1. Call to Order
   ● Attendance
      ■ Present
      ● Jon Stanhope
      ● Muhammad Najib
      ● Ramisa Tasnim
      ● Ryan Bloom
      ● Nani Suzuki
      ● Max Kohn
      ● Kacy Hobbis
      ● Ilana Schwartz
      ● Aleta Brown
      ● Jeremy Cottle
      ● Danny Reyes
      ● Conor Craven
      ● Mari Hiller
      ● Conor O’Shea
      ● Adam Markhoff
      ● Antonia Ng
      ● Adrian Summers
      ● Harry Dubke
      ● Samantha Gordon
      ● Jonathan Kirshenbaum
      ● Jordan D’Addio
      ● Ishan Bhatia
      ● Cesar Domenech Guerrero
      ● Julian Perricone
      ● Eseosa Asiruwa
   Excused
      ● Zach Oscar
      ● Silvia Radulescu
      ● Nadav Konforty
      ● Ben Katz
   Unexcused
      ● Jack Martin
      ● Ram Franqui

2. Public Comment Period
   ○ Kateri Boucher’ 17 and KT Glusac’17 : Working with Whiteness Event
● **Kateri Boucher:** Hi guys, thank you so much for having us. You might have gotten an email about our workshop, we are co-organizers for the Working with Whiteness group. This is a new group and we are still figuring out what it will be. Currently this semester we have been hosting a series of workshops. Some of the topics of these workshops are about white privilege and the definition of racism. The group is mainly to engage white students for anti-racism work, but it is organized and geared towards all students of all races.

● **KT Glusac** - After reading last week's minutes we thought we would invite you to attend, because we ourselves are also working on whiteness and how to deal with it. We are not trying to preach to you, or tell you what is right or wrong. We just want to do our part and make students of color’s experience better and be there for them.

● **Kateri Boucher** - This week at our workshop we are going to talk about microaggressions and accountability. As white students we all have made microaggressions, sometimes unknowingly. Our workshop will focus not just about microaggressions but also what to do after committing a microaggression and how to be accountable when you commit a microaggressions. Our event will be this Wednesday April 12th 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Events Barn. Also our group is on Facebook, and you can like our facebook page!

3. **New Business**
   ○ **Margaret Riordan:** Opus Sustainability Initiative

● **Margaret Riordan:** Hi! Thank you so much for having me. Today I wanted to discuss waste on campus. As an employee on campus I know how much waste we produce and I do have some of the statistics. Hamilton students use 2200 disposable cups every day, that’s more than the amount of students we have on campus. It is not just one cup per person, rather people are using more than one cup everyday. Students are double- and triple-cupping and not even reusing their cups. It's very wasteful. At Opus we have been doing a lot to cut back on waste, for example we work with sustainability coordinators to make new guides on recycling because there's a lot of misconception on recycling. This is applicable to Euphoria, Opus and Commons. We at Opus have also transitioned from materials that get thrown in the trash to materials that are bio recyclable, We are removing bottled water from our stock and we want to go a step forward. We think it's really important for students to be conscious about their contribution to waste. If we continue to allow students to be wasteful on campus we are teaching students to be wasteful beyond campus. We had an idea of putting together a program about reusable travel cups. I am here for help and suggestions. I have reached out to other organizations
such as HEAG, C&D, Womxn’s Center, Strategic Planning and now to you guys. I would love to bounce around ideas of what you all think will be helpful.

- **Ryan Bloom**: Is it possible to do a discount on coffee?
  - **Margaret Riordan**: Yes. We already have a 5 cent discount for students that bring their own mugs and bowls.
  - **Ryan Bloom**: I definitely think that you should publicize that more. Personally I am always going to Opus and I did not know about that.

- **Ilana Schwartz**: I also think advertising the price reduction for mugs would be helpful. Also is there any way you can add bring your own container? Opus gives out containers for wraps and food and they do create waste. If you guys do start selling Opus mugs I think it would be helpful to provide dish soap in bathrooms that are nearby Opus because a lot of times I’ll bring my mug and in order to clean it I’ll have to go to my dorm which is pretty far away. It becomes an inconvenience to wash mugs and use them again because you have to leave and go to somewhere else.

- **Aleta Brown**: A lot of cafes I go to have the option of eating there or taking your meal to go. I think a lot of students stay in the Opus area. I was wondering if it would be possible to have a place where you could wash and reuse mugs and bowls?
  - **Margaret Riordan**: I’m not sure if you guys are aware but a few years back there was a reusable mug program and it turned out to be a failure. About 3,000 mugs were stolen and Opus just does not have the overwhelming budget to use that as a option. Approximately 80 to 90 percent of our customers take their food to go, so it would not be beneficial.

