1. Call to Order
   ● Attendance
     ■ Present
       ● Jon Stanhope
       ● Gillian Mak
       ● Ramisa Tasnim
       ● Nani Suzuki
       ● Jake Engelman
       ● Max Kohn
       ● Lily Pieper
       ● Noam Barnhard
       ● Kureem Nugent
       ● Marquis Palmer
       ● Zach Oscar
       ● Jonathan Kirshenbaum
       ● Casey Codd
       ● Molly Clark
       ● Harry Dubke
       ● Cesar Domenech
       ● Ben Katz
       ● Jodan D’Addio
       ● Nadav Konforty
       ● Julian Perricone
       ● Keith Ruggles
       ● Gianni Hill
       ● Elizabeth Groubert
       ● Jiin Jeong
       ● Maria Valencia
       ● Diana Perez
       ● Eseosa Asiruwa
     ■ Excused
       ● Jack Fischman
       ● Ysabel Cross
     ■ Absent
       ● Max Phillipps
       ● Amanda Kim

2. Public Comment Period

3. New Business
   ● Constitution Changes Regarding Student Assembly’s Attendance Policy: Jon Stanhope ‘18 and Gillian Mak ‘18
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Please see second attachment included in the all campus email for proposed recommendations.

- **Jonathan Stanhope:** First, we have attendance policy changes. The current attendance policy is that if you have three absences that are unexcused per term you can be dismissed by the discretion of the President of the Student Assembly. We want to revisit and expand upon that. Gillian and Max worked on this. I am sure lots of people have a lot of different opinions on this. So, let’s open it up for discussion. Historically it has been easier to change the by laws. But in order to change the articles of the constitution it requires the approval of the Student Assembly. The goal tonight is to form a stronger and more precise attendance policy.

- **Max Kohn:** I want to change a couple of things in the recommendations first. The first sentence makes it seem like you have the right to incur three absences, then in the next sentence it says if you reach three absences you may be dismissed. I think the first sentence is unnecessary and the article is clearer without it. I like the change of “may” to “will,” which relieves the president of an unnecessary judgement decision. But I think we should change the following clause which calls for a vote by the Executive Committee. Instead I think the amendment should include a reminder of the assembly’s ability to override the bylaws as opposed to a mandatory vote. There are plenty of times in the constitution where it essentially expects us to disobey the rules from time to time. For example, the constitution says that our meetings can’t extend past 90 minutes, but under extenuating circumstances we can vote to suspend the rules by a ⅔ majority (which we do frequently). If someone misses three meetings they will be removed unless the assembly feels that extenuating circumstances are sufficient to override that removal.

- **Elizabeth Groubert:** Is attendance historically an issue for Student Assembly members?
  - **Gillian Mak:** In the past there has been a few members who have been kicked off the council due to missing too many meetings. It is usually about one a year.
  - **Elizabeth Groubert:** Assuming that everyone is complying with the attendance policy, I don’t think we have to labor over this issue.
  - **Jon Stanhope:** We have had a lot of attendance issues over this semester

- **Zach Oscar:** I think people should be given a total of three unexcused absences for their total term serving on SA. Not just per semester. We only have like 13 meetings per semester. I think it is ridiculous to say you can miss three both semester. We should clear that language up. Excused absences are in place where if you are sick or have a conflict or emergency. But I am not sure why we are granted so many unexcused absences. Personally, I have never missed a meeting.

**Everyone claps.**

- **Max Kohn:** My personal opinion would not be to include the full year in this policy, I think that complicates things more than they need to be, and that a max per semester should work fine whether the number is 2 or 3.

- **Zach Oscar:** I disagree, I don’t think it should be per semester.

- **Lilly Pieper:** What about members going abroad?
  - **Zach Oscar:** Not every member is going abroad. The President can keep a record and pass it down to their successor.
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- **Zach Oscar**: If it is over a year, I am ok with it being three total absences. If you give two unexcused absences in a semester, theoretically, they can miss four over their whole term. If it is three they can miss over a year, the rep can choose in a broad way over the course of their entire year.
- **Noelle Niznik**: Just to clarify, when we are talking about absences it is just not over meetings but other mandatory events such as the SA retreat.
- **Jon Stanhope**: I’m going to take a straw poll. Either four absences and you’re off during the course of a year, or three absences and you’re off per semester.

