Allow myself to introduce myself. My name is Mike Greenberg. I may not be as clever or witty as the former Secretary, Mr. Landsman, but at least I dress better.

So if I speak out, will I be forced to sit in the corner with a dunce cap?

Introduction: Welcome to Council!

After every Council member introduces him or herself, the new Co-Presidents give their vision for council. Ilunga Kalala (co-pres) envisioned us as “representing all of campus.” No matter what our individual backgrounds and beliefs, Council and our campus need to have chemistry. We all need to depend on each other to accomplish our goals. He also emphasized how each representative has to go out to meet and form relationships with their constituents.

Veronica Mendiola (co-pres) said that meetings this year will be more focused. She emphasized how this Council needs to work on projects, get more involved in the community and get results. After every meeting, she expects something to be accomplished.

Procedure for New Administration

Veronica Mendiola and Ilunga Kalala (co-presidents) spoke about how they want meetings to operate. They want people to wait to be acknowledged before speaking.

They mentioned how the Presidents can modify procedure. For example, they reserve the right to stop people from rambling and making sure discussion “stays on track.”

Their major change to the procedure was their desire to take away the “vote to vote.” Vote to vote is when a Council member feels that discussion has gone on long enough and they can make an informed vote on the topic, he or she will call for a vote. If this person’s motion to vote is seconded, it must be passed by a majority of council, and after that the amendment itself is voted aye or nay. Their argument was that if “vote to vote” were taken away, Council would run a lot more smoothly and efficiently.

Jonathan Misk (all-campus) voiced that the “vote to vote” is an essential part of procedure since it is important that everyone has the opportunity to speak. Veronica responded by echoing her earlier point that “vote to vote” makes Council seem too bureaucratic and it just wastes time.

Ananda Burra (MinCo) felt that without the “vote to vote” people would be forced to vote even why the do not feel strongly one way or the other. Bryan LaPlant (Dennett) added that ending discussion should be up to the entire Council.

Highlights

- The new Co-Presidents lay down the law
- Look out for College Council members in a mailroom near you
- Be on the look out for College Council’s “crazy fresh” advertisements in the Record
Jonathan Landsman (class of 2005) suggested that without vote to vote, the Co-Presidents might as well just decide themselves when to vote. After hearing the dissent to their proposed plan to take away the “vote to vote”, the Co-Presidents decided to put it to a vote.

? Motion to place “vote to vote” into Council’s procedure PASSED, 16-8-0

**Budgets**

Alex Bal (treasurer) presented Council with the one recommendation of the Financial Committee (FinCom).

The **Figure Skating Club** requested $110.00 and was recommended the full $110.00. Alex said this was very reasonable, especially since at one of their outside competitions, they are going to have seven people sleep in one room. Council also has over $22,000 left in the Student Activities Fund to distribute to student organizations.

? Ratifying the slate of the budget recommendation PASSED, 24-0-0

**Student Feedback**

In order to reach out and solicit opinions from the representatives’ constituents, Veronica and Ilunga urged Council to solicit opinions by using their list servers. Also, they told Council to use the list servers to inform people as to what they are individually working on and Council as a whole is working on.

Ilunga informed Council that the College Council website is back online. ([www.collegecouncil.org](http://www.collegecouncil.org)) He asked if anybody wanted to administer the site and Godfrey Bakuli (class of 2007) offered his services to run the site.

Veronica introduced to Council the new way Opinions Unplugged is going to work. Instead of badgering people standing in lines to get food in dining halls, Council is going to table at Baxter every Thursday. Though the purpose of this is to talk to the student body, the Council member tabling will distribute candy and play music. Ilunga feels that this new central location will allow each Representative to use their “charisma and enthusiasm” to get constructive and thoughtful opinions.

**Current Issues**

By the end of the first meeting, we were obligated to elected 2 Council members to the Williams College Motorcoach Board, 3 members to the General Funds Allocations Committee (GFAC), and 1 member to the ACE Executive Board.

**Results**

Elected Members to the Williams College Motorcoach Board

Robert Jackson (Carter) and Gavin McCormick (Currier-Fitch)

Elected Members to the General Funds Allocations Committee

Ali Moiz (all-campus), Isaac Gerber (East-Fayerweather) and David Seligman (all-campus)
Elected Member to the ACE Executive Board

Godfrey Bakuli (class of 2007)

Council meetings- What works? What doesn’t?

