1. Call to Order
   - Present
     ○ Kureem Nugent
     ○ Lizzi Tran
     ○ Gillian Mak
     ○ Alex Hollister
     ○ Kaitlin Dunne
     ○ Jonathan Stanhope
     ○ Silvia Radulescu
     ○ Kacy Hobbis
     ○ Aleta Brown
     ○ Jeremy Cottle
     ○ Danny Reyes
     ○ Ilana Schwartz
     ○ Lily Pieper
     ○ Ryan Bloom
     ○ Isabel Grieder
     ○ Ryan Franquiz
     ○ Gabby Troya
     ○ Zach Oscar
     ○ Jack Martin
     ○ Annalie Garcia
     ○ Rachel Dawson
     ○ Harry Dubke
     ○ Maggie Horne
     ○ Jonathan Kirshenbaum
     ○ Eseosa Asiruwa
     ○ Ben Isenberg

2. Old Business

3. Public Comment Period
   ○ Max Hernandez '19- Presentation on Issues at Commons
     ■ We all know the usual fork problem. But today I looked at the bottom of the fork buckets and there was a lot of dirt and mold at the bottom.
     ■ I’ve also noticed a lot of flies in Commons/McEwen/Diner
     ■ At 7:30PM today, the dish conveyor belt was completely stopped and piled up so students couldn’t put dishes back on.
   ○ Lily Pieper: Have the faculty that are here heard about these issues?
     ■ Nancy Thompson: I know that they have worked on issues in regards to building structure over the summer. I would be happy to have a
conversation with Bon Appetit to talk about the issues you have brought up.

○ **Aleta Brown:** I know that it is not always easy to work with Bon Appetit all the time, but I feel like they should definitely listen to hygiene related issues. When I was abroad, our cafeteria stacked the silverware instead of placed in buckets. They also had multiple servers instead of just one person.

○ **Ilana Schwartz:** I am not sure what is going on with the gluten free area because there are Lucky Charms and croutons in the gluten free containers.

○ **Jack Martin:** As students, we very much set the tone. One day I was walking up the back stairs and it was covered in dropped food. Students should be active in setting a good example too.

○ **Lily Pieper:** I think it would be easiest to bring a group of representatives from Bon Appetit out to Student Assembly to discuss these issues.

○ **Gabby Troya:** Students today at lunch kept stacking their plates so high that they were falling over and breaking. Also, if you see that the forks are missing, bring it to someone’s attention.

○ **Gillian Mak:** I think these are all very great points but I am frustrated for two reasons. The first is that we all are aware that the issues have been consistent since last year, yet when I co-chaired food committee, no one would ever show up to meetings. These meetings are where you have direct access to Bon Appetit management and the issues are more likely to be taken seriously if it is obvious that there is a lot of student interest in a particular issue. The second is that whenever Ben Schafer and I asked the Central Council for suggestions last semester, we would get things like “more avocados” or specific ice cream flavors instead of these fundamental issues that affect all students. If you have a serious complaint like these, please go to a relevant committee meeting, or reach out to a committee chair. It’s the best way to make sure that the issue is brought to people’s attention and a solution is found.

○ **Nancy Thompson:** I will pass my notes from this meeting on to Irene Cornish.

4. New Business

○ **Welcome back! Brief Orientation for New Members**
  ■ Review of Voting Procedures and General Rules
  ■ Alex Hollister approved for SA Treasurer and Jonathan Stanhope approved for Parliamentarian!

○ **Expectations & New Goals for the Semester - Lizzi Tran**
  ■ One of our goals of this semester is to give the Class Presidents more responsibility. We hope that this will lead to an increase of participation and delegation within their class representatives.
  ■ All class delegations will be responsible for one project for their class each semester. We also want to encourage collaboration between classes.
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- All class delegations are responsible for setting up open hours so their classes are able to come and bring problems to our attention.
- We also want one member of the Central Council to attend the faculty meeting each month. We want to bridge the gap between students and faculty so we can better implement projects.
- **Lily Pieper:** What is the date for the first faculty meeting?
  - **Noelle Niznik:** Starts at 4:10 on Tuesday, September 6th.
- **Lizzi Tran:** We also want to add in a way to check in with organizations we fund. We want to follow up with organizations that we fund either with post event forms or post semester forms.
- **Ilana Schwartz:** I support the idea of an evaluation of how clubs use money. I think we could collect information about how many people showed up, what the original expectation of an event was, and how it was actually executed.
- **Gillian Mak:** We need to make sure what we decide to do is ready by Sunday for the Org Leader Training.

