

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I feel like socially people are glorifying the idea of getting plastered and being irresponsible with alcohol. More students brag about how they blacked out last weekend or how their roommate was puking all night. People laugh at those who can't hold their alcohol or are abusing alcohol rather than scolding and shunning them for such bad decisions.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think the students look on alcohol should change, but the problem is the age limit. Most college students are underage, thus alcohol is a forbidden fruit, making it something used in excess when available. Rather alcohol should be seen like in Europe as a relaxing beverage to have in the evening, but American law won't change. Hamilton students need to take responsibility in creating a good view and use of alcohol in the community. Half of this is the responsibility of the upperclassmen to change. The other I think is better education for the freshmen. Rather than scaring the new students with horror stories about what alcohol could do, and how many ways you could get in trouble, discuss the proper and acceptable use of alcohol and the image one puts forth when alcohol is abused.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other, Other: Educational Initiative for freshman, and social change for upperclassmen.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Not really sure. I think the number of EMTs is not a good indication, but clearly people do seem to drink a lot here. I'm not sure I would say they drink more than at other colleges and universities. I missed the meeting in November, but I would like to see some statistics about how Hamilton compares to other schools.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **My personal view is that no matter where you are in life, people are going to drink at night. I don't think having campus safety crack down on that is fair, and it just makes things more difficult. However, serious day drinking and drinking on the week days is not as common. I would actually favor campus safety and RAs cracking down more during the week/in the afternoon**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**
Additional Comments **When in doubt, more communication is better. I think one of the problems is that RAs don't come in and just tell people to turn the music down, or to be a little quieter, but instead go right to campus safety. Also, it might be nice if the problem explained a little more clearly. Every school has an "alcohol problem", but haven't seen anything that makes us worse than any other school**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think the problem is obvious- it is students getting sick from drinking too much hard alcohol, usually behind closed doors.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think that the bulk alcohol policy should be clarified and expanded for beer. First of all, I know from my experience as an RA, that the policy isn't specific (at least according to my AD at the time) and is a catch-all policy to use when a situation needs to be shut down. I think if students felt comfortable having, for example, a suite common room party with beer food and dancing, without the fear of it getting shut down, less shots would be taken. my second suggestion: (sorry that these are specific to the dark side) the vending machines sell soda and water (in the dorms). Soda dehydrates the body and thus doesn't help those who have been drinking. Juice and other options that hydrate could help students who have been drinking too much. Also, since food absorbs alcohol, there should be more snack vending machines in the dorms. I don't know a drunk kid who would refuse some**

crackers, but I do know ones that are too lazy or drunk to get to the diner.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I believe that the problem with alcohol on Hamilton's campus is symptomatic of a larger problem with American drinking culture. However, since Hamilton is not exempt from state law and cannot simply make the drinking age 18, a step that I feel would greatly reduce instances of alcohol abuse in young people, other steps must be taken. The fact of the matter is that college students will never stop drinking. The more they are pushed against, the more they will bring their practices underground, out of sight and further away from the safe and responsible habits that we would all like to see more of. What I have observed over the past academic year since the "crackdown" by administration has not resulted in students drinking less. In fact, just last weekend after a peaceful, fun party I was attending was disrupted by an Area Director; I heard more than one individual state that they were "just going to take some shots in their room". This Area Director told all attendants that if they were not 21 they had to leave the party. This is, to the best of my knowledge, not in line with NYS law and not within the jurisdiction of the College. Were this the case, all underage students should have been banned from the Time Capsule opening at the Emerson Gallery last semester, where wine was served. Friction between the administration is increasing because students feel infantilized in their treatment by College officials, and will continue to behave in increasingly sneaky ways to be able to drink. The worst case scenario if this trend continues is that a Student dies from alcohol poisoning. I guarantee that that student will not have been done in by the three beers he was able to get hold of at an all-campus party, but from the 5, 6, 7 or more shots that he downed in his bedroom in secrecy so that he would be "drunk enough" to make it through the night. Furthermore, the vast majority of the drinking culture that I have personally witnessed at Hamilton has not been about drinking for the sake of drinking, or drinking with the intention of getting blackout drunk. It has been about socialization, fun, community, and campus spirit. Unfortunately, the actions of few can and do have ramifications for the majority of students who behave more responsibly.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **1) Hamilton should reaffirm its commitment to advancing the Amethyst Initiative. 2) The Administration should SERIOUSLY consider the practical consequences of its recent "crackdown" on alcohol consumption. 3) Campus Safety, Resident Advisors and Area Directors should be reminded of their role in the campus community to protect the safety and wellbeing of students. At present, the dynamic is more of harassment, a cat-and-mouse game, and highly antagonistic. I have personally heard small groups of RAs commiserate over how many students they "busted" over a given weekend, as if giving high numbers of documentations were the hallmark of successful RA-dom. This, I feel, is a gross perversion of the role of the RA in students' lives. 4) Lift the hard alcohol ban. It divides the culture of drinking into distinct degrees of severity with regards to disciplinary points based only on type of alcohol. The Administration would be better advised to concern itself first and foremost with HOW MUCH students on this campus are drinking, not with whether they prefer Saranac or a Manhattan. 5) The Administration should do more to inform students about what constitutes a drinking problem. I believe that there are far more students on this campus than is healthy or right who can pass off their self-destructive habits by saying work hard, play hard" or " you only go the college once!" These students and their friends and classmates need to be informed what alcoholism is and how to identify it. Greater resources for students would be highly beneficial to this end.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**
Additional Comments **I love Hamilton and do not want to see the Administration alienate its students further.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I don't believe that there is a problem with alcohol on campus. The vast majority of students do not abuse alcohol. And those that do are doing so to prevent themselves from having confrontations with campus safety.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Changing policies has already negatively affected the alcohol culture at Hamilton. I've witnessed it myself as students pre-game more frequently and consume ridiculous amounts of alcohol before leaving their dorms so that they don't get caught by campus safety with opened containers and such. And these students are always the ones who end up being sick later in the night or passing out. Bringing in a more strict policy towards alcohol will only increase these negative effects and cause even more students to consume alcohol in an unsafe manner. The best way to address the alcohol culture is through educational programs.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **students drinking hard alcohol too quickly in their rooms before going out for the night. lack of safe environment to enjoy drinking with friends rather than speed drinking early in the night.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **more areas where students can drink socially. Students should be able to drink in suite common rooms and other social areas without fear of repercussions.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **The problem is not about alcohol (hard or beer), every college campus drinks, the problem is about excess alcohol.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**
Additional Comments **I think the administration should concentrate their efforts on over-drinking and abuse, rather than on drinking in general. I don't think the problem is underage drinking or weekend parties, rather it is cases of alcohol poisoning and blackout drinking.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **A (growing) minority of students view the consumption of unsafe amounts of alcohol as the sole measure of how much fun they have. It is beyond a mindset of "drinking to get drunk"; it is drinking to get blackout drunk. This leads to a variety of other problems, including property damage, sexual assault, and the creation of an environment in which other students do not feel comfortable or safe. Furthermore, students who develop unsafe drinking habits in college set themselves up for continuing alcohol dependency problems when they leave the Hill.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Credit to xxxx for this first idea, which he expressed at the open discussion last fall: Student leaders, in particular orientation leaders and organization leaders, are looked up to by other students and so have some power in terms of setting a tone on campus. The success of the Safe Zone program suggests a format for change that could be applied to the alcohol problem. Students could voluntarily complete and part of orientation could involve a small-group workshop**