Gavin McCormick (Currier-Fitch) felt that Council has written too many letters in the past. Sophie Hood (co-op) suggested that Council start doing other forms of advocacy besides writing letters. Godfrey Bakuli (class of 2007) felt that Council had done a good job in the past in term of advocacy, citing Council’s response to the proposed “Dorm Lockdown” last term.

Jonathan Landsman (class of 2005) felt that when drafting letters to either the whole campus or the administration that they should include the dissenting opinions along with the opinion of the majority of Council.

Mike Greenberg (secretary), in response to Jonathan Misk (all-campus) repeating the same exact point made by a Council member that spoke before him, stated his belief that repeating statements already made, like what Misk had done, is one of the things that causes Council to run inefficiently. Mike felt that constant repetition of points that have already been made also makes meetings feel monotonous and force meetings to last longer than necessary.

Brainstorming

The Co-President’s asked Council members to come up with a list of all-campus issues that will be Council’s priorities for the next year. All of the ideas brought up were placed under 6 broad categories. Each category will be headed by an All-Campus Representative.

1. Dining Services
2. Buildings
3. Financial Aid
4. Advising (Career and Sophomore)
5. Health Center

Individual Projects

Ali Moiz (all-campus) and Jonathan Misk (all-campus) introduced a plan for putting a College Council advertisement in the Record. The advertisement would inform campus as to what exactly Council and its individual members are working on. The purpose of this advertisement is to “put a face” to Council and enhance communication between Council and the Williams community. By showcasing Council’s accomplishments, they feel that people will want to get more involved in Council and what its members are working on.
Permanent College Council Column in the Record
Recommendations & Procedure

- WHY: (a) This helps connect CC to the student body, which has been a persistent problem over the years. The low voter turnout of 45% this year in the CC elections is revealing. (b) It helps to publicize real, practical changes that CC is making or creating on campus. (c) It improves CC’s image with the student body and also its own self-morale – these two things will help to create a better CC in the long run. (d) Because this is something that should’ve been done a long, long, time ago.
- The Column shall be run twice a month, and will be sized at a quarter of a page. It will be run on the News pages, which are right after the Op-ed pages.
- One-half of the column is devoted to a listing of important issues in progress or recently completed.
- The other half of the column will be used to profile in detail one of the current projects that Council is working on.
- The person working on, or in-charge of the project, will be the one to write the short profile. If there are other people working on the same project, they must also be mentioned in the profile, and can contribute to preparing this profile.
- In weeks where there aren’t enough issues/results to put into the column, we will compensate by having either a longer, more detailed profile, or two shorter profiles. Any leftover issues/tangible results’ will be mentioned in the next column.
- We can also adjust the layout of the column to compensate for weeks where we have either more or less issues to report on.
- Ali Moiz and Jonathan Misk will prepare and edit the Column each week, and it will be sent to the CC listserv for final approval before going to press.
- Special Case: For the 1st column (Record issue: 9th March), we plan to run a half-page column (instead of a quarter page) and include everyone’s names and pictures, as well as highlighting the major issues that Council hopes to pursue in the near future.

Cost Schedule for Running Ads in the Williams Record for a semester

Cost of running a quarter-page column twice a month:

Regular Cost $130 x 4 = $615
Cost with 20% discount $492
Layout nominal costs $10-20

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Circulation
On-Campus/Williamstown Area
600 per issue – Subscriptions via US Mail

Publication schedule
Weekly on Tuesdays
Copy Deadline
Friday afternoon
Depth of page
21 ¼ inches
Width of page
13 inches (six 2.028 inch columns)

This cost schedule applies to the remainder of this semester.

Alex Bal (treasurer) suggested that perhaps it would be cheaper to place this advertisement in the Daily Advisor. To this suggestion, Misk responded that the Record is read by more people in the Williams community.

Funding for Ali and Jonathan’s proposed advertisement PASSED, 24-0-0

Absentees: Two absences in a row or three in a term result in a member’s expulsion, unless overridden by the secretary’s discretion or petition to the Council

Chris Ryan (Brooks, Chadbourne, Perry)  William Pucillo (Armstrong)
Andres Carrizo (Spencer, West)  John Silvestro (Tyler, Tyler Annex)

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Greenberg,
Secretary of College Council