- **Adrian Summers**: Hi Margaret! Thanks for coming. I think this sounds awesome. First, is there a way that Commons and McEwen can support what you all are doing by having a sign by the cups encouraging students not to use a lot of cups? Maybe our food committee can work with them.
  - **Margaret Riordan**: I met with Andrew Jillings and he had the same idea. He will be working with pre-orientation leaders this summer and they will be teaching the freshmen how to use Commons in the best way. I think this will be a good way to teach freshmen how to be sustainable. But I do think the Food committee can definitely help and be a liaison with this effort.
  - **Adrian Summers**: Also, a lot of my friends are just very poor, and we will take food out of commons because we have limited meal plans. So we take food out of commons and use the cups as storage containers. Commons is very cautious with how much food they allow you to take out. Is there a way that Commons can
allow people to take more food out? One of the underlying contributing factors to the overuse of the cups is that people use them as storage containers

○ Harry Dubke: I think food committee has talked about this and we would definitely be willing to tackle that. Their main concern is with cost and waste but we can definitely re-discuss it.

○ Aleta Brown: From what I remember, they said that it's fine to take sandwiches but it is unclear about hot food.

● Conor O'Shea: One of the biggest reasons people double cup is because a single cups doesn't provide adequate insulation for hot drinks. Even with the hot sleeve, a single cup is often too hot to hold; so, many students double cup. Since we currently have a paper cup model but are trying to move away from that, I’m not sure if a sturdier cup would be a good solution. My second point is that we could reduce cup usage if Bon Appetit let us take tupperware into Commons/McEwen – if I'm going to eat five cheeseburgers at a table in commons (without them getting mad), why can't I take five cheeseburgers to go? Tupperware would allow us to use a more eco-friendly way of transporting food than smuggling food out in paper cups. Concerning the issue of the mugs, what if they were available for a cheapish price and you could get a discount whenever you used them?

○ Margaret Riordan: Just to clarify, is double cupping because of insulation with Opus too?

○ Conor O'Shea: Yes the cups are not well insulated at Opus, but you can’t double cup because you are only given one cup.

● Margaret Riordan: I think we should be challenging ourselves, instead of saying the cups are not insulated enough maybe we should start using travel mugs. I think the need for sustainability is a really big problem on campus and this is coming from a student who sees this on a daily basis. So I don't have sympathy for double cuppers. On the issue of buying mugs, Opus does not have the capacity to purchase the mugs ourselves, that is why I have talked to other organizations. I was wondering if you guys have ideas on how to receive funding.

● Conor O'Shea: What about a Girl Scout Cookie model? Opus could take orders with HillCard numbers and only buy as many as people order, using the buyers’ own money? That would help Opus not have to take a big financial hit initially to buy the mugs wholesale and then resell them to the students.

● Jon Stanhope: When I visited Bates, they had a reusable mug program. You’d grab a plastic travel mug from the shelf and could use it for food or coffee to-go. The next day, you’d return the mug and the dining hall would wash it and put it back out on the shelf for another student to use. So although our system didn’t work out in the past, there is a
system in place in a similar school where it does work. I would be happy to reach out to someone from that school to find out more about their initiative. If we were to try this program again, perhaps we could number each plastic travel mug and make students sign the mugs out when they leave the dining hall—similar to taking out dishware to eat outside, but you wouldn’t have to leave your hillcard—and if you didn’t return the mug within a certain amount of time then you would be fined. This would discourage people from stealing 3,000 mugs lest they want to pay for them.

- **Margaret Riordan:** I have talked to Brian Hanson, who does an incredible job with sustainability. The reason the mug program didn't work is because you need to order twice the amount of mugs to account for the “borrowing” that students do. We kind of messed up the first time and did it improperly. My proposition would be something with a top rather than a mug because Hamilton students are always on the move. I was inspired by the Wellin mugs. I also like the idea of students owning their own mug because it teaches responsibility.

- **Jack Wright:** The Hamilton Sustainability Coordinators are creating posters to help with sustainability on campus?

- **Illana Schwartz:** One idea is to mass order plain mugs and then paste Opus stickers on them. It is a cheaper route rather than ordering Opus mugs. It's good that you reached out to strategic planning, because they are looking for really big things to do. Another thing I think is wasteful is using disposable cups when people are just sitting in Commons and not really taking their drink to go. Also is it possible that if I put hot water in those plastic cups by the dispensers that will they melt?

