Secretary’s Corner:

Emanuel has pet chickens.

John’s favorite animal is a velociraptor.

Being an “at-large” rep does not mean you are a fugitive.

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Introductions

Co-Presidents

Peter Nurnberg ('09)
Jeremy Goldstein ('09)

Secretary

Emanuel Yekutiel ('11)

Treasurer

Thomas Rubinsky ('10)

Class of 2011

Emanuel Yekutiel ('11)

Class of 2010

Sarah Moore ('09)

Minority Concerns

Curtis “CJ” Flournoy ('11)

Currier Board Rep

Caroline Henry ('10)

Wood Board Rep

Jonathan Prigoff ('08)

Spencer Board Rep

Toni Kraeva ('09)

Dodd Board Rep

Narae Park ('10)

Currier At-large

Janay Clyde ('10)

Wood At-large

Rachel Ko ('09)

Spencer At-large

Keith Butts ('09)

Dodd At-large

Petya Miteva ('10)

Williams Hall

KK Durante ('11)

Sage Hall

Gordon Atkins ('11)

Armstrong

Lane Wang ('11)

Pratt

Brian “Shep” Shepherd ('11)

Mills

Joseph “Joey” Kiernan ('11)

Dennett

Tasha Chu ('11)

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Discussion of Parliamentary Procedure

Peter Nurnberg (Co-President) and CJ Flournoy (Minority Concerns) informed the new council members about parliamentary procedure. First, Council needs quorum in order to vote. When council wants to take a vote it is a two-stage process. First, a member of council must motion to vote and then another member has to second it. If no one seconds the motion, then the vote dies. If someone seconds the motion, then council votes to vote. If a majority of council vote to vote then the motion goes to a vote and the outcome of that vote decides on the motion.

One thing that council is going to do this year is keep a voting record in order to hold council members accountable for the decisions that are made. It is supposed to make Council more transparent and make council members more accountable in terms of representing their constituents.

When we are discussing an actual motion there can be amendments made to that motion. If someone on council wants to make a small change to the amendment of the motion, then it is up to the person who made the original amendment to decide if it is a friendly or unfriendly amendment to the motion. If it is deemed friendly, then it is incorporated into the amendment. If it is deemed hostile then the amendment goes to a vote. This ended our guide to parliamentary
Discussion of the College Council Bylaws

Peter Nurnberg (Co-President) then led a discussion of College Council Bylaws. We had to vote on the bylaws and pass them in order to actually begin our first meeting. Before we passed the bylaws, we decided that it was important for us to change quorum to 50% plus one from 2/3, especially for the purpose of passing budgets. Narae Park (Dodd Board Rep) motioned to vote on the bylaws and Brian Shepherd (Pratt) seconded the motion. Council then voted to amend the definition of quorum. The amended definition of quorum passed 21-0-0.

John Prigoff (Wood Board Rep) then motioned to approve the bylaws. Brian Shepherd (Pratt) seconded the motion. The Bylaws passed with a vote of 21-0-0.

Budgets

Rachel Levy (Treasurer) presented a budget recommended for WCFM of $1011.88. This money will go towards paying for something broken that is necessary for the radio station to function and late film fees, which were passed on to the current treasurer of WCFM. The budget passed with a vote of 21-0-0.

Student Committee Appointments

CPR (Committee on Priorities and Resources): The Committee on Priorities and Resources evaluates campus needs and works on long-term projects. Members of this group do not handle current campus issues but look at future needs for the college. It looks at issues on the macro level to decide what campus needs. The CPR needs a new member because one of the students on the committee went abroad this spring. The new member of CPR will stay on for the rest of the year. John Prigoff (Wood Board Rep) volunteered for the position.

Co-Sponsorship: Co-Sponsorship is a CC committee that approves giving money to students who want to organize social events. The four members of the Co-Sponsorship Committee and the Treasurer, Rachel Levy, will decide how much money is appropriate to give to student groups. The money given to the group can go towards such things as food and decorations. Meetings for this committee are on Tuesday nights. The specific meeting time is TBD. Keith Butts (Spencer At-Large Rep), Gordon Atkins (Sage Hall Rep), Brian Shepherd (Pratt), and Thomas Rubinsky (Class of 2010 Rep) volunteered to be on the committee.

GFAC: Established student groups get money for club things, travel expenses, etc., from GFAC. This committee meets with the Treasurer, Rachel Levy, on Sundays at 7 in Paresky. Petya Miteva (Dodd At-Large Rep), Caroline Henry (Currier Board Rep), Joey Kiernan (Mills), and Lane Wang (Armstrong) volunteered for this group.

Note on Attendance

Members of Council must attend meetings. If a member of Council is unable to attend a meeting, then s/he must notify the Secretary, Emily Deans, in advance via e-mail (09ecd) and must send a proxy to the meeting.

Also, if a member of Council wishes to discuss a project s/he is working on, s/he must e-mail the Secretary, Emily Deans, in advance (09ecd) in order to be added to the agenda.