- **Nancy Thompson Dean of Students - Update on the Points System**
  - There was a committee that surveyed students and faculty last semester, looked carefully at the system, made recommendations and implemented them.
  - One important point was that a vast majority of students don’t get any points. Halfway through last year, there were about 150 students who had any points and most of them were 1-2 points for minor things.
  - One of the original issues with the point system was that there were large ranges to account for repeat offenses. Now repeat offenses get the specified amount plus one point.
  - Campus safety counts as a college official. Failure to comply is additional points on top of the original points.

- **Questions:**
  - **Ryan Bloom:** Will you be revisiting the process itself, such as how points are assigned?
    - **Nancy Thompson:** We plan on putting together another group to look at the system and how points are assigned.
  - **Lizzi Tran:** Would we still have a committee of students with a voice on this issue?
    - **Nancy Thompson:** We have to put together another committee, but we will have a mixture of student assembly and other students active on it.

- **Jack Martin** - International Student Storage & HEAG's Take Back the Tap Initiative
Dean Harrison is implementing a storage program that is open to all students, especially those who live far away. Feel free to reach out to him for more information about transportation or financial assistance.

HEAG (Hamilton Environmental Action Group) Take Back the Tap - Jack Wright came to my office hours and I talked to Irene Cornish. Hamilton uses 44,100 water bottles each year. I think we could use Take Back the Tap, which is a system that works to lower this number.

- Alex Hollister: Student Assembly does not fund water bottles. My freshman year this was an issue too. Speakers and large college sponsored events are where a lot of people end up receiving them.

- Jack Martin: Mrs. Breland, are Community Crucial Conversations going to happen this year?

- Mrs. Breland: Yes, but it will take a different form. I had new students giving me ideas and attending throughout this year. We have to be more responsible to what has been happening at our community. Since that time more things have changed.

4. Committee Reports
   - Planning Trustee Committee:
     - “Planning is convened by the President and examines a topic selected by the President during the course of an academic year.”
     - Kacy Hobbis and Aleta Brown will serve as representatives
   - Philanthropy: Welcome to new chairs Caroline Moore and Ben Isenberg!

5. Funding
   Amount Remaining: $134,742.00

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Amount Requested from this semester’s budget: $10,653.42
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Amount Recommended: $10,653.42
Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: $124,088.58

- **Alex Hollister:** 80% of the total amount will be allocated at the Strategic Budget Meeting. 20% will be for spontaneous events via nonstrategic.
  - Sadove Resource Room, Student Assembly, Student Affairs Committee funded as recommended.

**Discretionary Fund:**
- **Alex Hollister:** There is a currently a rule that each class may only request 5% of the Discretionary Fund. Should that amount be raised?
  - **Silvia Radulescu:** How much of the discretionary fund do we typically use?
    - **Lizzi Tran:** Last year we had about $1,000 leftover.
- **Noelle Niznik:** If the discretionary fund is not used by the end of the semester, it is put into the Spring.
- **Lily Pieper:** We should raise the amount classes can request, but because funding is so vital and often at the end of the semester money is scarce, I don’t think we should raise the discretionary fund.
- **Aleta Brown:** I like the idea of raising the amount class delegations can request, but the classes need to actually work to organize events. I’ve been gone for a bit but perhaps it would be a good idea to do a trial semester. Maybe raise it 10% but with the expectation that Presidents would be held accountable to making sure events are planned.
- **Ilana Schwartz:** Maybe it would be a better idea to raise the percentage at the next meeting once we see how much the event would cost.

Discretionary Fund passed as recommended. Discussion of percentage that class delegations can request tabled until next week.

6. **Announcements**
   - Strategic budgets are due **Saturday, September 10th at noon sharp.** Proposals submitted 12:01 PM or later will not be considered.
     - Any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact Alex Hollister (satreas@hamilton.edu).
     - There will be a funding information session at 7PM this Wednesday, August 31 near Euphoria.
   - Basic Leader Training is this Sunday, September 4th. All organizations must register and send a representative to the workshop to be eligible for SA funding.
   - Recruitment for the new Class of 2020 delegation is underway. First years, please look out for more emails about how to run for a SA class position. One has already been sent out last Friday. Platforms are due to sa@hamilton.edu by **this Saturday, Sep. 3rd at 4pm.**
■ SA will have Open Hours this **Wednesday from 4-7PM in Sadove Living Room** for first years. Please come by if you’re interested in running for a class of 2020 position.

○ Club Fair is this Friday, September 3rd from 12-3PM outside of Sadove.
  ■ SA will have a table. Come see us!

○ We have switched Late Night Bus companies from the Bernie school buses to the Hale service buses. From 8-2 AM you’ll see the Hale bus if you are going off campus for Late Night.

○ Thank you to all the first years who attended our meeting. We look forward to seeing you in the future!

○ Thank you to Mrs. Breland, the Director of Opportunity Programs, for attending our meeting.