1. Call to Order
   ● Attendance
     ○ Present
       ■ Andrew Fischer
       ■ Silvia Radulescu
       ■ Caroline Reppert
       ■ Alex Hollister
       ■ Natalie Klingher
       ■ Conor Craven
       ■ Phoebe Greenwald
       ■ Jordan Zeng
       ■ Elizabeth Ughetta
       ■ Catherine Conroy
       ■ Jose Olivares
       ■ Evelyn Torsher
       ■ Kureem Nugent
       ■ Mariaelena Hiller-Chacin
       ■ 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:
       ■ Lauren Mulligan
       ■ Ilana Schwartz
       ■ Zach Hardmeyer
     ○ Absent:
       ■ Ryan McAlonan
       ■ Cesar Renero
       ■ Alex Hirsu

2. Old Business & Committee Reports
   ● Committee Reports
Constitution
- Met with the Registrar to discuss the resolution from last week - see notes below.

Cultural Affairs-
- Campus-wide town hall meeting to discuss cultural affairs across campus - Tuesday, 10/27 at 7pm
- 3 Food Trucks in November

Facilities-
- GPS service update - meeting with Physical Plant to discuss
- Evelyn Torsher - Can the Jitney start tweeting again when they are late?
  - Zach Oscar - I will look into it.

Food-
- Waiting to hear back from Derek
- Andrew Fischer - Please meet with Bon Appetit ASAP

Health and Safety

LITS - Due to communication difficulties, there is nothing to report, but normal reports will resume next week

Philanthropy-
- Haunted House with Delta Phi and AXL - Friday, 10/30

Social Traditions-
- Fall Fest - Success!!
  - Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out!
- Citrus Bowl - Saturday, 12/8
- Hockey Date Auction
- No meeting this week!

Student Affairs - Survey coming after Fall Break

Silvia Radulescu - Electronic Add/Drop Update
- Met with the registrar today
  - Implementing an electronic add form is not up to the registrar. It is up to the faculty (in terms of the advising process) and the technology/programming available.
  - The electronic add form was discussed in years past. It was always turned down because professors like the advising process.
    - We are not trying to change that process, we just want electronic signatures.
  - We will continue to explore options and meet with administrators.
  - Silvia Radulescu - We might consider using a PDF and have a professor type in his/her signature.

Phoebe Greenwald - If we are sending PDF’s, would we still need to meet with professors to get their signatures?
- Silvia Radulescu - Ideally, the form would just have a professor type in his/her electronic signature.
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- Evelyn Torsher- One problem is that a PDF signature would make it easier for people to forge their professors’ signatures
  - Maybe the form should require the professor’s password before they enter their signature.
  - You would still need to go and ask your professor for his/her signature, but you wouldn’t need to walk your form down the hill
- Andrew Fischer- The ideal is still to just have professors check a box rather than use a PDF.
- Chris Lee- WebAdvisor does not support an electronic add form, but if the faculty shows support for the idea, it would make the process of finding a way to support the form easier

**Late Night Shuttle Resolution Update**

- Andrew Fischer- Kureem Nugent, Silvia Radulescu, Noelle Niznik and I met with and Gabe Rivas and Jeanette Parra, who are the Jitney co-managers
  - It will be more effective to launch a campaign against this behavior, instead of trying to implement new consequences for students.
    - No 3 strike system
    - The ride along staff wants Student Assembly to keep the issue in students minds via poster campaign, email, and other publications
      - Poster campaign would be Class and Charter Day-esque
      - The main points would be the list of unacceptable behaviors, what powers the ride alongs have, etc.
      - Example slogan: “The wheels on the bus won’t go round… if you are an asshole.”
  - Resolution passes!
  - Ideas for slogans:
    - Alex Hollister- Something along the lines of the anti-vandalism posters from a few years ago
      - Instead of “Don’t break shit” use something like “Don’t be a shit.”

**Send any ideas to Andrew Fischer ([afischer@hamilton.edu](mailto:afischer@hamilton.edu)) or Silvia Radulescu ([sradulescu@hamilton.edu](mailto:sradulescu@hamilton.edu))! We want the whole student body’s input!**

3. **Public Comment Period**

- David Munger- Received multiple tickets due to not having his car registered
  - Why do we have to pay to register cars? Where does the money go? What do those funds cover that our tuition does not?
  - Each ticket is $75 for not being registered, which is steep.
  - More transparency would be helpful. Students should know where these funds are going.
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- Alex Hollister- Want to work on a resolution addressing parking issues across campus and would like to work with Dave on writing it.
  - Silvia Radulescu was about to suggest the same idea
- Andrew Fischer- Deferring the issue to Zach Oscar, as the chair of the Facilities Committee
  - Zach Oscar- Sure. Will also consult Health and Safety since Campus Safety is involved.
- Thanks to Dave for coming to the meeting!

