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

2. **Old Business & Committee Reports**
   ● **Committee Reports**
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- **Constitution-**
  - Proposed changes pushed back in place of the resolution on electronic Add/Drop form

- **Cultural Affairs-** Upcoming food trucks
  - Upcoming town hall to discuss cultural issues on campus
    - Open to the whole campus
    - Tentatively scheduled for right after fall break

- **Facilities-** Update on GPS tracking for the Jitney
  - Waiting to hear back on status

- **Food-** working with Bon Appetit to set up

- **Health and Safety-** Don’t forget to send your suggestions to Cesar Renero at crenero@hamilton.edu

- **LITS-** new movies up on the Movie Channel

- **Philanthropy-**
  - **Knit-A-Thon**
    - Hosted in conjunction with Maude Wilson- Success!
    - A little more time intensive than previously thought, but 10-20 premature babies will have warmer heads!
  - **Intergenerational Fall Clean-up-** Saturday, 10/24
    - Cleaning the yards of senior citizens
  - **Halloween Candy-Gram Sale-** Saturday, 10/24-Thursday, 10/29
    - Delivery will be Friday, 10/30
  - **Haunted House for Trust Treat-** Friday, 10/30
    - In collaboration with Delta Phi and AXL
  - **5K Halloween Run-** Saturday, 10/31

- **Social Traditions-** Fallcoming- Success!
  - **Fall Fest-** Village Green in Clinton
    - This Saturday, 10/10 from 12-4 pm
    - Lots of activities, free food, and performances by Special K, Duelly Noted, and HEAT
    - Extra Jitney service to Clinton from 11am-4pm
    - Club and organizations are needed to host games/activities
    - Student Assembly members- Ellie Ducommun will send out a link a sign-up sheet to volunteer to help
    - If you are an organization leader and would like to help, email Ellie Ducommun soctrad@hamilton.edu

- **Silvia Radulescu - Late Night Shuttle Resolution Update**
  - Sent out a survey to the ride alongs about their experiences on the late night jitney
    - 13 responses (out of approximately 30 total staff)
  - Questions:
    - How would you rate your experience on the late night jitney-
Average rating was 2.92 out of 5

- Experienced persistent microaggressions-
  - 46% of ride-alongs said yes.

- Have you ever felt threatened-
  - 54% said yes

- If so, please explain.
  - Violence on the jitney, aggressive behavior, unpredictable nature of intoxicated people, threats, derogatory language,

- Do you have any thoughts on how to address the issues?
  - Discussed by the ride along staff who came to the meeting:

  ▪ Steve Gross- The three strike policy discussed in the resolution last week does not make sense from the ride along’s perspective.
    - Currently policy is that if there is something that needs to be confronted, ride alongs can ask for identification. Ride alongs are college officials, so people are required to comply when they ask for ID. If they don’t comply, ride alongs can ask the person’s friends for him/her name. If the ride alongs still can’t get any information, they can use the cameras on the bus.
    - Campus safety is contacted if the incident is bad enough. All other names go to Noelle Niznik.
    - The role of Student Assembly is as a PR representative, especially as representatives of the student body.
      - SA should spread the word that ride alongs are having issues on the Late Night Jitney.

  ▪ Gabe Rivas- There should be a campaign to make students aware of the procedures, specifically what behavior warrants documentation and what constitutes belligerent behavior
    - The issue is that ride alongs don’t get the respect they deserve.
      - Ride alongs are college officials, so if students don’t comply with requests, that can warrant a report.

  ▪ Andrew Fischer- To clarify, the ride alongs want to make sure that students know what the issues are and what the procedures are

  ▪ Steve Gross- At the beginning of the year, the events staff sent out an email outlining what authorities they have. That way, if there is an issue students would be aware of what actions the events staff could take.
    - It is important to emphasize that events staff are college officials
      - It is also very important that to emphasize that such belligerent, disrespectful behavior is wrong-
        - Students respond well when Student Assembly notes that we are better than this behavior.

