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
       ● Conor O’Shea
       ● Adam Markhoff
       ● Antonia Ng
       ● Zach Oscar
       ● Jack Martin
       ● Adrian Summers
       ● Harry Dubke
       ● Samantha Gordon
       ● Jonathan Kirshenbaum
       ● Jake Engelman
       ● Jordan D’Addio
       ● Ben Katz
       ● Ishan Bhatia
       ● Cesar Domenech
       ● Julian Perricone
       ● Nadav Konforty
       ● Eseosa Asiruwa
     ■ Excused
       ● Silvia Radulescu
     ■ Absent
       ● Mari Hiller

2. Old Business

3. Public Comment Period:
● **Ben Walsh**: Hi everyone, I have been wanting to come here for sometime. I was thinking about the doors to Commons, the one facing South and Benedict. They have no windows and someone could open the door into you. It is inconvenient and could potentially hurt someone. I was wondering if we could get some windows because I know you guys to give out money. They don't have to be that big. Thank you.

● **Jon Stanhope**: Thank you Ben for coming in. We have a committee called Facilities that deals with issues such as this. We can definitely go on and do this, but we would probably have to work on this next semester. Thank you so much for your suggestion.

4. **New Business**
   
   ● **Action Plan Discussion**: Options for constitutional changes and discussion about what to table for next year, what the work on over the summer, and what to abandon.
   
   ● **Jon Stanhope**: The Constitution Committee and I drafted up some changes to the constitution on the issue of sexual assault and diversity training. I just wanted some feedback from you guys.

   ● **Max**: The first one is for the training. This will be on the bylaws: “Obligations of Membership” Article I, Section 2 of the Bylaws.

   ● **Julian Perricone**: As a future RA, I understand that the RA training covers sexual assault and diversity training, but I don't know where Student Assembly members could get the same type of training outside of the RA training.

   ○ **Jon Stanhope**: Some things that could work are microaggression workshops and talks from the DMC. The Secretary and President will create/compile a list of events that Student Assembly members could attend throughout the semester.

   ■ **Julian Perricone**: I like how people have the freedom to complete this requirement, but my only concern is that the members will already in office. The revision does not include anything about individuals getting suspended if they do not complete these requirements.

   ● **Max Kohn**: One thing that we thought of was to include this in the section that discusses actions that could lead to the loss of office. But we decided against that, and decided to place it in the obligations of membership section.
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- **Conor O’Shea:** I think we should keep this obligation of membership in the “Obligations of Membership” section, but maybe add a sentence in the Loss of Office section briefly stating that it is possible to lose office for not fulfilling the requirements. Requirements need to have teeth to them to truly be requirements, so we have to follow-up on this.

- **Ilana Schwartz:** I think having trainings for Student Assembly members is a good idea. Maybe there could be an alternative approach to this. Maybe on one of the first Saturdays there could be a half day training day where you guys could get in touch with people and organizations who host these trainings. That way it can be targeted more towards the work we do at Student Assembly.

- **Max Kohn:** Hopefully the wording as is would encourage the President to organize that. With the way it’s currently written, some type of training retreat would certainly fulfill the requirement.

- **Ilana Schwartz:** What the condition would have is that there is a requirement to have a half day training session. People who host these general sessions would be able to tailor the trainings to our SA work.

- **Samantha Gordon:** Maybe long term that would be great but organizing something that big is difficult.

- **Ilana Schwartz:** The way I’m imagining is that we have to be there for like four hours, and different organizations come in different times. Everyone does have to be there at the same time.

- **Samantha Gordon:** The reason why we listed SMART and SAVES is because these events will definitely happen multiple times per semester.

- **Jon Stanhope:** A retreat should definitely be an option we keep on the table, but if someone was to miss this retreat we would still want them to attend similar trainings. The wording as is allows for both of those circumstances.

- **Cesar Guerrero:** Maybe the DMC can hold an event geared toward student government organizations.