with an upperclassman who has gone through this Safe Zone-like program for alcohol. In this workshop, the upperclassman could have the freedom to talk openly about drinking at Hamilton and what is and is not acceptable. It would be important that there not be members of the administration present so that students know that the upperclassman leader is speaking honestly and is not just acting as a "puppet of the administration", which is sometimes how students who work with administrators are viewed. Secondly, there must be a fundamental change to the group of students who become OLs. Having been an orientation leader myself, I believe that orientation is when the problem starts. I am sure it is not a huge secret that orientation leaders are notorious for partying during orientation and for providing their orientees with either alcohol or messages about alcohol that set the wrong tone. I strongly recommend a thorough re-examination of how orientation leaders are selected. Part of the problem, of course, is that students become orientation leaders for the wrong reasons. Many OLs view it as a way to be allowed on campus early to party. To break this cycle, the next orientation should see enforcement of dry week. OLs should be told that points will be given with no warnings if dry week policy is violated, and campus safety must follow through with this. I realize that this sounds very harsh, but anyone who cannot go the duration of orientation without alcohol probably is not going to set a good example for incoming students. I should add that this is coming from a student who does, in fact, drink alcohol. Once the message is clear that orientation is not simply a viable way to party for a week, the pool of students who apply will change. Thirdly, the entire campus needs to work together to provide more things to do on weekends that don't center around alcohol. Furthermore, these events need to be considered cool. Comedians are generally a hit. I would imagine that there is a market at this school for cult film showings also. We would have to brainstorm as a community to think of lots of ideas, of course. It is also important that these events not be marketed as alcohol-free. This is to avoid the stigma that has come to surround Late Night events, which are generally viewed as sort of lame and intended for "straight-edge kids." Students need to not feel that these events identify them as non-drinkers.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other, Other: All of the above**

Additional Comments I would be willing to spend time and energy if any of these ideas sound viable.

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Students don't seem to be able to party/have fun without involving alcohol. When drinking is involved it is almost always to excess, never in moderation.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I'm not sure there is much the administration can do - the movement and motivation needs to come from within the students themselves. Campus fraternities/sororities would be a good place to start since they are prominent groups on campus and often host alcohol-related events.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think a lot of new students are not aware of their drinking limits. When they go to parties where they interact with older students, whom have more experience with alcohol, they are in over their head. I also think many students believe the campus events and parties are so boring that they only way to have fun is to drink to the point of black out. Finally, I think there is too much emphasis on Greek life as being the center of drinking problems. I think the drinking culture certainly needs to change,**

but I do not believe the only means of addressing the problem is through strengthening disciplinary sanctions. The sole reason the school is having a meeting on alcohol is due to the cases where students drink themselves to point where they need medical help. I completely agree that this needs to stop. For some reason, the administration has been targeting Greek life as the cause for much of this. I would like the administration to examine how many members of Greek organizations are EMTed every year? Then compare that number to the amount of unaffiliated freshman who end up in the hospital. I think fraternities should be allowed to have houses on campus. This would eliminate the need for people to go to the bars downtown. The whole drinking culture would be safer if it was on campus.

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think there should be a stronger emphasis on addressing the problem of aggressive drinking among people who don't know how to drink. I think that anyone who gets EMTed should be suspended for a short period of time and have to go through serious counseling. Those type of unaware drinkers are the real problem with the drinking culture at this school. If we want to keep attracting normal people to this school, the administration must remain relaxed with their drinking sanctions on people who are drinking alcohol within their own limits.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**
Additional Comments **The marijuana policy at this school is way too strict. Campus Safety sent out an email that showed all the points that were distributed over the last 6 semesters. I took note that in previous semesters all marijuana incidents received 4 points but each year more points were being given for the same infractions. All incidents this semester were given 6 points. What is the reason for these stricter policies? How many people have went to the hospital from a result of marijuana?**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I do not believe that the problem is very widespread. I believe that there are certain groups of people who both tend to drink too much, and that same group of people becomes destructive when drunk.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Making repeat offenses more severe**
Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Due to the severity of Hamilton's drinking policy, students feel a need to cram their drinking pregames into a short period of time. That makes people drink too much, too quickly. Especially freshmen who are not used to the social scene.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **The school should supply water at parties. Reduce hard alcohol policy. Make sure the jitney is always running on weekends**
Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**
Additional Comments **I think that it is an absolute joke that someone who is over 21 years old (the legal drinking age in the United States) can still receive points for drinking hard alcohol.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words.

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Ban alcohol. Will people still drink it? Yes. You can have the same policy that no one will get in trouble for calling the EMTs. But people will be discouraged from drinking excessively or becoming loud and destructive if they know there are actual consequences. If someone actually is worried**

this policy will decrease applicants, look at other school with the same policy and see if they have a problem, or reconsider whether you want students whose primary criterion for choosing a college is how drunk they're allowed to get. Since I know you won't seriously consider banning alcohol anyway, try implementing more consequences for students who break the existing rules. The general attitude is that you can drink as much as you want, you can probably wave an open container in an RAs face, and nothing will happen to you.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**
Additional Comments **Education is an interesting and appealing idea, but perhaps we should consider the large segment of the Hamilton population who obviously failed to be swayed by all the "Say no to drugs" education they received in childhood. If you want to educate, do it in addition to a policy change. It might help at least a couple people.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Hamilton has a drinking problem to the extent that students drink themselves into a dangerous state that threatens their health. Personally, my friends drink far higher than the average and consume close to 45 drinks from Thursday through Saturday and we drink regularly during the week. While we have certainly had many instances where students were very drunk and even blacking out, it is rare that someone is in a point where we are concerned for their person and we take immediate steps to address the situation. Furthermore, cases of my friends getting EMTed are exceptionally rare and I can only think of one occasion in my four years where a personal friend of mine needed medical attention. The bottom line is we drink together and watch out for one another and I think that more stringent enforcement of alcohol policies drives risks drinking underground where it becomes more dangerous.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Be more forthcoming with EMT data so that students are aware of the extent of the problem. Host more concerts and large campus events to prevent excessive drinking.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I will start out by saying that I am a student who does not drink every weekend and I feel that the Hamilton nurtures this decision. Therefore, I do not really feel that Hamilton has a drinking problem. There may be a small minority of students at Hamilton who drink unhealthily and irresponsibly. However, if we are going to consider Hamilton as having a "problem" I don't think that the "problem" at Hamilton College stems from a local issue, I think it is a more global concern. It is unfortunate that we consider our students to have a problem with drinking when it isn't Hamilton specific. I think if we set too many limitations on our students a different type of student will be attracted to Hamilton. While I am not a big drinker or partier and did not drink in high school, the relaxed fashion of Hamilton and its students is what appealed to me in comparison to other similar schools like Colgate or Colby.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **People who are not 21 are drinking alcohol.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Heavier punishments, maybe fines. Stricter enforcement of the drinking age.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

