1. Call to Order
   ● Attendance
     ○ PRESENT
       ■ Andrew Fischer
       ■ Silvia Radulescu
       ■ Natalie Klingher
       ■ Caroline Reppert
       ■ Alex Hollister
       ■ Catherine Cooper
       ■ Abigail Armstrong
       ■ Sara Nolan
       ■ Elizabeth Rodriguez
       ■ Erik Marks
       ■ Brady Sprague
       ■ Alex Reading
       ■ Risheng Zeng
       ■ Ben Schafer
       ■ Evelyn Torsher
       ■ Alexandru Hirsu
       ■ Alexander Klosner
       ■ Cesar Renero
       ■ Sharif Shrestha
       ■ Mariaelena Hiller Chacin
       ■ Han Joon Byun
       ■ Lizzi Tran
       ■ Maura Torres
       ■ Zach Oscar
       ■ Ellie Ducommun
       ■ Sharon Liu
       ■ Zach Hardmeyer
       ■ Don Stayner
     ○ ABSENT
       ■ Colby Atkins - RESIGNED
       ■ Chris Lee
     ○ EXCUSED
       ■ Timothy Hartel

2. Old Business
   ● Trustee Committees
     ○ Filled most spots over break
     ○ Still looking to fill one spot for a Junior on the Honorary Degree Committee
   ● “Swag” for SA
     ○ Tim Hartel absent, tabled for next meeting
3. Public Comment Period
   ● Want students to come to weekly meetings to talk about controversial issues on campus (see below, in announcement section, for more information)
   ● Want to get out of the current cycle of simply reacting to issues that are raised, and be able to address campus issues before decisions are finalized
   ● Goal: be more proactive
   ● Make students more active in Student Assembly and make Student Assembly a more active part of the campus community
   ● Discuss at least one controversial issue per week

4. New Business
   ● Confirm new members
      ○ Everyone was approved!!
   ● Introductions
      ○ Each member introduced themselves and explained why they joined SA
   ● Mission Statement (according to the SA Constitution)
      ○ The purpose of the Student Assembly shall be:
        ■ to provide a controlling and directing force for those activities not directly administered by the faculty and administration;
        ■ to provide the governing bodies of the College with the best possible understanding of the sentiment and opinions of the student body, and to foster the serious consideration of these opinions;
        ■ to develop among the students a sense of personal responsibility for their own conduct and for the welfare of the College;
        ■ to encourage, initiate, and coordinate services essential to the student body;
        ■ to pass such legislation as shall be consistent with the wishes of the student body;
        ■ and to allocate funding to various campus organizations.
   ● Goals
      ○ Andrew Fischer and Silvia Radulescu:
        ■ Transparency, efficiency, responsiveness
        ■ Want to better serve both students and the administration
        ■ Want administration to see interaction with SA as mutually beneficial
          ● Willing to work on campus issues
          ● Help improve policy proposals
          ● Provide a student opinion/reaction
        ■ Make SA more efficient-
          ● Enforce attendance policies
          ● Cut circular discussion
          ● No computers
        ■ Transparency
          ● Better minutes-- more detailed
          ● Attribute ideas to specific people
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- Attendance will go out in minutes
- Make better use of social media via Natalie (new Director of Publicity)
  - **Have the Public Comment Period so that students can bring us problems within the campus community**
- One controversial idea per meeting so that we can get the conversation going
- Put SA board outside diner up again
- Make a funding guideline packet to distribute to organizations to clear up any questions

■ Work with the administration-
■ Andrew Fischer, Silvia Radulescu, and Nancy Thompson will discuss issues to introduce to SA meetings
■ Don’t want to shy away from controversial issues
■ Feedback:
  - Will ask people to raise hands after an idea is posed to gauge reaction. This should limit redundant arguments.
  - Possibly send an email out ahead of time about controversial issues to kickstart discussion and encourage student engagement in meetings
  - **Silvia Radulescu - goal is to have students that are not voting members of the SA come and discuss the controversial topics (ie. late night jitey, health center hours, airport shuttle prices, etc.) This will help voting members better represent student body interests and opinions**
  - Catie Cooper- Committee organization?
  - Andrew Fischer- no Sexual Assault Prevention Committee this semester
    - duplicates SAVES - important issue but would rather use committee requirement to fill Student Assembly committees
    - No more liaisons - revert to full committees (need all SA members to fill)
    - Daniela Manzi will update SA on SAVES meetings every few weeks
  - More legislation
    - Write proposals! Even if it may not pass the, bring ideas to get conversation going.
    ■ Silvia Radulescu: We love exploring different ideas, but we would engage the administration more effectively by having concrete plans.

