College Council Meeting 11/2/11
Hopkins Basement 7:30 to 9pm

Next week’s CC meeting will be from 6:15 to 7:45pm.

Budgets
- Nothin’ But Cuties ($437.87)
- Passed: 20-0-0
- Benefit Fund, Ritmo Latino ($670)
- Passed: 20-0-0
- Men’s WUFO (Nationals: $3,000)
- Passed: 18-0-2

Free University: Harry Gilbert ’14 appointed to direct it

Mental Health…

Reactions to You Are Not Alone
- Generally positive reception
- Need to emphasize brevity for the open mic
- Once per semester, excluding Winter Study?
- Advertising other peer outlets
- Themed keynote speaker

What is our role in the conversation about mental health on this campus?
- In addition to the Mental Health Committee
- Advocate to have counselors available over the summer
- Examining Stressbusters
- Create a support group (similar to AA) for these types of issues
- How do we get people to have more meaningful conversations so that we can have these larger support groups?
- Advertising these resources better (Peer Health and Psych Services)
- Get a recommendation from MHC to CC
- A permanent bulletin board/advertisement in Paresky
- Looking at orientation programs to show students the basics of what’s available
- Voices?
- Permanent post on WSO?
- CC Website: dialogue box with info on current initiative and a link with the resources
- Potential subcommittee: Kaitlyn, Teddy, Ben S., Hamza, Jay, Alison, Steph

Intellectual Engagement Outside of the Classroom
- Is there an opportunity to bring the intellectual environment of the classroom into other spaces?
- Is this a problem? Council does not find a consensus
- Is it more a problem of the Purple Bubble? What about current events?
- Subscription to the New York Times and North Adams Transcript… we used to do this, but it got too expensive and neither OCL or CC could continue to pay for them, and it did not seem that students were using them
- Again, an issue of advertisement; there ARE opportunities for this kind of stuff on campus, but few students know about them or take advantage
- “Search and ye shall find.” –April Jenkins ‘14
- Idea for an all-campus newsletter
- Should headlines be included in the Daily Messages? The Record has a section about this
- This is more of an individual level
- In Whitmans’, putting current events up where the menu is supposed to go (Kaitlyn will look into this)
- We are NOT in the position to say what the campus “ought” to do or know, but it is our responsibility to make this info available
- Toilet Paper (like Stall Talks) idea
- Informal entry lecture competition
- Inviting professors to Snacks?
- Committee: Brian M., Ben S., Adrian, Peter, Ben A., Laura C., Isaac, April, Emily

Steve Klass (Vice President for Campus Life) and Dean Bolton (Dean of the College)
- They came to CC Snacks last night
- One of the biggest concerns that Dean Bolton hears is about loneliness in the entries
- All-campus forum on the JA/Entry System with CUL, CDC, and JAAB; will outline the goals of the system and the expectations of JAs
- Fines incurred by non-residents of a dorm? For example, centrally located places like Lehman… Steve says fines are not meant to be punitive, they are meant to be preventative. Peter Skipper, the second floor Baxter Fellow, will pursue this conversation with him.
- Does Financial Aid have a role in this? How do you account for unpredictable circumstances in your FA package?

Random Musings on the Entry…
- An intellectual environment
- Maybe the ambiguity of the JA role is good because it can provide an opportunity for ownership of the position
- Specifically first-year programming
- Where should first-years go if they have problems with their JAs?
- Using advice from past JAs
- Outside “counselors/mediators” that can talk with the JAs? Aside from JAAB?

Motion to extend by 10 minutes and to shorten by 10 next week
Passed unanimously