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

2. Public Comment Period

3. Funding
   Amount Remaining: $722.04
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**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**OCTOBER 23, 2017**

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Amount Requested: $1,413.33  
Amount Recommended: $0  
Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: $722.04

- **Jake Engelman**: We have two quick items here. On the Move did not include a budget for a late night. We need to know what they are being funded for from the late night event. Coding Team requested funding for 10/21, which does not work with our 10 day rule. They are here to talk to us.
  - **Oliver Keh**: We have been planning on attending this coding competition for a while now. Have tried to find alternative finding but so far we have not found any other resources. This is the last option we had.
  - **Lilly Pieper**: What is the $600 for going to go to?
    - **Oliver Keh**: $300 will go to vehicle reimbursements. We have been looking for a jitney or someone else who can drive us. We are in the process of finding someone. The other $300 would be for the hotel. We could not put the specific price because the prices are changing every day.
  - **Max Kohn**: I don't think this conversation should be about what the money is for. This is ultimately whether or not we should suspend the 10 day rule. Have we suspended the 10 day rule in the past?
    - **Jake Engelman**: As far as I know the 10 day rule has only been suspended for miscommunication on our end.
  - **Marquis Palmer**: Can you speak the significance of hack-a-thon?
    - **Jack Hay**: It is an opportunity for those in the computer science field to come and work together collaboratively on coding problems, workshops. It is a good opportunity to be exposed on software engineering and information you would not have here.
    - **Oliver Keh**: This hackathon is going on throughout the year. This one works perfectly with our schedules.
    - **Jack Hay**: It also has to do with proximity, fewer competitions are within the driving range.
Marquis Palmer: This competition is the most feasible in terms of time and resources?

Oliver Keh: Yes.

Jake Engelmann: I don't think we should fund this, we should stick with precedent given by our funding codes.

Ben Katz: I feel strongly about this, I feel like we cannot give out $591 on an organization where we have already funded so much already (around $1500 this semester).

Oliver Keh: We are willing to compromise on the amount being funded.

Ben Katz: I appreciate that you would be willing to revisit that but we also have a 10 day rule for a reason.

Oliver Keh: Just again we are requesting so late because we tried to stay away from requesting funding from SA and attempted to find alternative funding sources.

Ben Katz: Have you talked with the President's office?

Oliver Keh: Yes, we have.

Cesar Guerrero: I also budgeted for a traveling team earlier this semester. I just looked up upcoming Hackathons and there is one coming up at UMass, is that not good enough?

Oliver Keh: It’s about registration, the period is over for that competition.

Marquis Palmer: A general remark: I agree that suspending the rules momentarily does put us on a slippery slope. But I think that it’s alright if this negative consequence is outweighed by the benefits of suspending the rules. However, it does not seem like that's the case in this instance. When did you guys register for the event and did you consider the funding logistics?

Oliver Keh: We registered a month ago, and this hackathon was willing to subsidize our travels but then they told us that they would not be able to fund us after all.

Elizabeth Groubert: I stand by Jake’s recommendation. I think we set a dangerous precedent if we fund them within the 10 day rule. There's merit to this Hack-a-thon event but we shouldn’t suspend the rules to fund this club.

Jiin Jeong: I am part of the Coding Team. We asked for reimbursement from Boston University, but they got back on October 11th saying that they could not reimburse us. When choosing which hackathons to attend, we look at ones that provide travel reimbursement, so we wouldn’t have to rely on Student Assembly
for support. BU originally said on their website that they would reimburse travel, which is why we applied. So it was recently that we received this decision of not being funded, and during the following week, we were figuring things out to make the budget work and not merely resort to Student Assembly. If it weren’t for this, we would have submitted the budget earlier. For hackathon in Princeton, we’re getting funded in full from Princeton University.

In our Coding Team, we have people with financial need, and this is our first hackathon of the year, and one we’ve been planning for quite a while. We are even willing to consider lessening the travel costs - driving, and even sleeping in the car. This will really be a great experience, so I just wanted to bring up the points that we could not do anything about BU’s late decision, and that we really tried to make this work.

