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

2. Old Business & Committee Reports
   ● Andrew Fischer- Reminder to Student Assembly Members: no laptops, cell phones, side conversations, or homework during meetings! Distractions make meetings less efficient and limit discussion participation.
Committee Reports
- Constitution - Moving forward after approved changes from last meeting
- Cultural Affairs -
  - Campus-wide town hall meeting to discuss “cultural affairs issues” on-campus: Tuesday, 10/27 at 7pm
  - 3 Cultural Food Trucks in November
- Facilities -
  - Jitney GPS Tracking update -
    - Will meet with Alfio LaRocca (Physical Plant) about GPS tracking service for the Jitney
    - He might come to next Student Assembly meeting, but Facilities Committee wants to sit down with him first along with Noelle Niznik and the Jitney Coordinators
    - Working on getting information about registering personal vehicles on-campus. See discussion from last week.
    - Cesar Renero - What is the GPS tracking going to look like? Will it be an app?
      - Zach Oscar - We’re still working on it. No information yet.
  - Andrew Fischer - New Jitney vans in January!
    - Ford Transit vehicles
    - “They are quite nice”
      - Power mirrors, headrests, and they won’t be falling apart.
      - Always good!
- Food - Meetings on Mondays at 4pm
  - Focusing on food allergy communication with Bon Appetit
  - Email any questions or concerns to Lauren Mulligan at lmulliga@hamilton.edu or Phoebe Greenwald at pgreenwa@hamilton.edu
- Health and Safety
  - Working on the vehicle registration question with Facilities Committee
  - Looking into more options for on-campus weekend activities (“Dorm Socials”)
  - Meeting on Mondays at 8:30 pm in the Sadove Conference Room
- LITS
  - Survey coming about first floor space in the Library
- Philanthropy
  - Haunted House with Delta Phi and AXL and Sadove Programing - Friday, 10/30
  - Pre-Sales for Halloween Candy-Gram Sale this weekend - table locations are TBA
    - Candy will be delivered to mailboxes on 10/30
    - Benefits the ABC House
- Social Traditions - Starting to plan Citrus Bowl (12/8)
- Student Affairs - Survey coming shortly
■ Working on getting a New York Times representative on campus. Will host table with swag, online subscription information, etc.

- Conor Craven - Electronic Add/Drop Update
  ○ Met with the Registrar
    ■ Next steps: have to go primarily through faculty channels
    ■ Silvia Radulescu is looking into who next contact person should be
    ■ The Registrar was helpful by showing us what WebAdvisor can and cannot support
      ● Working on getting system that can support electronic add/drop
      ● Ilana Schwartz- Even though the system is 15 years old, we can’t change it because we subscribe to the system for a set period of time.
      ● WebAdvisor is integrated into many of different parts of the college. Makes replacing it very difficult.
      ● Chris Lee- Yes. Replacing it would be too expensive and too difficult.
      ● Andrew Fischer- It has to be updated at some point. Right?
      ● Chris Lee- Yes… When the contract is up. Not sure when that is.
      ● Ilana Schwartz- The company who hosts WebAdvisor has better options available, but we can’t change systems until the contract is up.
      ● Conor Craven- There are paths to pursue now, though. WebAdvisor can support some of our desired features. For example, electronic drop. We’ll keep pushing the issue.
  ○ Trustee Committee Meeting Feedback
    ■ Andrew Fischer- Any specific feedback from Trustee Committee Representatives on meetings?
    ■ Elizabeth Ughetta- My committee didn’t meet. Am I still a member?
      ● Andrew Fischer- Yes. You are still a member of the committee.
      ● Noelle Niznik- They meet every quarter, but not sure of the exact dates of the next meeting is.
    ■ Evelyn Torsher- Way better than last year. This time, the student representatives had name cards and were able to meet the trustees.
    ■ Cesar Renero- The members were genuinely interested in student feedback.
      ● Although students couldn’t contribute much (Honorary Degrees Committee), it was a very positive experience.

3. Public Comment Period

4. New Business
- NY6 Student Government Conference - Saturday, November 7 at Union College
  ○ NY6- Consortium with 6 other small liberal arts colleges in New York State.
One-day conference
- Looking for 4-5 volunteers to go to the conference
  - Volunteers:
    - Cesar Renero
    - Jose Olivares
    - Annalie Garcia
    - Mari Hiller
    - Lilly Pieper