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Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **There are those that know when to stop drinking and those that don't. The majority of the students are responsible adults that can handle themselves and look out for their friends to make sure they're safe. The small group that acts irresponsibly and harms themselves, others or school property because of their level of intoxication will always be there, whether or not there are some new policies put into action.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**
Additional Comments **Its difficult to find an effective solution to these kind of things, but I believe a policy change acting against the student body's favor will only make things worse. There's nothing more dangerous than closet drinking.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Nothing to do but drink. Cant have fun on the weekends unless you're wasted!**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Provide non-alcoholic events that are different from current late night options. Concerts concerts concerts!**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Yea the Hamilton administration through their policies promote binge drinking specifically in the younger classes.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Allowing on campus parties that allow people to drink beer. No hard liquor. In doing so you promote drinking in an open and mature matter.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

Additional Comments **This is college not high school. Students should learn if they don't know already how to drink maturely. But we can't do that if every party we have is broken up by campus safety**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think there is definitely a binge drinking problem. Its not that there is too much underage drinking, there is just too much drinking on the weekends in general. There is too much pre-gaming, especially considering the open container policy.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Well if I could I would lower the drinking age to 18, but that seems unlikely so my suggestion is to have bartenders or whoever is staffing drinks at parties to mark on bands the number of drinks a person has had. At a certain point (based on the size of the individual) there should be a cap on number of drinks, or if the individual is behaving in a wild and/or destructive manner. Also make the late nites better and offer more non-alcoholic party options. Also encourage more casual drinking and the pub.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

Additional Comments **Seriously, do people need to drink 10+ Keystone Lights? That stuff tastes like shit. Im studying abroad in London and the beer is soooo much better and people don't feel pressured to binge drink; they just go to pubs and bars.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I don't think that there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton that can be solved by more restrictions. While some may consider the current policies lax, I believe that they are reasonable in that they allow students the ability to call for help without fear of punishment when needed. If there were more restrictions, I believe that students would drink just as much but they would be more afraid to call for help in any situation involving alcohol, which would be an extremely dangerous attitude.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think that the problem with alcohol is more of a cultural phenomenon that should be addressed from an academic perspective to encourage students to think about their behavior seriously**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **There is not a problem with alcohol at Hamilton.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Lack of responsibility by students when under the influence.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Create less animosity. More all-campus parties -- less exclusion, less opportunity for uncontrollable acts to go unseen.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I don't think there is a problem that can be effectively resolved without imposing martial law.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Offer support to students**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I do not believe the problem is as large as it is being made out to be. Though there has been some destruction of campus property, overall, we are better than many other schools of our size/caliber. Also, people seem to be drinking safely for the most part, which is something that cannot be said for my friends on stricter campuses**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I feel the policy needs to not become any stricter than it already is. Fear of repercussions will not stop drinking, it will only incite anger against the administration.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Some students act as though being drunk means they are not responsible for their actions. Acts of vandalism, sexual assault, racism and overindulgence occur that the students would never engage in while sober. Drinking is a large part of the social scene at Hamilton, but incoming freshmen learn early on that students accept the culture of being irresponsibly drunk, so the same situation gets worse the more we ignore it.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I went to the first alcohol meeting before winter break, and I thought the idea of opening up smaller social spaces where younger students can learn to drink responsibly was really good. Responsible drinking occurs at parties in the dorms, but underclassmen (especially freshmen) are not aware of these parties. If there were less harsh consequences for parties in dorms and there were some smaller social spaces created that don't have the same reputation as Bundy or the Annex, then older students might be able to impart responsible drinking habits on**

younger students.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other, Other: Both educational initiative and social option**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **A small group of Hamilton students drink excessively, which unfortunately gives the entire student body a bad reputation.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Firstly, the rules are currently not enforced consistently. Somehow irresponsible groups of students get away with destructive behavior every weekend, and yet the orchestra party, for example, gets busted and a mostly harmless and good group of kids gets disciplinary points. This isn't fair to anyone. The policies should be made less strict so that RAs and campus safety can actually enforce the rules consistently, and therefore the students who are really the problem will stand out among the rest. Secondly, the policies should be adjusted so that student groups have true incentives for throwing all-campus parties. Whatever has changed (whether its actual policies, the enforcement of the policies, or perhaps just campus attitudes), the result has been what seems like far fewer all-campus parties since my freshman year (2009-10), and I think this has resulted in more excessive drinking and destructive behavior -- which no "legal" place to party, students act out.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

Additional Comments **Most people at Hamilton drink in a very social way - in a way that I would call healthy. Socializing with a few drinks and some good music is a part of college, and a part of life. Please don't ruin the fun for the majority of us just because of a small group of jerks.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Many students do not seem able to have a good time without being drunk. Although not ideal, this wouldn't be as big a problem if they had better learned to drink safely and responsibly, if they must drink.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **mandatory and more interactive alcohol education, and NOT an "abstinence only" stance. Students will drink regardless; what they need to learn is how to drink safely and what to do for friends, and themselves, when they've had too much. I do not believe stricter policies will yield positive change; students will continue to drink, but will do it faster, in higher alcohol concentrations, and in less safe environments.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think that people drink way too much and a very short span of time, and see drinking as the norm, not as the exception. I think people also can find excuses to drink at any time, in any place, including Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. Additionally, people at Hamilton are relatively competitive in general, (whether in sports, academics, or clubs), and that carries over into the drinking culture. It seems to be a competition as to who can drink the most, at least for a lot of guys, and additionally, people see drinking as the only way they're going to have a really fun night. Also, people do a lot of stupid things when they're drunk. They make mistakes sexually, they destroy property, make messes, and say insulting things to people or get in fights. I don't believe there is a problem with people drinking a little bit in moderation at a party, but when it gets to be this violent, belligerent behavior, then I have a huge issue with it.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think the best way to really solve this is to have students encourage other students to behave responsibly. I don't think that more restrictions or non-alcoholic events will solve it, personally. I really think that**

positive peer pressure has to come from a majority of the student body, especially legal upperclassmen. If freshmen see older kids drinking and having fun in a moderate way, with no binging or secretiveness about drinking, then maybe theyll realize that getting drunk isnt a huge deal, and they dont need to drink to excess in order to fit in. We need student leaders to really raise the bar with this, and I think some of the groups that could probably have the biggest impact would be Greek organizations. If the upperclassmen in Greek societies showed underclassmen how to drink responsibly, moderately, and safely, that could help things a lot. We should not encourage no drinking period, because that simply is not going to happen. However, I think encouraging moderation is a reasonable and reachable goal. Perhaps requiring Greek life people to attend a meeting or something about moderate drinking and stressing the importance that their example sets could have a positive effect.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other,Other: Student Attitude Change**

