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

2. **Old Business**
   - Points System 2.0 Committee
     - Zach Oscar: Has anyone *not* received an email from their RA? (Some yes)
     - Please, please fill out the survey so we can make informed changes and recommendations to Nancy Thompson about an issue that affects all of us.
3. Public Comment Period

4. New Business
   ● Student Assembly Elections
     ○ Lizzi Tran: 2019 class elections are competitive for President and Treasurer, but 2018 and 2017 are not as competitive --> No one is running for Class Treasurer! Possibly considering a delay in the Treasurer elections to avoid an unwanted electee. Treasurer is a very important position and anyone interested should look to apply – spread the word!
       ▪ Maggie Horne: Some people want to run for Treasurer but would want to run for Representative if they didn’t win Treasurer election
     ○ Kureem Nugent: Potentially just add an extra week to campaign for all elections to resolve the problem Maggie raised
       ▪ Raza Zubair: Is there a way to avoid delaying the election by submitting on Wednesday and voting on Sunday?
       ● Lizzi Tran: Unclear if that is enough time to run
     ○ Mari Hiller: Deadline for President / Treasurer declaration has already passed
     ○ Sam Weckenman: Could we keep the 2019 election date and push back the 2018 and 2017 elections, as those are the non-competitive elections that need help?
       ▪ Lizzi Tran: Is that what we’d like to do? (Group seems to agree)
       ▪ Ben Schafer: Extending the deadline doesn’t guarantee any more people putting their names in. Please talk to your friends to apply if they are interested!
     ○ Kureem Nugent: How can SA help elections be more competitive to avoid uncontested elections?
       ▪ Lizzi Tran: Some people don’t understand what SA does on a day-to-day basis. Is there anything we can do to remedy that?
       ▪ Alex Black: People don’t realize how much say SA has in campus affairs. SA does have the power to effect meaningful change and we should work to make sure everyone knows that – it might entice more people to apply
       ▪ Lizzi Tran: Any suggestions? Cheat sheet could be helpful. SA will work on putting out a “cheat sheet” for what SA is and what it does
         ● Lilly Pieper: Open hours? Drop-in times in Commons, Opus, etc.

5. Committee Reports
   ● Constitution
   ● Cultural Affairs
     ○ Katie Conroy: Productive meeting on classroom culture last Thursday. Look out for another meeting on classroom culture/academics at Hamilton down the road! Talked about stigma in the classroom and a lack of understanding about students’ admission to Hamilton (e.g. varsity athletes, HEOP, Posse, etc.).
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students are unclear about unequal treatment in admissions. Looking to have Monica Inzer (Admissions) come to SA meeting to discuss admissions process.

- **Facilities**
  - **Survey results**
    - **Zach Oscar**: Parking, parking, parking. As for safety, lack of blue lights appeared as an issue in many survey responses
    - **Alex Black**: It seems like we have a disproportionately low number of blue lights on campus
      - **Jim Larson**: There are actually several.
      - **Zach Oscar**: Well they are in really inconvenient locations / spread out / not in central locations
  - **Issues with buildings**
    - **Zach Oscar**: Your RA is your first resource for building issues – not Facilities Committee! Most things can be fixed with a quick work order from your RA.
    - **Zach Oscar**: Unsure if tracking app is a success. 85% of the ~200 people who responded to the survey said they do not use the app. When there’s good wireless coverage, the refresh rate is 2 minutes, but bad wireless coverage can cause the app to have 5-10 minute refresh rate. Hard to tell where Jitney or Birnie Bus is with the refresh delay.
    - **Zach Oscar**: A number of complaints relating to “social life” and housing options (no off-campus housing, etc.). Unsure if “social life” is an SA matter.
      - **Jim Larson**: Why isn’t that a SA matter?
        - **Zach Oscar**: The responses indicate that the issue is more to do with an inability to throw the amount of parties or kind of parties that are desired. That might have more to do with the points system, judicial process, campus safety, etc.
      - **Jim Larson**: There are different kinds of parties, and only some include alcohol. GNAR Club has tried to host parties that don’t center around alcohol, but rather focus on fun. SA should have a role in promoting non-alcoholic fun events
      - **Lilly Pieper**: SA does fund a number of events that are non-alcoholic and fun in nature, so clubs can apply for SA funding for these types of “fun” events.
      - **Mari Hiller-Chacin**: Discretionary fund can be used for events that beneficial or fun for the whole campus
      - **Katie Conroy**: SA doesn’t need to facilitate a party scene necessarily, but we need to be a conduit for the student concerns to the administration.
      - **Jim Larson**: Some of the hardest part of making events happen involve administrative hoops to jump through. A cheat-sheet for how to handle the bureaucratic red tape in planning events could
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be helpful, because there seems to be confusion that makes any event not involving alcohol in the Annex/Hub seem hard to plan.

- **Lilly Pieper**: SA’s support doesn’t need to end when funding is allocated, but we should have a more active role in helping events succeed once we allocate funding.