- Chris Lee (LITS Committee) - Recording Lectures
  - This is an idea that was looked into last year. It never went anywhere, want to gage student feedback. Should we reconsider? If so, what classes should we consider recording?
  - Zach Oscar - It would be helpful to record larger classes.
  - Chris Lee - Intro-level classes?
  - Zach Oscar - Either intro classes or lecture-style classes
    - If a professor is talking without engaging students, it would be helpful to be able to review the lecture for anything that a student might have missed.
  - Lilly Pieper - The issue is that a lot of professors don’t want to be filmed.
    - This possibility was brought up for student athletes who miss class, but a lot of visiting professors don’t want to be filmed.
    - Andrew Fischer - Many professors like to say what they want in class without worrying about being filmed or recorded.
  - Cesar Renero - Econ intro classes would be helpful place to start
    - That way other students could audit the classes and then register if they are interested
    - Prof. Steven Wu - He is comfortable being filmed, so he might be a good place to start.
  - Chris Lee - One of the bigger issues is that this might not be as interactive between the students and professors.
    - It could make attendance seem less important
    - It could also promote bad academic behavior/ habits
  - Conor Craven - It is hard to see how this will get through the various faculty committees.
    - The professors who are opposed are very against it and very vocal. It seems hard to believe that it will get through.
  - Andrew Fischer - The question is: how big of a priority is it for us? This will be a lot of effort on our end.
  - Ilana Schwartz - in response to Chris Lee:
    - Maybe professors could determine who has access to the lecture, so if you have a valid excuse for missing class, then you could get access to the lecture that you miss.
○ Elizabeth Ughetta- If there is filming of discussion-based classes, it might make students less willing to ask questions or state opinions
○ Zach Oscar- Could it just be an audio recording? Or will it definitely be film?
  ■ Chris Lee- we really only talked about filming
  ■ Andrew Fischer- Doesn’t make sense to have audio because students wouldn’t be able to see what is on the board. Some professors don’t use the board, but we don’t want two different standards/systems.
  ■ Zach Oscar- It would be hard to set up a filming station for professors
    ● It sounds like we agree that this isn’t going to be universally implemented, but rather up to the professors’ discretion. If a student is going to miss a lecture, could they ask a professor to record that lecture on that specific day, rather than having the files be available for all students all the time.
    ● Chris Lee- So lectures would be recorded on a request basis?
    ● Zach Oscar- Yes, because I agree that this proposal will be very difficult to get approved by the professors.
○ Lilly Pieper- How much extra work would this be for the AV staff?
  ■ Chris Lee- We would probably have to hire someone extra to do this.
    ● There would be more work for AV in terms of support
    ● The bigger issue would be the overhead cost.
○ Catie Cooper- Could we send out a feeler email to faculty to get feedback about this possibility?
○ Andrew Fischer- On that note… What is the general feeling?
  ■ Zach Oscar- Drop it until after electronic add/drop initiative comes to an end
  ■ Mari Hiller- Likes Catie Cooper’s idea to send out a feeler.
  ■ Lilly Pieper- Athletics is trying to do something similar, so could we coordinate with them.
  ■ Conor Craven- Is there a fiscal element to this?
    ● Chris Lee- We looked at some services last year. Won’t be inexpensive.
    ● Are we willing the pay the cost?
■ Caroline Reppert-
  ● The OCC currently uses Panopto, which is a recording device they use for their appointments. It might be worth talking with them to see how they like the service and what was involved in implementing it.
  ● We should also talk to Prof. Dan Chambliss. He has some of his lectures already recorded and posted to YouTube for his students.
■ Cesar Renero- We shouldn't devote Student Assembly funds to this.
  ● Since funding ran out so quickly, we shouldn’t consider paying for this.
5. Funding

No funding!

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

- Andrew Fischer- Received an email with request from Spanish Club. Unfortunately don’t have funds right now.
- Cesar Renero- We should talk about raising the Student Activities Fee that’s part of tuition.
  - Phoebe Greenwald- Agrees.
  - Cesar Renero- We should start with Financial Aid Office
    - Can’t remember it going up in the past few years
    - Noelle Niznik- No. It goes up a little bit every year
  - Andrew Fischer- Conversation came up last week of moving club sports funding back to Student Assembly.
    - Phoebe Greenwald- Strongly opposes this idea
      - Dave Thompson knows what he is doing and has extensive experience handling this sort of thing. We are not.
      - Andrew Fischer- Not advocating that we should move the funding. Want to get general feeling. Is technically part of the Student Activities Fee, and someone mentioned that students don’t currently have oversight on its distribution.
      - Phoebe Greenwald- Yes, but Dave Thompson does it well.
      - Conor Craven- Agrees. We don’t want to take this on.
      - Phoebe Greenwald- The other issue that club sports need funding immediately. They start traveling before we even meet to allocate funds.
      - Conor Craven- Agrees with Phoebe Greenwald
        - Student Assembly is not underfunded, we just need to fine tune how we allocate those funds before we ask for more money as part of tuition.
      - Mari Hiller- Agrees. We shouldn’t take club sports under our belt.
        - We don’t know the basis for club sports.
      - Jose Olivares- Understands that it is frustrating that we ran out of money, but it’s not a good idea to ask for more tuition.
  - Cesar Renero- What if we gave out 40% of the strategic budget at the beginning and the other 40% after Fall Break or Spring Break, depending on the semester.
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- Ryan McAlonan- Disagrees. It is better to get it done at the beginning of each semester.
  - It is not efficient to ask clubs to re-apply. Strategic budgeting makes them plan and look ahead for the entire semester.
- Conor Craven- One of the bigger mistakes we made, in terms of allocating funds, was that groups that were academic focused didn’t get the money that they deserve while other clubs did
  - Maybe we should have a priority ranking with academic clubs first.
- Phoebe Greenwald- Student Assembly funding shouldn’t be priority-academic.
  - It is a creative outlet that shouldn’t be limited.
  - Struggles with the word “deserves”
    - One group doesn’t deserves the money over another.
    - Hard to create priorities.
- Cesar Renero- We don’t have a comprehensive list of other sources of funding.
  - Oftentimes, groups come to us and then we give them a different office to contact.
  - We should know all of those sources so that we can better help students.
- Noelle Niznik- We don’t want to send other groups “trick-or-treating” for other sources of funding.
  - If we don’t have money, that’s a different situation, but we should encourage people to come to us first.
- Cesar Renero- in response to Noelle Niznik:
  - Agrees that we shouldn’t be sending people away, but we should make the other options clearer.
- Andrew Fischer- Straw poll on how many people would like to have a conversation about raising the fee?
  - Andrew Fischer- None?! Perfect.
- Ilana Schwartz- We shouldn’t have a conversation about raising the fee, but we should brainstorm about how to better, more efficiently allocate money.
  - Funding Committee is a huge undertaking and they know what they are doing, but a lot of other people have ideas.
- Annalie Garcia- When the Funding Committee presents justification for their recommendations, that is a good place for the Central Committee to give their suggestions.

6. Announcements