4. **New Business**
   - Natalie Klingher - Bias Incident Response Team (BIRT)
     - All information is on the Hamilton website!
     - “A bias incident is an action that violates college policy and is motivated, in whole or in part, by the perpetrator's bias or attitude against an individual or group based on perceived or actual personal characteristics, including age, gender or gender identity, race, color, national origin, sexual and affectional orientation/association, military or veterans status, marital status, mental/physical disability, genetic information, ethnic origin, or religion.”
       - Ex: Harassment, threatening comments, vandalism, etc.
     - How to report a biased incident-
       - Just fill out an electronic form on the Bias Incident Response Teams’ page on the Hamilton website
       - It is very easy, so if you see something, report it!!
     - Team includes:
       - Vivayan Adair, Phyllis Breland, Allen Harrison, Kevin Herrera ‘16, Natalie Klingher ‘18, Jeff Landry, Lisa Magnarelli, Fran Manfredo, angel Mason, Muhammad Najib ‘18, Davdi Walden, and Nancy Thompson
       - If you have any questions, contact any one of them!
   - The committee will ensure a timely response to the complaint after reviewing it, ensure that the person making the complaint knows the resources available to them, assess the impact of an incident and determine how best to address community concerns, and inform the campus about the incident
   - Constitution Committee - Proposed Funding Code Amendments/Clarifications
     - New wording allows for Student Assembly committees to use the Discretionary fund approved by the Central Council.
     - Andrew Fischer- Do we want to have the Central Council appropriate committee activities?
       - Silvia Radulescu- In the case of the tailgate a few weeks ago, the Social Traditions committee could not coordinate the event because of funding. Instead Student Assembly had to have a separate vote so that we could run it, even though it should have fallen under Social Traditions.
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- Andrew Fischer- My suggestion is to have the committees just use the fund automatically.
- Conor Craven- So... no vote?
- Andrew Fischer- Yes, we should get rid of the word “appropriate”.
  - That way, we aren’t telling the committees exactly what they can use the money for. Instead, we can vote for the proposed funds, just like we do with other clubs.
  - What if we just keep the wording open to the whole of Student Assembly and not mention of committees or councils at all?
    - Evelyn Torsher agrees
  - Changes also include adding a cap of $8 per person for meals that are a part of off campus events
    - Andrew Fischer- The only current cap for off campus meals is $25 per day when taking a trip
      - This $8 cap would be for stand alone events off campus, not trips.
      - Alex Hollister- We discussed this last year within the Funding Committee and the concern was that $8 was not enough with tax and tip.
        - Mari Hiller- Agrees that $8 is not enough. It should be something like $12 or $15.
        - Conor Craven- We could make this $8 before tax
        - Silvia Radulescu- Groups are tax exempt in the state of NY and they could pay tip out of pocket.
          - Andrew Fischer- That could get complicated.
        - Silvia Radulescu- We could do $10 per meal.
        - Catie Conroy- It is one thing if you are going out of town, but if you are going to Utica, do we need to give a group that much money?
        - Alex Hollister- If they are asking to go off campus, then the meal is probably integral to the event, even though it costs more.
        - Zach Oscar- $8 can supplement what the students are paying. We don’t need to give them a set budget for tip, or even mention anything about the tip.
          - If we stipulate that $2 will be covered by the members of that organization, then people might not pay the tip, and use the $2 to pay for their meal.
          - Hopefully people aren’t that rude, but it is a hypothetical.
          - A group can pay $2-$5 on their own and the $8 could supplement that.
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- Andrew Fischer- So the options are $8, $10, $12, and $15
- Silvia Radulescu- There is a substantial difference between giving each person $8 and giving them $15. This might encourage clubs to have more off-campus food events. Is that what we are really trying to promote?
- Conor Craven- By including this cap, it would give Student Assembly a framework to subsidize a club
  - $8 is a pretty hefty subsidy. Whatever the rest of the food costs, it shouldn’t be a big deal to have members of the organization pay out-of-pocket.

Andrew Fischer- Any concerns about this?
- Mari Hiller- The cap should be $10 and $2 go towards tip to make sure that people leave one
  - Zach Oscar- What if a meal doesn’t cost $8, so the tip is less than $2?
  - Andrew Fischer- This overly complicates things.
  - Silvia Radulescu- Some places don’t require a tip.
  - Conor Craven- We don’t need to hand-hold. It isn’t Student Assembly’s responsibility to make sure that people pay tip when they go out to eat.

5. Funding

No funding!

***Start rolling back excess funds from Student Assembly funded events***
- Andrew Fischer- Please remind organizations to roll back!

6. Announcements
- Alex Black- Dunham was really badly vandalized over this past weekend
  - This is not the first time this has happened this year.
  - Is there a way that we can get security cameras? If no one comes forward and claims responsibility, then the entire first floor will have to pay for the damage, even if they weren’t involved.
    - Andrew Fischer- This happens every year, unfortunately.
    - Silvia Radulescu- Talk to the people on the first floor before you pursue the camera option. Some people might feel uncomfortable with the idea.
      - Talk to Jeff Landry, if you do decide to take the camera route.
    - Andrew Fischer- Also concerned about putting cameras in residence halls.
    - Silvia Radulescu- Maybe the cameras could be temporary.
      - Maggie Horne- Maybe they could just be turned on during the weekends, which is when the vandalism occurs.
○ Andrew Fischer- Why does Dunham still have foam ceiling tiles? Other buildings on campus have metal ceiling tiles, so even if someone were to hit them, they wouldn’t break like the foam ones in Dunham.
○ Phoebe Greenwald- Even if they don’t get a camera installed, it is worth arguing that the people who were uninvolved should not have to pay for the damage.