1. Call to Order
   Attendance
   ● Present
     ○ Kureem Nugent
     ○ Lizzi Tran
     ○ Charlotte Zee
     ○ Mariaelena Hiller Chacin
     ○ Kaitlin Dunne
     ○ Conor O’Shea
     ○ Phoebe Greenwald
     ○ Katherine Conroy
     ○ Ben Schafer
     ○ Jack Vissicchio
     ○ Jim Larson
     ○ Kacy Hobbis
     ○ Michelle Woodward
     ○ Samantha Weckenman
     ○ Lilly Pieper
     ○ Gabby Troya
     ○ Zach Oscar
     ○ Isabel Grieder- Late
     ○ Marquis Palmer
     ○ Alex Black
     ○ Annalie Garcia
     ○ Maggie Home
     ○ Rachel Dawson
     ○ Ram Franqui
     ○ Julia Dailey
     ○ Chris Lee
   ● Excused
     ○ Jose Olivares
     ○ Gillian Mak
     ○ Marquis Palmer
     ○ Elizabeth Ughetta
     ○ Ellie Ducommun
     ○ Jeremy Cottle
   ● Absent
     ○ Jordan Zeng
     ○ Lauren Mulligan

2. Old Business & Committee Reports
   ● Committee Reports
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- **Constitution**
  - Looking at Funding section of the Constitution
    - Conor O’Shea: Funding for transportation did not include buses, wrote proposed amendment including buses

- **Cultural Affairs**
  - Town Hall Meetings
  - Committee Goals
  - Possible food fair for cultural organizations/culinary groups
    - Katie Conroy: Met on Wednesday, same people going to cultural affair events, trying to do better marketing, food fairs instead of food trucks (too expensive)

- **Facilities**
  - GPS tracking update
    - Zach Oscar: dealing with uncomfortable toilet paper
      - Met with Noel, Wei, Gabe, and Alfio about TracManager (Jitney App)
        - Show moving icon on history data & show data if students want to view bus route
        - Estimate the shortest time from icon to any point on history route. If the vehicle is away from the point, we have to include time when the vehicle turn back not just using the distance
        - Gabe Rivas: Students will have better idea of when Jitney will arrive or is running behind. Routes will be highlighted so students can tell if it is going up or down the hill. You can also tell when Jitney is stopped
      - Lizzi Tran: How far along with you on tracking Birnie Bus?
        - Zach Oscar: Installing device on bus is tricky because sometimes that specific bus with the GPS won’t be moving. Will call to figure out partnership with them

- **Food**
  - Meeting Time: Fridays, 4:30pm in McEwen
    - Ben Schafer: Proposing dairy free labels in dining halls. If you ever want to suggest something to Bon Appetit, write in their box on the website

- **Health and Safety**
  - CJ 101 at 8:20-8:50 Mondays
Compiled list of student complaints, will talk about sexual assault issues on campus

**LITS**
- 18 New movies added to Hamilton Movie Channel!
- Macs and windows on first floor of library switched, moving towards a research space (because Photoshop and Adobe getting expensive-- only on certain computers)
- Top priority is making sure Hamilton App will get launched
- Meeting Time: Mondays, 7pm in KJ 109

**Philanthropy**
- Carnation sale in Beineke 1-3:30 PM Thursday-Saturday
  - Alex Black: Is there any way proceeds can go to Flint, MI?
  - Julia Dailey: We don’t have a set charity for the cause yet, but we will look into that

**Social Traditions**
- FebFest starts this Sunday, February 14! We have a great schedule of events this year and hope this will be the best FebFest yet
- We are still accepting contestants for Mr. Hamilton competition, which will take place on Wednesday, 2/17 at 8:30pm in the annex. The winner receives a $100 gift card and a sweet crown! If you or any of your friends are interested, please email soctrad@hamilton.edu

**Student Affairs**
- KJ 103 9-9:45 on Tuesdays
- Liaison between student body and Student Assembly

  b. Trustee Committee Assignments
  - Conor O’Shea elected to Instruction Committee

2. **Public Comment Period**
   a. Shout out to Sam Kaplan and John McGonnigal for attending tonight’s meeting!

3. **New Business**
   - Dave Smallen - Yik Yak
     - Kureem Nugent: Yik Yak was on our agenda last semester, but we didn’t get the chance to fully discuss this. We know Yik Yak isn’t a hot topic at the moment but we think it’s best to discuss it now.
     - Dave Smallen: I encourage students to participate on Crucial Conversations with Phyllis Breland, conversations to ensure that each member of our community feels welcome, safe and respected.