- **Adrian Summers:** First I want to thank you, Jon, and the Constitution committee for taking this seriously. I think that is definitely worth noting. It should go on the record that SA is taking the correct steps to taking action. I want us to be careful about asking cultural organizations to do the labor of educating us. I also want to bring Ramisa’s voice in this conversation because the role of secretary was mentioned and I don’t think it is fair to vote around you because this directly affects your position.

  - **Ramisa Tasnim:** Hi Adrian. I am a bit hesitant about collecting the different events from organizations because a lot of organizations don’t have a complete list of the events they plan to host in the beginning of the semester. I guess I just want to know about the logistics.

- **Adrian Summers:** I want us to be careful about treading this very thin line between asking these different organizations to labor and educate us versus us taking the initiative and educating ourselves. I think it would be wise to use some of the things that organizations already have in place rather than asking them to implement something that in addition to what they are already doing. In a way that is asking us to do more work because we already have these events in place, but people just don’t go to them.
Harry Dubke: First, I think we are doing this because we are trying to take initiative. Second, in terms of SA President having the discretion in choosing the events, wouldn't it be better to have this process be more democratic?

- Aleta Brown: I think maybe the E-board should vote on it. It would be faster, and usually there's good diversity on the E-board. I think that people who deal with issues of diversity and misconduct should have say on this.

- Adrian Summers: How are you planning on using the cultural affairs committee to engage the cultural organizations and involve them in this process?
  - Jon Stanhope: We hadn’t thought much about that but could consider doing something similar.

- Adrian Summers: Since we go to the Student Diversity Council meetings, we could take note of what the organizations are thinking about programming for the year and report back for Student Assembly, I think that's important because it is showing that Student Assembly is taking the initiative to go to them rather than asking them to do more work and sending them us their list and finalizing their programming earlier than they already would.

- Jon Stanhope: My idea was that since we already receive all campus emails advertising various events on campus, that the President could just forward events to the SA listserv that seem like they would qualify to fill one of these requirements.

- Cesar Guerrero: When it comes to accountability who manages the list of who completes the trainings?

- Ryan Bloom: This does not seem like it's a huge issue on involving the whole assembly to vote for the events. It seems pretty clear what would and would not count, and the President could easily make that decision.

- Samantha Gordon: It was not the intent of the Constitution Committee to make this difficult. It really is simple.

Conor Craven: I think both of these are great ideas. I have a question on the diversity and inclusion. Is this only regarding ethnic diversity? What are we trying to include?

- Jon Stanhope: The idea was racial diversity because it is the most salient type of diversity.

Conor Craven: I agree with what Conor said earlier, this could be referenced in the loss of office article.

Aleta Brown: Back to what Ilana talked about. I liked that idea and I believe that is a long term goal and I don't think it should be mutually inclusive. Part of taking responsibility for yourselves is going to multiple events and such. You should continue to go to trainings other. There has been conversation on accountability, if we have a google doc that lists events that qualify and have attendance records then this would be easy to keep track of.

Conor O'Shea: To echo Sam’s point, this is objectively not a difficult requirement to meet as an individual, nor is it difficult to enforce administratively. This only takes one or two meetings in a 14+ week semester. The enforcement only involves one Google spreadsheet. Lastly, it really would not be difficult to compile a list from on-campus
organizations – all it would take is an email at the beginning of the semester to each of them asking which events they are holding relate to these topics. It’s literally a copy-and-paste job. We’re overthinking this whole amendment by suggesting that it is too much work on any front. We need to make good on our word to turn words into action this semester – this is not difficult to do, so let’s “pull trig” on this tonight.

- **Jordan DAddio:** I just wanted to speak to Aleta’s and Adrian’s point. We don’t just want to keep the discussion in the box we want to continue to address it.

