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

2. Old Business
   ○ Trustee Committee Meetings
     ● Alex Black- Admissions Committee
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○ Class of 2020 Demographics: Down 200 Applicants from a record year last year, but this trend can be seen throughout the NESCAC.
  ■ Other schools are getting more applications because their applications are free; however, we lowered our application fee to $50 from $75.

○ Conor O’Shea- Instruction Committee:
  ○ Confirmed Professors Marcus (Philosophy) and Widiss (Literature and Creative Writing) for tenure.
  ○ Discussed hiring practices for new faculty and spouses. Looked at ways to be competitive among peer institutions.

● Kureem Nugent, Lizzi Tran, and Lauren Mulligan- Student Affairs:
  ○ Conversation focused on alcohol use.
  ○ A lot of students and trustees didn’t know about the new Jitney rule implemented last semester. (Between 8-10 PM, Jitney does the New Hartford route to pick up students but does not stop downtown).

3. Public Comment Period

4. New Business
  ○ Fran Manfredo - Director of Campus Safety- Parking and Safety Concerns
    ■ Parking is not a new topic.
    ● From 2010-2015 parking violations decreased from 1856 tickets to 1314 tickets.
      ○ This was due to clear separations in student and faculty lots as well as limiting weekend parking to student lots only.
    ● There is enough parking but it is not all desirable.
      ○ There are 686 registered vehicles and 829 student spots.
      ○ There are 858 faculty and staff members and 541 faculty parking spots.
    ● Officers use discretion when ticketing. Campus Safety’s primary mission is not parking enforcement, but service to students and community at Hamilton.

■ Lauren Mulligan: Because we lost Bundy parking, there are only Skenandoa and Wertimer lots down the hill. However, students that live in Minor Theater, Skenandoa, Bundy and Anderson all compete for these spots.
  ● With the elimination of 65 spots from Bundy and off campus housing, we acknowledge there is an increased strain.

■ Carrie Solomon: I recognize that you agree convenience is our main concern. Where would you suggest people park late at night? I have done
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research and we are the only NESCAC that does not allow our students to park in faculty spots in off hours.

- When parking in faculty lots during off hours was allowed, there were issues including students refusing to move their cars. We also have a lot of events on campus that required us to close the lots for events on campus which led to an increase in tickets. When we implemented the new rules, we had a decrease in tickets for this reason.

- We acknowledge that it is a long walk across campus. If students don’t feel comfortable or safe, they are always welcome to call Campus Safety for a safety escort.

**Zach Oscar:** Given there is such concern over parking and that convenience is such an issue, would you suggest Facilities Committee talk to Physical Plant about how to best alleviate this issue? Where can we start a conversation? Stopping here seems strange when so many requests are being sent to us about this problem.

- Campus Planning or Physical Plant are the ones who would decide on this issue. Not sure if there are future plans for parking to be added and we don’t currently have the numbers to justify an increase.

- If the reason you are requesting more parking is for convenience alone, it will be difficult to sway them. They probably will not build any more lots because there isn’t a solid reason to do so.

- The argument for shared faculty/student spaces is an issue because there are already more cars than spots. The faculty would need to agree that this issue is a priority.

**Conor O’Shea:** Can we really consider ourselves to be a pedestrian campus with dorms like Rodgers Estate or G Road?

**Elizabeth Ughetta:** How many spots are in North Lot? Old Root Lot seems empty pretty often. Would Campus Safety ever be willing to endorse a resolution proposed by SA?

- North Lot has 160 spots and New Lot has 106; The Root lot is reserved for events in KTSA and Wellin, faculty in List, and Bon Appetit employees.

- Campus Safety would love to be part of the conversation with students.

- It might be worth it for Campus Safety and Facilities to work with Physical Plant to figure out the numbers and where they align with specific dorms. Maybe an option would be adding a shuttle stop when the Jitney goes through particular areas on campus.

**Jose Olivares:** As a class rep for three years, I have difficulties reporting positive updates to my classes when we work with Campus Safety. I feel
that Campus Safety should be more proactively working with Physical Plant and the Planning Committee.

- For every interaction we have that requires enforcement, we have very many positive interactions (self defense club, medical transport). Enforcement doesn’t always have to come first.

- **Katie Conroy**: Moving forward in the process, I think it is a stretch to say that because we have more spaces than cars this is not an option when no one wants to park in North Lot. The main reason people have cars on campus is convenience.
  - I am open to suggestions to solve parking issues, but building new lots is beyond my position.

- **Lauren Mulligan**: Recently, I asked Physical Plant if Anderson residents could park a car or two in the driveway. They stated that if Campus Safety was okay with it, then they’d have no problem with students doing so
  - What happens when 10 people live in Anderson Road when there are multiple people who want to park there at the same time? I have to think of things that could go wrong.

- **Lauren Mulligan**: As a student it’s frustrating when we are sent in circles instead of getting a solution or conclusions are jumped to before a suggestion is tested.