Additional Comments **Thank you so much for asking for our opinion on this issue! Hamilton kids are smart kids and I think that we can, as a community, make this issue less problematic.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **There is no control of alcohol on campus. Too many underage drinkers. Big problem is that its binge drinking. People get crazy and sick, throw up all over the place, get hurt, get violent and hurt others, become belligerent. Like someone once told me people try to get drunk as fast as possible and hook up with someone as fast as possible. Its not fun to walk into a bathroom to brush your teeth before you go to bed and in your way in some unconscious person on the floor of the bathroom in a puddle of their own puke. Its not ok. And it doesnt seem like anyone cares...RAs get drunk themselves and dont do anything to control alcohol, and Campus Police hardly do anything. It also makes people feel unsafe and uncomfortable. Everybody should be able to feel safe and happy at college, not uneasy.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Bigger consequences. Stronger enforcement of college policies. All my friends colleges have much stronger policies...people seem to care about the problem. For instance, at other schools there are guards outside the doors of each dorm to check peoples bags as they go in and out. Generally speaking, the rest of the world has a much better attitude about alcohol...people drink it to enjoy it and to have fun socially, but they dont binge drink. I even spoke to a French student at Hamilton about how he thought we are crazy and dumb in regards to drinking. He said they dont do that in France. They drink wine and enjoy it at dinner with family and friends. The college culture in America is disgusting...binge drinking, hooking up, hurting others, its disgusting. Please change it.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **There is most definitely a problem with alcohol on campus. It is natural for college kids to drink a lot, but at Hamilton it is the social activity that dominates campus throughout the week - as opposed to being one sector of the social scene.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Provide more all-campus events that get people excited because of the content of the event - not the alcohol that might accompany the event (e.g. more concerts like Janelle Monae)**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Be more educational in approach, not**

punitive. Give classes about binge drinking and/or alcoholism, not points.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**
Additional Comments **Dont put too much pressure on our students. They are already under a lot of pressure, and I suspect that any Big Brother approach will not be well received and will increase their stress.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **No problem**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Students are in college it should be up to them. If you really want to do something teach a class that talks about the dangers**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think Hamilton, like all other colleges and universities in this country, faces a problem with (underage) drinking. In my opinion, the heart of this problem centers around the excessive extent to which students drink. Regrettably, I think that some of the factors that most contribute to this binge drinking issue are not in our immediate control - in particular, the U.S. drinking age and the medias portrayal of college. As a result of these two factors, students have little experience with alcohol upon entering school while at the same time feel pressure to drink and party according to societal standards. This paradoxical construct is a recipe for disaster, which is why this problem is pervasive across all schools. I do not think that Hamilton suffers from any unique or particularly bad issues relating to this problem; however, that does not mean that we should not come up with more innovative solutions. With that being said, I think its important for us to remember that we are not always going to be perfect at anything the first time, including becoming responsible drinkers or a more informed campus. Because such high-achieving and driven people comprise our community we expect instant success in all aspects of our lives, including this one. It's unreasonable to imagine that students who have never consumed alcohol previously will immediately understand their drinking limitations or the implications of overconsumption. Even a theoretical knowledge of alcohol, which we teach in orientation, can only go so far in comparison to personal experience. Thus, students test the "drinking waters" for themselves and many get it wrong both initially and continually. I think that the reason we see students across all grades binge drinking and/or getting EMTed partly comes from the fact that people begin this experimentation with alcohol at different ages, some prior to the age of twenty-one and some after it. However, there is definitely a portion of repeat or experienced "offenders." Excluding the fact that people who know better "over do it" from time to time (like eating an entire pint of ice cream in one sitting), there are some people who consistently drink too much and seem to not care about the serious consequences of their actions.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think that there can be practical solutions implemented to ameliorate these aforementioned problems. 1.) Mandatory meeting/information session for people who have been EMTed (i.e. one session directly following the incident to serve as a reminder of the dangers of alcohol.) 2.) Mandatory**

meetings with college counselors for students that have been EMTed. This would help students who are binge drinking because of depression, stress, or other serious reasons. I think every once in a while I encounter students who drink to “escape” their stress, pain, or workload. 3.) The propagation of information on student drinking and its consequences. This data would include number of students EMTed, the number of students EMTed from each class year, the number of intoxicated students found unattended by EMTs, and so forth. This information would provide the campus with a vital sense of awareness that is currently lacking. Some people may think that binge drinking is either not a problem on this campus or that it is only an issue involving freshmen. The only way to combat this ignorance and show that this is not the case is to provide more information. 4.) The circulation of statistical evidence on the short-term and long-term health effects of binge drinking, such as alcoholism and liver failure. If possible, this information should be relevant to the drinking habits created in college and the immediate health repercussions. For instance, hypothetically, that people who consume five drinks or more at least three times per week are 50% more likely to exhibit alcoholic behavior by age twenty-six. I think students have a misconception that drinking in excess is merely a college habit that they will quit after graduation. In truth, while my example is entirely hypothetical, there are statistics that illustrate the actual results of binge drinking in college. 5.) The proliferation of information regarding the effect of Hamilton’s drinking problem on the surrounding community. It’s abominable that we monopolize the ambulances in the area so that people in the community are unable to receive emergency help. Sharing this type of information will allow students to look at the problem of binge drinking from a different outside perspective. Some students may not care about their own health, but I think they will consider the well-being of those around them. It’s important for Hamilton students to see that binge drinking does not just affect individuals, it affects the community. 6.) More supervised all-campus parties. I think all campus parties that are regulated by Event Staff and Campus Safety work extremely well here. They provide a monitored place in which all students can socialize, they promote a close-knit community, and they regulate drinking. Moreover, because these parties only serve beer, there are fewer EMT cases (which almost always involve hard alcohol.) a. Awareness that all-campus parties are hosted by student-run organizations. I don’t think people realize that their fellow students are the hosts of these parties, and are thus responsible for the actions of guests. I think if students knew that their actions resulted in punitive repercussions for their classmates that they would think twice about taking ten shots before an all-campus party. Moreover, organizations might feel more inclined to host all-campus parties if they felt that their guests were better educated. 7.) Allowance of kegs in dorms. After attending the “town hall meeting,” I found this point to be interesting and worth consideration. I think that some students tend to buy and favor hard alcohol because it is cheaper than buying the alcoholic equivalent in cases of beer. By allowing kegs back into the dorm, people will be discouraged from consuming copious amounts of hard alcohol. I think that the combination of these steps will help Hamilton’s binge drinking problems. Solutions #1 and #2 will discourage people from drinking too much because the level of accountability will be higher. By enforcing these meetings, students who have been EMTed will not be

able to brush the incident off as if it never happened. This will cut back on the population of students who “know better” and get EMTed, because they will practice that knowledge and avoid having to sit through two meetings. On another level, these meetings will catch students who are ignorant of the effects of alcohol or students who are going through difficult times. Solutions #3-5 will help by further educating our community and by making the topic of alcohol consumption an essential part of our campus dialogue. Lastly, I believe solutions #6 and #7 will discourage binge drinking, especially of hard alcohol, by providing more regulated social options and more choice through economic freedom to partake in safe alcohol consumption.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other,Other: I think my ideas follow under education initiative and social option; however, Im not entirely sure what exactly "Social Option" means.**

