College Council Meeting  
12/7/11 7:30 to 9pm, Hopkins Basement

Agenda Items

Budgets: The Sketchbook ($506.25) and The Aristocows ($312.56)  
Vote to pass: 19-0-1

Club Proposals
The Ephconomist (periodical similar to the British newspaper)  
Vote to approve: 20-0-0
Williams at Berkshire Farm (mentoring kids)  
Vote to approve: 20-0-0

Asian American Studies Campaign
- Students are campaigning to create an Asian American Studies concentration at Williams because they see it as a gap in our curriculum.
- Lily Wong ’12 is presenting to CC.
- They are looking for a structured academic program that provides these classes so we don’t need to rely on professors simply choosing to offer certain classes of interest.
- The Deans and the CEP are generally supportive—the logistics will be complicated and it will need to come to a vote on the floor of the faculty meeting.
- There is a petition to demonstrate broad student support.
- Council is generally in favor. A concern is raised that it may already be possible to take classes in this area of study without creating a concentration.
- We are potentially willing to sign a statement of support from College Council.

Bylaw Change Proposals…
Treasurer’s Discretionary Fund: the fund can have no more than $3,000 in it at any point after the first CC meeting of the semester
- $3,000 seems to be a friendly number
- Proposal to incorporate the word “emergency” into the name of the fund and create a rollover account (we will defer this discussion until January)

Vote to table: 20-0-0
Student Life Advisor: they do not need to come to Financial Committee meetings; instead, the Treasurer will meet with him or her three times over the course of the semester
Vote to pass the second bylaw: 20-0-0

Bylaw change to make Treasurer accountable for presenting the budget of Co-Sponsorship to CC, as they do for the General Fund
- Would this create a delay, since a lot of Co-Sponsorship request are immediate?
- An agreement that the budget will be sent out before the meetings, so Council members can look at it
- Motion to approve: 18-0-2
The CC Website will provide an explanation in percentages and monetary values of all Student Activities Tax and Rollover Funds that CC allocates

- Proposal for it to be password protected for students
- Motion to approve the bylaw change and the password proposal: 20-0-0

Dining Services Visit

- They are here to update CC on their dining plans (who uses which dining halls, what they offer, any pertinent changes, etc.)
- Their big concern has been in addressing the wait in Paresky, especially during lunch
- They are very happy with the changes they have seen this year in the meal plans that students opt for
- They have been building relationships with CC, Zilkha, students with special dietary needs, the MCC, and the Dining Committee in order to meet their dining desires
- They are especially proud of their participation in the Real Food Challenge and their contribution of gourmet dinners
- What about the problem of students not returning plates and utensils to the dining halls? They will do some analysis during break and they will share with CC.
- They will also pledge to continue working to make sure students will all kinds of religious dietary needs are accommodated.
- They are also looking into healthier snacks for the vending machines.

Activism Fund

- Student visitors who had a horrific experience in acquiring funding to attend the Tar Sands Protest
- They believe that protesting and political activism is an essential component of their education, but they had a hard time getting funding to support them.
- They want to propose the creation of a task force to decide how funding for something of this sort (off campus activism) will work
- The College cannot lobby or engage in political actions because of its non-profit, tax-exempt state. The students must emphasize they are acting as individuals and they perceive this as part of their education.
- Idea for Council to form a committee to examine this issue and to look at the funding relationship between CC and the MCC
- Jack, Teddy, April Jenkins, Mike Semensi, and Zach Evans want to work with Jorge Tena ’12 to do this.

A Discussion Regarding Today’s Article in The Record (which accuses CC of laundering money)

Motion to extend the meeting by 20 minutes: 16-1-3