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
   ● Lilly Pieper
   ● Ryan Bloom
   ● Isabel Grieder
   ● Ryan Franquiz
   ● Gabby Troya
   ● Zach Oscar
   ● Jack Martin
   ● Annalie Garcia
   ● Adrian Summers
   ● Harry Dubke
   ● Maggie Horne
   ● Jonathan Kirshenbaum
   ● Jordan D’Addio
   ● Ben Katz
   ● Ishan Bhatia
   ● Cesar Domenech
   ● Julian Perricone
   ● Nani Suzuki
   ● Eseosa Asiruwa

   Excused:
   ● Ilana Schwartz

2. Public Comment Period
   ○ Gillian Mak ‘18 and Aleta Brown ‘17: Sanctuary Campus Petition
      ■ Gillian Mak: Aleta and I wanted to catch you up on the Sanctuary Campus Petition. This petition is a request to the Board of Trustees to support President Wippman in his investigation of the feasibility of the College becoming a sanctuary campus. Since last Thursday, we have
received 1,150 signatures from faculty, staff, students, administration, parents, and alums.

- **Aleta Brown:** I think the overwhelming support of the Hamilton Community We want the board to go on record in support of an investigation about what it will entail. What the financial responsibilities will be. It’s really just asking them to look into it.

- **Caroline Kriedberg:** Can you give more information about this

- **Aleta Brown:** If we had an undocumented student that encountered, this may mean the college front legal fees, or help on path to citizenship. While they are here we are going to be supported beyond just being admitted

- **Danny Reyes:** Does Hamilton currently admit undocumented students?
  - **Aleta Brown:** It has in the past.

- **Jonathan Kirshenbaum:** I think that in terms of SA publically stating its support of the petition is much easier for SA to make, rather than we are supporting X new policy. I think there are people much more qualified than we are discussing details with this. Before I was more hesitant to support the petition. However, I agree that for SA, supporting a petition is much different than supporting a new doctrine.

- **Kureem Nugent:** Let’s vote.

**Vote passes in favor of releasing a statement of support for the petition.**

The Central Council of Student Assembly supports the petition calling for the trustees to support President Wippman in his investigation into the feasibility of making Hamilton a Sanctuary Campus. We look forward to gaining more information from him next semester. To read and sign the petition, please click this link: [http://bit.ly/2guOJVX](http://bit.ly/2guOJVX).

3. New Business

- **Professor John Eldevik** - Committee on Academic Policy Long-Term Curricular Planning
  - I am a professor in the History department, but I’m also a member of CAP and Long Term Curricular Planning Committee.
  - Both the Committee on Academic Policy and its Long Term Curricular Planning Committee are interested in getting student input in our curriculum planning process. We have been talking to all stakeholders across campus such as the Career Center, Library etc. to think about what we teach, how we teach it and the faculty we teach it with. We are particularly looking at where these things are going in the next 5-10 years.
  - Our task at hand is figuring out how we should best solicit student input in this process. What are the best strategies to get that input? How do we most effectively access the broader student body? Swipe right for more interdisciplinary/swipe left for less? What is the best way to tap into students opinions and thoughts?
We are really looking at feedback on the role of interdisciplinary programs, teaching, etc on campus. We are interested in discussing opportunities to combine different areas of study and the way in which our faculty brings this to you. The faculty is intensively discussing this topic.

I would really appreciate any feedback that I can bring back to my committee.

- **Harry Dubke:** I would say first off that surveys and focus groups work best when there is an incentive to come. The third party reviewing Bon Appetit had an open forum for students to come in and talk about things they want to see in our dining halls. I think they offered 5 bonuses. On the other hand, the students who are already participating in the interdisciplinary programs will probably be more able to contribute.

- **Aleta Brown:** One thing that I think would work well is specifically targeting emails instead of sending out mass emails. If I get an email from a professor, I’ll email back.

- **John Eldevik:** Do you mean targeting certain groups of students? Or perhaps, point people within departments and creating a focus group out of those people.

- **Jonathan Kirshenbaum:** I’m also an interdisciplinary major and minor and I know that student and faculty experience have been affected in regard with webadvisor and interactions with registrar’s office. I think one of the biggest difficulties is there seems to be a communication gap between the registrar’s office and department heads. When I look the course catalogue, it often only shows some of the classes available.

- **John Eldevik:** Is it more about requirements or electives?