Additional Comments I'd lastly like to comment on the spike in EMT incidents this year. I think that the increase may actually be the result of successfully educating our campus to be “safe rather than sorry.” Fortunately, because no points are given, Hamilton's policy encourages its students to seek help. After all, why not call the EMTs when unsure? I think this policy is excellent, yet perhaps misused. (Misused, is not exactly the right word, but I'll explain what I mean.) People know two major pieces of information: that drinking can be very dangerous, and that EMTs are available to provide help. What seems to be missing, and perhaps why so many people call the EMTs, is an understanding of the complete picture, such as symptoms of alcohol poisoning. I think if the campus had a better holistic understanding of the issue, rather than just the big problem and the big solution, then the EMTs might be used more appropriately. This comment is quite specific to the freshmen class, who saw a very frightening video in orientation that stressed getting help. However, perhaps this scary movie obfuscated the lesson of differentiating the signs between very intoxicated and dangerously intoxicated. That's not to say that safe isn't better than sorry, these thoughts are simply a potential explanation of why we have seen an increase in the use of EMTs. Data, which I have not seen, will show if this is true by looking at the number of cases called in that needed hospitalization as opposed to rest at home. In essence, I think that this increase in EMT incidents comes from an increase in a certain pointed type of awareness, rather than an increase in drinking. I also understand that there is a certain legal responsibility that comes into play once real EMTs arrive on campus that favors taking students to the hospital, which may also account for the increased number of hospitalized students.

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think that any violence or vandalism connected with alcohol is a result of private parties in dorm rooms where hard alcohol is being served. What I have witnessed on campus is that people who drink beer at annex parties, get tipsy, and then go home (or get more than tipsy and are escorted home by campus safety) are less likely to put others or themselves in harms way than students who go to private parties in suites and drink liquor with strangers and then disappear without being noticed. I think we need to crack down on private parties and encourage attendance to all campus and public events like greek life parties and late night events.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think people get bored of the same old annex parties and tend to either pregame them or skip them for private parties, and that is when hard alcohol is put into play. I think we should expand the late night lottery, allowing for annex, bundy, and bristol parties every weekend, budget permitting, so that people have options and excuses to go out and party hop those events as opposed to partying in the darkside suites or carnegie common rooms. I also think we need to change the RA patrols. Students know and anticipate RA patrolling, and I think that if RAs changed their pattern of going on rounds, more destructive parties would be successfully broken up.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

Additional Comments **I think that to try to eliminate alcohol on a college campus is utterly ridiculous and impossible. As long as there are students within the drinking age on campus, younger students will have access to alcohol. I think that to try to increase penalties in an effort to eliminate alcohol would be to drive students even farther under ground, and would discourage calling for help when necessary and would encourage binge drinking as opposed to more casual and sociable drinking. I think that we should encourage attendance to supervised parties with beer or wine in an effort to minimize the use of hard alcohol and private parties. MOST IMPORTANTLY! We need students to learn how to drink responsibly, not try to get them to stop drinking.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **1. I believe that Hamilton has a cultural drinking problem. Fortunately, I have been blessed with friends that drink responsibly, which means that they know their limits and do not surpass them. However, I have been in environments where students are socially pressured to drink more. It becomes a competition between guys about who can shotgun a beer faster or a fun last toast for girls before they head out to the Annex or Bundy. People are worried about being sober at an event and so they over compensate earlier in the night to ensure that does not happen. Although I have never been present for someone to be so drunk that they need to be EMT'd, this is a trend that I commonly see and if abused could end in a devastating night. Furthermore, others encourage fellow friends to drink and will gladly take an extra shot with them, even if neither of them needs one. Students need to be more ok with being lightly drunk and less ok with being blackout.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think that the social spaces are a great way to tame the problem. Students are aware that beer will be available to them, so they do not feel as great a need to drink too much beforehand. I find that the nights where nothing is happening tend to be the drunkest. The idea of allowing kegs in dorm rooms is potentially good one since it would have the same effect as the social spaces. This might help with the nights when there isn't an all campus party. Even though there will always be some people that prefer hard alcohol or don't like beer, they may be encouraged to have a mixed drink so that they can drink with friends rather than take shots. By slowly sipping at a drink, I think students are less likely to over consume alcohol. Separately, I think that freshman orientation could better address alcohol. I heard that the class of 2015 watched a terrifying movie on over drinking and that**

may have inspired more calls to the EMTs than before. Not to say that any one was unnecessary, I do not know the specific cases, but students were certainly more apt to say something. Perhaps, orientation should also discuss ways to help a friend who is drunk. When is it appropriate to call an EMT? Should you put your friend to sleep or make sure they throw up first? What kind of food should you give? There have been a few nights where I had to take care of a friend and because I knew what to do, I was not in a panic state and handled the situation well. Some students may panic and leave a friend to not deal with the situation or simply don't know what to do and call the EMT's. Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I believe that the problem that Hamilton College (as a student body) has with alcohol is that it makes us destructive -- school property is broken, jitney windows are popped out, and theres vomit EVERYWHERE except Kirkland...**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think that we should have "dry dorms" and that there should be social spaces allocated for people to congregate with alcohol (like the Pub, but a BYOB type setting) in which they can drink with their friends, but not feel like they have to hide themselves/drink too fast. Also, they would be away from the damage they cause in the dorms, and it wouldnt be such a load on the custodians.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

Additional Comments **You should probably invite the custodians to these meetings about alcohol... I HOPE that their experiences would mean something to the kids who think its not a big deal to just make a mess of everything like there wont be consequences.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I believe that this problem is rampant, and a root cause for many other serious issues on campus such as theft, sexual assault, and hate crimes.** Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Not only does drinking cause issues with brain development up to the age of 25, it is also illegal for persons under the age of 21. This is the law. This is not a silly rule that can be bypassed. Small parties with underage drinkers should receive a warning. If the party is not disbanded, the police should be notified. Large parties such as Annex parties are an example of the school providing alcohol to minors. This is unacceptable and the school is liable. The school cannot legally continue to allow this behavior on campus with or without the cooperation of the student body.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

Additional Comments **At hamilton college there is a safety net. Underage drinkers can drink without fear of repercussion. People who would normally never drink to excess due to the hard work of parents and other educators feel the safety and are easily convinced to start drinking.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **There is no problem**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think almost all college campuses have a problem with alcohol. I went to college when the drinking age was 18 and we also had a problem with alcohol. Students were bingeing way back then.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. --**Look at this initiative to encourage HS athletes to abstain or use alcohol responsibly. http://preventionnetworkcny.org/Honor_the_Code.php. I read about it in the Syracuse paper, 9/24/11. Perhaps get coaches (and captains) involved to lead their team members with regard to alcohol use. Team members want to do right by their teammates, and if they understood that using/abusing alcohol was preventing them from performing at their best, then they might not do it. --International students dont seem to use/abuse alcohol as much. If this is true, why not? What could we replicate in the wider student population? --A wee-hour ride in a police car and a call to parents from the police station work wonders for a high school student found drunk at a party. Maybe SHAMING a college student found drunk could work, too. I dont know how, exactly, but maybe appealing to the students self-regard: you got into Hamilton, youre working hard here, you have big plans for your future, and . . . YOU'RE GETTING S---FACED? This could be delivered one-on-one by a professor or administrator whom the student admires. (Group lectures are much less effective.) - -Do all fraternities and sororities (and athletic teams) have faculty mentors? An active mentor, who takes an individual interest in each member of the group/team, could have a very positive influence.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other,Other: changing what is acceptable behavior within a group**

