RESOLUTION
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Recommending measures to empower Student Voices at Hamilton College.

Article I  Student Voice

WHEREAS students realize the lack of formal mediums to express concerns, as well as a lack of transparency in the College’s response to their concerns; and

WHEREAS administrative decisions go into effect without regard to student input, leaving students with many unanswered questions; and

WHEREAS there is limited communication between the Administration and the student body regarding the implementation of new policy, except in the case of pushback against these policies.

Therefore, this resolution calls for the administration to develop an institutionalized procedure to better incorporate student input into administrative decisions.

Resolved:

1. The administration will respond to any submitted resolutions in writing within seventy two hours and will organize a meeting with the student submitter [and, if the submitter sees fit, a supporting faculty member].

2. The submitter and the administration will work together to inform the student body of actions resulting from resolutions through the use of all campus email or by sending a representative to present to the Central Council.

3. Nonetheless, student voice must be accounted for regardless of if it is presented through a resolution or not.

Article II  Central Council

WHEREAS there is inconsistency in how Student Assembly addresses student concerns; and

WHEREAS there has only been one resolution passed in the last year; and
WHEREAS there is little consistency to address recurring issues (follow up); and,

WHEREAS there is a discrepancy between how SA members view their roles versus how the student body sees them.

Therefore, this resolution will serve as a basis for all successive resolutions.

**Resolved:**

1. The Central Council will conscientiously write resolutions for long term issues to ensure that the initiatives continue sustainably.
2. The Central Council will clearly define our roles and responsibilities as representatives of the student body and publicize those roles as well.
3. The Central Council will work to clearly establish its own role.

**Article III  Mutual Accountability**

WHEREAS the relationship between the Central Council and the Administration is poorly defined.

WHEREAS there is no formal process for Student resolutions to be reviewed and addressed at an administrative level.

Therefore, this resolution ensures the accountability of both the Central Council and the Administration to provide all Hamilton students with a means of promoting and supporting student voice.

**Resolved:**

1. The Central Council will create spaces/platforms for students to be heard by administrators.
2. The Central Council and the Administration will work together to create clear procedure for responding to and addressing student concerns.