  - Committee of Library and Information Technology Services has students, administrators, and faculty members
    - Possible solutions proposed would be banning or excluding Yik Yak via Hamilton wifi
Conclusion: Yik Yak is not a technical issue, but it can be controlled by the community. Students should take an active role in opposing posts by downvoting.

We check Yik Yak periodically (just a quick scan) that may tell us if wifi isn’t working in a particular area etc.

- Gabe Rivas: What steps are taken when a threat is made on Yik Yak and who should we contact if we witness this?
  - Dave Smallen: Yik Yak will work with the community to find the person threatening health and safety, and witnesses should contact Campus Safety. It is still up to the targeted individual if they want to pursue legal consequences for libel. Health and safety is a real issue

- Gabe Rivas: How does someone forward this to the authorities?
  - Dave Smallen: Send a screenshot to Campus Safety
  - Nancy Thompson: There are directions on the Yik Yak website for how to report this

- Dave Smallen: We are installing speakers in all of the classrooms. If there is an emergency on campus, it will also go off on these speakers

- Kureem Nugent: Lizzi and I want to ask if Student Assembly wants to take a stand on misbehavior on Yik Yak?
  - Conor O’Shea: It would be great if Student Assembly can lead by example because this is a community issue and not a technological issue

- Phoebe Greenwald: Where would we do this?
  - Kureem Nugent: In meetings or we could propose it as a resolution

  - Phoebe Greenwald: I think it would be great to encourage students to go to Crucial Conversations

Hamilton College’s Student Assembly does not condone any inappropriate behavior on online platforms such as Yik Yak. We also encourage all students to attend “Crucial Conversations” hosted by Phyllis Breland.

- Nancy Thompson - Update on Review of the Point System and Judicial Process
  - Came last semester to discuss reviewing point system
  - Old system was established in 2004, when there was a terrible problem with vandalism. In 2001, damage costs were $81,000
Policy stated that if you intentionally destroyed school or others’ property, suspension would follow, unless the person comes forward (they will receive 6 points and have to pay for the damage)

- Damages in 2004 went to $49,000 then gradually decreased as time passed

- Putting together a committee of people from different campus groups (6-8 students (Representatives from SA, ISC, SAAC, RAs))

- Lilly Pieper: How often would the committee meet?
  - Nancy Thompson: That would be up to the committee

- Gabe Rivas - Late Night Shuttle Service

- Mari Hiller: Why is there no 8-10pm Jitney stop downtown?
  - Gabe Rivas: This is a change we made last semester because the 8-10pm Jitney is not considered a late night bus, so we sent an email clarifying these rules
    - When we made a switch to the big bus, it was taking too long to get to all the stops. Buses have a hard time turning around in Dollar General parking lot. We also need to prioritize students waiting in New Hartford.
    - At 10pm, we get a large influx of students (usually 80-100 underage students waiting to get downtown) and we usually don’t have ride-along staff on 8-10pm Jitney
    - We’re scared that if anything happens downtown, we may not have the resources to get everyone back to campus if this keeps happening

- Recent stats:
  - Friday 1/22, first night with late night run: 50 students down the hill, 358 back up the hill
  - Saturday 2/6: 60 students down the hill, 306 back up the hill

- We will never deny anyone a ride back up to Hamilton

- Will have a poster campaign in Sadove and dorms to show students how and when Jitney works
  - Lizzi Tran: We should also advertise with table tents

- Gabby Troya: Since you implemented this rule, are the same number of students coming back to campus on the Jitney?
  - Gabe Rivas: Yes
    - Gabby Troya: My main concern is that people are cramming into cars to get downtown
      - Jeanette Parra: These are the rules. It can be dangerous if we don’t abide by them. It’s an issue we need to address
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- Gabe Rivas: Students should make responsible decisions about getting rides downtown