Additional Comments **Good luck!**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **People binge drink in private rooms and get EMT-d.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **The school should encourage more all-campus parties to get people drinking beer over a longer period of time instead of binge drinking in their private rooms.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Some students fail to understand the consequences of irresponsible behavior and the population as a whole suffers. They act as if we are prohibitionists here on campus when we advocate for responsible behavior and accountability.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think the most meaningful way to address the problem is for the majority of students that do not act inappropriately to get more involved and let there anger be heard. Peer intervention, rather than administration oversight, is more likely to mean something in my mind.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other,Other: Peer Intervention**

Additional Comments **Students are causing a problem for other students. Without student involvement, no solution will be meaningful. Maybe repeated alcohol offenders can spend a weekend cleaning and fixing alcohol related destruction on campus with the oversight of custodians and physical plant workers?**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Guns dont kill people. People kill people. There are plenty of people on this campus who drink responsibly. Some of them even drink a lot, but are capable of waking up the next morning and being highly productive members of the community. I think the problem is people who view drinking as the event, not as part of something in a larger social context**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **A more concerted organizational attempt to run weekend events. Perhaps the Greek scene could pact to throw at least one big party per weekend, something with a musical act or theme that people can get excited about so that the main event is kegs and poor visibility. A scene that people still feel like is fun, cool, they can drink at, but where there is more to do than just drink. The MSTRKRFT concert was also a great example.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

Additional Comments **I feel like in my past 3.5 years here, the social scene has had fewer options outside of the dorms, which has driven more social people into Greek Life or downtown.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I do believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton but I am unable to determine whether or not this is a problem unique to our campus. With the exception of maybe BYU, this notion of "more alcohol = more fun" seems like a pretty normal assumption at American universities.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Allowance of kegs at G-Road, Rogers, Eels porch, and other non-reservable "social spaces" to offer alternatives to all-campus events that offer beer and not hard alcohol, as most parties at these places already do.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

Additional Comments **I feel that the system already in place at Hamilton is fine. The worst thing that the campus could do is become stricter at all campus parties. I believe that a few underage students having access to beer at a party is far less dangerous than having them drink hard alcohol in their rooms in fear of getting points at an all-campus party.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **The problem with alcohol and other substances at Hamilton lies in the unsafe and immature behaviour exhibited by certain students. Major examples include alcohol poisoning and drunk driving.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **The school faces a tough problem. In an ideal world, the drinking age would be 18, enabling the administration to have a more open discussion with students. Regardless, the goal of Hamiltons alcohol policy should be directed at promoting a moderate and safe drinking culture, not smashing underage**

drinkers out of existence.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**
Additional Comments **TipNow seems like a terribly dangerous idea which could undermine community trust. While certain activities warrant anonymous tipping systems (i.e. sexual assault), to initiate such an open tip line seems like a measure aimed at an immature student body incapable of dealing with student-to-student issues directly or openly.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **i do not think there is a problem with alcohol, i think there is a problem with individual responsibility**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **a school cant make rules to fix how people take responsibility for themselves and their own safety. thats something only the individual can do if they are smart enough to realize they have a problem when they do**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other,Other:**

Additional Comments **this may seem like a pointless answer since it really does not address the problem, but i truly believe that it is each persons own choice how they are going to act around the influence of alcohol. whether the rules are more strict or even less strict, the people who want to drink will still drink as much as they want. the only thing that could really change the drinking culture on campus would be to change our cultures perception of drinking and its "importance"**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Many students come to college and this is their first experience living on their own. By creating a welcoming and open environment students will not feel pressured to make friends with alcohol.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **More education upon arrival to school. Also, I think students would benefit from more activities late at night in the first semester.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think the problem at hamilton is the fear of being caught. Pre-gaming too much before parties so not to get points for having alcohol.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Make it safe to drink in dorms, creating a safer drinking environment.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Policy Change**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Alcoholism is not seen as a problem. Absurd behavior is seen as normal.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Its too cold. Move somewhere warmer**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other,Other: Move to California**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the

problem in your own words. **I believe that there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, for three main reasons: 1.) Students from OTHER local campuses (namely SUNY IT, which is a dry campus) come to our school to drink. They then return to their own school, heavily intoxicated, and cause problems there. I have friends who go to this school, and all they can talk about is how insane the parties are at Hamilton, and how many people they know who have come back to SUNY IT and had to go to the hospital after drinking/abusing other substances here. 2.) The problem is also spreading onto people who are not involved. As somebody who lives in Dunham, does not drink, and has never destroyed any kind of property while being at Hamilton, it is frustrating to find out that I am being financially charged for the damages of others, which mainly occurred while they were under the influence of alcohol. Why are we punishing everyone for the actions of only a few? This is an unfair way of handling the situation. 3.) The fact that when I tell somebody outside of the Hamilton bubble that I go to school here automatically casts me into the alcohol abusing stereotype is also frustrating. To the outside world, our school has a reputation for its alcohol problem. It is disappointing that anytime I discuss Hamilton with a friend or teacher from home, the first thing they say is not about its prestige in the educational world, but about the level of alcohol consumed by its students. I understand that it is my decision not to drink, and that there are students here who do it legally and respectfully. However, I came to Hamilton to learn, and at times I feel like the alcohol culture is infringing on my right to do that.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. RAs need to become more responsible and enforce the rules instead of breaking them along with the students they are responsible for. Harsher punishment for those caught underage drinking/or encouraging it

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **Students need to learn to deal with alcohol consumption because it's an important part of American social life. This is difficult since no adult can legally lend young students guidance in this education because of the drinking age. Without clear guidance, some students get their alcoholic education through trial and error. Trial and error is a fine way to learn anything, but when students make mistakes with alcohol they throw up sometimes. Other times worse things happen.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. Alcohols legal status scares students and causes them to learn to drink alone or with their likewise uneducated peers. They do not seek help from more experienced drinkers for fear of disciplinary repercussions. I would ease up on enforcement of drinking policies and offer education about responsible drinking. I do not mean education that simply cautions against getting drunk, but realistic education that tells students how to get drunk reasonably safely.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. Educational Initiative
Additional Comments Trial and error is really the best method to learn to drink well. It has dangerous potential consequences, but that is not a bad thing; true education should have dangerous consequences. Drinking is also one of the most useful skills that students will learn in college because it will enrich their social life more than any bit of scientific or literary expertise.

