1. Call to Order
   Present:
   - Kureem Nugent
   - Lizzi Tran
   - Gillian Mak
   - Alex Hollister
   - Kaitlin Dunne
   - Jonathan Stanhope
   - Kacy Hobbis
   - Aleta Brown
   - Jeremy Cottle
   - Danny Reyes
   - Ilana Schwartz
   - Ryan Bloom
   - Isabel Grieder
   - Ryan Franquiz
   - Gabby Troya
   - Zach Oscar
   - Jack Martin
   - Annalie Garcia
   - Rachel Dawson
   - Harry Dubke
   - Maggie Horne
   - Jonathan Kirshenbaum
   - Jordan D’Addio
   - Ben Katz
   - Ishan Bhatia
   - Cesar Domenech
   - Julian Perricone
   - Nani Suzuki
   - Eseosa Asiruwa
   - Ben Isenberg

   Excused:
   - Silvia Radulescu
   - Lilly Pieper

2. Old Business
   - Jack Martin ’19 and Jack Wright ’19 Jacqueline Guyol ‘17- Take Back the Tap Resolution
Jack Martin: Two weeks ago we brought you the Take Back the Tap Resolution. Since the last two meetings we have changed the resolution based on the recommendations given by the Central Council.

Changes made since last discussed:

- Clarified source for “WHEREAS, The Environmental Research Letters reports that in 2007, U.S. plastic water bottle production required between 32 and 54 million gallons of oil, and three out of every four of those bottles ended up in landfills or in an incinerator;”
- Added “WHEREAS, large-scale groundwater extraction disproportionately affects low income and minority communities by depleting local water supplies;”
- Included NESCAC schools to show precedent: “WHEREAS, universities and colleges around the country including Wesleyan, Amherst, Tufts, Williams, and Colby and many others have already made efforts campus wide to curb their bottled water use;”
- SA wanted a specific goal tied to a number to present to the administration. Based on information from Irene Cornish, we recommend the goal should be set at reducing the number of bottles down to 10,000 a year by 2020. This number includes water bottles for graduation and emergency responses. Every time there is the possibility of a huge storm, Reuben Haage in Bon Appetit has to order 6,000 water bottles in case the campus loses water access.

Alex Hollister: Did you talk to Reuben Haag from Bon Appetit?

- Jack Wright: Yes, we met with him and Irene. We talked about where the water bottle use on campus comes from. We also discussed other campuses that have taken steps to reduce consumption. We talked about issues posed by large events and how to address them. For example, we talked about the water monster, which is a huge tank with multiple taps that allows water to be at one location. This is great, but we also need to make sure people have something to hold the water in. We also discussed the possibility of getting multiple water monsters for events like Class and Charter.

Rachel Dawson: You mentioned that Colby has a complete ban. What measures do they have for large scale events like graduation?

- Jack Wright: They have the ban in place for all large scale events except graduation.

Kacey Hobbes: What about big events like Class and Charter day?

- Jack Wright: We are looking into getting multiple water monsters.
- Ilana Schwartz: For class and charter day, maybe we could invest in a couple more water monsters using the money we would have otherwise spent on water bottles?
Aleta Brown: I think this is awesome, but I’m worried about water bottles being replaced by other waste, like paper or plastic cups. Is there something reusable that can be implemented?
  ● Jack Wright: We will talk to them about this issue, but water bottles are worse than plastic cups not just because of the plastic to make them, but also because transporting them uses large amounts of fossil fuels as well.

Maggie Horne: If we do pass this, it goes to the administration. Is it sent all campus? How does the community know that we have made this stand?
  ● Ryan Franquiz: is there a system of accountability?
  ● Jack Wright: Irene Cornish is super responsive. She sent us information very quickly and the information should be available.

Harry Dubke: You mentioned Bon Appetit orders 6,000 water bottles per large impending storm. Is there any way we word the resolution so the goal is less than ten thousand “excluding major storms?”

Zach Oscar: Going off that, you could make the language something like “10,000 nonemergency water bottles.” If there is an emergency, we can’t really do anything about that.

Jack Wright: If we would do that, I would want us to consider recommending reducing the 10,000 to 4,000 to exclude the 6,000 we factored in for an emergency situation.

Resolution passes unanimously with the edits suggested. The final copy of the resolution will be attached to the minutes email.

