1. Call to Order
   a. Attendance
      i. Present:
         1. Andrew Fischer
         2. Silvia Radulescu
         3. Caroline Reppert
         4. Alex Hollister
         5. Natalie Klingher
         6. Conor Craven
         7. Jordan Zeng- Late
         8. Elizabeth Ughetta
         9. Catherine Conroy
        10. Jose Olivares
        11. Evelyn Torsher
        12. Ryan McAlonan- Late
        13. Ilana Schwartz
        14. Cesar Renero
        15. Alex Hirshu
        16. Kureem Nugent
        17. Mariaelena Hiller-Chacin
        18. Zach Oscar
        19. Isabel Grieder
        20. Lilly Pieper
        21. Lizzi Tran
        22. Alex Black
        23. Annalie Garcia
        24. Maggie Home
        25. Rachel Dawson
        26. Ram Franqui
        27. Raza Zubair
        28. Ellie Ducommun
        29. Chris Lee
      ii. Excused:
          1. Phoebe Greenwald
          2. Lauren Mulligan
          3. Zach Hardmeyer
          4. Jeremy Cottle

2. Old Business & Committee Reports
   • Constitution
The Central Council of Student Assembly, Hamilton College

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

- **Cultural Affairs**
  - Stop by our meetings every Monday at 7pm on the 3rd floor of Sadove, new members always welcome and appreciated!
  - FallFest date set for October 10
    - Any clubs or organizations interested in holding an activity at FallFest should contact soctrad@hamilton.edu

- Facilities
- Food
- Health and Safety
- LITS
  - Movie channel is live: [movies.hamilton.edu](http://movies.hamilton.edu)
  - Hamilton Mobile App is in development stages- updates to come!

- Philanthropy
- Social Traditions
- Student Affairs

3. **Public Comment Period**

4. **New Business**

- Welcome and Brief Orientation for New Members
  - Congratulations on your election to Student Assembly!
  - Andrew Fischer- Explanation of voting procedures

- Appointments to Committee on Library and Information Technology Services
  - Need 2 student representatives
  - Look out for an email from Andrew Fischer; reply if interested

- Committee Assignments
  - New members- Stay after the conclusion of the meeting for committee assignments
5. **Funding**

NS Amount Remaining Prior to 9/14 Meeting: **$18,188.00**
Strategic Amount Remaining Prior to 9/14 Meeting: **$101,038.00**

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Muslim Students Association  Eid Dinner  $1243  $872  N

