Minutes and Voting Record
October 10, 2012

Status: Approved
CALL TO ORDER: 7PM

ROLL CALL

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. SuperFan
   b. You Are Not Alone/Mental Health Committee

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    Approval of Council minutes from October 3, 2012

    Motion to Approve: Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer)
    Second: Jesus Espinoza ’16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
    Vote: 24-0-0

III. FUNDING REQUESTS
     Presentation, and approval, of funding requests for the week.

     Motion to Approve Slate: Ben Augenbraun ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.)
     Second: Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.)
     Vote: 20-0-4 (Emily Dzieciatko, Rani Mukherjee, Kirby Neuner, Kate Flanagan)

IV. COLLEGE COUNCIL FUNDING DISTRIBUTION
    Presentation of distribution of funds by the Council Treasurer for Council approval, as
    mandated in the College Council bylaws.

    Motion to Approve all but GFAC: Adrian Castro ’14 (Secretary)
    Second: Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer)
    Vote: 23-1-0 (Kate Flanagan ’14)

    Motion to Approve GFAC: Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer)
    Second: Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
    Vote: 24-0-0

V. COLLEGE COUNCIL COMMITTEES
    Presentation of all Council committees and information regarding appointing members
    of Council onto these committees.

VI. STUDENT-FACULTY TASKFORCE APPOINTMENTS
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    and Sexual Assault task force and Office of Communications Planning Task Force
VII. MEN FOR CONSENT IN THE RECORD
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VIII. SUPERFAN FUND
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IX. STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE UPDATE
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X. COLLEGE COUNCIL GOALS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
CALL TO ORDER: 7PM

ROLL CALL

Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President) welcomed everyone to the meeting. She welcomed all of the proxies for tonight: Sam Tripp ’14, Rachel Li ’16, Harry Gilbert ’14, Maya Hawkins-Nelson ’14, and Dylan Griswold ’15.

Kristen Sinicariello ’13 (Class of 2013 Rep.) and Brian McGrail ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) were missed the first vote and therefore, were marked absent.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   c. SuperFan
   d. You Are Not Alone/Mental Health Committee

Gia Recco (Mental Health Committee Co-Chair) explained You Are Not Alone and invited Council to attend. This event was started during the 2010-2011 school year as a way for students to share personal struggles they face at any given moment. Students are invited to attend and simply listen or participate in the actual event.

Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President) announced that SuperFan was going to have busses to Amherst for the games this weekend.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Council minutes from October 3, 2012

Motion to Approve: Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer)
Second: Jesus Espinoza ’16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
Vote: 24-0-0

XIV. FUNDING REQUESTS

Presentation, and approval, of funding requests for the week.

The following groups requested money: WOC, Women’s Rugby, WBFC, Frosh Council, Yearbook, Law Society, Republican Club.

Motion to Approve Slate: Ben Augenbraun ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.)
Second: Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.)
Vote: 20-0-4 (Emily Dzieciatko, Rani Mukherjee, Kirby Neuner, Kate Flanagan)

There was an appeal by the Williams Law Society. They sought a change in their allotment due to the error made. This vote was included in the slate approved.
XV. **COLLEGE COUNCIL FUNDING DISTRIBUTION**

Presentation of distribution of funds by the Council Treasurer for Council approval, as mandated in the College Council bylaws.

- GFAC: $58,012.82
- Co-Sponsorship: $41,500
- Projects: $30,000
- Nationals: $6,000
- Benefits: $4,000

Motion to Approve all but GFAC: Adrian Castro ’14 (Secretary)
Second: Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer)
Vote: 23-1-0 (Kate Flanagan ’14)

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XVI. **COLLEGE COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Presentation of all Council committees and information regarding appointing members of Council onto these committees.

Peter Skipper ’13 (Co-President) explained that these are internal committees designed to allow Councilmembers to do more for the student body. There are six groups: Finance Committee, Communications Team, Great Ideas, Mental Health, Student Organizations, and SuperFan. All students were asked to submit self-noms to the Appointments Committee.

XVII. **STUDENT-FACULTY TASKFORCE APPOINTMENTS**

Information about two task forces that faculty need students appointed to: the Rape and Sexual Assault task force and Office of Communications Planning Task Force

Peter Skipper ’13 (Co-President) began by saying that when faculty create task forces and need students, one source they look to is College Council. Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President) announced that Dean Bolton needs a student for the Rape and Sexual Assault Task Force, which meets weekly, to discuss issues of rape and sexual assault on campus. Adrian Castro (Secretary) presented a task force created by the Communications Office that will look at the presidency of Jack Sawyer ’39, who was the first president to admit women to Williams and was integral to the removal of fraternities on campus. One student is needed for that, too.
XVIII. MEN FOR CONSENT IN THE RECORD
Presentation by Henry Bergman ’15 (Spencer Board Rep.) regarding Men for Consent and their request to Council for support behind an initiative they are currently undertaking.

