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A Proposal to Ensure Better Usage of the Lower Goodrich Dance Studio

WHEREAS a Resolution was passed unanimously in the 2009-2010 Council regarding improvements to the Lower Goodrich Dance Studio, but these improvements have not been implemented as of yet;

WHEREAS a series of meetings occurred in the 2010-2011 Council regarding the Lower Goodrich Dance Studio space in response to a call from students to adjust its usage to better reflect the realities of its evolution within the entire Goodrich Hall Space and especially Payne Hall and the Goodrich Stage;

WHEREAS as a result of these meetings it became clear that one of the main reasons why adjustments to the use of the space had not been made previously was a fear of the part of the Dance Department that the space would be abused;

WHEREAS the request made from Council of behalf of the student in this matter where to, in the rare cases where performances were occurring in Payne Hall that required quick changes and the ability to walk through to the other side of the stage form the back, that the Lower Goodrich Dance Studio be allowed for said purpose;

WHEREAS As of now, the Lower Goodrich Dance is not allowed to be used as a changing space or as a walkthrough space;

WHEREAS These restrictions have caused numerous issues for groups and visiting performers;

WHEREAS These restrictions no longer reflect how the space has come to be used and are not now in keeping with the ethos of encouraging full artistic expression around this campus;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Williams College Council:

1. Requests that the Dance Department allow the Lower Goodrich Dance Studio Space to be used for changing and walking through before, during, and after all performances that require this as part of their performance.

In an attempt to mitigate the Dance Department’s concerns regarding this adjusted usage of the space it will:
2. *Purchase* window shades that would allow the space to be suitable for changing.
3. *Purchase* a floor covering for the space that must be used when the space is being utilized as a changing and walkthrough space.
4. *Assure* the Dance Department with this document as proof that any repair costs needed while this space is being used under these circumstances can be covered to a total of $1000 during one academic year.
   a. The CC Great Ideas Fund will be the source of this funding.
5. *Include* in the budget provided for events of this nature mandatory custodial supervision in order to ensure that the space is properly used and cleaned.

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