Amount Remaining in NS Budget if Funding Passes: $16,840.17

- IMF- Funds recommended for exact costs
- Bowling Club- Only recommend funding for 9 trips
  - Student Assembly does not fund t-shirts for organizations.
- Self Defense- requests for drinks and tackling bag were too vague
  - Silvia Radulescu- Why are we approving funding for snacks?
  - Andrew Fischer- Student Assembly does not fund snacks for regular weekly meetings.
  - Alex Hollister- Student Assembly does not usually fund snacks, but because of rigorous nature of the activity, the Funding Committee thought it was appropriate.
- IMF, Bowling Club, and Self Defense funding passed as recommended!
- Spanish Club- The club lowered their costs after communication with the Funding Committee
  - Nice job with the budget!
- Women’s Rugby- Although the request sounds fun, the event does not fall in line with events that Student Assembly typically funds
  - Student Assembly does not provide fund for fundraising events
  - Evelyn Torscher- Are there any other funding options?
- Archery Club- It is a growing club.
  - Need more bows to accommodate additional members
  - Although it is an expensive request, they are looking for good deals.
  - Good budget proposal!
  - Noelle Niznik- What about the equipment that we already brought them?
    - Annalie Garcia- Equipment is old. The new equipment should last for a few more years and will replace what they have now.
- Spanish Club, Women’s Rugby, and Archery Club funding passed as recommended!
- ACS- Funding Committee does not recommend funding a few requested events in order to cut costs.
- Hamilton LEAD- Good budget! Thanks for all the communication!
- Tumbling After- Funding Committee recommended to covered costs in full
- ACS, Hamilton Lead, Tumbling After funding passed as recommended!
- Culinary Society- Nice proposal!
- Bike Co-op- Proposal not very specific. No funds recommended.
  - Funding Committee does recommend they re-submit a Non-Strategic Budget. It is a good cause.
- Model EU
  - Model EU Representative present to speak about high CPS
    - This conference is a chance to represent Hamilton abroad.
Colgate is co-sponsor of the conference, so Hamilton definitely has to go.
- Good chance to see diversity of groups in European politics
  - Andrew Fischer- How many people attending the conference?
  - Model EU Representative- Teams can be comprised of up to 20 students, but we are bringing up to 12.
  - Alex Hollister- Important to note that they are reaching out to other sources to cover the rest of their expenses, which is something we encourage groups to do.
- Culinary Society, Bike Co-op, and Model EU funding passed as recommended!
- Buffers- Expenses covered except for extra $50 “cash” request.
- Gli Hamiltoniani- On-campus food costs are capped at $8 per person, so Funding Committee adjusted the recommended amount accordingly.
- Model UN- Did not provide a map for their transportation, so the Funding Committee is not recommending any money for Jitney costs.
  - The Funding Committee also felt that the hotel they were planning to stay in (Boston Plaza) was unnecessarily extravagant, so it adjusted the recommended amount accordingly.
- Buffers, Gli Hamiltoniani, and Model UN funding passed as recommended!
- Farmer’s Guild- When the Funding Committee asked for a more specific budget, they raised their costs. Odd.
  - Funding Committee still recommending funding to cover the majority of their costs.
- Mock Trial- Full request recommended, but the cost will be split over two semesters. Two tournaments are shortly after Winter Break.
- Special K- Recommended in full.
- Farmer’s Guild, Mock Trial, and Special K funding passed as recommended!
- SPAC- Funded in full.
- Duelly Noted- Did not have a representative at Club Leader Basic Training. Can’t apply for funding.
  - Noelle Niznik- Confused about Duelly Noted. They always have someone attend Basic Leader Training.
  - Alex Hollister- They can apply for Non-Strategic budget if that information is incorrect.
- People Who Like To Do Fun Things- Funding Committee found better deals for some of the supplies listed on their budget (i.e. bandanas). Reduced the amount recommended accordingly.
- SPAC, Duelly Noted, and People Who Like To Do Fun Things funding passed as recommended!
- Club Ento- Nice proposal!! Recommended in full.
- GNAR- Really cool events planned! Funding Committee felt that they would be good contribute positively to campus. Recommended in full.
  - Andrew Fischer- Are there liability issues with the proposed events. The Slip n’ Slide?
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- Alex Hollister- Not sure… We’ll see.
- Magicians Society- Requested funding for special Hamilton playing cards. Funding Committee did not feel that that was a necessary expense. Recommended amount was adjusted accordingly.
- Club Ento, GNAR, and Magicians Society funding passed as recommended!
- Spoon University- Nice budget!
- DJ Club- Funding Committee felt that the “Pioneer DJM” wouldn’t benefit the whole campus as much as the other equipment requested.
  - Andrew Fischer- Need to make sure that they have a place to store the equipment. May not store it in a club member’s room.
  - Noelle Niznik- Need to coordinate with AV if they want to keep it in the storage closet.
  - Conor Craven- How would this equipment be used in a way that would benefit the whole school?
  - Alex Hollister- It would be used to DJ on-campus parties.
- Anime Club- Did not attend Club Leader Basic Training. Cannot receive funding.
- Spoon University, DJ Club and Anime Club funding passed as recommended!
- HEAG- Some parts of the budget were not itemized, but everything else is recommended for funding.
- Our Voices, We Speak- No representative at Club Leader Basic Training.
  - Andrew Fischer- What speakers were they interested in funding? What kind of organization are they?
  - Alex Hollister- They were planning to have an Open Mic night and a few other events.
  - Noelle Niznik- As a new organization, they are on probation anyways. Not currently eligible for funding.
- Hillel- The Funding Committee did not recommend funds for decorations because the budget was not specific enough. Student Assembly also only covers 85% of speaker costs over $2000
  - Everything else funded
- HEAG, Our Voices, We Speak, and Hillel pass!
- Democratic Socialists- No representatives at Club Leader Basic Training
- Africons- New club with a unique event proposal, so the Funding Committee recommended the full amount.
- HAAND- Recommended in full
- Democratic Socialists, Africons, and HAAND funding passed as recommended!
- Kite Club- New club
  - Nothing specifically wrong with the proposal, but they requested A LOT of kites. The Funding Committee felt that it was an unnecessarily high number, so they reduced number of kites requested by half.
    - Silvia Radulescu- Can they share kites?
  - They also requested funds for a fundraiser, which is against the Funding Codes.
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- Andrew Fischer- I like kites, but even I think that’s a lot of them.
- Alex Hollister- If they have a good turnout at their events, then we will
  recommend more next time.
- Alex Hirsu- When are the events? Winter comes early!
  - Alex Hollister- They provided dates in their proposal. They start at the end
    of the month.
- Andrew Fischer- Where are they keeping the kites? It shouldn’t be in a
  member’s room.
- Conor Craven- Are these single use kites? Why do they keep asking for more
  kites?
- Catie Conroy- Why aren’t we recommending funding in full?
  - Alex Hollister- We need to cut a little from each club because of large
    amount requested from all clubs and smaller amount of available funding.
  - Lilly Pieper- Is food central to the events?
  - Alex Hollister- No, but their request is actually below the $5 cap for such
    events. Comes in at $2.91 per person.
  - Conor Craven- So... What is the final number of kites we are funding?
  - Alex Hollister- 21.

