College Council Meeting 1/18/12
7:30 to 9pm, Hopkins Basement

Agenda Points

Academic Issues
- Should students receive their final exams in their mailboxes? Council draws a consensus: yes; the faculty could bring the papers/exams to the Dean’s Office, which could distribute them to make it easier for the faculty; instead, create an option where professors must show graded exams or leave papers in the mailboxes outside of their offices; since students work hard on these, there is a strong sentiment to be able to fully understand how our grades are determined
- A suggestion to bring members of the CEP and the CUL to CC
- Blue sheets: submitting comments anonymously online after finals (in addition to the white and blue forms during the last class session); would be moderated to make sure the comments are G-rated and appropriate; would allow students to talk about sensitive issues with their professors and to make them aware of certain comments or issues; the information would have nothing to do with tenure and the comments would not go to the academic department; limited times for submissions; Council thinks this should be an option. Nick and Fran will talk to Dean of the Faculty Peter Murphy.

Anonymous Grading
- CC will stay away from the logistical problems and focus on whether this is a good idea
- It may stop professors from telling how much a student has grown—but you could always check back in with the prof later, just not before he or she grades it
- The cases are different for objective grading and papers. This may be a good idea for exams only and not papers.
- Excluding tutorials
- Council does not support the idea, but is more open to anonymous grading practices for exams (like in math and science classes)
- You cannot ask for recommendations
- May help professors who are already seeking to eliminate biases in their grading
- Professors could still conference with their students
- CC does not want to pursue this

Budgets
- Law Society: recommending none
- Williams Go Club: $180.00
- SSDP: $500.00
- College Dems: $66.25
- StoryTime: $284.00
- Total: $850.25
Vote to approve: 20-0-0
Free University
- Bylaw additions: Council will appoint a manager for the approaching Winter Study term from the student body by December of each year
- The Treasurer will reimburse the instructors of FU classes for the cost of their classes and supplies (Treasurer will oversee and Council will vote)
- There is a $50 cap for each class
- The FU Coordinator (this year is Harry Gilbert ‘14) is paid $150
- Need to change funding bylaws, too

Conversation Campaign
- StoryTime and Sit and Savor went well
- Will continue tabling to give out bracelets
- Tonight there is an open mic: Life Dreams
- CC member: “Williams does not teach you how to dream. This is the entire message of elementary school.”
- CC will work with SAAC and Peer Health to broaden the impact: give them to team captains, JAs, MinCo chairs, student leaders, and Claiming Williams attendees
- Contact zre1 for a copy of the mission statement

A Resolution for a College Council Communications Team
- Will assist the Secretary with advertisements, publicity, and transparency
- Consists of two semester-long reps and overseen by the Secretary
- E-mail kmp3 or visit collegecouncil.williams.edu for a copy of the resolution
Vote to approve: 19-0-1

A Resolution in Support of Institutionalizing Williams Day
- A Mountain Day like event in the spring
- Will form a committee and work with OSL
- E-mail kmp3 or see CC website for an online version of the resolution
- CC will allocate $5,000 for each Williams Day
Vote to approve: 18-1-1

Committee Updates
- Budget for Staff Appreciation Day (catered by Lickety Split and held in Goodrich, encouraging staff members to invite a student they work with): $2,500.00 (approved: 20-0-0)
- Aiming for the second week of February
- Chairs will e-mail Krista or Franny with a full report

Vote to extend the meeting by 5 minutes: 18-0-2