Minutes and Voting Record

October 17, 2012

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:01PM

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Peter Skipper ’13 (Co-President) welcomed everyone to Council and asked the proxies to introduce themselves: Catherine Gerks (Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.)) and Ellen Finch ’16 (for Corey Michon (Armstrong/Pratt Rep.)).

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Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President) discussed the NESCAC Conference in November. More details to follow.

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X. DINING COMMITTEE

Conversation with Tyler Sparks ’15, Chair of the Dining Committee, Bob Volpi , and Chris Abaysinghe, Director of Dining Services on the possible restructuring of the meal plan and other issues pertaining to Dining Services.

Chris and Bob began by talking about some of the items they’ve worked on thus far: NetNutrition, health vending machines, more food from local vendors. Tyler addressed the two areas that the Committee is working on: Meal Plan Restructuring and longer hours for Snack Bar.

Meal Plan Restructuring

The way this would work is that there are two potential plans that may be implemented: the first, charging a comprehensive fee that allows students to eat without swiping in. The second, a hybrid program, where leftover meals are reimbursed. Additionally, they may look at changing the meals paid for so that, instead of 10, 14, and 21, it would be 7, 12, 21. Bob added that though the comprehensive fee seems popular and many schools have this, Middlebury recently approached Williams to change their system to mimic ours.
The following questions/suggestions were presented:

- How will snack bar fit in the comprehensive fee system? Come and go as you please! You’ll be able to get snack bar whenever you want.
- Can students pay per meal instead of being forced to be on a plan? Recent trends show students are eating more/purchasing higher plans. Also, the nutritional aspect makes it hard to allow students to get completely off.
- Include guest swipes for smaller meal plans
- Survey should be done to see why students move around meal plans
- Can students get more from Grab N Go? At the moment, they are producing all they can with the workers they have. They would be unable to produce more food.
- Can we monitor points online? No, not at the moment. Working on that.

**Longer Snack Bar Hours**

The idea is that, in order to maintain costs, snack would be extended and a dining option (ex. the Grill on Mondays) would close to accommodate for this change. Dining would be willing to do this if there is enough student demand.

- Can Snack Bar just open and close later? No, because workers still have to be present at the time they currently arrive, so it wouldn’t really reduce costs.
- Is this overtime for employees? Yes.
- Don’t employees want to work longer to make more money? Not just a matter of paying dining members more, but affects security and custodial schedules
- Do people actually want longer snack bar hours? Yes, it affects social scene and is seen as a community event.

A straw poll was cast to see how students felt: a majority felt that the Committee should continue looking at both as options for the future.

XI. COMMITTEE BREAKOUTS
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XII. CC/MINCO FORUM
Discussion on the possible creation of a College Council/MinCo forum to discuss issues pertaining to students on campus

*Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.*) described this item. Essentially, MinCo wants to co-sponsor discussions with College Council that pertain to various aspects of one’s identity (ex. religion). These talks would hopefully bring in people from all parts of campus because at the moment, all students don’t feel represented by Council.

*Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.*) asked if this was all campus, or a meeting between CC and MinCo. *Kate* responded that this was all campus and would mimic conversations held in Henze Lounge last year. A student would take notes and members of both organizations would run the discussion.
Benjamin Fischberg ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) asked if these talks were MinCo related, why didn’t MinCo just host the talks? On the contrary, if this is an all campus Council event, why isn’t Council just hosting these talks and inviting MinCo and guests? Kate responded that the goal is to facilitate conversations between two parts of campus that don’t necessarily always feel well represented by either side. This would be a great way to bridge the gap between MinCo and CC.

Ben Augenbraun ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.) added that, while this sounds worthwhile, the problem is that if an event is sponsored by MinCo, most of the time, the students who show up are affiliated with MinCo and as a result, may not show up, even if co-sponsored by College Council. Kate responded that the contrary is also true: if you label it a CC event, MinCo people wouldn’t show up. One of the benefits of collaborating is that it won’t isolate anyone.

A straw poll was help. A majority believed that they would only be in favor of this if more conversation can be held on it.

XIII. CC GOALS
Discussion of Council goals for this term of Council.

These are some of the goals mentioned for the semester:
• Better advertisement of Committee members
• Monthly MinCo/CC meetings
• Umbrella shed
• Printers everywhere on campus
• Water machines in Frosh Quad
• CC/Art History/CDE partnership
• Looking at Security and their policies this year

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