  - **Margaret Riordan:** I think if you do put hot water in the cups they might melt. Although coffee probably will not melt the plastic because it’s often kept at a lower temperature.

- **Noelle Niznik:** I remember there was a reusable mug program a few years back. I don’t know if you have talked to Brian Hanson about this but I am looking at an issue about 2011 spectator and it talks about the reusable mug program and how it was not successful. I just want to make sure you have all the information going forward so you don’t have the face the same issues and problems.

  - **Margaret Riordan:** I think you bring up a good idea with that. My biggest goal is reaching out to the freshman class so that they will continue to use the program for their four years.

- **Jordan D’Addio:** In addition to cups, I know of a school that has done take out containers that are recyclable. I can reach out to the student who did that to get more information.
- **Margaret Riordan**: I can only really speak for Opus but I am not sure how Commons would feel about that, otherwise Opus would be on board.

- **Cesar Guerrero**: Based on the critiques from last meeting, in terms of what we can do, I think the best way we can help is through a publicity program sponsored by SA. That would be the most helpful. The posters could talk about recycling and sustainability. The cup discussion in particular is more for those higher up, maybe the food committee can work on that.
  - **Margaret Riordan**: I love that, and would definitely be willing to work alongside Student Assembly.

- **Aleta Brown**: Along the same lines, we can write referendums and propose it to McEwen and Commons on decreasing the number of cups. Obviously it's not ideal but it would be interesting to see what happens when they run out of the limited amount of cups that they agree to give out.

- **Adrian Summers**: First, I think another wasteful use of cups is that people use the cups for ice cream. There are bowls but in McEwen especially the bowls are not properly cleaned, so people use the cups instead. Maybe we can tell the staff to clean the cups and bowls better. In terms of funding, I feel like this sounds like a leadership program so maybe the Levitt Center would be interested in giving you money for this because they are very invested in leadership projects. Perhaps the COOP can also give you money because this does sound like a community service project.

- **Margaret Riordan**: The secondary issue of the use of the cups is also important, we have a sustainability food task force, I think they would be willing to work with the Food committee.

- **Samantha Gordon**: Opus did have Clinton campus pottery mugs, as a freshman I remember seeing them at Opus. I think Clinton Pottery did a huge order for the seniors, I don't know if they would be willing to subsidize the cost for mugs in Opus?
  - **Margaret Riordan**: Yes I can definitely look into that.

- **Adrian Summers**: Maybe the bookstore can do a big flash two day sale of travel mugs in support of the initiative. Although I don’t know how you would compensate for their loss if no one purchased the mugs.
  - **Margaret Riordan**: I talked to President Whipman about this and he had the same idea. His concern was that because the bookstore marks everything up, it would be hard for them to understand that this is a cheap initiative that'll pay off later.

- **Muhammad Najib** - It was a good experience. The issues we are facing seem similar to the issues other NESCAC schools are facing such as those surrounding race, recent elections and bridging the gap between students and the student body. There is at least one other college that has the same issue we discussed last time regarding creating SA as a more inclusive space. Most importantly, we were able to brainstorm ideas to resolve common issues. For example, to improve internal communication between SA members, Middlebury uses Slack, an online platform for discussion. Student Government at Colby regularly holds open ended discussions or forums to facilitate communication. In addition, it seems like other colleges have faced more serious issues and incidents surrounding race and post-election sentiments than we have.

- **Jordan D’Addio** - Most of the conversation was centered around discussions. We talked about issues that crossed our school. We came up with a list that we could bring to our Assembly. We compiled a google doc and hopefully we can give that out to you. Our hope is to come up with an action plan, and start taking steps forwards instead of just talking. It’s very important to talk to our peer institutions.

- **Jon Stanhope** - The conference was valuable because many of the schools were very similar in terms of input and students enrolled, but what was interesting is that our student governments run very differently. And while it seems like many of the challenges we face are similar, there are schools that excel at certain things our Assembly struggles with, and vice versa. While I don't think we are by any means doing a *bad* job as student leaders, I find not think to think that our structure of government is necessarily the most optimal. We can definitely improve some things. Tonight, we will begin discussing a list of action plan ideas that we took away from the conference, and hopefully by the end of the semester come up with a mini SA strategic plan that will be revised every year we go to the conference. We have wonderful people on the Assembly who do a lot of great work, so I don’t think it’s an issue of having the wrong representatives. But SA could improve by slowly shifting our structure to reach more people, voices and views on campus.

