Money Don’t Get Everything, It’s True
But What It Don’t Get, I Can’t Use

College Council’s Minutes for the
7:30 P.M., May 7th 2003, Regular Meeting in Griffin 6
2003-4 Committee Appointments, Funding Discussions, and Fora

Open Time starts every meeting

Once again, no one from outside of Council came to address us. We moved to announcements of upcoming events important to the campus, made by members within Council.

The co-presidents began by reminding reps to publicize two important forums occurring this week. The Polshek Architects are coming to Wege Auditorium Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30 PM to hear students’ opinions on what should be in the new Baxter. Mike Henry (co-president) dropped some hints that he’d heard the architects were considering removing the new pub from the plans. They also might be considering merging the snack bar and dining hall portions. Mike also said that, as far as he knew, the Multipurpose Room was still in the plans.

In response to recent events and confessions on campus, there will also be a forum on sexual assault in Goodrich Great Room this Wednesday, May 14th, at 8:00 PM. Guests of the forum will include Dean of the College Nancy Roseman, Director of Campus Safety Jean Thorndike, Director of Health Services Ruth Harrison, Health Educator Donna Denelli-Hess, and Heather Foran of the Rape and Sexual Assault Network.

Chin Ho (co-president) talked about his belief that hosting forums is a final frontier for College Council as they are of great importance to the community. A member passed along an idea she had gotten from one of her constituents, that the conductors of the forum should take anonymous questions so that sensitive issues can be broached and dealt with.

Budgets

Federico Sosa (treasurer) presented the recommendations of the Allocations Committee, which heard requests from two clubs this week.

Volleyball Club requested $292.79; the AC concurred.
Cinephiles requested $200; the AC recommended $0.

Fede explained that Volleyball’s request was for money for driving mileage, which they were getting at 13.5 cents a mile and while the AC found reasonable. Cinephiles’ request was for funds to produce a film magazine. The AC found their budget to be unorganized, and the group to be unclear about what they wanted to do regarding the magazine this year or next. The AC recommended they start in the fall, or return next week if they were more organized.

The Allocations Committee’s recommendations PASSED, 26-0-0.

Opinions

Jessi England (2006) delivered opinions received from opinions@wso.williams.edu and Catherine Mercado (MinCo) delivered those gathered by Opinions Unplugged, the service of Council that solicits from the lines at dining halls and the snack bar weekly.
Parking spots for students in the garage.
Room draw is not fair.
More vegetarian food in the dining hall.
Mission hallways are too dark.
Separation walls between Mission houses should be knocked down.
There’s no temporary parking near dorms. Currier has two such spots. Suggested CC petition the administration for a subway or light rail system. Julia Karoly (Brooks-Chadbourne-Perry) mentioned that you can call security and tell them you are parking somewhere briefly and they'll leave you alone.
CC minutes should be printed on longer paper so you don’t have to turn pages while reading (I don’t own any legal-sized paper. Maybe I'll steal some).
Dirty dishes in the dining hall.
More variety in the snack bar.
CC is doing a great job.
Too much litter on Baxter Lawn.
Demolish mission.
Campus needs an outdoor pool.
Campus needs a beautiful mosaic.
Build underground tunnels for the winter.
Greater cereal selection.
More money for the marching band.
Greater menu selection.
More waffle grills.
Extension of Eco Cafè to Sawyer -- Darlene Forde (Currier-Fitch) took up this opinion.
Expresso machine in snack bar.
Section in the DM to announce groups tabling in baxter -- Philipp Huy (all campus), who seemed to think this was a great idea, took up this opinion.
Fax machine for students - Julia Karoly (Brooks-Chadbourne-Perry) mentioned there is one for use in the OCC, but it may just be for work related things. Darlene said most offices are nice about your using it if you say it's important.
Meat ravioli with or instead of cheese ravioli.
What happens to the grab and go leftovers?
Dinner points on Spring Street.
Limit CC letters to 250 words. (Grrr)
Calcium orange juice in dining halls.
Allow pets in the dorms.
Sandwich and waffle bar at dinner.
Give NBC more money.
JAs should be able to help frosh at room draw.
Internet connection here sucks.
Make 1ab courses count for 1.5 credits.
CC should rename itself to “Cool Cats.”
Bowling alley in new Baxter.
Groups of 3 have difficulties in room draw.
Chicken fingers in snack bar -- Jim Irving (2005) who knows something about this from being on the Baxter Transition Committee, took this up. Also read the minutes of our April 23rd meeting for an explanation of this issue.