- **Zach Oscar:** To add quickly, this is also something we have to try to do in whatever way makes sense and establish what will be done. All this says is that there will be trainings. We just need to establish that we are doing this. I don’t care who handles it, let’s be done, and do this.

- **Jon Stanhope:** What are our options to making his mandatory?

- **Max Kohn:** To make it the case that someone will lose their position over not attending these trainings would involve amending the constitution, which requires ¾ vote of the Central Council and a majority of the student body.

- **Conor O’Shea:** Along these lines. We are already sending out an email for the Class Representative election, so we could just add this vote onto that. The survey is already getting made, so it’s not really much additional work.

- **Jon Stanhope:** Is there discussion on who to give this discretion to?

- **Max:** Just to clarify the first two are amendments to the by laws which is just a majority of us, where in this one is will require a three quarters majority, “Loss of Office” Article VII, Section 7: Any member of the Central Council that fails to meet the training requirement stipulated in Article I, Section 2 of the Bylaws may be dismissed from office by a ⅔ vote of the Executive Committee.

- **Harry Dubke:** Are you trying to put it under all obligations?
  - **Max Kohn:** The obligations section of the bylaws only has one bullet right now, it’s that each and every member of the Central Council has rights and obligations equal to other members, there is no seniority rights or rights of rank other than those stipulated by the constitution, now we are adding this to another obligation.

- **Harry Dubke:** So this would only be the second obligation?

- **Max Kohn:** Yes, obviously if we are to change this loss of office it would open the door to adding more things to obligations that the President could use to remove people from office.

- **Conor O’Shea:** Given that the Obligation of Membership section is only in the Bylaws (which are relatively easy to amend), but the designation of who has the power to dismiss people from SA is in the Constitution (which is harder to amend), I’m hesitant to use that broad language in the Constitution about dismissal for failing to follow “any of the duties” – those duties can change relatively easily. There should be a democratic check on the process, so I’d suggest that a majority of the E-board would decide.

- **Jake Engelman:** For any kind of impeachment it should be single person discussion, it shouldn’t have several people.

- **Max Kohn:** The only qualification along that is hopefully this is different than impeachment because it's more like a simple fact that you failed these things similar
to—the precedent that I was referring to is that of you miss three meetings the president can say you’re removed from office so theoretically it would be the same kind of process.

- **Conor Craven:** Removing someone from office is very serious so I believe this should be a democratic thing with the entire counsel.

- **Jon Stanhope:** I’m leaning towards the E-board just because smaller groups tend to be more efficient, is there anyone willing to advocate for it being something other than a majority of the executive board?

- **Ben Katz:** I think elected representatives should have a say in this rather than just the eboard.

- **Max Kohn:** The only thing is that I don’t know what the vote would be on because if we want this to actually be a requirement and an obligation to membership you know it’s a simple fact of whether or not you attend two events.

- **Ben Katz:** Are their any extenuating circumstances for those who won’t be able to fulfill the requirement?

- **Harry Dubke:** I agree with Max.

- **Conor O’Shea:** We do need to have an extenuating circumstances provision, though, because students might get seriously ill, take a leave of absence, etc. Also, certain groups like athletics and Greek organizations can have rigid time commitments. It’s not impossible for the scheduling to not line up. Leniency based on extenuating circumstances should be on the table, so it shouldn’t be an automatic “You don’t go, you have to be off SA” kind of thing.

- **Max Kohn:** My question is do you see this different as the attendance cause?
  - **Conor O’Shea:** Well there is still an element of opting out in the attendance clause – the President decides if you are removed after 3 absences, so it still allows for mitigating circumstances. That should apply here, too.

- **Ryan Bloom:** What Conor said makes sense you can be dismissed from office not that you will be so obviously there's room there to consider any extenuating circumstances. I think leaving it upto the E-board seems great. Another suggestion is involving the class presidents, too? I am weary of opening it up to everybody, It could be a popularity competition or voting their friend out of office

- **Kacy Hobbis:** This seems very similar to attendance requirement, you either go to the trainings or you don't. The amount of opportunities that we have to go to these trainings, in my opinion your circumstances would have to be so extreme because there are so many opportunities to attend different events. I don't see why it would have to be up to anyone other than the executive board.