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think people are bored on the weekends and dont want to do work so they drink a lot; drinking makes things exciting and definitely not boring.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Having more things to do on Friday and Saturday nights like trips to the movies or mall. Also there should be more zip cars available so people can go places.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **People associate social life with alcohol - among the socially powerful, there are few conversations related to "what you did over the weekend" besides "going out" which implies, almost without exception, alcohol consumption. Alcohol is perceived to be a cure-all for whatever ails us (stress? breakup? sleep-deprived? bored? Drink it away) and at the same time a means of celebration (happy because you finished your work for the weekend? finished the semester? its a holiday? We should drink). Because people see alcohol as central to social life at Hamilton, drinking gets out of hand.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **There would have to be widespread cultural change for this to happen - just encouraging/providing other social options isnt enough - there ARE a lot of social options available, but options without alcohol arent perceived to be "cool" in comparison to options with alcohol. Changing what is socially acceptable and cool on a college campus really has to come from the students - not just talking the talk (having Student Assembly acknowledge the misuse of alcohol, advising safe behavior) but walking the walk (Student Assembly members enjoying social life that is decentered from alcohol). Certainly, there are a handful of exceptions to this generalization, but until MANY socially powerful people at Hamilton are willing to have an absolutely great time without drinking, I don't think much will change.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other,Other: cultural change**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I believe that students dont understand how to drink socially/responsibly as adults do. They need to learn adult drinking skills such as moderation and pacing, food consumption with alcohol, enjoying the different types of alcohol (tastings/comparisons) etc. I dont want to promote underage drinking, but I think underclassmen will drink no matter what so we need to lower the age at which they learn adult alcohol management skills.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Workshops, tastings, brewery/winery tours for students of legal drinking age - perhaps the knowledge, skills and culture of more mature drinking will trickle down to the underage students.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

Additional Comments **This suggestion is social and educational. Not ideal but perhaps a start. Fundamentally I believe the legal drinking age should be 18 (I am well over 21 so no**

personal gain here) and that this would go a long way toward removing the "forbidden fruit" aspect and as mentioned above, allow younger people to learn to use alcohol in moderation. But of course this is not something we can implement at Hamilton.

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think that some students feel the need to over drink, both from external party pressure and internal insecurity. By over drink, I mean drinking to the point of blackout, memory loss, or vomiting. After some negative drinking experiences, however, I believe that students learn their limits and begin to drink more responsibly. I think harsh administrative regulation of drinking will have the effect of making students drink unhealthy amounts in an act of rebellion. Whereas, if the administration backed off a little, students would feel that alcohol is less of a forbidden fruit and would learn to drink responsibly. Ive spoken to many parents of prospective students as a tour guide and Ive found that many want their children to experience party culture so that they know the extent to which alcohol can affect them.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **The language of this question is extremely subjective and implies that there is a problem with drinking at Hamilton. Is this being judged by the large number of EMT calls and ambulances in the past semester? If this is the case, then I agree that people should not drink to the extent of needing hospitalization. The way to regulate the amount of dangerous consumption is to provide proper education for students at orientation and through social interactions. Students should know both the physical and emotional effects of drinking. I think the reasons people consume alcohol are much more important than the act of consumption. Drinking should be a congenial activity amongst friends rather than outlet for rebellion, anxiety, depression, and insecurity. Honestly, I think most students know what theyre getting into and will decide to drink responsibly only after theyve had a bad experience or humiliated themselves in a public setting. A child only knows not to touch a hot burner after getting burned. I generally believe that Hamilton has a very caring group of young adults who look out for their friends and make sure that they dont get into trouble.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **drinking to be social, instead of socializing with a drink.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I really think this needs to come from students actively and earnestly seeking to spend their weekend nights in different ways. For example, my friends and I hosted a few dinner parties last semester and hope to host more this semester. Were planning to publicize them to our friends and acquaintances but since space in my suite is limited there will be a maximum number. A great part of this is that the partygoers come from all backgrounds. Weve had parties with Greek system students present, varsity athletes, musicians, and artists. Weve created a healthy common ground. The point is that we cook a meal together, share a bottle of wine, and chat. We like drinking but we also like conversing. Were seeking to create and environment where everyone present can be healthy about their alcohol consumption. Were planning to do a couple different variations on this theme: knitting/crafts night,**

wine + cheese night, desert sampler. While there may be underage drinking depending on who attends, socializing is the focus, alcohol is an auxiliary. I know the school can't endorse underage drinking but it would be helpful for the administration to recognize initiatives like ours that come from students and support students developing healthy relationships with their peers and with alcohol.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other, Other: All the above!**

Additional Comments **Its a trifecta of working together, really. The administration should recognize opportunities for healthy "partying" (if thats not too much of an oxymoron) if students make an effort to educate themselves and develop those healthy relationships with alcohol that focus on the social aspects and develop better knowledge of themselves as drinkers or non-drinkers.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **There is no problem with alcohol at hamilton. There is a problem with behavior at Hamilton. I hear people blaming alcohol use for destruction, vandalism, racism, and sexual assault. Alcohol has many side affects, including blurred vision and memory loss, but racial slurs are not one of them. By irresponsibly blaming alcohol rather than addressing far more important behavioral issues, the school fails to even acknowledge the real issues. There are three problems: 1) The school encourages binge drinking and emergency transfers by attempting to prohibit alcohol. We are smarter than the administrators, and absolutely smarter than campus police. We will drink. 2) Students are behaving inappropriately, as they have been and Im sure will continue to do. 3) The school refuses to address the actual issue, instead blaming the effects of alcohol.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **1) Reduce emergency transfers: any attempt to reduce alcohol consumption will increase binging tendencies and emergency transfers, which terrifies you guys. Make alcohol MORE available. The "formula" Lisa Magnarelli uses to determine alcohol at campus parties is a joke. It amounts to 1 beer per student above 21 per hour. As the human body metabolizes drinks at that rate, it is physically impossible for me to get drunk at a safe, school sponsored event. Im 21. Remember that underage students are also drinking at these events. So I say "screw that," get a couple handles and we get drunk and host our own parties. If you even made it moderately possible to get responsibly drunk, EMTs would decrease substantially. Also, remember that it is borderline impossible to get EMTd on beer, so don't fret about overserving. 2) Inappropriate student behavior: Hold students accountable. We learned the first time we were drunk and did something stupid that alcohol is NOT an excuse. One must be responsible for ones own behavior. Alcohol is irrelevant. Hold people responsible. 3) The school needs to be willing to take appropriate action. Do not use this as an opportunity to irrationally blame fraternities. The Faculty, and to some extent the administration, continues the 20+ year war on greek societies dating at least back to the ad hoc committee on fraternities in 1986. Stop using any excuse to arouse animosity toward greek life. Greeks are people too, just as kind, intelligent, thoughtful and productive as any other student, and probably more so. Engage in cooperatively with**

societies rather than continuing a nonstop witch hunt. By obfuscating the real problems of racism, sexual assault, and destruction as an excuse to target alcohol and greeks, you will accomplish nothing. Furthermore, the general tone of extreme political correctness and willingness of the school to condemn any dissenting view, the administration muzzles campus speech. The result is that students such as myself are terrified to speak out openly or have a real discussion about sexual assault, racism, or destruction for fear of judicial action for "hate speech" or something similar. The political correctness on campus creates a Gestapo-like atmosphere where students are terrified to express themselves, not one of cohabitation and safety. There must be disagreement, discourse and respect. As you can see, these problems are not even tangentially related to alcohol. Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. Policy Change
Additional Comments I'm sure you ll disregard this survey Ive filled out because it does not concur with the schools policies and outlook.

