

The Central Council of Student Assembly, Hamilton College  
**STATEMENT: RESPONSE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' DECISION REGARDING  
RESOLUTION 20-1  
OCTOBER 19TH, 2020**

Dear Chairman Sadove and Members of the Board of Trustees,

First, we would like to thank you for allowing Eric Kopp '22 and Cole Kuczek '23 to present at the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, October 2nd.

The Assembly appreciates the Board's commitment to greater student representation on trustee committees. We believe regular meetings between Student Assembly officers and Board leadership are an achievable goal that can be implemented for this semester and onwards. There should also be clearer roles for committee liaisons and defined responsibilities in both SA and Trustee bylaws. Student Assembly is currently working on codifying these changes in our Constitution. Officers of the Student Assembly have briefly talked to both President Wippman and Dean Martinez about a formal mechanism for student comments to be collected before matters are brought to the Board. The Assembly also appreciates the Board's willingness to enhance student communication. Officers of Student Assembly have also briefly discussed further measures and options in regard to communication with President Wippman.

The Trustees' response was a step in the right direction for greater interaction and input with the student body. However, Student Assembly affirms that the implementation of formal inclusion of students and recent alumni on the Board of Trustees should still be considered as a long-term discussion.

Student Assembly officers, led by Eric Kopp (SA Vice President), look forward to meeting with Chairman Sadove and other trustees to discuss strategies to increase student representation on the Board

Sincerely,

**Student Assembly**