- Passed!
- HACE- Recommended in full
- WISE and Art Collective- Both proposals were asking for very similar things.
  - Funding Committee was able to talk with both clubs and find ways to cut costs
    between both of them.
  - Seems like a really cool idea! Outdoor mural, art trips, etc.
- HACE, WISE, and Art Collective funding passed as recommended!
- ISA- Requested funds for a number of trips- Reduced funding recommendation by one
  trip and some off-campus lunches.
  - Ilana Schwartz- Where are the trips going?
  - Alex Hollister- Corn Maze in Syracuse, museum in Rochester, etc.
- Film Production Guild- Budget submitted one hour before meeting. Cannot be approved
  as is.
  - Cesar Renero- When the funding proposal was due, I sent a link for the roster
    instead of the budget.
    - We are asking for things that we can’t get from other departments/people.
    - The film is the product of the work of 60 students.
    - This is time sensitive because filming will start in 2 weeks.
    - The film will premiere next semester.
  - Mari Hiller- Have you looked for other areas of funding?
    - Cesar Renero- Yes, via the Theatre Department, but Student Assembly
      funding is the only option.
- Ilana Schwartz- Can you borrow equipment? Maybe from AV?
Cesar Renero- We are borrowing some equipment and some students are purchasing their own equipment.

Conor Craven- What is this film about?
  - Cesar Renero- I can’t say. I signed an affidavit to keep it a secret.

Zach Oscar- There are a lot of props on this budget proposal that I think you can find elsewhere. Can’t you just use some of your own props?
  - Cesar Renero- Most of the props are going to be modified, so we can’t borrow some props from other areas. Will be unusable after. We need to buy new ones.
    - We are going to see if some of the props can be donated to the theater department afterward.
  - Andrew Fischer- You sent this budget proposal to me an hour ago. Was that the first time that the Funding Committee saw this?
    - Cesar Renero- Yes.
  - Conor Craven- Have you done an analysis on how much you would be able to give back in terms of props?
    - Cesar Renero- No. Not yet.
  - Alex Hollister- This might have to come out of Non-Strategic Funds.
    - There is only $2,245 left in the Strategic Budget, and other groups that are integral to campus might not get funding if we pass this.
    - Non-Strategic Funding left: $16,840.17
  - Andrew Fischer- If we funded this, we would be left with around $14,000.
  - Alex Hollister- There are about 10-12 groups will be applying for significant requests next week. We should keep that in mind.

Cesar Renero- This is a once in lifetime chance. This is the first time we have had enough student interest to complete a project of this magnitude.

Andrew Fischer- Is everything on the budget necessary? Are there any items you can take out to make the budget smaller?
  - Cesar Renero- We already did that.

Alex Hollister- We should wait until next week when we have the other groups submitting.