Katie Lewkowicz (Williams) and Geri Ottaviano (Frosh Council) made an Opinions Unplugged sign. It has a cool “unplugged” picture on it. Keep your eyes peeled!

Mike Leparc (Dennett) passed on a complaint that last year Carol Cable was open to students for free and this year it should be again – what’s the deal? Federico Sosa (treasurer) says it’s free for international students; Chin Ho (co-president) added that some financial aid students will also get it for free (but you'd likely have been notified already if this were the case for you).

Project Time
Gerry Lindo (all-campus) had been assigned to get the College’s mission statement into the student handbook. He said he’d succeeded, and it would be there next year.
Mike Henry (co-president) said that the environmental policy statement that we approved last meeting was also approved by senior staff and is going to the faculty meeting for their consideration, next Wednesday, May 14 at 4:00 in Griffin 3. Officers will be likely to go and push for that, he said.

Chris Ryan (Gladden) reported that he talked again to Dave Boyer about the Log policies. Boyer did not want to change the guest policy, but was receptive to changing the 20 dollar deposit to a term bill mediated charge, so people signing in guests would not have to lay down cash. Chris said that he and Aaron Wilson had found that student opinion was against the proposed change of separating people over and under 21 to facilitate the serving of alcohol. He said they would meet with Dave Boyer again before the end of the year. Chris restated that a lot of what makes the Log a tricky place with unique policies is that it is the only place on campus that has a liquor license, which is issued by the town, and the policies were due to liability issues.

New Business from the Agenda

Approval of Appointments Committee Recommendations

The Appointments Committee met for a total of 10 hours over the past two weeks to go through over 160 selfnoms and select students to serve on the student faculty committees. The full list of their recommendations to Council is below, with the names of members who are designated as the CC Proxy in italics:

Committee on Diversity and Community (CDC)
Gerry Lindo '04
Alana Frost '06
Annie Moore '04
Muhammad Esa Seegulam '06
Nikhar Gaikwad '06
Sophie Hood '04

Library Committee
Jessica England '06
Courtney Gordon '05
Mike Eros '04

Security Advisory Cmte.
Bryan LaPlant '06
Andrew Eyre '06
Tom Kelly '06
Sean Mulrenan '04
Reid Phillips '05
Peter Deslodge '06

Winter Study Cmte.
Spencer Wong '04
Ikem Travis Joseph '06
Jennifer Ferri '04
Shabana Shahabuddin '06

Student Health Advisory Council
Yifan Guo '05
Andrew Eyre '06
Jude Dumfieh '04
Marie-Adel Sorel '05

Student Centers Management Team
Amy Shelton '05
Eric Hsu '05
Maurice Robinson '06
Megan O'Malley '06

Committee on Educational Policy (CEP)
Maria Lapetina '04
Anastasia Moro '04
Dave Riskin '04
Abby Whitbeck '05
Reid Phillips '05
Joanna Kretchmer '06

Committee on Undergraduate Life (CUL)
Sophie Hood '04
Josh Earn '04
Scott Grinsell '04
CJ Bak '05
Scott Moskowitz '05
Silvia Paz-Frydman '06

Financial Committee
Alex Bal '06
Andrew Pocius '06
Matt Webster '04
Eric Hsu '05
Geri Ottaviano '06
Michael Sirignano '04
Rhiannon DeLeeuw '04
Spencer Wong '04

OCC Committee
Jessica England '06
Christine Hunt '06
Cristin Campbell '04
James Crowell '05
Kelsey Peterson '04

HC-CLC Committee
Matt Webster '04
Elenia Bonafacio '03
Kate Roberts '04
Sarah Croft '04

Dining Services Committee
Yifan Guo '05
Casey Czubay '04
Craig Olshan '05
Kimberly Forrest '04
Lance White '04
Samuel VanVolkenburgh '05
Scott Moskowitz '05
Viral Gandhi '04

Information Technology Committee
Alden Robinson '06
Robin Stewart '06
Tom White '04

Grievance Committee
Cathy Mercado '06
Carlos Ramirez '06
Gerry Lindo '04
April Champion '06
Kathleen Krause '06
Approving the recommendations of the Appointments Committee PASSED, 25-0-1.