**Majority agrees that you get four absences over a year long term (you’re kicked off after the 4th).**

- **Max Kohn**: Next portion. Does everyone want to strike the executive committee part? It keeps in closer tone with the constitution. As things stand there would be an automatic vote and I’d be worried about the vote being closer to a popularity contest if it’s required. Whereas if SA itself has to suggest the vote, it adds some substance behind the vote and needs a 2/3 majority.
- **Ben Katz**: I think that having a test the next day should not be excused.
  - **Max Kohn**: It is currently unexcused.
- **Julian Perricone**: When we say representatives, does that include non-voting members?
  - **Gillian Mak**: Yes.
- **Julian Perricone**: It says there will be a seven day notice for the mandatory events that we hold. I think a week is too short of a notice for some people to attend required events. For example, the retreat would have been hard to attend if the notice was only a week. I recommend we extend this minimum notice to 10 days notice.
  - **Max Kohn**: I would suggest not having a time limit. In my opinion the way it is, right now the President can decide what is mandatory if everyone says this is unreasonable I suspect the Pres will understand. It seems arbitrary to decide right now a time limit that cannot possibly predict what issues might come up.
- **Jonathan Kirshenbaum**: Two points. One, I am of the opinion that there should be more notice. If nothing else, you’re far more likely to get higher attendance if people know that a special event is on the horizon. Official College events or lectures often have the same problem where they’ll be announced with less than a week’s notice. If you’re a student who prepares your schedule any more than two days in advance, it’s impossible to accommodate “mandatory” events that are unexpectedly announced. This will lead more to SA members missing events. If you say three days in advance that there’s an external SA event that will be considered mandatory, and I already have another “mandatory” obligation that I’ve known about for two weeks, it’s not reasonable to expect that I’ll be able to fulfill my responsibility to SA when I’ve already committed myself to a task for which I had appropriate notice. Every organization wants to make its events mandatory, but when you can’t be in two places at once, you have to prioritize. I don't think it is a burden on the President or executive committee to know 10 days in advance what events will be designated as mandatory. But it will be on the central council if the president can technically say “tomorrow, this event is mandatory”. The second point, regardless of what we do with the notice, are we still going to allow the executive committee or the President to say that missing an event will count as multiple absences? If we’re reducing
the number of tolerable absences, it seems like we’d be burning the candle at both ends to also say that one function can count for more than one absence.

- **Jon Stanhope**: That will be at the President’s discretion.

- **Marquis Palmer**: I understand that it might seem strict, but the Constitution is designed for us to have these type of rules and guidelines. I agree that we should have notice. I think 7 days is fine for a minimum.
  - **Max Kohn**: I side with leaving things with the current body. I believe that those currently in power can figure out things that help them. But of course if you all want to do 7 days or 10 days then I’m on board.

- **Jon**: Straw poll on none, 7, or 10 days restrictions?

**Straw poll passes with a recommendation of 10 days.**

- **Gillian Mak**: Next section, when you want to request an excused absence, you are required to email the president and the secretary 24 hours in advance. Academic work does not warrant an excused absence.
  - **Jiin Jeong**: Would we email the secretary and president’s personal emails or the SA email?
  - **Gillian Mak**: We will clarify that. Probably both.

- **Jordan D’Addio**: My concern with academic coursework, are we drawing the line of academic coursework affecting mental health?

- **Cesar Guerrero**: If you are a responsible person, some of your unexcused absences can go towards your mental health. There is a space to do that.
  - **Gillian Mak**: Also, Jon has excused mental health absences this semester.

- **Jon Stanhope**: Is everyone ok with the 24 hour notice to the President?
  - **Lilly Pieper**: Does getting sick count as a medical emergency? If you have a flu, you maybe can't have 24 hour notice.
  - **Noam Barnhard**: In terms of emergencies, 24 hour won’t work
  - **Gillian Mak**: There is a clause built into the constitution for emergencies and illness. This is more for exams and event conflicts during the meeting. You’d know about these in advance.

- **Max Kohn**: I think SA has this amazing check, that a two thirds vote can suspend the rules of the Bylaws. If we as a body ever find the president’s judgement unreasonable, SA can reject that judgement. Without the academic coursework clause, then we are left simply with the standard of “legitimate excuses,” and I think that kind of flexibility allows whatever SA President is in power to be able to regulate themselves appropriately. If the president’s discretion ever gets out of hand then there is always SA’s check of voting to suspend the rules.
  - **Gillian Mak**: Jon and I wrote this specific line to cover the President next year so that it is clear to everyone and is not a personal decision.
  - **Zach Oscar**: I think that needs to be in there. To some degree if you have a class on Friday and you have to watch a 7 day movie that will take an impossible time to finish, then I can ask that professor to email SA. I think putting that there is better than not having that there.