5. Committees

- **Constitution:**
We will be discussing potential formal solutions for disrespectful behavior in SA meetings at our next committee meeting– Monday, 4/17 at 8:30PM in the Sadove sun porch. We encourage students to come and voice their opinions about how they would like their representatives to conduct themselves and be held accountable. SA reps are welcome to attend, as well. Email mkohn, csoshea, or sjgordon with suggestions if you can't attend the meeting!

**Cultural Affairs: Wednesday 9pm in Sadove**
- Tuesday, April 11th at 7pm in the Chapel Rainbow Alliance (in collaboration with ASA, ELS, VCLS, the DMC, Dean of Students, Kirkland Endowment, Student Activities, Student Assembly, and the Levitt Center) presents: Janet Mock
  - Janet Mock is a transgender talk show host and New York Times bestselling author. She is going to be talking about being queer in the media, and transitioning, and writing as a whole. Afterwards, she will be doing a book signing.

**Facilities:**

**Food:** Thursday 12pm McEwen and with Bon Appetit Friday 2:30 McEwen
- We discussed Gluten Free options in the diner and alternatives
- Designing poster to raise awareness for danger of gluten/gf cross-contamination
- Began planning food fair

**Health and Safety:**

**LITS: Tues 9pm Burke 213**
- Exploring the idea of dish ratings on the Hamilton App
- Possibly implementing a comment box in Hamilton App that sends comments and suggestions from students directly to Bon Appetit and/or the Food Committee
- LITS will be doing a cost analysis on printing this summer. There may be other printers added on campus, but should be based on need and use.
- Bean Bag Read-In at Burke Library Let's Make Reading Fun! Come hang out in Burke Library's bean bag chairs, and Read. Bring a book or read one of ours. Snacks provided. Fri & Sat 3-6:00 April 14/15, 21/22, 28/29, and Mon, Apr 17 (all day - accepted students day)

**Philanthropy: Thursday's 7pm sadove 3rd floor**
- 3 great applications received for scholarship! Recipient will be notified by end of semester.
- Dumpling sale planned for reading period
- Silent Auction this Sunday. Items for auction include a senior week pass, old CAB merch, and gift cards from downtown! Stop by 2:30-5 in sadove, bid, and eat snacks!

**Publicity:**
- working on the laundry sheet
- discussing ways to publicize SA more uniquely and positively
The Central Council of Student Assembly, Hamilton College

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**APRIL 10, 2017**

- **Social Traditions:** Mondays at 8:30 pm Fireplace Lounge  
  - No report this week
- **Student Affairs:**

6. **Funding**

- Rollbacks: $1,500 (Hillel) + $320 (ISA)
- Total Available in General Fund: $6,934.61

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Amount requested: $2,347.7 + $15,000 (Class and Charter Day Hold)  
Amount recommended: $1,951.65 + $15,000 (Class and Charter Day Hold)  
Amount remaining if funding passes: $4,937.96
The Central Council of Student Assembly, Hamilton College

**Student Assembly Meeting**

**April 10, 2017**

- **Ryan Bloom**- Grilling club wants to do a pancake breakfast. Most of the budget looked great with the potential exception of a 22” griddle they’re asking for. I recall that we have about $50 left over from the discretionary funding we set aside for kitchen supplies, perhaps this could be a shared kitchen item that SA purchases?
  - Ilana Schwartz- Would we be able to get the griddle before events if it is to be shared?
  - Ryan Bloom- Yeah, assuming that it gets approved it can be purchased quickly after the fact with a Student Activities credit card.
  - Aleta Brown: Actually it is closer to $25… [re: leftover kitchen supplies funding]

- **Jon Kirshenbaum** Would we consider setting aside additional discretionary funds to cover the griddle?
- **Conor Craven**: Did they say what they need the griddle for?
- **Everyone**: It’s a pancake breakfast
- **Samantha Gordon**- Can we fund this under the condition that it be returned?
- **Ryan Bloom**: It just gets a little messy… when you say you’ll fund something under the expectation that it will be returned, then it’s SA property and it’s hard to keep track of it and know that it’s being used safely and according to our rules.
- **Kacy Hobbis**: If we are going to fund them for the griddle, it makes sense to take $25 out of discretionary and put it into the kitchen supply fund so that everyone can use it. If we are going to buy it we should buy it through the kitchen supply list.
  - Aleta Brown: Actually the griddle is already on the list, it is slightly smaller (9” x 16”) but there are other appliances that can be used to make pancakes.
  - Kacy Hobbis- It makes sense to fund them the $356 and they can use the appliances from the kitchen supply.