Student Groups Switching Funding Subgroups

Federico Sosa (treasurer) explained to Council that the portion of Council funds that goes into the subgroup account is further divided into eight subgroups, which consist of groups united by a common purpose or set of characteristics. New groups remain outside of subgroups for two years, and then may petition to be placed in a subgroup, so that they receive funding at the start of the year rather than having to go to Council to request funds when they need them. Council was to hear three such petitions today. Groups who feel they belong in a different subgroup also may petition to be moved. Council heard one such petition today.

International Justice Journal petitioned to move from the General Fund to the Publications subgroup. Tomoko Harigaya spoke on their behalf, said they have existed for 2 years, get articles from students, and had just published.

Nothing But Cuties petitioned to be moved, but failed to send a representative to the meeting as they were instructed to by the treasurer. Their petition was not considered, and if they want to move before next year they will need to contact treasurer Federico Sosa and attend our next and last meeting.

The Purple Bike Coalition petitioned to move from the General Fund to the Campus Services subgroup. Bill Sacks spoke on their behalf, saying they had been active for two and a half years. This year they provided bikes for people to ride on campus, which everyone who paid a small fee got a key for. Next year they will be loaning bikes out on a library-like system, for five dollars a semester.

Jim Irving (2005) motioned to move, as a slate, the IJJ and Purple Bike Coalition into their respect subgroups.

Relocating the groups for funding PASSED, 26-0-0.

The Sailing Team petitioned to be moved from Athletics and Tournaments II to Athletics and Tournaments I. Meredith Jacobs spoke on their behalf, saying that they practice four days a week and have roughly 25 members in the spring and 20 in the fall. They wanted to move because their budget is wildly different and higher from those of the other groups in their current subgroup because they pay a coach and have mileage expenses. Right now, she gave as
an example, they are in a group with the Badminton Club, which request 100 dollars to their 8,000 dollars.

Jonathan Landsman (secretary) asked what the difference between A&T I and A&T II was. Fede answered that A&T II was made up of groups that have floundered or not existed for years, like the Martial Arts Club. Groups in A&T I have shown more stability, and request funding from a larger pot of money, which makes sense.

Mike Henry (co-president) asked what the difference in funding between the two subgroups was, and what happened to the Riding Club’s funding last year when it moved from A&T II to A&T I. Fede answered that A&T I gets about $40,000 and A&T gets about $8,000. He explained that the reason that the move increased Riding Club’s funding was that CC allocated more than was necessary to the subgroup last year. Mike added that their expenses also increased last year.

Jim Irving (2005) asked if this move was just to be in a subgroup with student groups that were more akin to Sailing, or whether they anticipated an increase in funding from the move. Meredith answered that Sailing’s expenses were going to stay the same next year; they expected to ask for no more funding. It just didn’t make sense to be in a subgroup with Badminton, haggling for the subgroup’s limited funding, and Badminton may offer to restring two rackets fewer for a fifteen-buck cut, which makes no difference to Sailing. Mike Henry added that the Sailing Team’s budget was bigger than the entire subgroup’s allotment of about $8,000.

Gerry Lindo (all-campus) moved to pass Sailing Club’s petition.

Relocating Sailing Club to Athletics and Tournaments I PASSED, 26-0-0.

Next Year’s Money and Rollovers our treasurer discusses some of the issues

Federico Sosa (treasurer) held the floor to talk to what Council’s appetite on some funding issues that will be dealt with next meeting.

Currently, the Student Activities Tax is $144 per student, and next year will be $150 he said. The pool of money this will yield will be divided into different accounts – the Nationals Fund, the Subgroup Account, CC Operations, ACE, and the General Fund, and the treasurer’s Discretionary Fund. Fede mentioned that the portion given to ACE should not be changed, as it was already approved by Council in the fall (38% of whatever comes in goes to ACE for 2003-4, I believe).