3. New Business

Sarah Hogoboom ‘17 and KaraLin Pintye-Everett ‘17- Levitt Leadership Institute
  ● KaraLin Pintye-Everett: We are here to talk about the Levitt Leadership Institute. It’s a 2 week intensive workshop program that spans across the last week of our winter break and the first week of spring break. One thing we want to emphasize that this program isn’t just for government majors, I’m a psych major and I enjoyed it.
  ● Sarah Hogoboom: The first week at Hamilton focuses on practical leadership skills and training. It is a lot of orientation like games, but you look at the theoretical leadership skills that these develop. It is focused on addressing the issues you want to address on campus. Students on the program work with Prudence Bushnell, a former US ambassador, and Christine Powers, a leadership training expert.
  ● KaraLin Pintye-Everett: The second week is optional but very much recommended. It is spent in DC and the transportation to DC is provided. You work with government and NGO leaders, but the entire schedule is set by the students in the program. We have met with people in the
Department of Justice and different Chiefs of Staffs in the House of Representatives.

- **Sarah Hogoboom**: We are presenting to you guys because as Student Assembly representatives there is a lot to be gained. This is a lot of leadership skills you gain and the program itself spans a diverse group of students that have different interests here on campus.

- **Kacy Hobbes**: What grades can go?
  - **Sarah Hogoboom**: Any year. We tend to encourage Sophomores and Juniors to apply because they are involved in clubs and have started to find their place on campus, but at the same time it is a really great way to meet people as a freshman.

- **Maggie Horne**: When is the application deadline?
  - **Sarah Hogoboom**: The [application link is here](#). It is due October 17th, 2016.

- **Karen Brewer - Diversity Requirement**
  - **Karen Brewer**: I’m here to speak about the so called “diversity requirement.” However, I do want to begin by pointing out that the word diversity is not actually in the motion that was passed. Let me read for you what it is, what will go in the course catalogue. This is the motion that was passed in the faculty meeting last year:

    “MOVED that, starting in the 2017-2018 academic year, every concentration shall have a requirement that will help students gain an understanding of structural and institutional hierarchies based on one or more of the social categories of race, class, gender, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexuality, age, and abilities/disabilities. Departments and programs shall determine how their students will fulfill this requirement that is most consistent with their disciplines. The requirement should encourage students to think critically about accomplishments, experiences, and representations of various social groups in the United States and/or other countries.”

- **Karen Brewer**: Here is the additional wording that will be placed in the course catalog under “Educational Goals and Curriculum:”

    “Each student must meet the requirements for a concentration, including a requirement that will help students gain an understanding of structural and institutional hierarchies based on one or more of the social categories of race, class, gender, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexuality, age, and abilities/disabilities.” [New language is underlined.]

- **Karen Brewer**: Departments are to put in proposed language for the masthead in the catalogue that says that for a concentration you must do X, Y, and Z by February 1st, 2017. Then, a subcommittee will look at
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those proposals and give recommendations to the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP). This will go into the catalogue for the class of 2020.

■ **Kacy Hobbes:** Is CAP the one deciding whether the proposal will fit into this requirement or not?
  - **Karen Brewer:** The subcommittee will give a first pass and write a recommendation. The faculty on CAP will have the final say on this, just as they would with any new course.

■ **Danny Reyes:** Will new categories be built for specific majors? Do we know if there are students that only take science/math courses that don’t take courses already that would fulfill the requirement?
  - **Karen Brewer:** It’s really up to the departments. The CAP encouraged the departments to be creative. You may see some half credit courses as part of a capstone curriculum, or you may see it incorporated all the way throughout the curriculum. There are a lot of departments that have already decided what they are going to do and a few that are not entirely sure yet.
  - When we did the research for this almost 2 years ago, we found that if we limited this to diversity requirements just within the US, 70% of students here at Hamilton have taken these courses. What makes the requirement unique is that it will be relevant to the specific field those students are in.

■ **Harry Dubke:** Currently this requirement seems fairly broad. How is the subcommittee going to narrow it down when deciding whether or not a certain department actually meets the requirements set forth?
  - **Karen Brewer:** That’s a hard thing to do because we are not just saying this has to be a specific course within each major. For some disciplines, this might be best met within multiple courses throughout the entire curriculum. We are going to look at these to see if these are somewhat equivalent across majors. Does the department stick to the spirit of the motion? The departments that are struggling with this are doing so because they want to make sure it’s meaningful and substantial for students.

■ **Alex Hollister:** I listened to your NPR podcast and thought it was great. How did the faculty decide this is an appropriate requirement within the context of Hamilton’s open curriculum?
  - **Karen Brewer:** I wasn’t out there with the faculty because I was chairing the CAP at the time. I cannot speak for all of them, but I think what they looked at it within the context of the open curriculum and said “this is important.” The vote was 80 for, 19 against, and 1 abstention.
Ilana Schwartz: I know you said that the departments had to have their proposed courses in by Feb 1st. Which graduating class would this effect? Also, would these courses be taught by the professors in the fields?