Funding passes as recommended for Grilling club

- **Jack Wright**: We received $4,600 to go to people's climate movement, but by the time we contacted bus company they were not available. The new bus company is asking for more money.

- **Ryan Bloom**: SMART is asking for 300 sheets of paper to be printed and folded as informational table toppers. The rate for that is 30 cents per page from the print shop. Because this isn’t publicity for a particular event, it doesn’t fall under the $25 rule, so we are recommending full funding. Voices of Color Lecture Series is requesting funding to pick up a speaker at the Albany airport, publicize the event, and pay for the remaining balance on the plane ticket. They already have funds of their own and this is just the difference between what they have and what they need. The only difference between
what was asked and what was recommended was the mileage rate discrepancy (they calculated using the old rate of .54 cents per mile, it’s now .535 cents per mile)

- **Ryan Bloom**: Cultural Fairs asked for $535 to paint the Sadove basement, they have been working with advisors and physical plant to get accurate estimates on how much paint and other supplies they need.
  - **Jon Stanhope**: Is there reason why that can't come from Sadove funding?
  - **Noelle Niznik**: We have been trying to redo the basement for long time. We thought that if a group took it on as a project there would be more student ownership. Student Diversity Council and Cultural Affairs offered to spearhead the project. I was hopeful that we could at least get the paint and supplies from SA and then at the end of the year whatever money is left over from SA, CAB, Sadove, etc., we would towards buying new furniture and remodeling the basement.

- **Cesar Guerrero**: What is going to be there?
  - **Antonia Ng**: We sent a survey out before break regarding what students would like the space to be.

- **Noelle Niznik**: The survey had a bunch of options such as an arcade, lounge, and collaborate space. I don't want it to be just another place to study, but of course you can study there. We will be bringing in a TV and sofa but it will take a year and a half to be completed. I want the survey results to dictate where we are going with this.

- **Adrian Summers**: We are also buying chalkboard paint for an expression wall. Regardless of what happens to the space, if it's an arcade or a lounge, there will always be an area for student expression

- **Aleta Brown**: I have a question. There was a mural that was submitted to be painted through there, what happened to that?

- **Noelle Niznik**: I will look for it, I don't know why it never materialized

- **Cesar Guerrero**: If it's going to take one and a half years, after they paint the mural can we still hang out in the basement? What and when is the usability of the basement?
  - **Noelle Niznik**: I'm not sure. It depends on how much money is left over. Anyone can still use it in the interim. The thought was the mural to be painted during this semester.

**Funding for HEAG, Voices of Color Lecture Series, Cultural Affairs passes as recommended**

- **Ryan Bloom**: La Vanguardia is requesting funding for baseball hats for the upcoming Block Party that’s being co-hosted by BLSU and Womxn’s Center. They are expecting anywhere between 60-150 people. The hats would be used to bring more people into the
club. This did not really make sense to us. It seemed more like E-board swag, which we
do not fund. If it’s not meant as e-board apparel, they didn’t specify how the hats would
be given out. It just did not really make sense why they would only want 15 hats if they
are expecting between 60 and 150 people.

○ Adrian Summers: From what I know about block party, the hats would be to
make sure that people know where they are going during the block party. The LV
Eboard is only 7 people. They only asked for 15 hats because they want the
people who are leading the event to be identified. The hats than would be reused
for the people organizing the block party next year because it is an annual event.
We moved the location to the Pavilion, it is the same day as the Holi event and a
lot of people might get confused.

● Conor O’Shea- I think along those lines, if it's about identification then there are cheaper
options than fifteen $20 hats.

● Illana Schwartz: If this is for promotion isn't the $25 rule in place for promotion?
  ○ Ryan Bloom: If it’s considered to be publicity it's $25 but if it is for “enhancing
  the purpose of the event” that limit doesn’t apply.

● Mari Hiller I think $20 for a hat is way too expensive. Maybe getting posters to show
students where to go would be better.

Funding passess as recommended for La Vanguardia

● Ryan Bloom: Social Traditions is requesting the $15,000 for Class and Charter day -- as
with the Senior Week funding last meeting, this is coming from a hold that’s already been
accounted for -- we just have to formally vote on it.

Funding passes as recommended for Social Traditions

2. During the last 30 minutes of the meeting, SA broke into small groups and discussed
potential structural and procedural changes to the Assembly, based on feedback
received from community members over the last few weeks. If you’d like to be involved
in these discussions, feel free to come to one of our future meetings. At the end of the
semester, SA will vote on an action plan for the coming year.