1. Call to Order
   ● Attendance:
     ○ Present:
       ■ Andrew Fischer
       ■ Silvia Radulescu
       ■ Caroline Reppert
       ■ Alex Hollister
       ■ Natalie Klingher
       ■ Conor Craven
       ■ Phoebe Greenwald
       ■ Jordan Zeng-Late
       ■ Elizabeth Ughetta
       ■ Catherine Conroy
       ■ Jose Olivares
       ■ Evelyn Torsher
       ■ Ryan McAlonan
       ■ Ilana Schwartz
       ■ Cesar Renero
       ■ Alex Hirsu
       ■ Kureem Nugent
       ■ Zach Oscar
       ■ Isabel Grieder
       ■ Lilly Pieper
       ■ Lizzi Tran
       ■ Alex Black
       ■ Annalie Garcia
       ■ Maggie Horne
       ■ Rachel Dawson
       ■ Ram Franqui
       ■ Raza Zubair
       ■ Jeremy Cottle
       ■ Ellie Ducommun
       ■ Chris Lee
     ○ Excused:
       ■ Zach Hardmeyer
     ○ Absent:
       ■ Mariaelena Hiller-Chacin

2. Old Business & Committee Reports
   ● Andrew Fischer - Trustee Committee Meetings
     ○ Don’t forget your meetings this weekend!
     ○ Check your email for a note from Lori Dennison with the meeting locations, times, and agendas.
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**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

- **Committee Reports**
  - Constitution
  - Cultural Affairs
  - Facilities - Meetings will be on Wednesdays at 6:15pm in McEwen
    - Looking into a Jitney GPS tracking system so that students can see what the status of the Jitney is - i.e. if it is late, etc.
  - Food - Looking into getting cheddar cheese in the Diner
  - Health and Safety - Meetings are Monday, 8pm in the Sadove Conference Room
    - Going to be looking into the Blue Light system and on-campus parties
    - Going to do some fact finding about the Late Night Jitney
    - Email Cesar Renero at crenero@hamilton.edu with comments/suggestions!
  - LITS
    - Hamilton Mobile App should be ready for closed beta test by end of Fall Break
    - Looking into electronic add/drop form submission system
      - Silvia Radulescu is also looking into
    - Going over pending initiatives from last year, including lecture recording and dorm listservs
  - Philanthropy
    - Bake sale wrap up-
      - Over $100 donated to Chilean Earthquake Relief
      - Over $1,000 donated to Jeffrey's Experience, specifically towards therapeutic programming for children with cancer
    - Knit-A-Thon - This Thursday, 10/1 from 4-6 pm at the Sadove Sun Porch
      - Making clothing for premature infants
      - Open to knitters of all levels!!
    - Upcoming events: Halloween Candy Gram sale
      - Haunted House for Trust Treat (with Delta Phi)
      - Thanksgiving Dinner with ABC House
  - Social Traditions
    - Fallcoming Beer Tasting this Friday, 10/2 from 5-7pm at the Little Pub
      - Featuring beer from Saranac & ciders from Beak and Skiff
      - Proper ID required**
      - Food and local cheeses will also be provided (under 21 welcome)
    - Fallcoming Tailgate table this Saturday, 10/3 from 11am-3pm between Steuben & Love Fields
      - Free Cider Mill donuts and cider!!
      - Free Hamilton mason jars to the first 30 fans at each game throughout the day!
  - Student Affairs
    - Keep an eye out for a survey about student life at Hamilton!
    - Feeling out for issues to address
3. Public Comment Period

4. New Business

- Honor Court Nomination
  - Evan Weinstein - First-Year Representative
    - Alex Hollister- We should have him come in to talk to us so we get to know him!
    - Andrew Fischer- We’ll ask him to come in next week to talk to us before we approve him.