- **Julian Perricone**: There are two points; one point about suspending rules and setting precedent and the other point about it being a lot of money from our remaining budget. I think this should be a decision about whether we are willing to break a rule that we have.

- **Jack Fischman**: I understand why the rule is in place to cover when people are disorganized. But it seems like they put in a lot of effort so I don't see fault in suspending the rule in this case. I don't think it’ll be a slippery slope. It looks like they put in work and tried to find funding otherwhere.

- **Cesar Guerrero**: I do see faults in suspending the rules. I think of this happening to Model UN, and we would not get leeway. They could have registered earlier on.

*Does not reach ⅔ majority of Student Assembly (14 in favor of suspending the rule and 9 against). The 10 day rule is not suspended. Coding Club funding passes as recommended ($0).*

*Funding for On the Move passes as recommended ($0).*

4. **New Business**
   - **First Review of Residential Life Resolution Draft -- Harry Dubke ‘19**
   - **Harry Dubke**: On the Reslife resolution, I broke it down in two parts. Article 1 is about Residential Life accountability. As of now, the Residential Life Office has no formalized or public process set up to make changes to student life on campus. As far as we’ve heard, it is Travis Hill, along with the few others, making these decisions with no student input. We have had no student input on these res life decisions such as closing the Co-Op basement. There is no transparency or formalized process in place that is shared with the
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student body. I broke the resolved section down into smaller sections. Informal social spaces should have a process and a record should be made if they are to be closed down and made unavailable to the student body. I think 2015-16 would be a reasonable time to start a record on this. I made it so the time frame to finish and publish the record is by the end of this calendar year. Basically I want a decision-making process that is formalized and public. The whole idea is to create accountability and transparency.

Article 2 is about student feedback; this is addressing how there is no formalized process for student feedback to Res Life changes, so Res Life rarely addresses student concerns. Co-Op is the only example of a “forceful pushback” I have seen. They will announce that “Rogers Estate is sub free” but won’t ask us how that is affecting our time on campus. I think we need to address that. There exists little clarity on the response to the offices’ decisions. There is no consistency in their process. In the resolved area for article 2 the central council, and the office of Res Life will work together to create a public platform to address any changes made. Every time they make a change they will present it to us publicly, that way if students have an issue with it they can communicate it to them. I also want to add in Article 3 theme housing, a lot of people expressed a want for themed housing similar to the Co-Op. Also there has been an issue with freshmen isolation in Wertimer and Wally J and a need for Senior apartments. I think it would be good to have that included in Article 3.

- **Nadav Konforty**: I love this! I also think there should be an article on what students can do if a social space gets taken away, such as a process for how they can get it back.

- **Molly Clark**: Something you might want to keep in mind is the gender blocking. A lot of students who identify as female get gender-blocked out of the sub-free housing.
  - **Harry Dubke**: Do you think more females want sub free housing?
  - **Molly Clark**: Yes

- **Jake Engelman**: Let's define what a social space is, it might be good to come up with some kind of language for that.

- **Harry Dubke**: I put in “informal” for social spaces not recognized by Student Activities, but we can use different language.
  - **Zach Oscar**: I think this is really to the point and I support it. Personally I would prefer to lengthen the time we give Res Life to come up with a record of past decisions made. December 15th seems too soon. We should give them the full academic year. Also we don't know when we will pass this, if it'll be in one week or three weeks. A full academic year would be better, or maybe at least until after winter break.
Harry Dubke: I just wanted to see the record of why some spaces were closed in the past by December 15th.

Zach Oscar: I understand but I think they only have one student intern. Personally I want to see the record too, but requesting it so abruptly might take a lot of time for them.

Harry Dubke: I am going to be abroad next semester so someone (or everyone) on SA will need to spearhead this.

Cesar Guerrero: I have a procedural question, Harry brings this resolution, after we discuss the merits, when can someone modify the document?

Jon Stanhope: You can modify it on the Google Doc throughout the week or you can talk to Harry or bring it up here during this review time.