Henry Bergman ’15 (Spencer Board Rep.) explained the purpose of Men For Consent, a group that is trying to prevent Rape and Sexual Assault on campus. MFC does a lot more advocacy on campus and educates students about consent. He stated some facts: by the time someone at Williams graduates, at least 2 girls from his/her entry will be sexually assaulted. He is proposing adding a section to the Record that will include some of these statistics every week. He wants Council to support this so that they can present it to the Record and see if this is possible. The Record at the moment refuses to do this, so they are presenting this issue to multiple groups on campus for support, since rape and sexual assault are very important issues at Williams.

The following questions were presented and answered:

• What will the section look like? It will be a box with statistics like the ones above that will be hopefully inserted on the first or second page.
• Can we see what it’ll look like before we vote on it? Yes
• Can someone pay for advertisement space instead? Looked at it, but only group with such capital is CC.
• Why not weekly op-eds? Take too much time and they want it to be something small and easy to read

Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) reminded Council that while this seems like a good idea, it’s a slippery slope for Council to mandate another student group that strives to be independent from doing anything. This is breaching on their right to function as an independent newspaper (even though they do receive SAT money).

Lindsay Thygesen ’14 (The Record) stated that they strive to be fair to all groups on campus. While this group believes that their issue is important, what makes them more legitimate than other groups? In other words, it would set a dangerous precedent if the Record began to publish these and other similar items because of the future need to have to sort through what is “important” and what isn’t.

The conversation was tabled until next week so that MFC can answer the questions and present more information about their proposal.
XIX. SUPERFAN FUND
Initial discussion regarding the sustainability of SuperFan and the potential creation of a fund for it to continue functioning as it currently is

Peter Skipper ‘13 (Co-President) began by stating that this program has been funded very informally the past few terms of Council. Though it’s technically a Great Idea, it’s been treated as a separate project; we want to institutionalize it now, though. In order to do this, we need to figure out the revenue stream to continue the program, but in a way that it has its own rules and procedures through, say, a separate fund.

Krista Pickett ‘13 (Co-President) added that this is essential to nail down because funding is always a question when it comes to SuperFan events.

Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.) asked about the longevity of the program and stressed the importance of adding language to any proposed resolution stating that this program will not continue indefinitely. Peter added that this Council should not look at the long term, but instead, focus only on the present, which is their desire to fund it now. He added that the fund won’t be too specific as to what can be funded, but more of a pocket of money.

Emily Dzieciatko ‘15 (Assistant Treasurer) stated that currently, the program has been breaking the bylaws because SuperFan has been charging for items and spending money without any approval. She reiterated that we cannot buy things and then give away.

Peter stated that, unlike other student groups, College Council is not a student group and therefore, is not subject to the same rules that others must follow. Emily disagreed and stated that because CC does not want to fund this in the long term, this must be a separate student group in order to receive outside funding; it shouldn’t be a CC committee.

Adrian Castro ’14 (Secretary) asked about their current items and who approved all of the items that they now charge for. Krista stated that CC Campus funded a part of it—the busses, that is—during the summer.

Brian McGrail ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) asked where the profit goes. Peter stated that it is currently sitting in the CC Suite and has no set function.

XX. STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE UPDATE
Discussion on the Baxter Fellow system and their role with regards to noise complaints and partying on campus, presented by members of the Student Safety and Security Committee.

Adrian Castro ’14 (Secretary) and Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.) ran the discussion for this section. In their Student Safety and Security committee meetings, Dave Boyer, Director of Security, stated that one of the most common problems on campus is the fact that students call in noise complaints early on in the night, thus prompting security to attend to these issues (by usually shutting down the parties). He suggested that this could be due to the lack in available housing for students seeking
Quiet Housing. As a result, Adrian and Max wanted to bring this to Council to discuss and see what more should be done.

Adrian proposed the idea that Baxter Fellows should play a larger role in this and that, because they are paid agents of the College, should have the task of responding to noise complaints before security gets involved, a system similar to that at Connecticut College.

Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) added that the problem with this is that many students don’t want this responsibility and don’t sign up with this in mind. Additionally, though some students may be put in these situations where they don’t want to be in party houses, many just want to return to quiet homes without huge parties occurring downstairs. The problem (and benefit) of Williams is that we lack a strict noise policy, so this causes a lot of problems when complaints are made. This is something the committee can look at.

Kristen Sinicariello ’13 (Class of 2013 Rep.) added that it is important to get Baxter Fellows involved since they control the space, but it’s important to ensure there is constant communication between students and security to avoid these issues. If students can deal with it safely at first, then that might be the best solution. Erica Moszkowski ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.) concurred and added that Baxter Fellows shouldn’t be the new “bad cop,” but should be more involved in the process.

Kate added that the Committee should talk to OSL as well to discuss this issue, why upperclassmen housing was set up the way it was, and how to go about implementing some community standards on campus.

XXI. COLLEGE COUNCIL GOALS

XXII. OPEN TIME

Bike Share is happening! Rani Mukherjee ’15 (Wood Board Rep.) explained. The program will serve as a bike rental system. The Purple Bike Coalition has agreed to help! In order to offset costs, they are looking at the possibility of having students pay to brand the bikes with their name on them! This way, there could be some revenue to help with all costs associated with the program. They will be using bikes that are currently in the bike shed maintained by Security. During the summer, the confiscated all bikes that were not registered, thus giving Council access to hundreds of bikes for this program. It should be up within a few weeks!

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