- **Jon Stanhope:** I am proposing to change it from SA president to E-board and having it say you can be dismissed from office leaving some wiggle room for extenuating circumstances.

- **Jack Martin:** Does the executive committee include the Presidents? I would be more willing to do that because than you have voted members as opposed to non voted members. Non voted members voting on the dismissal of voted members could be a little bit iffy. It would also get more voices in there without having the entire group.

- **Max Kohn:** Yes the executive committee includes class presidents.
Amendment passes as written on the screen.

- **Max Kohn**: The other two action plan ideas that we thought were relevant to the Constitution committee that we spoke about were resolutions being the first one, there are a plethora of issues that come up when drafting a constitutional amendment for a resolution including what is the point of a resolution. These are things that are really up to you guys about what a resolution should be and what we want out of it and I think you guys might want to discuss that more.

- **Conor O'Shea**: The distinction between these two types of resolutions is important because one kind would be designed to hopefully solicit a response from the administration – similar to how the White House has to formally respond to petitions with a certain number of signatures – and that would obviously take some coordination and collaboration between SA and the administration. That takes time that we don’t have tonight, so we should table that until next semester. Additionally, the impeachment provisions are difficult to wordsmith properly, so that, again, takes time that we don’t have today. Our recommendation is that we not only table the vote on these items until next semester, but that we table any discussion about them at all.

- **Samantha Gordon**: Plus, that would give us an opportunity to build a relationship with the new Dean of Students, who we don’t know yet. There’s no reason to move ahead until we know who that is and have actual meetings and understand what is the administration would be willing to do,

- **Aleta Brown**: Just to give context, Gillian and I wrote a petition regarding a sanctuary campus last semester. I just wanted to give an example of the types of petitions we will differentiate between in the future if the new bylaws and constitution passess

5. **Committee Reports**

- **Constitution:**
- **Cultural Affairs:**
  - Painted the basement this afternoon
- **Facilities:**
- **Food**: Last food committee meeting, 4pm May 11th after food fair.
  - Bon Appetit is looking into installing a smaller frier in the diner for gluten free items.
  - Bon Appetit is also investigating the possibility of making mozzarella sticks a side instead of only entree.
  - Food Fair will be May, 11th from 2:30-4pm, location TBD but tentatively the tent on the Dunham green, just waiting on approval from physical plant.
- **Health and Safety**: Sundays at 12 in Sadove
  - Met with Frank Coots, students cannot carry around nalgenes during Class and Charter Day. There will be water stands for students to drink water
- **LITS**: Tuesday Burke 213 at 9pm
  - New movies up on the Movie Channel
- **Philanthropy**: Thursday's 7 pm, 3rd floor Sadove
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- Dumpling sale in KJ Tuesday May 9th! Proceeds to support ABC House
  - **Publicity:** Sadove 8:30 pm
  - Working on reducing disposable waste for next year
  - Made posters for the election
  - Working on laundry list (almost done!)

- **Social Traditions:**
  - **Student Affairs:** Sadove Lobby Mondays 8:45
    - Working to Outreach Taskforce into Student Affairs domain for next semester
    - Still seeking interested students for Jitney conduct committee! Email sac@hamilton.edu with your name, class year, and reason for interest

6. **Funding**

**Amount Remaining:**  $2,589.20 (Discretionary) $4,695.13 (General)

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Amount Requested: $3,120.82
Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: $4,163.51 (from combination of discretionary and general fund)