- **Molly Clark**: I understand what Max is saying, but I think it might be a lot to ask Assembly members to put their personal life in front of the Assembly to get to the 2/3 vote.
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- **Gianni Hill:** I like what you said Molly but at the same time, it leaves too much room for debate. Whoever is in power during the semester can pick and choose. This means that certain representatives could be favored over others based on their relationship with the President and VP. This line eliminates any room for bias.

- **Jon Stanhope:** Strawpoll accepting section four as written with suggested edits.
- **Gillian Mak:** Section 5 is holding the president and vice president accountable. In the past people have been kicked off and there has not been any transparency. We want to make sure that if someone has been kicked off, then the central council knows why. This is specific to attendance related dismissals.

*Constitutional changes tabled pending edits. The new language will be redistributed to the Central Council for review this week and voted on at next week’s meeting.*

4. **Old Business**

- **Student Voices Resolution - Gianni Hill ‘21**
  - **Gianni Hill:** At last week’s meeting, we talked a lot about speaking with administrators prior to passing this. I think we should pass the resolution first and then speak with administrators. Based on your feedback, I added that administrators will respond to resolutions presenting student concerns within 72 hours of Student Assembly notifying them. In Article 1 Number 2, I also added that the actions resulting from the resolution will be publicized via all campus emails or sending representatives to Central Council to present an explanation.

*Resolution passes and will be sent to the Dean of Students and President Wippman on October 17th, 2017. The final resolution will be included in the all campus email with today’s minutes and posted on the Student Assembly website.*

- **Max Kohn:** Does this mean that the administration must respond to this resolution?
  - **Harry Dubke:** We should come up with a contingency plan in case they don't. Zach Task Force Go!

- **Working Group Updates**—remind: recommendations are due to Jon and Gillian for review by Friday, November 3rd.
  - **Funding Codes**
    - **Jake Engelman:** I have asked the treasurers to closely review the funding codes and send any notes they have. I want to send that out to everyone on SA. If you think anything should be changed or reviewed send me an email.
  - **Club Application and Reapplication Process**
  - **Residential Life Resolution**
    - **Harry Dubke:** The Residential Life resolution is underway. We will be meeting this week and hope to bring a first version to the Assembly to next week’s meeting. Essentially we are coming up with two articles. One focuses on creating a process for administrators to include students in decisions involving Res Life. The second is demanding the administration
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take responsibility to deal with student’s mental health and how it is impacted by residential life. We want to open it up to an all campus conversation later this week.

- **Max Kohn:** We also want to send out a survey to the entire student body that asks who at the college is seeking out substance free housing. The substance free lottery is not used only by those who want substance free housing, but also for sophomores trying to avoid Bundy, or seniors going for the Kirkland lofts. We think it would be valuable information for the school to have an idea of how many students actually want sub-free housing, so that housing is an actual reflection of student desire.

- **Marquis Palmer:** I am meeting with Travis Hill soon to create a clear list of changes that the College has implemented on issues related to Residential Life.
  - **Harry Dubke:** That is great, you should work with us, because we are pushing for Res Life to record the changes that they make in the future.

- **Lily Pieper:** You could also talk about how many people and students are involved in these decisions.

  - **Check in with Nadav, Julian, and Lilly on mental health programming**

    - **Nadav Konforty:** I can speak more specifically about the mosaic. I needed a break but I am back now. I have talked with Irina about the costs and where we will get the money. I will send an email out to Jon and Gillian and President Wippman for clearance before I send it out to the community. Gillian reminded me today that we had a lot of great ideas that we should build on.

    - **Julian Perricone:** We have categorized all of our long term ideas in a Google doc that I will send out to the rest of the SA. I would like to start constructing a resolution that we can submit to the administration. I think it would be helpful to first have a conversation with President Wippman or Dean Martinez for advice and comments. Most of the ideas we are talking about pertain to training for faculty and students, better hours at the Counseling center, academic stress relief (standardized extension policy, reading period during finals) advisors with whom we can meet for more personal needs. We plan to meet about all of these issues in the next couple weeks, so if you have any further ideas for the Mental Health Resolution you can reach out to me at jpperrico@hamilton.edu.

    - **Lilly Pieper:** Just an update on the Senior mental health program, I will send an email out to Senior Assembly members and those who came to the meeting on mental health so we can move on further action.

5. Committees

- **Jon Stanhope:** Just a reminder that this Friday is Trustee Committee meetings. If you haven't already, you will receive an email from the President’s office.
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- **Nadav Konforty:** The Honorary Degree Committee already met. Will we be meeting again?
  - **Gillian Mak:** There might be. We can double check for you.