Harry Dubke: I am planning on taking the next week and adding your suggestions and bringing it back to the Assembly. If there is a little change that is needed in the language we can do it in the Assembly. We will also talk to Martinez and Residential Life.

Lilly Pieper: Back to Molly’s point, I think more lenient gender blocking is needed, specifically in South and Carn. Some of my friends have wanted a room in those two dorms and ran into issues with gender blocking. It’s unfair. Also bringing in the perspective of res life and mental health, this makes it stronger because we are talking about this and it is often ignored. You are in your room most of the time and it really affects your mental health.

Marquis Palmer: On a more concrete basis, based on our preliminary convo with Travis it has been suggested that creating a public history is no easy thing. On another note, I do identify a larger weakness in the language or framing. Article 1 is addressing Residential Life accountability but based on the resolution, if passed, it would address transparency as opposed to accountability. Accountability requires transparency, but in itself is not enough. We need to change the title of Article 1 to “Residential Life Transparency” or change the content of Article 1 in such a way that it is about accountability rather than it is transparency.

Harry Dubke: I would change accountability to transparency in this article and the second part could focus more on creating accountability after the actions are taken.

Marquis Palmer: I am not seeing how these articles are ensuring accountability. That to me would be suggesting some type of system where student voices are not merely heard but incorporated, given some kind of institutionalized power.
Harry Dubke: Based on what it says under article 1 section 4, do you think that is enough?

Marquis Palmer: I don't think that is enough. As it stands, it would require Res Life to come and tell us why they want to make some decision and to listen to our responses to their reasoning. This, however, does not ensure that they do anything; they could, for instance, just give us their reasoning, listen to our dissent, and do as they had intended to in the first place without incorporating our responses. For that reason, I don't think the language is strong enough in ensuring accountability.

Noelle Niznik: I think the word “transparency” is important. That’s the way I read it at first-- that you were seeking more transparency than accountability. I would caution against demanding student input for situations that might not be realistic for students to weigh in on. I used to work for Residential Life and all sorts of situations could arise that have to be address immediately. For example, if Res Life has to shut down a building/floor for some reason and they had to rearrange students somewhere else, it would not come to Student Assembly for approval. I think your request for transparency is understandable, but I am not sure if accountability and transparency can be used interchangeably here.

- Harry Dubke: Ok, so maybe we can make this resolution more about transparency than accountability.
- Marquis Palmer: I think both are important but in terms of this resolution what do you want, transparency or straight accountability? You need to change the language accordingly.

Zach Oscar: The best course of action is to title Article 1 about transparency. It's not an either or, we definitely want both. The major question is we say they have to do these things, but what do we do if admin doesn’t? The answer is very difficult. We could say that we’re not gonna pay our tuition or whatever but that would be ridiculous. The formalized process part is the difficult part this. If we have 3 or 4 students who go to these Res Life meetings, these students can make their opinions known. Having students voices is what this is about.

- Foxx Maxwell: I have been listening in, at my HS, the president of the student council sat on the board of Res Life. I think that it's important to have students on these boards (or perhaps to create one here).
- Marquis Palmer: I think the concern with having a couple representatives on a committee is that these students will be listened to and applauded as tokens, but then the administration will do what it wants anyways. When
we do start thinking about accountability, maybe we should seek some type of compromise where we might not have the final say but have some kind of concrete, institutionalized power.

- **Zach Oscar**: I agree but I don't think students should have majority say.
- **Noam Barnhard**: Just a small idea, maybe somewhere in the resolution there could be the creation of potential new social spaces.
- **Noelle Niznik**: Speaking about this topic, I was made aware of an unsanctioned party in List this morning. The space was broken into and there was also graffiti on the wall. Now that's a problem--damaging spaces is not acceptable. When instances like this arise, it actually makes it harder to come to a compromise where we offer an additional social space. I was actually thinking of raising List as a potential social space. With the events from this weekend, I think it will be a harder sell.

*Resolution tabled for conversation with Dean of Students, Office of Residential Life, and Recommended edits from the Central Council. It will be revisited at next week’s meeting.*

5. **Old Business**

- **Student Voices Resolution Update**
  - **Gianni Hill**: I’ll be meeting with Dean Martinez this week about the resolution we passed last week. She also is creating a Dean of Students Advisory Board for the campus.