- Kureem Nugent and Isabel Grieder - Late Night Shuttle Resolution
  - Conor Craven- Concerns over the lack of detail, specifically in regards to the 3-strike system
    - Is the 3 strike rule over the four years each student is on campus?
      - Isabel Grieder- Yes- If there are three times where the ride-along feels that you are disruptive enough to write down your name, then you should get points.
    - Phoebe Greenwald- Keep in mind that the ride alongs are the people that this resolution effects the most. Currently, this proposal creates more work for them.
      - Microaggressions are what make the night hard, not one particular incident.
      - Ride alongs shouldn’t have to confront a bunch of drunk people late at night.
      - Andrew Fischer - So what would you recommend?
      - Phoebe Greenwald- The consequences should be streamlined.
        - Like we mentioned last week, the ride along can rank the night and if it falls below a certain level, then the Late Night Jitney would not run the next night.
        - Andrew Fischer- This resolution doesn’t strike me as confrontational.
        - Phoebe Greenwald- Yes, but have you ever had to write a paragraph about a negative interaction after a long night?
        - Andrew Fischer- Yes. I am a ride-along.
  - Catie Conroy- Another issue is that you don’t know people’s names in the moment, so writing them up becomes difficult.
    - Andrew Fischer- Do you have specific suggestions?
    - Catie Conroy- I’m not sure, but doesn’t seem that this resolution would be effective.
  - Elizabeth Ughetta- What if the ride along swipes everyone’s hill card on the way up so that way you have your name-
    - This would not be to check if you are 21, but rather just to have people’s names on file
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- Noelle Niznik: Some people will say that they forgot their ID’s or lost them, etc.
  - Ryan McAlonan: Could you make the write-ups optional for ride alongs?
    - Phoebe Greenwald: It already is an optional procedure. Even if it is optional, it still poses the same issues, regarding intimidation and time.
    - Ryan McAlonan: This could be an effective procedure. It is just provides another option for the ride alongs.
    - Ram Franqui: This is more a matter of methodology. We wanted to suggest a quick process of identifying people. It’s not particularly feasible to do it in another way; this makes the most sense. If we can refine the methodology, it could work.
  - Zach Oscar: It requires the ride alongs to act on behalf of themselves. They can't complain that they are being mistreated if they don't have enough guts to face the situation and do something about it. If in the event a ridealong feels like they are having something so terrible happen to them that they are personally hurt, they need to be able to act on behalf of themselves
    - This proposal does not say “These things have to happen,” but it might prompt Nancy Thompson start a student/faculty committee to address this issue
    - Agree with Conor Craven in that this is a vague resolution, but this system causes the ride alongs to be accountable for their nights
      - It also has a means of consequence implementation, so this is a good start
  - Conor Craven: The primary concern is that this is arbitrariness of this resolution. It does not define a “strike.” There are no protocols. Would issues go to the Judicial Board or would this be an automatic strike as soon as a student is written up?
    - It is more important to have good policy instead of what is convenient.
      - Andrew Fischer: Agrees that this needs to be more specific
        - Any suggestions?
          - Conor Craven: What if a student disagrees with getting a strike? We need procedures for students.
            - Andrew Fischer: What do you recommend?
            - Conor Craven: I didn’t help draft this, we should take time to think of good policies instead of making things up on the spot.
  - Cesar Renero: We should make a Google Doc so that SA members can make suggestions using the comments feature.
    - I have an issue with taking away the privilege of riding the Late Night Jitney. It is a service that should be provided by the school. Yes, there should be consequences, but not these.
Andrew Fischer- We do have a system of banning people from the Late Night Jitney, it’s just not this system.

Elizabeth Ughetta- Worried about putting this proposal in the hands of the administration without thinking through it first.
  - Students might be upset about more changes like this, especially something continuing the theme of having things taken away from them, so we should think this through better first.
  - In regards to the 3 strike policy, we have to remember that people grow over 4 years. If a freshman makes 3 mistakes, when they are a senior and want to take the Jitney, we should make accommodations for such situations and remember that people grow and mature.

Noelle Niznik- We also need to figure out who is keeping track of the strikes and if strikes go away after a certain period of time, etc.
  - This type of procedural issues has been an issue before, so we need to figure out who would keep track of the strikes first.