- Karen Brewer: The class of 2020 will be the first class affected. When you select your major, the catalogue in your sophomore year states the requirements you need to fulfill.
- It can take a lot of different models. The Literature department has one that is already in place with a faculty member already in the department. It is not a checkbox that says you have to take X in this department or Y in this department to fulfill the requirement. This means that all the faculty have to talk about it.

Ben Katz: Why was the decision made to make it concentration specific, rather than class specific, like QSR or Writing Intensive courses?

- Karen Brewer: It was made by the departments. Economics for example developed it so it was relevant and important to their majors. This means that it is directly relevant to the students. This is taking it from your interests and connecting all majors to this requirements. Hopefully this makes it relevant and meaningful.

Maggie Horne: For the sciences and maths that are struggling a bit more, could it be that the math and economics majors could work together? How does this requirement work in regards to studying abroad?

- Karen Brewer: It could be that the sciences get together and work on one course. There has been one floated that looks at case studies within all science fields. However, there are also resource issues in terms of making sure there are enough seats for each major.
- Since it is concentration specific, it will probably not be like the writing intensive or QSR requirement in regards to study abroad.

Aleta Brown: Would it be possible for certain students to fulfill this by going abroad?

- Karen Brewer: This depends on the department. Departments can always waive or substitute requirements.

4. Committee Reports
   - Constitution: Mondays at 8:30 PM in Sadove Conference Room!
     - Working to get rid of gender pronouns in the constitution. We can just use the position titles instead.
     - Clarifying issues with funding regarding club sports.
   - Cultural Affairs:
     - Working with the DMC and the Student Diversity Council to come up with a more effective format.
   - Facilities:
     - Planning on working on to get more information about water monsters.
   - Food:
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- Fridays at 2 in Sadove Living Room.
- **Aleta Brown:** Making a new format focused on more meetings with students and less meetings with Bon Appetit. I want more solid information to bring to them when we do meet.
  - Health and Safety: Fridays at 1 PM in Sadove Living Room
    - Meetings open to all campus!
  - LITS: Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in Burke 213
    - Computer Science students are adding new features to the Hamilton App, including an audience switcher (change whether you are faculty, student, parent, or alumni). Also adding a dynamic home screen, and putting up office hours.
    - Trying to gauge student perception of wifi. We heard by word of mouth that the wifi wasn’t great, but we can’t figure out where the problems are. Survey coming soon!
    - There’s a new collaboration set up in the back of the library where individual sections used to be. More information and spaces to work, and a 3D printer. Old individual sections have now been moved to the third floor.
    - All students now have access to color printing. In order to print, you must go to the library and use the Macs. 15 cents per page.
    - New Hamilton website will be unveiling mid-October 2016.
    - The Movie Channel has been updated! Survey for new movies will be out tonight.
  - If you have any suggestions or questions, please email SOSA EMAIL
- Philanthropy: Thursdays at 7 PM 3rd floor Sadove.
  - HAVOC Make a Difference Day went great!
  - Our next major event will be Candygram sales during Family Weekend. These will continue into the weekend after for student purchase.
  - Working on a collaboration with SPAC.
- Social Traditions: Mondays at 8 PM in the Beinecke Fireplace Lounge.
  - **Fallfest:** October 1st. Please reach out to soctrad@hamilton.edu if your organization is interested in having a table. Double jitneys will be working as it is the same day as the Down the Hill Challenge.
    - Maggie Horne: There will be 35 dozen cider mill donuts.
  - **Fallcoming (Family/Alumni/Inauguration Weekend):** October 7-9
    - Beer Tasting on Friday, tables at sports games on Saturday.
    - Although we have these two events this semester, we are willing to add new ones! Reach out to mhorne@hamilton.edu with suggestions!
- Student Affairs:
  - Reformatting to focus on a more decentralized structure. We are going to have more open hours that allow students to come directly to us with
issues that need to be addressed. Keep an eye out for emails with a schedule of open hours.

5. Funding
Amount Remaining: **$24,749.78**

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Amount Requested: **$8133.53**  
Amount Recommended: **$8133.53**  
Amount Remaining if Funding Passes: **$16,616.25**

- **Buffers** requested $1,300 per their schedule.
- **SAAC** event is in collab w/ Colleges against Cancer.
- **Club Ento** had a really nice budget!