- **Ryan Bloom:** Both items are through the discretionary fund. The first is hygiene products, and the second is Class and Charter day breakfast in KJ. The Class and Charter Day Breakfast budget includes pancakes, french toasts, home fries, juice, coffee and tea, donuts, and quiche as of now.
- **Jon Stanhope:** I wanted to open the floor up for discussion about the food for the breakfast. Do you guys think it should be more of a “sit-down” breakfast or more of a “grab and go” breakfast with things like donuts and bagels?
- **Ryan Bloom:** This does not budget for tables so if it is more of a “sit-down” breakfast people will just be eating at the regular tables in KJ.
- **Ilana Schwartz:** I think we have a lot of money left and there's nothing better than to spend extra money on food! I don't think we should cut this out because there will be lots of students and professors passing through KJ who might want food.
- **Conor O'Shea:** Does that budget include plates?
- **Jon Stanhope:** Yes, Bon Appetit includes all that stuff.
- **Conor O'Shea:** I think it's good that we're using money on breakfast, unless we can use the money on something else -- maybe like popsicles? I think the breakfast will function better as a “grab and go” thing, maybe more like a breakfast burrito?
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- **Aleta Brown**: I have two points. One, I think spending money on food is fine and a good idea. Second point is that we will also be requesting discretionary fund in the future to fund the Food Fair during finals week.
- **Cesar Guerrero**: Isn't it better to have money leftover to use in the Sadove basement?
- **Adrian Summers**: Is the ice cream truck not happening anymore?
  - **Jon Stanhope**: I don't think we are in charge of that.
  - **Noelle Niznik**: There is one coming that has not been advertised yet, it will be announced soon.
- **Ilana**: I also think that food won't get wasted if we advertise well. It's good to have Student Assembly fund food because people need to eat a lot to stay safe throughout the day.
- **Harry**: In regards to advertising, we should send an email and make some posters.
- **Noelle**: I understand the argument of using money on food, but there will also be a food truck at the Babbitt Pavilion. I think we should definitely have a stop so people who want to can grab food. Also, we should focus on putting water stations up at the Babbitt Pavilion. Staffing might also be an issue because they will be doing a lot for the concert. There will definitely be food available all throughout the way. SA can help in making sure people stay safe through posters and water stations.
- **Jon Stanhope**: If we want to do 5 or 6 things a la cart, then this will change the overall price. If we don't want to do a sit down breakfast, what about catering Dunkin Donuts?
- **Adrian Summers**: You said the breakfast will be 8:30am until 11am, aren’t the hot foods going be in those metal dishes and doesn't Bon Appetit take those with them? Also isn’t there a policy about the open containers? How will people have access to the food all day if it goes away if that rule is in place and the food goes away? I’m just really confused as to what we are talking about.
- **Ilana Schwartz**: Danny mentioned that maybe people won't grab eggs on the go and we could cut it down to bagels and bacon. I also wanted to bring up something similar, regarding open container rules. I understand the reason why the college is banning open containers. However, two years ago, we had the same rule in place, but we did not have enough water stations to keep everyone hydrated. I think if that's a rule that we're gonna have we need to make sure that we have enough water for everyone. We should only have the waterbottle bans if the water stations can be executed well.
- **Conor Craven**: Having bacon and breakfast burritos makes more sense. I don't think people will be eating home fries and drinking tea. This is for people who need to grab something quickly.
- **Zach Oscar**: I also think that this might be a little too much money to spend on breakfast food. The time window is small and there is a lot of people who will go to class, and will be going to Commons anyways. I feel like setting up a breakfast that is not on-the-go will be messy. The time window is too small to get people to come sit and have a meal.
- **Conor O’Shea**: Since it seems like there are some unnecessary/unwanted items here (tea on C&C?), what if we cut the budget in half or by 60%, and instead spend it on a bunch of donuts, maybe from Dunkin”? It serves a similar purpose in providing food on C&C, but wouldn’t be redundant with what Commons and McEwen offer.
● **Aleta Brown**: Having fruit would also be good too. People can just grab it on the go.