Jose Olivares- Students would still be able to come up the hill, right? Revoking privileges would just to go downtown.
  - How will ride alongs cross reference the list for people who can’t ride the Late Night Jitney?

Andrew Fischer- That is the issue.

Isabel Greider- We didn’t clarify this well enough in the resolution.
  - Revoking a student's privilege is done by assigning points
  - After you have been disrespectful enough to make a ride along write you up, then you would talk to an administrator, and then get 1-2 points assigned.
  - Not being allowed on the jitney would be not as common as getting 1-2 points.

Alex Hirsu- Definitely in support of points of revoking jitney privileges
  - To address the vagueness of what constitutes a write-up, we should have an administrator on call so that the ride along can clarify if a situation requires a write-up.

Silvia Radulescu- We need to consider how many resources we are willing to, realistically, put towards this issue. Is putting an administrator on call really worth it?
  - What will be more effective? For students to have a method of keeping each other accountable? Or having the administration assign disciplinary points?
  - Students do have power and don’t have to defer to the administration for everything. We don’t have to go right to points. Afterall, this service was initiated by students and has been student-led for many years.

Kureem Nugent- We should have clarified what we meant as 3 strikes in the resolution.
If there was an incident, ride along would write something down and submit to their supervisor.

We also don’t propose to revoke every student's privilege to the jitney if there is a disruption, just that student who is causing trouble.

- Zach Oscar- Making a system to punish students might not be a good idea. Instead, we should incorporate this into a system that already exists
  - RAs have a system where students will be written up and, in response to that report, will appear at a hearing to discuss what happened. Something like that might makes sense in this case.
  - It would also make sense that, after you accumulate certain number of points, you can’t ride the jitney, similar to how you can’t go abroad if you get a certain amount of points.
  - A potential problem is that the proposed system in the resolution might give ride-alongs too much power. If they experience an accumulation of micro-aggressions and one person causes them to snap, an incident report puts the student on record while starting a conversation about what really happened.
    - It makes the system a bit more concrete
  - We could incorporate this into the review of the points system that is currently going on.

- Conor Craven- This piece of legislation provides no accountability. Who reviews the strikes? Is there an appeal process for students? There is no protections for students from arbitrary strikes.
  - Do the points roll over? Or do they expire after a certain period of time?
  - This resolution also creates a lot of unnecessary bureaucracy.
    - We already have a lot of administrative involvement in the punishment system here.
    - Instead, a jitney ride along should write up a report that opens up a conversation about what happened, like an RA.

- Ilana Schwartz- It’s important to make it explicit what would constitute a write up. That way you avoid one person getting blamed for what was really an accumulation of people being disrespectful to the ride alongs.
  - There should be a list of things would make it clearer what the violations are.
  - The job of a ride along is becoming more like an RA, especially if this system of writing people up is implemented.
  - Next year, we should make it clear in the job description that there is a potential for confrontation and write ups.
    - Noelle Niznik- Students are hired as either event staff or jitney staff and later become Jitney ride alongs. Students are not hired explicitly as ride alongs.
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- Some people are more inclined to work a party rather than be a ride along because they can be with other events staff rather than being harassed on the Jitney.
  - We are already trying to minimize the discomfort of some extra job requirements.
- Cesar Renero- It is important to have the names of people riding the jitney.
  - If they don’t have their hill cards, ride alongs should get their names and class years so that they can be held accountable.
  - The focus for next week should be on how we are going to help empower ride alongs.
    - Maybe Student Assembly should keep track of who is being rowdy and those students can come and speak to us about what happened on the jitney. From there, we can assign points and other judicial action.
- Andrew Fischer- I’m going to make this into a Google doc and we’ll review the suggestions next week

5. **Funding**

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*Would be coming out of next semester’s budget ($131,297.50)

