Constitutional:

- Decreased the **attendance requirement** for presidential hopefuls, making it easier for any student to run a campaign.

Bylaws:

- Adopted language and policy pertaining to **electronic votes**.
- Clarified **apparel-related funding codes** to better reflect policy.

Thank you Séamus, Eric, and Tatum!

Publicity

- Created/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
- Promoted and streamed events on **social media**, using Facebook Livestream and Instagram Story.
- Held an SA **Ice Cream Social**.
- Started **Reach Out** promotion in collaboration with Catherine Berryman and Dayna Campbell.

Thank you Ashley, Malik, Orlando, and Emily!

Cultural Affairs

International Week:

- Collaborated with WHCL to do an international music takeover, Trivia Night with international questions, and Chaplaincy for All Beliefs Union Spirituality around the World dinner discussion.
- Held **Multilingual Day**, a fair-style representation of students' language identities, where attendees could learn basic phrases and linguistic history.

Thanksgiving Break Planning:

- Organized a movie excursion, a self-care night, and shared a Community Lunch with staff members from over seven departments on campus.
- Offered a **matchup service** for Thanksgiving night for students and local staff/faculty.

Thank you Luis, Lóri, Jay, Malik, Frank, Nicole, 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 and a "Laundry Tips" Initiative.
- Discussed **social spaces** on campus, temporary alternatives and long term solutions.
- Inquired about the creation of a **memorial** for the students that passed away and coordinated with Heidi Wong '20 who will create the memorial.
- Attended a Trustee Meeting for updates on the **renovation** of: List, Chapel, Library, Benedict, Couper, and Root.

Res Life:

- Worked closely with Res Life on theme housing, RA roles, and the upcoming online housing.

Health:

- Worked on better communication between the **Health Center** and students while sick
- Received updates on health center hours and problems with getting new staff.

Safety:

- Met with Frank Coats to discuss RA vs. Campus Safety roles when it comes to parties.
- Discussed blue lights.

Thank you Connie, Eric, Jay, Isha, Dorothy, and Omar!

Traditions

- Had another successful **Fall Fest** that engaged the campus and the larger community with fun food, music, and the Off-the-Hill challenge!
- Fun-filled **Citrus Bowl** with beautiful singing, some cool shirts, and a great game!
- Second annual **Lighting of Our Village**.
- Took part in getting the **Carissima Project** off the ground to get the song re-integrated into the culture of Hamilton.

Thank you Nadav, Tatum, Omar, and Nyaari!

Community Affairs

Social Life:

- Hosted a **Community Affairs table** with Dean Martinez where students voiced concerns about diversity and inclusion and Hamilton social life.
- Discussed ways to make the **late-night jitney** safer and introducing more student accountability on the jitney.
- Worked with the Social Traditions committee on new campus-wide initiative and on possible class-specific events to promote an integrated Hamilton community.
- Discussed incorporating diversity and inclusion training as well as sustainability training more seamlessly into **orientation leader training**.

Food:

- Worked with Bon Appetit to provide environmentally friendly ways to dine on campus
- Resolved stocking issues in the dining halls, e.g., coffee lids, eating utensils, milk, and rice
- Pushing to diversify food on campus and authenticate meals from different cultures. Also publicizing the opportunity for student input in what meals get served... more to come!
- Future Plans: Working to discuss possible improvements to services like vending machines, Opus, Euphoria, and Jukeboxes... more to come!

Thank you Julian, Tommy, Lily, Nyaari, and Geoffrey!

Philanthropy

- Carried out **fundraising** initiatives such as: Wellness boxes during Midterms, Candy Grams for Halloween, and Bake Sales.
- Had a successful Thanksgiving with the **ABC House** and donated a portion of this semester's proceeds to them.
- Future Plans: Will host a dumpling sale during finals week and next semester will be dedicated towards raising money for the **Young Civic Leader Scholarship**.

Thank you Penelope and Juliet!

LITS

- Conducted **wifi survey** to address wifi issues on campus.
- Maintained great **movie channel** selections!
- Discussed mass emails and daily events calendar to reduce clutter in student inboxes.

Thank you Lea and Bryce!

Mental Health

- Focused on **resource posters**, and discussed the idea of utilizing QR codes on the posters (and perhaps on stickers) that would link to a website with campus resources.

- Examined compiling a list of faculty/staff who are willing to have life conversations with students.
- Met with David Walden (Director, Counseling Center) and Dean Keen (Dean of Faculty).
- Worked to facilitate a successful transition to the next committee and liaison.

Thank you Sam, Dorothy, and Isha!

Sustainability

- Established goal as a committee to use the influence with the student body and administration through SA as a way to elevate all environmentally themed clubs and issues on campus.
- Organized regular **meetings** with other environmentally themed clubs to create a forum about their work in sustainability.
- Created an **all-campus newsletter** contributed to by environmentally themed clubs as a way to inform the student body of our work and encourage involvement from our peers.
- Started sustainability **open hours** biweekly to create a forum for all students to voice their ideas or questions and encourage continuous discussion around the climate crisis.
- Piloted a **composting program in the dark-side suites** in which suites opt-in to composting. We collect the waste and bring it to the main campus compost dumpster. So far 12 suites signed up for the program.

Thank you Mike, Lily, Jay, Tommy, and Juliet!