Silvia Radulescu- You made this exact same ‘mistake’ of accidentally sending the wrong document on the due date last year. Didn’t you?
  - Cesar Renero- Yeah, but that was with Fine Dining Society, not Film Production Guild.
  - Silvia Radulescu- Okay, so this is the second semester you’ve done that. Don’t make that same mistake again.
  - Mari Hiller- We cut other clubs because of mistakes much smaller than the one you made. It isn’t fair if we pass this proposal now.
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- Zach Oscar- Other clubs, like Powder Club, are taking students out for one weekend. This is comparatively less expensive, but isn’t this movie the culmination of Assad’s project?
  - Cesar Renero- Yes, but we are helping too.
  - Zach Oscar- Given that this film is being done at the college level and is probably driven by an individual’s passion, is each and every request in the budget reasonable? Probably not.
    - It would make sense to have the cast and crew try and contribute some of the props themselves.
      - Cutting your budget is something that you need to come to terms with as a production, given that we have to fund other clubs and have asked other clubs to also modify their budgets.
- Silvia Radulescu- Why are you requesting a hair pin that costs $23?
  - Cesar Renero- I can’t answer to the specifics of each prop because I am not the prop manager. I just had a list and looked on Amazon for the prices.
- Cesar Renero- [In response to Zach Oscar] This is an art venture, so it has a value that can’t be easily quantified.
  - Andrew Fischer- We are not questioning the artistic value of the film, but we have a limited amount of money and do need to agree on a more reasonable budget.
- Conor Craven- Who will own the rights to the film when it’s finished?
  - Cesar Renero- Hamilton College.
- Jordan Zeng- We did not consider groups who missed the deadline by a few hours. Motion to consider this proposal next week.
- Alex Hirsh- Are there other ways to get funding?
  - Cesar Renero- Yes. Checked, but no funds available.
- Alex Hollister- Try to break down budget a little more for next week.
  - Going to have a discussion to decide which of the remaining budgets will benefit campus the most.
- Andrew Fischer- Second Jordan Zeng’s motion to consider revised proposal next meeting.
  - Consideration pushed back to next meeting.
- Write Back @ U- New club, so no funding recommended. Still in probationary period.
- SAAC- Funding Committee recommends not to approve 2 different types of t-shirts.
  - They also did not register as an organization, so they cannot receive funds
- ISA- passed
- Republicans- Recommending funds for 9/11 flags and the events listed with dates, including the upcoming debates. Not recommending funds for events without dates.
  - Alex Hirsh- More detail on events? What are they?
Andrew Fischer- Viewing parties for the Republican primary debates, presumably.
Alex Hirsh- In order to reduce costs, can we push the flags to next semester?
Alex Hollister- They are just replenishing the supply for the 9/11 tribute. Also used for other events. Labor Day?
- Hamiltones- Funding recommended.
- Yoga Club- Requested funds for new yoga mats
  - Andrew Fischer- Do they not use the mats in the fitness center?
  - Alex Hollister- Yes, but they need more
  - Andrew Fischer- Will they be kept in the fitness center.
  - Alex Hollister- Yes.
- Republicans, Hamiltones, and Yoga Club funding passed as recommended!
- Caribbean Student Association- Cost of DJ was not recommended because the breakdown on the budget was not specific enough.
  - SA can also only fund $25 for food per day, so the recommended amount was adjusted accordingly.
- Student Dance Association- Recommended in full
- Law Society- T-shirts and film rights not funded
  - Ryan Bloom- Sounds good :) 
- CSA, Student Dance Association, and Law Society passed!
- ELS- Does not normally ask for funds from SA
  - Funding for food and transportation and 45% of the Honorarium
  - ELS Representative- Speaker would be through the “Tell Us What You Know” series
    - ELS Board is hesitant to spend this amount on 1 speakers, but it would be worth it for the large turnout and prestige of speaker
    - Andrew Fischer- Why is your board of trustees hesitant?
      - Rep- Because of the limitation of the endowment
      - Andrew Fischer- So their only hesitation is for financial reasons?
      - Rep- Yes
    - Jose Olivares- Have you reached out to other departments?
      - Rep- Yes. We are waiting to hear back.
    - Annalie Garcia- Since they are still waiting to hear back from various departments, could we postpone voting on their funding until they receive a response?
    - Lizzi Tran- How much is the speaker?
      - Alex Hollister- Around $3000
    - Andrew Fischer- Could we wait to hear back from the other departments?
      - Alex Hollister- We only have $16,000 in the non-strategic, so there might not be the funds there.