5. Funding

- Women in Computer Science no funding
  - No date and time for movie screening
- Hamiltones, SPAC, Finance Club passed as recommended
- Stop Traffik:
  - Not funded for chocolate, SA does not fund sales
- Hamtrek passed as recommended
  - Mari Hiller: We ask that clubs prioritize handing out t-shirts funded by SA to students before faculty and outside community members since the money is coming from the student activities fee
    - Zach Oscar: Faculty members have been in the Hamilton community for a while. While t-shirts come from student fees, we should be able to reserve shirts for outside community members
- Stop Traffik, Finance Club and Social Traditions passed as recommended
- Pre-Vet Club: No funding, resubmit due to possible liability issues
- Vinyls Appreciation Club
  - Phoebe Greenwald: How does the club work?
  - David Kibazo: We hold events; movie viewing with vinyls playing in background, students gather to listen to records together
  - Lilly Pieper: How many members are in the club?
    - David Kibazzo: 55 students
    - Kureem Nugent: I’d recommend that the club publicize events more now that you’ll be receiving funding
- MSA, Vinyl Club passed as recommended
- DJ Club: Resubmitted for performer, passed as recommended
  - Recommended that they buy two cheaper lasers rather than one expensive laser
- Hamilton R.A.R.E can’t get funding until the 10th, bylaws suspended, funding passed
  - Resubmit for book shelf and drone
  - Chip Stinton: Pre-sale for the Oculus Rift will open any day. Time sensitive
    - Phoebe Greenwald: They need to achieve an important part of their club. I motion that we suspend the rules
    - Chris Lee: What is R.A.R.E?
      - Chip Stinton: It’s a performance art, which was developed in the ‘70s and ‘80s and stands for Relational Aesthetics and Related Endeavors
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- Chris Lee: Doesn’t this require expensive equipment?
  - Chip Stinton: Yes this is half of our budget
- Mari Hiller: The Oculus Rift doesn’t benefit much of the community and drones might be banned from campus in the near future. Also, the bookshelf for the Martin’s Way library initiative is weather dependent, so we recommended not to fund them
  - Chip Stinton: For the bookshelf, we requested a weatherproof bookshelf with rare books. It’s a free library for students that would circulate regularly. We will finalize if we are taking the shelf down before or after finals
  - We are working with LITS with drone laws. We want to fly drones with a camera feature and multi-colored lights for student events. Drones are not banned yet. Sturdiest, cheap drones
  - John Cage performances
  - April is the Coolest Month event
  - Kureem Nugent: What’s the Oculus Rift?
    - Chip Stinton: The most advanced virtual reality goggles. The industry will be as big as TV now. We will have a student event where the goggles will be available for 24 hours for educational purposes
  - Mari Hiller: Oculus Rift might not benefit whole community
    - Noelle Niznik: Where are you planning to store this?
      - Chip Stinton: Our faculty liaison has a storage facility off-campus or we offered space in LITS storage
  - Lilly Pieper: I think the Oculus Rift will be a great opportunity, especially since there is no 3D printer on campus
  - Sam Weckenman: Where would you hold the 24 hour Oculus Rift event?
    - Chip Stinton: Critique room in the Arts Center because it is all glass
  - Raza Zubair: After the 24 hour event, how would the club use the Oculus?
    - Chip Stinton: We are in discussion about where to permanently house the Oculus. We are trying to hold further events, maybe by using free games
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- Alex Black: I think this is futuristic and would benefit a lot of students on campus
- Kureem Nugent: Who would be monitoring the 24 hour event?
  - Chip Stinton: As of right now, I will stay up all night for the event
  - Kureem Nugent: I recommend that you ask for other students to help monitor the event
  - Oculus Rift funded
- La Vanguardia passed as recommended
  - Cut out mixed drinks for an event
  - Eudocia Montiel: We would like to keep all of our funding if possible. We want to advocate for Black and Latino communities, the mixed drinks would incentivize more students to attend the events
- Global Volunteers passed as recommended
  - Emily Rubinstein: This is by no means a tourist trip. We are going to Nevis to work with Operation Future to provide a supportive and healthy community for kids after school. Operation Future also has anti-bullying week, Global Volunteers will present this campaign in these schools
  - Helping with grand opening of a library
  - Spending day or two working at animal shelter
  - We will visit Alexander Hamilton’s birthplace
    - Kacy Hobbis: Have you reached out to other sources for funding?
      - Emily Rubinstein: We will hold a bake sale
    - Conor O’Shea: Was this originally advertised as an event where students will have to pay out of pocket?
      - Emily Rubinstein: Yes. It was advertised as $1300, but we would try to get it down to $800

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Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: $8,920.41
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Amount Approved: $63,374.92
Amount Remaining: $6,599.41

6. Announcements
   ● SA headshots taken on Sunday, 14th in Sadove sunporch @ 2-3pm!
     ○ These will be used for the website and SA board in Beineke

   ● Humans of SA!
     ○ Kaitlin Dunne will be working on this initiative