- Hamtrek- Last year, the event was funded a semester early (like they requested this year)
  - Alex Hollister- Is this the total cost of HamTrek
    - Hamtrek Representative- Yes, this is the cost of the whole event.
  - Dave Thompson- The event was created and run by students for students.
    - The Athletics department was never involved until a few years ago in an emergency situation
    - This year, the department is not interested in funding Hamtrek.
  - Alex Hollister- Have you looked at other sources of funding?
    - Representative- We have always gotten our full funding from Student Assembly, except in that emergency situation.
      - Athletics is not interested in funding us this year.
      - The Alumni Office is also not interested because of the volume of alumni events they have to coordinate.
80% of the participants are students
Silvia Radulescu- Do professors and other members of the Clinton community participate?
  ○ Representative- Yes. The event is free for professors, but there is a $50 recommended donation from members of the community.
  ○ Phoebe Greenwald- What is the CPS? Why are we being so stingy with this event if we have the money for next semester?
    ■ Alex Hollister- Because Hamtrek is not an organization, which is required to receive funding. Also, we shouldn’t be funding events that benefit people outside the Hamilton College community
    ○ Suggests Hamtrek register as an organization and wait until the spring to apply for funding.
    ■ Andrew Fischer- This is more of a procedural issue than one of merit.
    ○ Phoebe Greenwald- We shouldn’t just stop funding a great event
  ○ Dave Thompson- In the past, Student Assembly has run out of money in the spring and could not accommodate Hamtrek’s proposal. Are the safeguards for such an event occurring again?
    ■ Andrew Fischer- You should be fine as long as you submit a strategic budget during the first week after Christmas Break.
    ○ Alex Hollister agrees
  ○ Noelle Niznik- Only registered student organizations can receive funding from Student Assembly.
    ■ Either register as an organization or ask another organization to submit your budget for you.
    ■ In the past, Hamtrek has used the Student Activities Committee as a vessel, but SAC failed to re-register as a student organization, so they can’t get funding until the spring this year.
  ○ Phoebe Greenwald- Is it hard to begin planning without a budget?
    ■ Representative- We can start planning, but it is difficult because we found a good company to do the timing for the race and, since we are not the biggest triathlon, they may commit to another race.
    ○ Andrew Fischer- If we funded you by January 30, would you have enough time?
      ○ Representative- Yes, but we might not be able to get the cheapest company. We will have to go with what is available.
  ○ Alex Hollister- Breakdown of proposal
    ■ Biggest issue is the cost of timing the race ($1800). Need guarantee sooner rather than later.
      ○ Andrew Fischer- But no other general concerns with the proposal?
      ○ Budget committee-
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1. **Cesar Renero**- Yes. Can you exchange competitors’ hillcard numbers for a meal at Bon Appetit in order to cut costs on food?
   - Representative- We could, but it is an open event, so it wouldn’t make sense to exchange numbers for meals. Especially since most of the people who eat do not compete.
2. **Silvia Radulescu**- Is there a big difference in the price of timing companies?
   - **Dave Thompson**- The issue is booking one of them. We might not get a company for the date that we need if we wait until January.
   - **Silvia Radulescu**- But is there a big difference in price?
   - **Dave Thompson**- Price should be around $1800, regardless of company.
3. **Lauren Mulligan**- Could we put a hold on $1800 with the condition that Hamtrek become an organization?
   - **Alex Hollister**- We could, but it’s a policy not to hold money for specific organizations anymore.
   - **Noelle Niznik**- Why would we do a hold?
   - **Andrew Fischer**- So that Hamtrek can be sure they have money set aside to hire a timing company.
   - **Noelle Niznik**- So, we should just approve the money for timing out of next semester’s budget, contingent on them becoming an organization.
4. **Evelyn Torsher**- Can you get another club to sponsor you in the event so that you can’t get the funds?
   - **Alex Hollister**- What about social traditions?
   - **Representative**- There isn’t a club that jumps out to us, off the top of our heads.
   - **Ellie Ducommun**- Social traditions seems like a logical fit.
   - **Katie Conroy**- Even if it is just a random organization, just someone to help you get the funds you need.
   - **Alex Hollister**- Talk to Ellie about funding via the Social Traditions Committee, submit a budget for the costs of timing for next week, and then submit a full budget at the start of next semester.

***Please! Start rolling back excess funds from Student Assembly funded events!***

6. **Announcements**