Fede also talked about rollovers. Rollovers are the leftover monies in student group accounts at the end of the year, which CC must decide every year what to do with. It can reabsorb the money or leave it with the groups, or do something else, but whatever choice CC makes applied to all groups.

Fede discussed the pros and cons of rollovers.

Arguments for leaving the money with clubs: Groups who had money left over because they had spent wisely would be rewarded. Groups would also have some money to work with for the first month of the year, before CC subgroups distribute funding for the next year. Also, telling groups we are taking their money back sometimes causes fire spending at the end of the year, where groups try to burn through their account since they know it will not be coming back to them.

Arguments for reabsorbing the money into the General Fund: this properly takes money back that is there because a group wrongly got more than they needed this year. Having more money in the General Fund also encourages the formation of new groups, which is good.
Gerry Lindo (all-campus) asked if groups’ rollovers were taken into account during the subgroup funding process. Fede said that FinCom tries to determine whether the rollover is due to overfunding or to responsible spending, and acts to accordingly reward or punish groups.

Philipp Huy (all-campus) suggested a compromise: letting groups keep only the portion of their rollover above a certain percentage, like 5%, of their initial funding. This idea met with general favor in Council.

Mike Henry (co-president) mentioned that this will be Fede’s decision, unless Council moves to decide itself. Fede said that it might be good to wait ‘til next week, since a lot of groups have not submitted all their vouchers yet. Geri Ottaviano (Frosh Council) asked what the past precedent is. Mike answered that rollovers were kept in student groups for the past two years. Geri also asked what groups do if we take the money back and they have no money to use in September. Fede said that many have dues, or submit their vouchers late.

Jonathan Landsman (secretary) asked why it was necessary to apply the rollover decision across the board, since we know some groups may not deserve it. Fede said there was a bylaw requiring it, which we should maybe examine in the future and change due to differences not only between student groups, but the funding subgroups.

Council made no decision on the rollovers this week.

New Business from the Floor

New New Baxter Committee two student representatives appointed

Jonathan Landsman (secretary) moved to appoint two members of College Council to be on the new New Baxter Committee, which would meet over the summer. Mike Henry explained that this committee, which watched what the Polshek architects did and gave input, was to continue where its predecessor left off. All the student members of the previous New Baxter Committee were graduating, and the committee had disbanded when Polshek went back to the drawing board after going over budget. The committee now needed to be formed again, with two student members chosen by CC. Mike mentioned that Dean Roseman would also be asking architecture professors to choose students from their classes for the student groups.

Catherine Mercado (MinCo), Mike Leparc (Dennett), and Mike Henry (co-president) expressed interest in the positions. Mike Leparc withdrew his offer to serve after Chin specified that student reps should have especial knowledge of the use of students space, and be people very connected to the student body.

Sending Mike Henry and Catherine Mercado to the committee PASSED, 25-0-1.

Motion to Use Money to Buy Lots of Pizza

Chris Ryan (Gladden) motioned that “Fede use money to buy us lots of pizza for the last meeting.” The motions was seconded and met with great acclamation. Fede shrugged an OK, and asked where the money would come from. Chris Ryan sagely responded “wherever” and vaguely moved of his limbs. The decision of where the money would come from and for what food was magically deferred to the officers on a decision by Mike Henry tacitly accepted by Council.

Mike Henry (co-president) added that next week’s session would be a brainstorming session: reps will talk, co-presidents will listen. He also reminded Council that nominations for Faculty and Staff awards are due Friday at 9:00. We currently have no nominations for administrators and need one.
**Absentees** Two absences in a row or three in a term result in a members’ expulsion, unless overridden by the secretary’s discretion or petition to the Council

Peter Applegate (co-op)  
David Roth (Pratt)  
Aaron Wilson (all-campus)

Daniel Burns (East-Fay)  
Ivan Malanov (Prospect)

Peter Applegate now has two absences, and will lose his seat on College Council if absent one more time this semester.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Jonathan Landsman,***  
Secretary of College Council