- **Jonathan Kirshenbaum:** Both. Especially since interdisciplinary departments don’t necessarily have their own course catalog.

- **Zach Oscar:** I was going to harp on the idea of getting professors to talk to their students in particular, even when it’s in class.

- **Maggie Horne:** I think it would also be cool to get opinions of people who never had any idea they could do it. If I didn’t have an advisor that made me take a fourth class out of my comfort zone, I wouldn’t know combining different disciplines was a possibly.

- **Lizzi Tran:** If you decide to take the survey route, I’m not sure how effective the table tents in Commons and McEwen are for others but I found it effective because when you’re eating, it’s right in front of your face. Also, you can send it through the Central Council. We each have our own network at Hamilton and can spread the word that way too.

- **Aleta Brown:** For our committees, we have open hours where anyone can come up and talk to us. Maybe you can try to do the same thing with your committee.
Dave Smallen - Campus Planning Committee- Student Input for Strategic Planning Process

- Dave Smallen: I’m here on behalf of the Campus Planning Committee. I want to encourage you to take part in an activity that rarely comes around for students. (once a decade). Strategic planning activity over the course of the next year (Jan - Dec 2017). Its goal is to help inform the future direction of the college.
  - The process will be led by four committees: (I) A Steering Committee will oversee the planning process and take responsibility for considering and incorporating, as appropriate, the recommendation of the other committees into the final strategic plan. (II) The second committee will identify ways to improve the overall student experience at Hamilton, with a particular focus on co-curricular activities. (III) A third group will examine future directions for Hamilton’s academic programs in light of the changing composition of our faculty and staff and the challenges facing higher education. (IV) The fourth committee will look at fundamental issues related to the College’s future, including the sustainability of our business model and what does and should distinguish the College from its peers.
  - The committees will consist of Faculty, Trustees, Staff, and Students. We need 6 students willing to serve for a year. It entails a lot of work including weekly meetings from January to December (probably including breaks). We intend to produce a plan by December 2017.

- Maggie Horne: If you were to be off campus one of the semesters, would it matter?
  - Dave Smallen: You’ll most likely have things to do that would require to be on campus. Trustees will likely participate by phone.

- Harry Dubke: Besides helping to nominate the students, what kind of decision process are you making to make sure that the students are on the committee.
  - Dave Smallen: Part of that depends on how many students are nominated. These committees will be meeting with constituents throughout the year.
  - Kureem Nugent: Lizzi and I are creating an application process. We are open to suggestions.
    - Caroline Kriedberg: I think that students should vote on the members aside from the steering members, like we did for the Presidential search. This could be improved by creating a paragraph about what the students are involved in. If you have more information, then hopefully students will vote based on that.

- Lilly Pieper: Can you talk about changes this type of system has made in the past?
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■ **Dave Smallen:** Last time was in 2008 and it lasted for a little over a year. You can see the strategic plan that was developed on the website. A lot of the recommendations were implemented. It had a larger number of committees, but you can see what it resulted in and how something like that actually changed the campus.

■ **Aleta Brown:** I’m on the committee that organizes these committees. I want to stress that this opportunity is open to all Hamilton Students. You don’t have to be on Student Assembly to partake in the process. That’s a good thing. We are a very specific group of students. It’s good to get other opinions out of the student body. It is also important to note that the Steering Committee will automatically select select the President or Vice President of Student Assembly as its student member.

4. Committee Reports
   ○ **Constitution:**
     ■ **Jon Stanhope:** Thank you all for your work and discussion last meeting.
   ○ **Cultural Affairs:**
     ■ Pushed oral history interview training to beginning of next semester due to time constraints.
     ■ Passed Walk With Me program to Health and Safety Committee for wider implementation.
     ● **Silvia Radulescu:** How has that been going?
     ● **Gillian Mak:** The first weekend went well. We had 50+ student volunteers. I haven’t had the ability to do more since because I passed it off to Annalie.
   ○ **DMC:**
     ■ Tues 29 at 5:00 in the Red Pit: ASA Bollywood movie screening.
   ○ **Facilities:**
     ■ Meeting on Wednesdays at 3 in Sadove.
     ■ TracManager ads will go up in the Jitneys this week.
   ○ **Food:**
     ■ We are working on developing plans for next semester, more student outreach (social media and possibly working with other committees ie. cultural affairs for food related events), working on consistency (not needing to readdress issues already raised with Bon Appetite).
     ■ Allergen labeling is improving but still needs to be more specific. Eventually they will have nutritional facts, but Bon Appetit must set their recipes first which takes time so it will not be implemented this year. A few items (ie. salad dressings)
       ● **NOTE:** White vegetarian circle with a blue loop around it means it has dairy in it.
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- Please send any questions, comments, or suggestions to Aleta Brown at anbrown@hamilton.edu.
- **Final Student hours for the semester**- Friday 2-2:30 pm in Opus 1
- **Final Committee meeting**- 2:30 with Bon Appetit in McEwen