      - Jordan Zeng- They can always roll the money back if they do get funding from other departments.
• Conor Craven- Agreed: they can always roll money back.
  ○ Have you researched if these costs are typical?
  ○ ELS Representative- No, but this speaker did come to Hamilton a decade ago.
  ■ ELS funding passed as recommended.
• Powder Club- Pared down significantly by Funding Committee.
  ○ Number of attendees reduced from 68 to 45.
  ○ Charter bus changed to 5 jitneys.
  ○ No budget for food.
  ○ $250 cost for attendees.
  ○ Phil Parkes (Powder Club Representative)- 2 days traveling, 3 nights, 2 days skiing at Killington
    ■ Condos requested because they are on the mountain and lift tickets are by the hour, so we want to take full advantage.
    ■ Charter bus may cost more, but it might represent less liability than taking 5 jitneys.
    ■ Gear rental costs included in case beginners do not have their own
    ■ Willing to cut food budget
• Alex Hollister- Phil was very willing to work with SA
  ■ Decided to cut number of people who can come
  ■ Recommended 5 jitneys instead of bus
  ■ Still recommending condos on the mountain
  ■ Students will have to pay $250 per person
  ■ If Powder Club finds off-mountain housing, they can lower the cost of the trip for students.
• Conor Craven- Was there an analysis of the costs of not staying on the mountain?
  ■ Phil Parkes- Yes, but there were a number of problems.
    ○ Biggest reason to use the condos was because it would save money on the jitneys, since we would not have to drive back and forth to the mountain.
    ○ Easier logistically to stay on the mountain
      ■ Different shifts driving to the mountain would be too complicated
      ■ It would also unnecessarily tiring for the drivers. They have to drive to Killington and back and also want to ski.
    ○ Condos also allow people to cook for themselves, which saves food costs.
• Catie Conroy- Are there shuttles from hotels in the vicinity?
• Phil Parkes- Yes, but it’s 30 minutes from the nearest one that offers. They also don’t accommodate gear. The shuttles are intended for small families and employees.
  ○ Powder Club funding passed as recommended!
• Feminists of Color Collective-
  ○ Isla Ng- Speakeasy is a longstanding event.
    ■ FCC’s biggest event.
    ■ Can get funds from Sadove Programming and DMC
    ■ Bringing other professors in to speak via multiple organizations
    ■ Mia Mckenzie is a well known activist, journalist, writer, and novelist
      ● Started Black Girl Dangerous, a popular online blog.
      ● Prominent social justice activist and exemplifies power of online journalism.
      ● $5,000 requested in addition to funds from other organizations and offices around campus
      ● Offers opportunity to tie multiple organizations and departments together
      ● Expected attendance: 175 students, with overflow for more
      ● She would also hold a workshop for students afterwards
  ○ Andrew Fischer- Does a former Hamilton professor (Dr. E) really require an honorarium to come back on campus? Discussed this same issue last year.
    ■ FCC Representative- She is not coming back in her capacity as an ex-Hamilton professor.
      ● She already reduced her costs dramatically because of ties to the college. Usually charges up to $10,000.
      ● All of the speaker’s costs are included in the honorarium.
  ○ Alex Hollister- Need more specifics about the McKenzie event
    ■ Also an issue that 2 different clubs asked for funding for the same speaker. We don’t allow that. Since it was SA’s mistake, won’t penalize.
  ○ Annalie Garcia- Is Dr. E’s honorarium included in the amount recommended for approval?
    ■ Alex Hollister- Yes.
  ○ Maggie Horne- Have you reached out to other departments for funding?
    ■ Rep- Yes. We are working with multiple departments and faculty members, but we are waiting for responses.
  ○ Mari Hiller- Which speaker do you have funding for already?
    ■ Rep- We have funding for Mia McKenzie- $1000 through DMC
  ○ FCC funding passed as recommended!
• HIPAC- SA will only fund 85% of speaker costs over $2,000.
• Grilling Club- Requesting funds for a grill
  ○ Silvia Radulescu- Has Physical Plant been giving them a grill?
Noelle Niznik- The grill they’ve been using comes from Bon Appetit, but Bon Appetit doesn’t lend it out anymore.
Andrew Fischer- What type of grill is it? Big? Gas? Charcoal? Like the one they are used to using?
Alex Hollister- Charcoal.
• French Club- Recommended in full
• HIPAC, Grilling Club, and French Club funding passed as recommended!

• Non-Strategic Funding
  • Gaming Club- Recommended that they ask for funding through Sadove first.
  • First Report Press News- Recommended they get funding through Media Board
  • Muslim Student Association- Reduced to reflect the $8 per person cap on food expenses for on-campus events.

6. Announcements
• Andrew Fischer- Another fantastic (sarcasm) weekend on the Late Night Shuttle… Discussion next week.
• SA Members- Send Natalie Klingher your picture, if you have not already!