College Council Meeting 2/15/12  
7 to 9pm, Hopkins Basement

WSO Updates
- FacTrack updates will only include the last four years and a disclaimer about the extreme opinions that may be posted
- Students can report offensive comments
- They are planning to redo WSO

Budgets
- G-Fac: Navajo Nation, $1,200
- Ephoria website, $175
- Co-Sponsorship, Lehman Council Vitamin E Brunch, $1,000 for 5 events
- Dabkha (Palestinian Dance Organization), to cover performance fees $300
- Vote to approve the slate: 20-0-0
- Benefits Fund request: Winter Carnival Benefit Fund for Higher Ground (re-routed from Great Ideas Fund), $900
- Approved 20-0-0

Capital Investments Fund Request: Sailing Team
Proposal says that Council will buy them another three boats in the fall of 2013
Their current fleet consists of 3 new boats and 3 old boats (potential safety issues)
Request: that we allocate $10,500 in Financial Years 2012 and 2013 to the CIF to afford them new boats
E-mail April Jenkins (aej1) for the complete proposal
They will ask for covers and safety equipment from their yearly general budget
They will be able to access that money in April (the fiscal year starts on July 1st) and get the boats the following fall
The purpose of the CIF is to spread this significant cost out over a long period of time.
They are still promised this money.
Not-so-fun-fact: 17 Councils prior to this one rejected the Sailing Team’s requests
This has to go through the CIF because, according to our bylaws, the goods will last for a duration of longer than 5 years. The way the fund was written, there needs to be a two-year wait between the request and accessing the money.
But Council seems to want to pay for all of the boats. There is a suggestion to change the funding bylaws to say that it is not necessary to have the two-year wait (we will wait till the next Council to consider changing this).
Motion to go with the original proposal in following the CIF: 19-0-1

Free University Bylaw Changes:
- The FU Manager will be appointed no later than the first December CC meeting
- They will be paid $150 from the Council’s Office Fund
- They are required to submit budgets for all of the courses to the Treasurer by the first meeting of Winter Study (up to $50 of reimbursement per course from the Great Ideas Fund)
- They can come back for more funding during WS
- The FU Manager can lobby the Treasurer for funding, OR the individual instructors can do the money stuff
- Vote to approve: 20-0-0

Asian American Studies at Williams Campaign
Lily Wong ‘12 presenting
Looking for CC’s support in the group’s endeavors to hire a professor in this field by the 2013-2014 school year and to eventually see an AAS@W concentration by the 2014-2015 school year
There is a precedent for Council supporting Williams hiring a Muslim Chaplain, but there is not one for an academic discipline
To be clear: we do not look at the hiring budget and we do not have the final say (CEP and CAP do), but we can support the sentiment
Amendment suggestion: to remove the timeline involving school years so as not to prioritize this over other important hiring issues that we do not know anything about
The dates are removed. The proposal says that we support the movement and we will facilitate the dialogue between students and administrators.
Vote to pass: 18-0-2

Activism Bylaw: Jorge Tena ‘12
E-mail Nick Fogel at njf1 for a copy of the bylaw change proposal
Clarifies what we can and cannot pay for as an institution regarding anti-discrimination and political campaign-related events (which we cannot fund)
CC will not discriminate based on ideological beliefs (Fin Com will decide what is discriminatory per the Williams anti-discrimination clause), but obviously money will run out by the end of the year
We will add in that Council may consult the College Counsel
These activism events will need to include an educational component: they must come back and give a lecture or talk about the experience with the student body
Peter Skipper suggests earmarking money every year and suggesting that CC only fund up to 50% of the total cost of $50 per student, so as to encourage the College to make funding activism a priority
We cannot fund events that promote or employ the use of violence or illegal activity.
Students will NOT be required to hold a presentation about the event.
Consulting with the College lawyer is recommended if there is doubt about the legality of the event as per the non-discrimination policy.
Vote to approve the bylaw changes: 19-0-1

Resolution to Re-Examine All Campus Entertainment Concerts
E-mail Francesca Barrett
Suggests that CC re-examine the Concert Budget of $80,000
Improve more student input in planning smaller concerts by strengthening the ACE Concert Committee
Recommends that Council consider allowing the concerts to be free for Williams students (ACE cannot charge money)
No other student group is allowed to charge money for tickets, so Council recommends that ACE not be able to charge money for the Homecoming Concert. Motion to pass this resolution along to the next Council as our recommendation (to think about ways to keep Homecoming awesome, but without throwing one fifth of our budget at it… also, let us not underestimate that this weekend is about the game and WILLIAMS): 20-0-0

Goals and recommendations for the next Council:
Williams Day
Discuss CIF
New York Times being provided, more newspapers
Rollover investing possibility
SAAC and Lehman Council collaboration
Budget allocation process needs to be more transparent
Number of uncontested seats and disengagement
Funding between MCC and CC
ACE discussion using resolution as a starting point (charging for tickets)
CC MinCo campus conversations
Staff Appreciation Day
Finals return
Williams Think Tank
Bringing in committee chairs
Attendance has been terrible—address this policy
Continue exercise classes
CC and The Record conversations
Elections Committee
Students Against Silence movement
Clean up the bylaws
Website
Increase communication and clarify the truth
Provide resources for mental health stuff
Before I Graduate wall
Support groups related to Rape and Sexual Assault
CC Snacks
Support Frosh Council
Continue SuperFan
SAAC rep and considering the composition of College Council (including ACE)
Bike Share
Williams History
More Great Ideas throughout the year
Looking at role of Council in community building
Comment box on CC website
CC liaisons to student groups
Plan for rollover funds
Student programming and space use
Bringing in more admins
Returning back to order and clarifying rules
Better Treasurer training
Crash Course in CC before the first meeting
CC IS NOT A PROGRAMMING BODY

We thank all of the seniors on College Council ESPECIALLY AMANDA WEATHERHEAD

“WE WERE ON THE COUNCIL WHEN SHIT WHEN DOWN.” –Francesca Barrett ‘12, CC Co-President

Nick closes by defending College Council. People in this room really care.