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **There is a significant alcohol problem at Hamilton which I think stems from, to mix the semantics, its roots. From all sides -- the administration, the frat culture, enforced ignorance/secretcy and the segregatory nature of the alcohol distribution infrastructure -- there is a push to view alcohol as degenerate or even inherently immoral. This reinforces an ignorance about a substance that has existed, uninterrupted, within human culture since before writing and agriculture. Its an intensely destructive and puritanical approach that is itself much more radical and unenlightened than we are willing to admit, and has caused a great deal of the issues we see on campus. As an intellectual educational institution we ought attempt rectification rather than additional entrenchment.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **1. Lower the point total for Possession under 21 and Service to Minors to 1/4th of a point. [this allows us to both maintain our adherence to New York State law by providing a penalty and follows the regulations set forth in Part 86 of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations, all while allowing this campus to create a safe climate and deal with the actual factors that cause deleterious drinking and binges]**
2. Eliminate the open container policy 3. Repeal the hard alcohol ban 4. Allow registered kegs in select private spaces 5. Institute a strike system for the control of private parties 6. Maintain the 2am hardcap, but expand the servable hours in social spaces 7. Within the point system, separate conduct violations from substance violations for the purposes of academic pursuits 8. Lower the points for Marijuana use/possession to 2-3, and eliminate points for drug paraphernalia not used for selling. 9. Lower the penalty for use/possession of ethnogenic drugs to 6 10. Maintain the current penalty (8-10) for other hard drugs and classify their usage as a conduct violation 11. Create/Clarify a points violation of "Disorderly Conduct while Intoxicated" with a penalty of 3-6 points. [this allows us to punish the negative aspects of alcohol/drug culture (using it as an excuse for rudeness, destruction, yelling, being a asshole) instead of blanket declare booze bad] 12. Create a points violation of "Inappropriate Disposal" with a penalty of 1-3 points [this replaces the open container policy to stop litter and be able to punish people

peeing outside or vomiting in public space, which is gross] 13. Grant/Encourage the use of authority to the Event Staff to actively eject guests at all-campus parties who behave inappropriately 14. Rather than utilization of the AES, mandate 5 weeks at the Psychological and Counseling Center for all students EMT'd for alcohol or drug reasons [drinking to the point of self-harm is not irresponsibility, it is self-harm. There are problems that underlie any such destructive behavior, not with booze but with the Self] 15. Create full credit and quarter credit courses across departments that incorporate alcohol education into their syllabus [this normalizes alcohol and puts consumption into perspective. There is no part of the humanities that alcohol has not be involved in, and in a positive way. Additionally, article 5 § 65-c, subdivision (2) of New York Code allows the consumption of alcohol under 21 if it is for educational purposes. Therefore, courses on responsible consumption, on bartending, on comprehensive education outside of a freshman bathroom with a plastic bottle of Skol can be achieved. Which should always be a goal of this college.]

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other,Other: All three Additional Comments ...ive given this a lot of thought. See yall on Thursday.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **People binge drink before an event, this leads to numerous problems.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Make drinking hard alcohol less of a big deal he. Banning it outright would worsen the problem, teaching students to handle it properly would be beneficial.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I do believe that there is a problem with alcohol on campus to quite an extent. I have seen some very inappropriate behavior towards school property and between men and women that was undoubtedly expedited by the consumption of alcohol.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I feel that some policy changes should be sought out, perhaps increasing the point levels or severity for serious use of alcohol and inappropriate behavior. I would also like to see more social options at which students don't feel the need to drink to have fun.**

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To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **People pregame way too hard for parties because hard alcohol is banned. Also, its unfair that people are punished when they are drinking responsibly and socially in their rooms/suites. If Campus Safety and Area Directors are going to punish people no matter what the circumstances are, then students are going to have a "go hard or go home" mentality, and more often than not they will choose to go hard.** Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **The hard alcohol rule needs to be revised. Instead of banning it, we need to promote responsible usage, because right now Hamilton students drink hard alcohol for the sole purpose of getting drunk quickly before all-campus parties. Promoting responsibility is the most important thing. Also, the points system needs to be revised. Campus Safety has been cracking down in all the wrong places.**

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To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I understand that Hamilton cannot condone underage drinking, but I feel that campus safety's goal is not actually our safety, but "busting" people. I feel rather confident that others feel the same, particularly underclassmen and those underage, and this drives drinking underground. Binge drinking then occurs, and scary things happen.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **When students feel a "fear of getting caught" is when they hide their drinking and dangerous things occur. When drinking is done in public, it is less likely to be dangerous binge drinking. All-campus parties need to continue, as I think they lessen the effects of this problem. I also think that Tips Training should be replaced with a much more effective panel of older students who discuss the drinking culture at Hamilton honestly. As for any other solutions, I really dont know. I sympathize with the administration for having to deal with this problem.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Social Option**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I believe that alcohol is used and misused often on campus. I appreciate that campus police are not overly strict because I believe that many students, though underage, can drink and behave safely and properly. I am concerned, however that students often become destructive on the weekends. I consider Hamilton to be a very secure place, yet on the weekends I need to worry about my things getting stolen, common room being trashed, bathroom being destroyed, etc.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think administration needs to take a reactive approach. I would hate to see overly strict policies go into place were students can not enjoy themselves appropriately. The college can not stop students from drinking, and if they try, may force students off campus to party, which is obviously not nearly as safe. I do not want the destructive students to ruin weekend life for those of us who**

are more responsible. That being said, I think campus police need to hold students accountable (fines, points, clean up, etc) for their destructive actions and take more punitive action. I think the tip line is a step in the right direction. Perhaps a student committee should be arranged to work with campus police/administration to help effect the somewhat negative social scene that is present. Finally, I Greek life on campus truly needs to be looked at. Much if the destructive behavior I have seen is the result if hazing, drinking "crawls," or the encouragement of brothers and sisters to become excessively intoxicated. These societies set the social tone for much of campus, so they should definitely be looked at.

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Other,Other: Student committee**

Additional Comments **Please do not ruin the social life on campus for all of the responsible students.**

To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I do believe there is a binge drinking problem at this school, however I dont believe it is at all unique to Hamilton. Most, if not all, colleges go through similar situations. I also dont think it is the majority of students at Hamilton who are guilty, but rather a smaller group. These students take alcohol to the extreme and some turn violent, while others present harm to themselves.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **Unfortunately, dealing with this issue is very complicated. I am afraid the banning of anything could force things underground and would make things more dangerous. However, some sort of change is obviously needed. It might not do anything, but students are only required to go through the "alcohol talk" once during freshman year. Perhaps this talk could be held for every year? Still, as stated previously, this problem is bigger than Hamilton and the answer might be as well.**

Please indicate the general category into which your idea would fall. **Educational Initiative**

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To the extent you believe there is a problem with alcohol at Hamilton, please describe the problem in your own words. **I think that there is a small subset of the population that is out of control when it comes to drinking. Their actions tend to be extreme and consequently reflect badly on the entire student body.**

Please describe your idea for addressing the problem. **I think that there needs to be some way of making it less taboo to turn in students who are out of control. The anonymous tip line comes off to me like something that is mainly for safety, I think that it should be geared towards turning in people who are belligerent and out of control also. This way people dont feel like they are being judged by peers.**

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