**Constitution**

- Reviewing the funding codes and other changes.
- Working with Gillian to make recommendations on Vice President responsibilities (currently they aren’t entirely outlined). We will distribute them to the Central Council this week for review.

**Facilities**

- **Cesar Guerrero:** Our tampon initiative is going well. We are filling it once a week now because there was high demand! We also want to speak about DC housing with Dan Horgan and a few of the people that were in DC last semester.

**Food**

- **Julian Perricone:** we received an email from Peter Todaro and he is going to be at Hamilton next week. He will be coming to our meeting and talking to the student body about sustainability and food justice on Thursday the 26th at 1:30pm in the Sadove Lounge. We will also be having a discussion on pricing for meal plans either this week or next. If you're interested in either topics please join us. We will send out details to the entire Student Body ASAP.
- **Noam Barnhard:** Two comments on McEwen. The first, it is difficult to out your plate on the conveyor belt especially for taller students. Second, is there a possibility to open up the roof for dining? McEwen can get very busy sometimes.
- **Lilly Pieper:** I heard from a few people that condiments in Commons and McEwan should have barbecue sauce.
- **Jiin Jeong:** My personal focus was meal during breaks, since students often choose to remain on campus for shorter breaks, including domestic students for various reasons and many internationals. The instructions for this fall break were very vague, as we received the dining hall hours/policy the day before. Through meeting with Dean Harrison, I was informed that this was due to a new policy change, where they made break dining available to all students, not just certain ones (like international students) remaining on campus. I hear that they’re hoping to do this for following breaks as well, so I plan on asking Dean Martinez to reach out to the student body and share information on this. For Thanksgiving, we’ll hopefully have a clearer meal schedule and instruction well in advance for students, and I’ll be working with Dean Harrison, etc. on getting meals on the days when dining halls are closed.
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- **Harry Dubke:** Derek said that we might have grab-and-go pre-workout power bowls in Commons. So get hyped about that!
  - **Julian Perricone:** That actually should be effective pretty soon, either this week or next. Please give us any feedback about the bowls when you see them.

- **Health and Safety**
  - **Jonathan Kirshenbaum:** Not much to report on our recommendations for the procedure for student death. However, you will be receiving an email from Ysabel regarding the SA Sexual Assault Policy she is working on with SMART. Be on the lookout for that.

- **LITS Committee:**
  - **Eseosa Asiruwa:** I want to shout out Sindy Liu ‘18 for working so hard on the SA website. I am also working on sending out a feedback survey on wifi availability on campus. There will be $100, $50 Visa Card for those who are participate on the survey.

- **Philanthropy**
  - **Marquis Palmer:** Candy gram sale coming soon!

- **Publicity**
  - **Nani Suzuki:** We were talking about fostering better relationships between Assembly members. Do you have any ideas on any events we could have?
    - **Nadav Konforty:** Movie night!
    - **Kureem Nugent:** Volleyball tournament?
    - **Cesar Guerrero:** Kicking ball!!

- **Social Traditions**
  - **Jordan:** Fallcoming Tailgate this weekend for the sports games!

- **Student Affairs**
  - **Zach Oscar:** We are task forcing this week!
  - **Jiin Jeong:** While we were Task Forcing, Jordan and I felt thought it would be more efficient to give a notice to students beforehand. One of the frequent responses we received was that they couldn’t think of anything at the moment. Letting students know that we would be coming around could perhaps help students prepare questions or comments they have for us. Also, sending an all-campus e-mail with a Google Form survey, where they can make suggestions or ask questions to specific committees, would be helpful in gathering student feedback.
  - **Jake Engelman:** Can you do that on the website?
Gillian Mak: Yes! When our new site is live there is a place to submit suggestions.

- Lilly Pieper: If you are going to keep doing it in Commons, maybe you can put up a poster.
- Zach Oscar: I think it's a good suggestion to let students know we are coming and to also send out a note in case they can't come to us. As much as we like to say, “if we send a form out people will respond”, people can be complacent. My whole idea was to go up to students and surprise attack. I completely agree that giving them a head ups on when we're coming is a good idea.
- Nadav Konforty: I have a question, recently we have been talking a lot about mental health programming, I’m wondering are we putting this under Student Affairs or is it on all of us?

- Zach Oscar: I am interested in having a Student Affairs meeting with Dean Martinez. I believe our discussion on mental health should be one where everyone is participating. Our highlight this week is to talk about mental health, but this should be shared amongst the entire Assembly.

6. Announcements

- Org Leaders, please start submitting your rollbacks to SA Treas!