**Buffers, SAAC, and Club Ento passed as recommended!**

- **Powder Club:** Cut down number of people and number of days skiing.
  - **Alex Hollister:** Funding committee met and took the suggestions from Central Council’s discussion about Powder Club’s budget last week. Our recommendation is based on the idea is that they can leave Saturday at 5 AM, get to Killington by 10, spend the day skiing, spend another day skiing and leave the next night and come back to campus. We felt like this is a fair compromise. We also added more funding to make this trip more accessible so this comes out to only $250 per student.
  - **Maxwell Coleman:** I would love to understand the logic behind the chain of events that would allow us to be here today. Last week, the committee recommended $5,600. I’m not entirely sure why our budget was cut so much this week.
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- **Alex Hollister:** Last week, we had more leniency to allocate funding (80% of our budget is for strategic budgets). However, last week, the majority of the Central Council decided against funding the proposal. Because of this, we have to be a little more strict. The amount you requested is a large piece of the nonstrategic funds we have left.

- **Phil Parkes:** One reaction is that while this particular budget is ideal if we are going to keep the bus, it may be worthwhile trying to compromise to try to add another day. Because of students that will need rental gear and the number of beginners we have, it would make this almost minimal. We are interested in looking at alternative modes of transportation to make this happen. We think we should aim for a two night trip that would allow for more use of the money being spent on the lift tickets, because those are very expensive. One of the original ideas was to cut off the last night.

- **Maxwell Coleman:** I want to reiterate that the whole point of the club is to let people ski regardless of financial ability.

- **Phil Parkes:** This may come down to a difference of opinion but we felt that $250 is very much reasonable for students to pay. Last year, students paid about $290. The request I’m making is to do the additional night. This will make sure that way the trip is really worth doing. We would cut the bus and use vans instead, then reallocate the funding to another night’s worth of lodging. We anticipate this being $400-600 more.

- **Lizzi Tran:** One of my biggest concerns is the exclusivity of the trip; however, I do want to acknowledge that it’s not like we do not allocate money for groups to use for leisure. It’s just hard to allocate so much money towards one event. What is the expected ratio to beginners to seasoned skiers?
  - **Maxwell Coleman:** I started this club my freshman fall because I fell in love with snowboarding. I wasn’t really good at it and I was a beginner.
  - **Phil Parkes:** If I may add, one measure is the number of rentals. We had about 34% renting on the trip. This is a significant block of members. To specifically address the concern, we are very much open to adding a quota of number of students (maybe half) that are beginners. The key distinction is people who ski a lot or those who don’t go out and ski.
  - **Kevin Roback:** Last year, we had enough funding to bring ten or twelve people entirely on financial aid. We want to get as many people out there skiing as possible.

- **Ilana Schwartz:** First, something for all of us to take into consideration is that I’m not sure it’s worth it to fund the trip if it is only $2,700. I think it’s feasible, but that’s a lot of money for not a lot of ski time. Second, what kind of liability sort of things do you have in place? Skiing is kind of dangerous and when 40% of people on this trip are new beginners, what happens with insurance?
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- **Phil Parkes:** There is a longstanding precedent with implied insurance and consent. The lift ticket is with the mountain, not the institution. In addition, the bus will have consent forms.

  - **Kureem Nugent:** I do want to fund these guys. I agree that $2,700 is too little to have a good trip. We fund plenty of groups more money for more exclusive trips. They’ve worked with us to make cuts and now we also need to work with them.

    - **Alex Hollister:** I don’t think it’s fair for us to consider anything where we trade buses to use vans.

    - **Phil Parkes:** Vans are last resort cut since we feel like this is barely holding on. We simply cannot help our members with the recommended money. We understand the pressures from nonstrategic and strategic. We would prefer to go for the lowest possible amount.

  - **Gillian Mak:** If safety is the primary reason for having the bus, we should not cut their funding in that area. I don’t think we should penalize student organizations for working with us to reach a compromise. Powder Club took our recommendations from last week and put them into a budget that cut costs and still maximized their time on the trip.

  - **Kureem Nugent:** This is not something I think we should push back another week and make them resubmit. They worked with the recommendations we gave them.

  - **Zach Oscar:** I am personally in favor of funding them much closer to the amount they requested, but I want to take a second to be an antagonist and expose some inherent problems with our own system. First, when we talk about exclusivity, I think about organizations we fund, like Mock Trial, where you literally have to apply to be on the club. I love all the people on Mock Trial, but we gave $8000 to 17 students that are literally decided on by an application process. Second, you have moral dilemmas, like “now that we didn’t fund ISA for this this trip, we can’t fund Powder Club” that happen because of the order we address budget proposals. I think Powder Club have done enough to warrant funding.

**Powder club passes with amount requested ($4749.88).**

6. **Announcements**

  - The Levitt Center is hosting a workshop on Emergent Change in Organizations this Friday and Saturday. RSVP [here](#) by Wednesday 9/21.