- Approval of Discretionary Fund balance ($5,000)
  - Andrew and Silvia motion to put $5000 in Discretionary Fund
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○ Last semester, used around $4000
○ SA is loaded ($$$$) this semester- $30,000 more than usual (total of $130,000)
○ $5000 moved into Discretionary Fund

5. Committees
   ● Assign Committees
      ○ Chairs report next week with time of weekly meetings
      ○ Constitution- Parliamentarian is chair, Silvia will serve as chair, temporarily.
         ■ Works to revise constitution when needed
      ○ Cultural Affairs - Catie Cooper, Chair
         ■ Works to expand student’s knowledge and interaction with various
cultural groups on campus
         ■ Food truck series, town hall series, speakers
      ○ Facilities- Zach Oscar, Chair
         ■ Deals with physical plant and other related projects
            ● ex: Bike lane, Glen appreciation
      ○ Food- Ben Schafer, Chair
         ■ Liaison to Bon Appetit
         ■ Meet with Executive Chef
      ○ Health and Safety- Erik Marks, Chair
         ■ Works with Campus Safety, the Counseling and Health Centers
         ■ ID issues of concern in areas and work with various departments to solve
            them
         ■ Ex: condom supply, alcohol policy
      ○ LITS- Don Stayner
         ■ Works to improve technology on campus
         ■ Ex: Printing overhaul (No more Webprint!!), Hamilton movie channel
      ○ Philanthropy- Sharon Lui, Zach Hardmeyer, Chairs
         ■ Facilitates volunteer opportunities and works with local charities
         ■ Ex: ABC House
      ○ Social Traditions- Evelyn Torsher, Ellie Ducommun, Chairs
         ■ Plans events on campus
         ■ Ex: FebFest, Fall Fest, Citrus Bowl, Mr. Hamilton
      ○ Student Interests- Sarah Nolan, Chair
         ■ Catch all committee to everything else
         ■ Ex: Ride Board, vandalism posters, lights on the bridge

6. Funding

Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 1/26/15: $129,558.11
Amount remaining if $5,000 Discretionary Fund is passed: $124,558.11
Rollbacks from Fall 2014: $23,459.46
Fall 2014 Remaining Budget: $10,609.54
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**Bolds = Holds**

Total Recommending: $1269.40  
Amount of Funds Available for Non-Strategic: $24,911.62  
Amount of Funds Available for Strategic: $99,646.49  
Amount Remaining if Budget passes: $23,642.22

- Brady Sprague- Have we reached out to Club Ento about the difference between what they requested and what we approved?
  - Yes- They replied that with alternative funding sources in addition to what we approved, they can still have the event.
  - Cesar- Club Ento food normally costs more due to shipping
    - Can we take cost of shipping into consideration to give them more money?
    - Catie Cooper- Shipping is part of cost of food because there isn’t any other way to get it, so it is rolled into food cost that we can allocate.
    - Silvia Radulescu - Will look into the issue and report back next week. Must check Constitution, first.
    - Alex Hollister- Ento Club understands why there is such a difference in funding.

Funding passes in full.

- Discretionary Fund allocation for Clinton Courier-
  - $393.75 Proposed
  - Want to increase interaction between college and community
  - Distributed last semester as well and want to continue this semester
  - $.25 per copy (one quarter of newsstand cost)
  - Passed ⅔ majority

- Funding code issues- Alex Hollister
  - Gray area when organization uses nonstrategic funding before strategic funding is allocated
Does that limit the amount of funds students may apply for using strategic budgets?
- Normally yes, if they apply to nonstrategic after strategic
  - Catie Cooper - idea - sum of all nonstrategic can’t pass 25% of strategic
  - Cesar Renero - Advise the organization to roll nonstrategic into strategic
- Andrew Fischer - Can’t technically because these are time sensitive requests, so they can’t be rolled into strategic.
  - Can include in strategic later for accounting purposes
- Andrew Fischer: complicated issue, need to simplify - issue for Constitution Committee and the Parliamentarian

7. Important Dates:

- Basic Leader Training is Wednesday January 28th 6:00-7:30pm, KJ Aud
  - $50 credit to clubs who attend
  - Class governments encouraged to go as well to host event for your class later in the semester
  - Catie Cooper - Does this apply to Committees?
    - Yes
- Strategic Budgets are due THIS SATURDAY January 31st by Noon.
- Big Funding Committee Meeting is Sunday February 1st.
  - Will call in groups that need explanations

8. Announcements

- Photos
  - Please send your photographs to Natalie. nklinghe@hamilton.edu These will be used for the website and SA board in Beineke. (This should be done by FRIDAY)
  - Can use what is already on the website
  - Will take one group picture at the beginning of next week’s meeting.
- Invite friends to “like” SA Facebook page
- Spread the word about Public Comment Period!
  - Dedicated 10 minutes at the beginning of every meeting.
    - This time limit is flexible, depending on other agenda items
- President Stewart’s retirement
  - Presidential Search Committee to find a new president
    - Needs students on committee
    - Andrew Fischer and Silvia Radulescu are meeting with the President’s office this week to see what kind of students they are looking for and will report back next week
- Committee chairs- report meeting times to Andrew Fischer by Monday, 2/2