- **Vote on Updated Attendance Policy -- Jon Stanhope and Gillian Mak**
  - **Jon Stanhope**: The changes to the attendance policy need to have a majority to be made official. Does anyone have any questions?
  - **Max Kohn**: We took the feedback that the Central Council gave us last week and incorporated it into this final draft. We adopted the four absences for one year rather than three absences per semester. Your fourth one you get booted. We decided on a 10 day notice by the president for mandatory events. We also clarified the emergency section.

  - **Jake Engelman**: Was the late thing a part of it before? If we're being realistic a lot of people are gonna walk in late.
  - **Jon Stanhope**: It counts as one third of an absence.
  - **Ben Katz**: I was lingering outside of the meeting and I think I was like one minute late to the meeting today, I think five minutes is a reasonable amount of time

  - **Gillian Mak**: The only thing is, if we are taking attendance and someone walks in late, who is going to make sure how many minutes late someone is?
Lilly Pieper: Has this rule been enforced and recorded before?

- Jon Stanhope: No, we’ve been nice to you all.

Gianni Hill: Maybe we can have a last call for those who are lingering outside when the meeting is about to start.

Constitution Bylaw changes pass. They will be attached to the minutes.

- Working Group Reports

- Funding codes: We are meeting this Thursday at noon in McEwan. Come join us if you would like!

- Club Recognition:

  - Max Phillipps: I met with Kaity Werner and she is looking to change the club recognition process to involve more Student Assembly input. We are hoping that by the end of this semester we will brainstorm based on other school’s club recognition processes.

- Mental Health Initiative:

  - Nadav Konforty: Specifically on the mosaic, I received an email from President Wippman, I will meet with him next week. We are working on a mental health task force. Right now it is going to be Julian and I working on it with Lorna Chase. We will reach out to the people who responded to Jon and Gillian’s all campus email about the working group once it is fully worked out for including all the people who responded.

- Class Project Reports

  - Class of 2021

    - Gianni Hill: We will work on getting a sign up for the “social table” in Commons. In terms of the candy for freshmen we will get that rolling also.

    - Elizabeth Groubert: We will construct a budget for the candy and the sign by next week!

    - Julian Perricone: What's happening to the Christmas lights?

      - Ben Katz: No! The freshmen have to find them on their own!

      - Julian Perricone: Just a heads up, the lights are really fragile and you have to compose a budget to get more lights if needed so you should look at them now.

      - Jon Stanhope: Gillian and I can help you find them if you can’t.

  - Class of 2020
Cesar Guerrero: Our project was the “take one” posters. We thought we could find a PDF formal but apparently that is not a thing so we will be making them on our own this week.

Class of 2018

Lilly Pieper: The juniors wanted to work with us on the silent disco. I think a Senior Formal would be fun, maybe with a band. I’m also going to email the senior class reps about our community dinner/mental health initiative.

Trustee Committee Reports

Jake Engelman: I’ve been attending the faculty budget committee meetings, and recently attended the budget & finance trustee meeting. They discussed the four tools at their disposal for raising money: enrollment, budget reallocation, fundraising, and debt. If anyone has any questions, feel free to reach out to me at jengelma@hamilton.edu!

6. Committees

Food

Julian Perricone: Looking to have a conversation on meal plans and pricing. We will post that in SA in the next couple of weeks. Katie Guzzetta shared a survey with the facebook groups, so please fill it out if you get the chance.

LITS Committee

Tomorrow (Tuesday) in the Science Center, Greycastle will be coming to campus for cyber security month. They are in the SSCT Aud from 10-2 pm. They will be giving away visa gift cards as well has cider and donuts.

Student Affairs

Ben Katz and Cesar Guerrero: We participated the Task Force this week. Two interesting things that came up, apparently Class rank is no longer a thing people were very happy about that. President Whippman had a meeting with 40 families who are prospective donation families. People were wondering if maybe he should talk to a larger body of parents from different socioeconomic statuses.