  - **Health and Safety**: 
    - Sending out an all campus survey to see what Health Center issues are important to students.
    - **Jack Martin**: We talked about 3 big things at our last Health Center Meeting. First, the initiative to change staff lunch hours. Unfortunately the HC is so understaffed it wouldn’t fix it. We are instead looking into adding one more hour at the end of the day. Until 2018 they cannot hire any more staff members. We also discussed the feasibility of increasing accessibility to STD testing. Finally, we are checking the accuracy of posters before we get them printed.

  - **LITS**: 

  - **Philanthropy**: 
    - Dumpling Sale on Sun Dec 11th at 8:00 until we sell out. KJ Atrium and the Library.

  - **Publicity**: 
    - Finished the sticker contest. We should have them by next week!

  - **Social Traditions**: 
    - Submitted Spring Hockey Event budgets. We will order items this week.

5. **Funding**

   **Amount Remaining**: $8,311.90

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- **Vibes Passed as recommended.** Great budget!
- **Discretionary funding passes as recommended.**
- **Social Traditions Passes as recommended.**
- **Discussion opened whether SA should use Discretionary Fund to fund sweatshirts for members.**
  - **Lizzi Tran:** When we discussed the funding codes at our last meeting, we opened up the discretionary fund as an operational fund for Student Assembly. I want to open up discussion whether or not we will vote for funding the sweatshirts.
  - **Ryan Bloom:** I’m in favor of funding either in whole or a partial amount. I think it’s entirely appropriate as our committees have open hours. These would make it very clear why you are in the space, but it would also be nice to have a more cohesive unit on the campus in general.
  - **Silvia Radulescu:** I’m in favor of funding in full for all of the reasons Ryan gave. I want to add that many of us are on Student Assembly because someone on the assembly reached out to us about joining, or because we knew friends on SA and were able to ask questions about the position beforehand. Having shirts would make us more accessible and visible to the student body, serving a similar recruiting purpose. By advertising who is on SA, we can expand that pool of potential members from close friends to classmates (for example).
    - **Jack Martin:** I completely agree with that sentiment, but there should be a different way to achieve the same purpose. $1,000 is a lot of money. Why does it have to be a shirt? I might be in favor of partial funding.
    - **Jeremy Cottle:** I agree with funding in whole on the condition that this is the least expensive option. If we want to go with a more expensive option, I suggest funding to the extent that the lesser option would be.
  - **Ryan Franquiz:** From the funding meeting, the precedent is that we won’t fund shirts for organizations.
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- **Caroline Kriedberg:** If this is partially/fully funded, is there a requirement for how often they are actually worn? If this is actually for publicity, there should be.

- **Aleta Brown:** You might be excluding some people if you only fund partially. These aren’t cheap.

- **Zach Oscar:** Getting the shirt should be tied to an active thing. SA Members should actually have to sit down and talk to people. They should go around campus, rather than being complacent. I really disapprove of the idea that we should fund shirts with no purpose. We have to be active with the shirts if we are going to be funding them.

- **Kureem Nugent:** The complacency that Zach mentions is a reason I’m actually against funding in full.

- **Adrian Summers:** I want to second Zach’s points about using the shirts to take action. Next, I want to point out that you are trying to justify paying for the shirts in full by saying that we can wear the shirts at committee meetings to identify ourselves as student assembly members and make it easier for people to join our open-hour discussions. Using this logic would mean that we would have to wear that same shirt every week on the same day. I’m personally not comfortable with that (because I try to dress cute on a regular basis) and I don’t think other people are either. Maybe that logic and use of the shirts would work if they were removable like hats or pinned name tags.

- **Aleta Brown:** I think that it is good for publicity and morale. We can wear them at SA events. It’s good to say like “try to wear it twice a month at least.” I do want to note that it’s not that hard to engage with people about Student Assembly, even without shirts.

