

“Talking Points”

Hamilton College – March 2017

Enrollment Update

- At the start of the spring semester, Hamilton welcomed 38 first-year students and 12 transfers
- Admission for the Class of 2021
 - Applications total 5,678, a record; this represents an increase of 8.6% over last year and a 4.5% increase over the prior all-time high achieved in 2015
 - Notification for Regular Decision applicants is March 24

News from On and Off Campus

- The College announced the Johnson-Pote Director’s Fund at the Wellin Museum; it is named for Linda Johnson ’80 and her late husband Harold Pote
- Recent Grant Activity:
 - \$500,000 from the Emerson Foundation to supplement the Fred L. Emerson Scholarship; the award includes a three-year 10-to-one challenge
 - \$103,739 to Cynthia Downs (biology) from the National Science Foundation (pending, but recommended for funding)
 - \$56,281 to Erica De Bruin (government) from the National Science Foundation (part of a larger grant with colleagues from SUNY Binghamton; pending, but recommended for funding)
 - \$12,490 to Tom Jones (anthropology) from the National Science Foundation (part of a larger grant with colleagues from Cal State Sacramento)
 - \$3,500 from the Mid Atlantic Foundation to support the performing arts
- The four committees that will lead the Strategic Planning process were announced in January:
 - Steering Committee, Interim Dean Margaret Gentry, Chair
 - Academic Vision Committee, Professor Marianne Janack, Chair
 - Student Success Committee, Professor Onno Oerlemans, Chair
 - Imagining Hamilton Committee, Vice President Monica Inzer, Chair
- Five students have been awarded U.S. State Department-sponsored Gilman Scholarships to study abroad this spring; these are in addition to two recipients for fall 2016 and one for summer 2016
- Two students, one from Sudan and one from Iran, are affected by the Executive Order on Immigration; efforts to support international students include regular on-campus consultations with immigration attorney Helen McGee Konrad ’84

On the Horizon

- Barry Seaman ’67 is the Class Annalist for the Alumni Association meeting at Reunions, June 10
- Senior Staff searches under way to replace VP and Dean of Students Nancy Thompson and VP for Libraries and Information Technology Dave Smallen; Search Committee Chair for DoS search is Karen Brewer; Search Committee chair for LITS search is Doran Larson
- Search under way to replace Steve Bellona as AVP for Facilities and Planning; Search Committee chair is Sam Pellman

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