- **Jim Larson**: The Directory can be an unwieldy resource, a cheat-sheet would be helpful for distilling important club leader information. (Forming subcommittee to create cheat-sheet)

  - **Sam Weckenman**: Is there going to be a meeting with admin about parking concerns?
    - **Ram Franqui**: The planning of the event is in motion, still looking to nail down a date. But the meeting will happen, yes.

- **Food**
  - **Ben Schafer**: Two issues from last meeting: Kosher food and C&C food.
    - **Kosher food**
      - **Ben Schafer**: Impossible to have true kosher food in the dining halls due to preparation, utensils, etc. Hillel e-board members are working with admin to get more accommodations for kosher students, so Bon Appetit doesn’t have much of a role to play at this point. Food can be prepared on a specific day that is kosher, however, if Bon Appetit is given notice, but it cannot be every day.
    - **C&C food**
      - **Ben Schafer**: Social Traditions more than willing to put food and water out for C&C day – Hydrate or Die-drate!
        - **Lilly Pieper**: Is gluten-free food an option?
        - **Kureem Nugent**: Yes, talk to Social Traditions.

- **Health and Safety**
  - **Annalie Garcia**: Still going through survey responses. Looking to get more blue lights, is that possible, where would we put them, etc. Met with Student Affairs, discussing poster ideas for C&C safety.
    - **Annalie Garcia**: Potential slogans? (1) “Think Before You Drink – Unless it’s Water!” (2) “DRINK WATER” —> Please give us some ideas!
      - **Alex Black**: “Drink Water” is short, to the point, and easily accessible for people on C&C
      - **Lizzi Tran**: “Think before you drink – unless it’s water” might be better for tables in eating areas, but “Drink Water” in big letters would be better for getting everyone’s attention quickly as they walk by.
    - **Gabby Troya**: Discussed recent larcenies in the gym locker rooms. More security in that area (tunnel, gym area, etc.) could be helpful – possibly a HillCard swipe pad similar to resident halls or cameras in the tunnel hallway
      - **Annalie Garcia**: Noted.
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**Student Assembly Meeting**

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- **Maggie Horne:** The backdoor from the Dunham side of the athletic facilities has no camera or swipe pad.
- **Lilly Pieper:** Was the laptop found?
  - **Gabby Troya:** Kirkland PD found one of the laptops in the possession of a non-Hamilton student

- **LITS**
  - **Chris Lee:** Bristol printer is up and running! Located in the basement of Bristol, accessible on WebPrint.

- **Philanthropy**
  - Held successful Swim for Kate.
  - Received 2 Youth Civic Leader Scholarship Applications.
    - **Julia Daley:** Unclear if the scholarship will be awarded this year given the low number of applicants
  - Collecting auction prizes for Silent Auction - May 1st
  - Collected W9 forms and letters to send out year's donations
  - Dumpling Sale - May 8th
    - **Julia Daley:** Finals week snacks!

- **Social Traditions**
  - **Mari Hiller-Chacin:** Still have a bunch of foam fingers left, considering distributing during C&C.

- **Student Affairs**
  - **Ram Franqui:** Still soliciting poster ideas for C&C safety awareness posters, should focus on encouraging students to be safe (drink water, eat food, drink responsibly, etc.)
    - **Kacy Hobbis:** Could put EMT numbers on the posters, signs for when students could be in bad shape from drinking, encourage students to call EMTs if they are unsure, EMTs are a resource to help, not get people in trouble!

6. Funding

**Rollbacks:** $1,365.33
Fine Dining Society: $1,365.33

**Amount Remaining:** $7,944.32

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Fine Dining rollback:
- **Mari Hiller-Chacin**: Fine Dining funding curtailed. Cheese incident – presentation was lackluster, SA met with FD. FD emails can be a bit misleading, many students likely interested in Fine Dining meetings but the emails mislead students and discourage greater participation. Fine Dining has ignored SA suggestions, so funding is effectively being revoked.
- **Kureem Nugent**: A week ago, “Med. Night by HFDS” subject line – very vague, unclear. Student activity fees fund clubs so if a club wants to use student money for their activities, they need to do so in good faith and with the intent of including as many students as possible.
  - **Ryan Franquiz**: Did they get any warning that this could happen?
  - **Kureem Nugent**: Yes. Yet they still ignored our suggestions.

Colleges Against Cancer
- Original miscommunication about eligibility, cleared up. Recommended in full.

NYFTSA
- **Mari Hiller-Chacin**: Brief overview of NYFTSA budget request: trip to NYC – purpose is to extend knowledge of film industry, meet with other chapters, enhance students’ knowledge of the industry, etc. NYFTSA doesn’t account for the 25% transportation rule.

History Club
- **Mari Hiller-Chacin**: Trip to Fort Stanwix, key historical sight, integral to club’s mission to expand knowledge of local area’s history. Recommended in full.

All funding passes as recommended! Clubs with unused funds: **please rollback funds**!

7. **Announcements**
- Crucial Conversation #5 will be held Monday, May 2, 2016 in the Fillius Events Barn at 6pm
- Points System 2.0 committee survey – please fill out!
  - **LINK**: Hamilton College Point System Review Survey