- **Carrie Solomon**: Has there been conversation about extending the Bundy Loop so it is a fire lane and also parking?
  - There has been conversation and it has been extended out a bit for service vehicles; but the costs outweighed the benefits.

- **Isabel Grieder**: How do appeals for parking tickets work? Should we be getting notifications on where we are in the appeals process?
  - Parking appeals committee is made up of faculty, students, and staff. We have an online appeals process. Once you submit the ticket, they meet once a month or every six weeks.
  - The best thing you can do is email Wayne Gentile for an update on when meetings are. You should also get a response email when you submit the appeal form online.

- **Marquis Palmer**: To whom does the money accrued from parking tickets go to? Have you thought of other punitive measures beyond money? Instead of charging people money, has there been other measures (such as revoking parking privileges)?
  - The money goes to the general fund of the college. The majority of students I never hear from. I have a list of students that have excessive students, but there is only about a dozen students on it. Everyone else gets a ticket or two and then we never hear from them again.
After a certain point (10 total tickets), students are referred to the judicial process.

Anytime after a student accumulates three tickets, Campus Safety has the ability to tow their car.

**Kureen Nugent**: Can you get points if you have 10 tickets?
- This goes to the Judicial Process, but yes. Usually one or two points and a warning that additional parking tickets will lead to the loss of parking privileges.

**Zach Oscar**: I’m going to work with the Facilities Committee to analyze the issue and get more data. I appreciate you coming here to talk to us. I think some of our comments have come out in a way that makes it seem that you are directly responsible for this and I want to acknowledge that we understand that you aren’t. I think the next step is for Facilities, Campus Safety, and Physical Plant to meet together after break.

**Ramon Villanueva, Eudocia Montiel, Flavia Oliveira, Michael Nelson** - Financial Literacy Week
- Planning to have Financial Literacy Week here at Hamilton because financial literacy is a national problem. The average American person scores 39% on a financial literacy test-- we want to show that this is not quite true.
- We have developed a schedule the week of (April 4th) for events for students to learn more about financial literacy and what resources are available for students. This will be a student driven initiative.
  - Topics will include Budgeting, Saving and Investing, Credit Cards and Credit Scores, Taxes, and Student Loans.
  - With a survey, we will have an actual measurement of how students progress.
  - Would Student Assembly be willing to send out the survey, endorse, and promote?

**Elizabeth Ughetta**: How long is each session? Is there a way to get a more holistic session on a weekend? Technical training that you don’t learn at Liberal Arts might appeal to students.
- 40 minutes each, an hour max. There are many guest speakers coming and we hope to spread it out.
- We don’t want it to be too finance focused, because we want people to attend. We hope to show that this is a problem and we also have a solution.

**Connor O’Shea**: You might give a quiz to gauge how literate people are coming into the room and then follow up two weeks later. That way you can show outcomes.
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■ Kureem Nugent: I think this a great idea and I would be more than willing to send out the survey.

5. Committee Reports

■ Constitution- Wednesdays at 3:15 at Sadove 3rd Floor
  ○ Exploring possible constitutional changes to Article X, Section 3, D:
    “Organizations with strategic budgets may apply for funding for additional events within the timeframe of their budget, up to 25% of their original strategic budget. They may not, however, apply for additional funds for an event already in their strategic budget. These additional funds will come initially from the strategic fund, and then from the non-strategic fund, after the strategic fund has been exhausted.”
  ○ Topics under consideration:
    ■ Specificity of "original strategic budget" -- does it refer to the amount recommended by SA or the amount requested by clubs/organizations?
    ● Committee Recommendation: How much is recommended by Student Assembly-- this puts SA in control of the amount that organizations could request. We want to change this so it is specific and eliminates organizations padding their budgets. This would not change what we do in practice, but would have it expressly written.
    ● Jose Olivares: Doesn’t the 25% rule encourage clubs to estimate high?
      ○ Intention is that this recommendation will limit clubs adding extra events or line items in order to pad their budget.
    ● Tabled until after break.
    ■ Fairness of 25% rule for clubs who request a small amount in strategic budget as they are limited in how much they could ask for later in the semester.
      ● Committee Recommendation: Keep it as it is without any exceptions. The whole point of having a 25% cap is that it forces organizations to plan ahead of time. If something time sensitive comes up, we could move to suspend the rules in very extreme situations.
      ● Tabled until after break.

■ Cultural Affairs- Wednesdays at 5:00 at Euphoria
  ○ Successful Town Hall Meeting last Tuesday, thanks to everyone who attended! Here is what was discussed:
    ■ Campus Culture at Hamilton:
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- There is large disconnect between students on campus. We have deep cultural divides, and we don’t communicate effectively with each other.
- The same people attend all the cultural or political events on campus. The people attending these events aren’t the people that need to join the conversation. We can’t make progress if it’s always the same people talking.
  - There are too many events or important conversations happening; we need to consolidate, collaborate, and implement fewer, bigger events.
- People are afraid to voice their ideas. There aren’t a lot of safe spaces to really talk about issues on campus.
- We have a liberal-dominated discussion - we should bring people in from the other side.