  ▪ Jeanette Parra- Reminder that the Late Night Jitney is a privilege.
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- The the ride along staff is not recognized and they do not get the respect that they deserve.
- The majority of the staff is female and the majority of aggressions come from male students
  - There is only so much that they can do.
  - We need to make this a campaign
- In regards to the three strike policy- ride alongs already do enough.
  - Yes, it is awful that you sometimes have to ignore aggressions, but the three strike policy only makes the staff’s jobs harder
    - There should be an emphasis that the late night service is a privilege- The staff is not obligated to keep it running.
- Ilana Schwartz- What does Noelle Niznik do after she gets the name of someone who was disruptive?
  - Gabe Rivas- It depends on what the instance was.
    - We encourage ride alongs to get as many details as possible.
    - Noelle Niznik will forward the information to Fran Manfredo, who is responsible for filing a report. If Mr. Manfredo feels that it is warranted, the report then goes into the disciplinary process.
    - Noelle Niznik- The job of the reports is to document instances, specifically to see if there are repeat offenders and address that issue.
      - Ride alongs work for Student Activities office; without them, the service can’t run.
- Zach Oscar- In response to the comments on Yik Yak about last week’s
  - Clarification: The phrasing from last week was wrong, but the sentiment stands.
    - The issue is that we shouldn’t have to complain about these issues- it just shouldn’t be happening. It’s disappointing that we have to have these conversations.
    - Student Assembly agrees that the way ride alongs are being treated is unacceptable.
    - If my comments struck you as “why are you bringing this issue to us?” that was not my intention. My frustrations about this problem were just poorly phrased.
    - Steve’s idea about publicizing the sentiment that Student Assembly does not support what students are doing is a great idea.
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- That was my intention last week, but the way I phrased it was not clear.
- I hope that this rectifies the issue.
  - Jeanette Para- Wants to make sure that this is not an instance of ‘victim blaming’- It is not the ride alongs’ fault that this sort of behavior happens.
    - They can’t control other people’s actions.
    - Just because we don't always voice our concerns in the moment does not mean that we aren’t doing our job.
    - When you see people on campus on a daily basis who act in a threatening way towards you on the Late Night Jitney, it is very hard to confront them in the moment.
  - Nathalia Mahabir- Ride-along’s job is to provide safety for all students. There are many students between the staff and belligerent students who need protection.
    - Those other students should be able to come forward when they feel threatened, but that, unfortunately, is not the reality of the situation.
- Zach Oscar- It was not my intention to blame you.
  - Obviously, there are situations when you feel unsafe and you shouldn’t have to put yourself in harm's way.
  - Personally, I am very confrontational and I often forget that others are not.
  - Hates that other people can’t confront poor behavior because the situation is too dangerous. Our campus is supposed to be a safe place. It’s unfortunate that it isn't in some cases.
- Catie Conroy- Do we have just one ride along?
  - Gabe Rivas- Use to have just one, but we now have two.
    - Use to have a Campus Safety Officer, but that costs a lot of money.
    - The bus is also expensive to contract for the year.
    - When Campus Safety left, things got harder.
    - Noelle Niznik- Asked Campus Safety if someone would be willing to help ride along when no students were available to do it
      - Told by Fran Manfredo that Campus Safety Officers will not volunteer for the overtime shifts.
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- What does that say about this situation?  
- We want to offer service, but if staff won’t ride-along, we can’t run the service even if we want to.  
- Gabe Rivas- It speaks volumes that even people who are paid over time aren’t willing ride along.

- Ellie Ducommun- Good point that we need to publicize this issue.  
  - It will really be effective if we frame it that students are being so mean and that fellow students don’t feel comfortable doing their job.  
    - This isn’t something the administration is trying to take from us.

- Andrew Fischer- How would you rate the year so far?  
  - Jeanette Parra- The social culture of campus has changed, so it hasn’t been as bad, but we still have busy nights  
  - Kevin Herrera- It is much tamer than last year.  
    - There are still rough nights, but it is better overall
  - Nathalia Mahabir- Just because behavior has gotten better does not mean that behavior is ok.  
    - Going from terrible to bad is still not good.
  - Gabe Rivas- There are still instances of egregious behavior happening this semester.

- Thank you to all the events staff and ride alongs who came to the meeting!

