We submit this amendment in light of four main concerns regarding the implementation of the Cluster Model: (1) severe understaffing and need for training of new members in the Department of the Treasury, (2) significant use of passive voice and inoperable clauses within the current Cluster Model By-Laws that prevent its implementation, (3) insufficient formation of Student Organization Clusters, with many student organization leaders remaining unaware of, confused, and frustrated by the Cluster Model, and (4) inadequate information regarding the funding needs of said clusters after two years of a pandemic disrupting normal records of student-org-requested funds. As stands, we feel the full implementation of the Cluster Model would present an undue and insurmountable burden to the Department of the Treasury to implement a new system with wholly new members of the Assembly, without enough information to appropriately assign clusters their funding. Student org leaders also do not have the adequate resources to engage with this new funding process at this time, and many have stated as much. For these reasons, we propose a phased-in implementation of the Cluster Model. Intrinsically interlinked with these issues are larger questions of overall allocation of the Student Activities Fee as it relates to democratic student-led decision-making. We offer the creation of a dedicated committee to work on these issues to ensure all changes to Student Assembly funding processes are made from a holistic perspective, keeping in mind the ways policy changes in one area of the Treasury impact overall funding. We feel it is essential that this amendment be passed for student org funding to occur expeditiously both this semester and in the future.

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**CLUSTER MODEL BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE X. FUNDING CODES [ADDITION; NEW SECTION 14]**

*Section 14: Implementation Strategy*
A. The time of full implementation of the Cluster Model shall be decided by majority vote of the voting members of the Executive Committee.
   a. The Executive Committee may set a date for implementation of the Cluster Model with advice of the Central Council Treasurer and Office of Student Activities.
   b. The Central Council shall have authority to amend the Cluster Model.
   c. The Central Council must hold a vote on whether to fully implement the Cluster Model by the end of the Spring '22 semester for the incoming Fall '22 semester.

B. Until the vote of the Executive Committee to enact the full Cluster Model, the funding functions of the Central Council of the Student Assembly shall be as follows:
   a. Eligible student organizations shall apply for funding under the previous model, enumerated in Article X. Student Assembly Funding Codes from the pre-cluster model Constitution and By-Laws.
   b. All current Cluster Treasurers shall retain their non-voting positions as members of the Funding Committee under the title of Interim Class Treasurer. For classes without Interim Class Treasurers, Class Presidents shall be responsible for appointing an individual from their class year to fill the role with majority vote of the Central Council.
      i. If the Class President cannot find a suitable replacement from their year, they may also choose from other years.

C. The Central Council Treasurer shall serve as Chair of the Student Activities Fee Committee (SAFC), abiding by all Central Council regulations on committee structure.
   a. The SA President, Vice President, Class Presidents, and Director of Organization Relations or their designees shall serve on this committee. The Treasurer shall have the right to appoint additional members as they wish, including but not limited to: members of student organizations, media board, and campus activities board (CAB), with final composition not surpassing twelve members.
      i. Should the named Assembly members appoint a designee to the committee, they shall still retain ex officio member status and may override the votes of their designee.
ii. In a process developed by the Chair, all members shall be required to publicly disclose all student organizational membership and current and former leadership positions in student organizations.

b. The Chair and/or their designee shall serve as the official representative of the committee.

c. The committee shall serve the following purposes:

   i. To develop an implementation plan and necessary Constitutional and By-Law amendments for the selection of Cluster Treasurers and creation of Student Organization Clusters, and any other matters in the Cluster Model the committee deems fit for amendment.

      1. This plan shall ensure that Cluster Treasurers will have knowledge and understanding of the needs of their respective clusters

   ii. To develop an implementation plan and necessary Constitutional and By-Law amendments for the democratization of the Student Activities Fee in consultation with Hamilton College administration.

   iii. To encourage and make widely accessible to the student body opportunities for public input on the development of these proposals.

   iv. To, following a majority vote of Assembly voting-member committee membership, submit these proposals to the Central Council for consideration, amendment, and vote on a timeline determined by the Chair of the committee.

   v. Upon completion of these purposes, the committee shall cease to exist except in the case of an Executive Committee majority vote to the contrary.

D. The Central Council Treasurer and Director of Organization Relations and/or their designees shall work with the Office of Student Activities and student organizations to create appropriate cluster structures to be formalized as amendments to the Cluster Model.

E. The Central Council Parliamentarian shall delete this Section from this document upon fulfillment of all its provisions.