■ Issues in the Classroom:
- Professors can be doing more to engage with their students about current events and issues. Professors that reuse exams and don’t adjust their material for the changing times are preventing students from critically engaging with both the material and each other.
- Students also expressed an interest in having more professors attend cultural events and important conversations on campus. This will improve campus unity and help students and professors connect in important ways.
- It could be a good idea for professors to make it mandatory for their students attend a certain number of cultural or political events on campus.
  - For example, the Economics department could require students to attend two Class Matters discussions per semester. This will help students engage with each other in meaningful ways.
- Many students (particularly students of color) say they feel unsafe expressing themselves in class debates. For fear of being tokenized or judged by their peers, many students feel uncomfortable participating in classroom discussions.
Adjustments need to be made to make classrooms better suited for discussion.

- Professors need to make adjustments for students of different levels of academic preparation. Students come from an array of backgrounds, and some have had better preparation for college than others. Those with poorer preparation feel that professors cater classes towards the better prepared students. In turn, students with less preparation are set further behind and feel even worse about their readiness for Hamilton.

■ Religious Issues on Campus:
  - Professors have been unaccommodating to students that need to miss class for religious commitments. This needs to change.
  - Students with religious dietary restrictions have an extremely hard time finding food they can eat in our dining halls. There needs to be more accommodations for them in this realm as well.
  - On campus, religious organizations are relegated to religious spheres - they need to be brought into the cultural realm and become more accessible to students on campus. Religions exist outside the confines of places of worship.

■ Issues with Student Assembly:
  - We need to better represent campus-- SA members should make an effort to go to important cultural events and make sure we actually know who we represent.
  - We need to improve our discussions during meetings and really get into the issues before passing items on our agendas.

■ Work with Social Traditions:
  - Campus culture should come from Social Traditions. Besides Citrus Bowl and FebFest we should have campus traditions that promote cultural exchanges and improved communication between students on campus.

■ What is being done?
Cultural Affairs Committee is presenting classroom concerns to Staff Assembly and the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP).

We are making our committee more well-known and transparent. Members have been attending events hosted by cultural organizations and we will be sending out all campus emails for CAC meetings.

Culture Week: We hope to make a new tradition of celebrating all the cultures on campus with a week of fun and informative events (food, films, performances, debates, etc.).

- **Facilities** - Wednesdays at 6:15 PM in Commons
  - Survey Launch: 109 results so far today!
    - Thank you to students who are taking time to give critiques about Student Assembly and the campus.
  - Jitney GPS Update
    - Birnie Bus is willing to work on getting a GPS on it. Tested last weekend. Currently working on updates and implementing ways for drivers to put out alerts to students using the app.

- **Food** - Friday, April 1st at 4:30 PM in Mcewen
  - Cup sleeves are back.
  - Vegan Butter should be in the allergen fridges.
  - In response to Cultural Affairs—Any students with Dietary/Religious restrictions should contact Derek Roy.

- **Health and Safety** - Mondays at 7 PM at Sadove 3rd Floor
  - LITS
    - Bristol printer will be in the basement.
    - Collaboration Focused space in the library-- made for group study.
    - New movies!

- **Philanthropy** - Thursdays at 7PM at Sadove 3rd Floor
  - Planning 4th Annual Silent Auction Gala (taking place the weekend of April 30th).
    - Hoping for student or group performances and auction items and services! Interested students or organizations can contact us at hamgive@hamilton.edu!

- **Social Traditions**
  - Planning Spring Tailgate the first meeting we get back from Spring Break.

- **Student Affairs** - Mondays at 7 PM at Sadove 3rd Floor
  - Sent out survey and NYT subscription.
  - Taking down the bridge lights Tuesday at 9!
6. Funding
Amount Remaining: $1564.58

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Amount Requested: $2,311.00
Amount Recommended: $1564.58
Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: $0

- Slow Food, Democratic Socialists, Chabad at Hamilton, and MSA all passed as recommended.
  - **Slow Food**: Got approval from Professor Fitch to tap the trees.
  - **Democratic Socialists**: Resubmit because we ran out of funds but we will have rollbacks after Spring Break.
  - **Chabad at Hamilton**: Submitted first. Funded what we had left to allocate.
  - **MSA**: Resubmit after rollbacks, not time-sensitive.
  - **Sam Weckenman**: If these groups resubmit, do they get priority?
  - **Kureem Nugent**: They should. Organization leaders have been asked to do rollbacks over break. We hope to be able to pass more budgets after.

7. Announcements
- Curatorial Tour of Pure Pulp at Wellin Museum. Tuesday, March 8th at 4:15pm
  - (On view until April 10th)
- Spring Break is almost here!
  - We know this is a very stressful time of year. Good luck on midterm exams, papers, and projects!
- ROLLBACKS! If your club/org has rollbacks, please email satreas@hamilton.edu & ridavis@hamilton.edu. Rollbacks should be submitted 2 weeks after an event occurs.