3. **Public Comment Period**

4. **New Business**
  - Honor Court Nomination  
    - Evan Weinstein - First-Year Representative  
      - Confirmed! Congratulations!
  - Kristin Strohmeyer (LITS) - Hamilton Password Manager  
    - All sophomores, juniors, and seniors must enroll in Hamilton Password Manager by October 19.  
      - Requires answering five security questions and making a new password  
      - The manager system allows you to change your password if you forget it or lock yourself out of the system via the security questions.
    - Make sure you change your Wi-Fi password on your different devices!- phone, laptop, iPad
    - An email was sent out about this last week with a link to the system, but you will continued to receive emails if you don’t enroll.
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- You will be cut off from the network if you don't register!
- Enrolling in Password Manager is different than just changing your password.
  - Go to password.hamilton.edu. Select “New User Setup”
- Rachel Dawson- Have freshmen already done this?
  - Kristin Strohmeyer- Yes. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors must enroll.
- Thanks for coming, Kristin!

- Electronic Add/Drop Form Resolution
  - Andrew Fischer- Many peer schools have electronic Add/Drop systems.
    - We want to promote a change from paper add/drop forms to electronic add/drop at Hamilton.
    - Next step is taking passed resolution to the Registrar to discuss possibilities for implementation.
- Silvia Radulescu- [Reads resolution. See separate email.]
- Andrew Fischer- Clarifying section on having an electronic drop, but not electronic add…
  - Silvia Radulescu- A compromise solution would be to implement electronic drop but not electronic add. Some professors want to exercise discretion in terms of which students they add to their courses. Want to meet them.
- Alex Hollister- This is a great idea. It can be pretty awkward to drop a course, especially if you don’t know the professor.
- Silvia Radulescu- Going to take this to the Registrar after we discuss it in the Central Council.
- Zach Oscar- How many people use add/drop forms?
  - Silvia Radulescu- Quite a few. We should take into account students who use multiple add/drop forms in one semester.
  - Zach Oscar- Concerned for professors who don’t like technology. Their email will be flooded by add/drop requests
- Conor Craven- The faculty that we spoke with also said it's a hassle to meet with up to twenty students just to sign a single piece of paper.
  - Students are already emailing professors anyway to set up meetings. The paper forms are an unnecessary additional step.
- Silvia Radulescu- Not too worried about professors and technology. Professors use technology daily: Blackboard, email, letters of recommendation, file sharing, etc.
  - One response to the survey: “Speaking as a faculty member, I can't fathom why we hold on to this vestige of 20th century signature-gathering.”
  - Out of 277 survey respondents, 14 individuals indicated that they would NOT prefer to have an electronic Course Add/Drop Form option.
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- Some of the reasons they gave include: It is not worth the effort of changing the process; students can just walk to the Registrar; students are asking for this because they are entitled.
- Silvia Radulescu- Seeking improvement does not automatically constitute a sense of entitlement.
  - Andrew Fischer- There could be some selection bias, but we tried to phrase questions in a neutral way
  - Lauren Mulligan- Some professors don’t spend 5 days a week on campus, so it is very difficult to meet with them to drop the class.
  - Ilana Schwartz- During Freshman Orientation, there was a whole day where new students went to the Registrar. There was a huge line. Electronic add/drop will help alleviate the stress on the Registrar's office, not just benefit students and faculty.
  - Conor Craven- Registrar's office has the technological capability to do an electronic drop form.
    - After all, professors can drop you after the first class by just one click.
    - The Registrar’s office can electronically add/drop classes for freshmen without professor signatures, so students should be able to do it for other class years as well.
  - Andrew Fischer- [Reads line-by-line breakdown]
  - Passed!

5. **Funding**

Amount Remaining in Discretionary Prior to 10/5: $266.50

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Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: $241.50

- Lizzi Tran- Is there a time window within which student orgs must roll back money?
  - Noelle Niznik- We used to say that the extra funds should be rolled back within one week of the event.
  - Andrew Fischer- The issue is now with strategic budgeting. Clubs are inclined to keep unused money allocated to specific events for other events later in the semester.
  - Alex Hollister- Groups are taking advantage of this. Technically not allowed.
  - Ilana Schwartz- Do we vote on reallocation from one event to the other?
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- Alex Hollister- Not right now. SA Treasurer approves reallocation requests
- Ilana Schwartz- We should think about voting.
- Alex Hollister- We’ve been lenient on reallocations in the past because it’s hard to budget very specifically so early in the semester.
  - If student organizations reallocate without getting permission and we notice when reviewing reimbursement records, then I follow up.
  - Ryan McAlonan- We have more important things to discuss than $20 reallocations. Don’t need to vote on every reallocation.

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

6. **Announcements**
   - Andrew Fischer- Student Assembly members… Please watch your inbox for an email from Ellie about Fall Fest!