  - **Cesar Domenech:** Why not make the free shirt contingent of being part of the task force? That way there’s an opportunity cost to it. If you don’t want to join, you can buy the shirt out of pocket.

- **Caroline Kriedberg:** I still think they should be fully funded or not at all. If the purpose of funding them is to cover them, it won’t be accessible. $17 is still a lot. Second, I want to point out this conversation is a little strange. We are starting with the idea of what the end is and trying to find a purpose. Most of the time we are like “this is an issue we want to address” but it seems like we are just trying to make an issue in the first place.

- **Julian Perricone:** We should detach the reason from the things we are buying. There are cheaper and more accessible ways of doing publicity and we should use discretionary funding towards that. I was very fortunate to run into Kureem at the
club fair which was 24 hours before I had to submit my platform, but that was very effective in getting me to run.

- **Zach Oscar:** I agree with the thought that these should be funded in full or not at all. I understand trying to give meaning to something in order to buy it. The one thing I would change was that I don’t like the idea of this being optional. If we fund them, it should be like “You will wear them once a month and you will go around campus and talk to the student body.” I want to add that I know this is difficult request, I don’t believe that everyone in here wants to run around screaming they are on Student Assembly. If we were funding a sticker, I can see it being a morale booster.

- **Kacy Hobbis:** We have to come to a consensus. If we are going to fund them in full we should have some stipulation that they will be used to promote Student Assembly. Like we wear them once a month or something along those lines.

- **Jack Martin:** This really bugs me. None of this commitment is in writing. I feel SA is considered one of the most apathetic groups on campus and this will not help how we are seen. These shirts need to do something if they are going to be funded in full. I want to consider it for more time and do another vote next week when we have a clear picture of how they will be used.

**Tabled for further discussion.**

- **Alex Hollister:** Question about a reallocation request.
  - **Alex Hollister:** This year, we didn’t fund drivers for Bowling Club. We didn’t think it was fair. Now they’re asking if they can cancel three of their outings in order to pay for drivers since they’ve had trouble finding drivers.
  - **Lilly Pieper:** Do they state that Jitney drivers are given preference?
    - **Ryan Franquiz:** It’s hard to incentivize drivers.
  - **Jonathan Kirshenbaum:** I like the policy of “Jitney drivers” get preference. It is open to the whole student body. More generally, not as it applies to bowling club, but all clubs in general, it is worth examining how we look at how Jitney drivers get chosen. It seems like this will continue to be a problem for many clubs.
  - **Maggie Horne:** Well there’s van training through student activities every few months.
    - **Kureem Nugent:** The requirements for Jitney are sometimes difficult.
  - **Noelle Niznik:** Maybe let it go this time but make it clear in the future?
    - **Alex Hollister:** We told them explicitly at the beginning of the semester when we denied their request for this funding.
  - **Lilly Pieper:** So I understand that bowling club is obviously open to everyone, that being said it’s a lot of the same people going every week. Advertizing that in
the All Campus email, it is worth at least trying to say preference for Jitney drivers.

- **Silvia Radulescu:** I think bowling club should show more initiative in finding drivers. The issue is that they can’t find them?

- **Jonathan Kirshenbaum:** The other side is how many students can go to the bowling alley. The more Jitney drivers the club can get, the more students can go bowling.

- **Caroline Kriedberg:** I think that as a club leader it is your responsibility to make sure that there are members in your club who are certified to drive a Jitney. I’m looking at the emails they send out and it is the day before, which is not enough time and they don’t have a comment that says “let us know if we can drive.” I don’t think it would make sense to give Bowling Club money for their drivers and not other clubs who could figure this stuff out.

- **Kacy Hobbis:** In Bowling Club, you have an incentive to go. I don’t understand why we would need to fund them for drivers. We shouldn’t go back on our word in the middle of the semester.

6. **Announcements**

- **Organization Leaders:** Reimbursement envelopes due next Friday, December 9th in the Student Activities Office by 4PM.

- Please participate in a short survey about the campus dining services program at this link: [http://studentvoice.com/envstrategies/hamiltoncollege](http://studentvoice.com/envstrategies/hamiltoncollege). Your input will help Auxiliary Services plan for the future and improve dining on campus.

- **Kureem Nugent:** If you’re interested in running for Student Assembly President and Vice President, I highly suggest you speak to me, Lizzi, or Silvia. There’s more to the position than you think. Signatures will be due at the end of the week and there will be a rules meeting on Sunday that you **must** attend if you choose to run.