● **Harry Dubke**: Are we trying to get donuts and bagels from Bon Appetit or Dunkin Donuts?

● **Jon Stanhope**: We could do Dunkin Donuts, but Bon Appetit could also buy from local businesses.

● **Kacy Hobbis**: I think if we are going to do food, we should do it through Bon Appetit, because I don't think anyone of us will want to get up so early in the morning to get donuts from Dunkin. Bon Appetit will buy from local businesses to provide great donuts and bagels.

● **Adrian Summers**: If we do donuts, are we overseeing the situation or is it a free for all? If we are doing Dunkin Donuts who will staff it and who will get the food?

● **Jon Stanhope**: If we do it through Bon Appetit we can have them staff it. We have decided not to do Dunkin Donuts, instead we will go to Bon Appetit.

● **Adrian**: Oh that was not clear earlier, I was confused because right before Kacy you talked about Dunkin Donuts.

● **Ben Katz**: I think we should be conscious of having intoxicated students in the KJ atrium, and how it could be disruptive to classes.

● **Zach Oscar**: In the past we have had hot chocolate in the front of KJ, and that prevented classroom disruption because it was outside.

● **Conor O'Shea**: If you want to have it outside, given the rain, are you thinking of the covered area between McEwen and KJ?

● **Jake Engelman**: If it does rain, maybe the food truck in Babbitt Pavilion wouldn't be a great idea.

● **Noelle Niznik**: The food truck, which we have all day, is scheduled to be at the Babbitt Pavilion from 12:00pm-3:00pm, and then will move to the Field House. There is no rain plan as of now on where to move it. The goal would be to pull it up on Babbitt and people can eat under the pavilion.

● **Jon Stanhope**: So what I am hearing is that we are all in support of bagels, donuts, and fruit?
  ○ *Nods of approval*

● **Ryan Bloom**: Also, if we're concerned about minimizing classroom disruption, there are no classes in KJ 201-202 until noon, so we could put the food in the upstairs atrium.

● **Ilana Schwartz**: I don't think it's a big deal to hold this in the atrium. If professors are going to be upset that there will be donuts in KJ then that's their problem. Class and Charter day is a is a tradition at Hamilton.

● **Jordan D'Addio**: I was going to mention that I am wary of classroom disruption.

● **Cesar Guerrero**: I am not a big fan of holding it in the second floor because it is out of most people's way. It's more 'in your face' if it's in the Atrium.

● **Ben Katz**: To Ilana's point, faculty can cancel class but there are staff that cannot and have to come to Hamilton such as Physical Plant, so we should be conscientious of our actions.
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- **Harry Dubke**: Really quick comment, but all we are doing is handing out donuts and coffee for Class and Charter Day. I think professors will be able to handle this, and everything will be ok.

- **Samantha Gordon**: For the Fruit, we should do apples, oranges, and bananas to avoid the use of containers.

- **Kacy Hobbis**: We should also get cream cheese and butter for bagels. Also, I don't know if it makes sense to do this near McEwen, because it will be so close to the dining hall. But we can discuss this later.

- **Motion approved for food item for KJ Breakfast [$750]**

**Feminine Hygiene products**

- **Cesar Guerrero**: As I said last meeting. We will be getting tampons, pads and small white trays where the pads and tampons will be placed.

- **Jake Engelman**: Do we have an estimate on how long this will last?

- **Ben Katz**: No we don't. That is something that we are discussing and will be addressing soon.

*Funding passess as requested.*

**Ryan**: Can we take a vote to move everything remaining from general to discretionary? There is $4,694 remaining for general. This can't be used for student orgs at this point so it makes sense to make the shift official.

*Motion passess.*

7. **Announcements**

- **Ryan**: Reimbursements are due in the Student Activities office by **Monday, May 8th at 4:30pm!!!** The same deadline applies for submitting any outstanding invoices. Please reach out to me as the SA Treasurer if you have any questions (satreas@hamilton.edu)