During this discussion, Rachel Ko (Wood At-Large Rep) proposed that agendas be projected on the screen during Council meetings to save paper.

Jeremy and Peter’s Vision

Jeremy Goldstein (Co-President) then talked about his and Peter’s vision for College Council. They see CC as the student voice to the administration. Council has to come to a consensus about what to do about issues on campus and voice those opinions to the administration. They want Council to be a bigger presence on campus. The idea is that Council is going to extend itself to other groups on campus. Hopefully this will work as a two-way system so that other groups can know about what CC is doing and CC can know their desires and the concerns.

We need to make sure that administrators cannot ignore Council. Council members should always introduce themselves to administrators and faculty. The key is to be proactive and
be clear that CC is not a mechanism that gives administrator’s decisions to the student body. We want to be there BEFORE the decisions are made (ex. Card access, Goodrich).

Council needs to get student input. Council members need to start talking to people about things that CC is going to be talking about to get student opinions. As elected representatives, we are supposed to represent our constituents in addition to the student body. This is an active project. CC’s role is to really look at and examine all campus issues that cannot be handled by smaller groups on campus. You do not need the approval of the officers to pursue a project (unless you want to speak on the behalf of council).

Responses
One Council member asked what Peter and Jeremy’s overall personal goals were for CC this year. Jeremy responded, “Visibility!” They really want CC to be a group on campus that comes up with projects and is also a force to be reckoned with. They have three big projects that they addressed in their campaign. First is opening a subsidized convenience store in Paresky. Second is the liberalization on the way school accepts donations so that alums can earmark donations for a certain group. Third, they want to set up a committee to look at specific spaces on campus and get a real analysis of them to know what students want for spaces to hang out, work, and throw parties in and look at that analysis in reference to what we have. Environmental concerns will be kept in mind but one of the big things is to have spaces that are directly related to what students need and want.

In order to increase CC’s visibility, we are going to potentially create a Google group so that people can see what CC is working on. Another thing that Peter and Jeremy encourage CC members to do is to write letters to the editor for the Record and put out a newsletter on a semester basis to let people know what CC is doing.

Emanuel Yekutiel (Class of 2011 Rep) asked them to go into detail about how Council is to be involved with other groups on campus.

**CC More in touch with Campus**

Peter and Jeremy explained that each person on CC is responsible for going to the meetings of two groups on campus three times a semester. These visits are a way of checking in and seeing how things are going. Council members will use GoogleDocs to write down notes about the group and what that group is doing. The general vision of this venture is for Council members to listen and ask what they should have in the back of their minds when discussing and voting on issues in Council meetings.

There was a discussion about whether the Council member attending a group meeting should be a person who is already involved with the group or a person who is an outsider to the group. One student brought this up as a matter of the comfort of the group and wondered what would be most effective. Most were in favor of people going to groups that they were not affiliated with.

Rachel Levy (Treasurer) then brought up a spreadsheet with names of CC members and Groups. We went through the groups one at a time and people volunteered for these positions.

**Project Ideas (15 minutes)**

Thomas Rubinsky (Class of 2010 Rep) and Sarah Moore (Class of 2009 Rep) talked about their poster campaign idea. A poster campaign is one way to reach out to the student body. The proposed posters will let people know what CC’s role is to let students know how to go about bringing up concerns to Council. Office hours have not been effective in the past. Council wants student awareness and an easy way to contact CC members for those who have specific projects and concerns. A lot of students don’t know what CC can do for them. Talk to Thomas or Sarah if you want to help them or have any other ideas.

Emanuel Yekutiel (Class of 2011 Rep) then talked about several personal projects he is working on. First is the Williams Concert Committee (name is going to change), which will bring in smaller music acts about every two weeks next year. He is coming up with a GRABNGO order form that students can fill out online if they know that they are going to miss lunch and then can
pick up the meal at the Snack Bar. This is intended to make up for the time between 2 and 5 when there is no food available. He is working with Dean Wagner to make a group that facilitates student faculty relations. He also wants a change machine in Paresky.

Several students brought up concerns about the concert committee taking away from ACE. ACE puts on large-scale concerts. They are changing the name “Williams Concert Committee” because they do not want to bring in big acts the way that ACE does. This is going to be a more consistent thing with smaller bands from the area, similar to the Musicbox program at MCLA. Make concerts more diverse. They don’t know where they are getting money from yet.

The neighborhoods do have a lot of money and are supposed to be dedicated to smaller scale stuff. John Prigoff (Wood Board Rep) said that the intent of the group was great, but that it has to think carefully about how it is going to fit in with the Neighborhood Governance Boards and ACE. Thomas (Class of 2010 Rep) wanted Emanuel to make sure that the group reaches out to ACE and neighborhoods because he thinks it is a positive idea. Sarah (Class of 2009 Rep) thought it was a great idea for filling a space for alternative programming.

Thomas (Class of 2010 Rep) then talked about the CC website. He is the point person to work with Dave Senft on the new website. When CC members log in there is an opinions section and there is an anonymous section. Thomas asked us to put up fresh opinions. The site is linked on Council’s Facebook group.