Minutes and Voting Record
October 24, 2012

Status: Approved
CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. NESCAC Conference

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    Approval of Council minutes from October 10 and October 17, 2012

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   Second: Jesus Espinoza ‘16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
   Vote: 21-0-0

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

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   Second: Adrian Castro ‘14 (Secretary)
   Vote: 21-1-0 (David Michael (proxy for Ben Fischberg ’14))

   Motion to Approve Nationals: Emily Dzieciatko ‘15 (Assistant Treasurer)
   Second: Jesus Espinoza ‘16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
   Vote: 22-0-0

   Motion to Approve Benefits: Adrian Castro ‘14 (Secretary)
   Second: Jesus Espinoza ’16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
   Vote: 20-0-2 (David Michael (proxy for Ben Fischberg ’14) and Rani Mukherjee ’15)

   Motion to Table ACE Budget: Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
   Second: Henry Bergman ’15 (Spencer Board Rep.)
   Vote: 20-2-0 (David Michael ’13 (proxy for Ben Fischberg) and Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.))

IV. COLLEGE COUNCIL & MINCO CONVERSATION
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V. GREAT IDEAS COMMITTEE UPDATE
   Update by the Great Ideas Committee and all the awesome things they’ve been working on thus far!
VI. SUPERFAN FUND UPDATE
Update by the SuperFan Committee on the status of the SuperFan Fund

VII. ROLLOVER UPDATE
Presentation by Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.) on the Rollover Fund and the creation of a taskforce to look at what College Council wants to do with the rollover we currently have

VIII. COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE LIFE UPDATE
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IX. OPEN TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
CALL TO ORDER: 7:01PM

Krista Pickett ’13, Co-President, welcomed everyone and asked the proxies and guests to introduce themselves: Valeria Gonzalez ’13, Qaim Wynter ’14, Rachel Li ’16, Brandon Abasolo ’13, Dilia Ortega ’13, and Taylor Bundy ’13.

Ben Augenbraun ’15 and Ben Fischberg ’14 were absent for the meeting.

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Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President) reminded Council about the conference and asked everyone to think of topics that they want to discuss at the conference.

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   Jillie Schwiep ’13 (Treasurer) presented the budgets for the week:

   Slate 1: Hip-Hop/Soul/Motown Concert, SoCA, Real Food, BSU, and Quest Club.

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Slate 2: Concert request from ACE

The ACE Concerts Committee submitted a proposed budget for $55,000 for a concert in the Spring. The budget was presented to the Finance Committee, but was returned to Council with a Vote of No Recommendation. As a result, this item must be voted on by College Council and not by FinCom (Article VI. Section 8(c.2)).

Jillie Schwiep ’13 (Treasurer) presented her recommendation: ACE should charge $15 per ticket sold for the concert to make up some of the costs. Though College Council has stated it will not allow groups to charge (and is stated in the bylaws), Jillie expressed the necessity of doing so and state that she will allow ACE to charge if the budget is approved (according to the bylaws, the Treasurer is allowed to waive this stipulation for any group—Treasurer’s Discretion).

Several Councilmembers asked about the recent ACE survey and whether or not students actually wanted this concert, how much Council should pay for it, etc.

Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer) added that ACE Concerts will use some funding from ACE General Entertainment for this concert. If we fund this concert, we would be using 26.4% of the funds available today.

At this point, the following motion was presented:

Motion to Table: Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
Second: Henry Bergman ’15 (Spencer Board Rep.)
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IV. COLLEGE COUNCIL & MINCO CONVERSATION

Conversation with Carrie Tribble and Rachael Hagler about CC/MinCo relationship and continue discussion on the CC/MinCo Forums.

Carrie Green ’13 and Rachel Hagler ’13 (MinCo Co-Chairs) attended Council’s meeting to discuss the MinCo/CC relationship. Carrie began by stating that at the previous MinCo meeting, they discussed this relationship. MinCo as a while stated the following: there is a general sense that CC represents the entire student body but doesn’t always represent minority concerns, while dealing with all campus issues CC can’t always discuss what minority groups want to discuss, and CC isn’t always the “go-to” body because people feel uncomfortable with it. She added that they want to work with Council to ensure that all students are represented.

Rachel discussed the structure of MinCo: it is a coalition of 13 different subgroups that has both a funding body and a general governance body. They get their yearly budgets from MinCo and get supplemental funding from CC.
Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.) and Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) asked what they expect from Council in terms of the forums. Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) explained: a couple of students from MinCo and CC will co-facilitate. The structure is still up for grabs, but at the moment, the facilitators will explain the purpose of the talk, get some personal experiences, and then open the floor to the rest of the audience; it wouldn’t be a typical panel discussion. Peter Skipper ’13 (Co-President) added that the impetus for this came from people who believed that there was a lack of such forums and asked both organizations to look into fostering these sort of talks.

Emily Calkins ’14 and Kate Flanagan ’14 asked Council to communicate via a Google Docs sheet this week to talk about ideas prior to the next Council meeting.

Krista called a straw poll to see whether or not Council wants to continue with this conversation: a majority of Council was in favor.

V. GREAT IDEAS COMMITTEE UPDATE
Update by the Great Ideas Committee and all the awesome things they’ve been working on thus far!

The following ideas were presented:
* Looking at printers in dorms
* Facilitating cooking on campus
* Water machines in Frosh Quad
* Updating the movie library in Sawyer
* Getting a RedBox type thing at Williams
* Clock in Paresky

Michael Williams ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.) added a side project he is working on with Erica Moszkowski ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.) and Adrian Castro ’14 (Secretary). He is looking into getting an MSRC type thing for the Economics and Statistics Departments. After speaking to Dean Bolton, he now has a better idea of how to proceed and will update Council in the future.

VI. SUPERFAN FUND UPDATE
Update by the SuperFan Committee on the status of the SuperFan Fund

Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President) announced that the committee is meeting to discuss the future of the program and look at the sustainability of the program. Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) asked how funding requests are approved now that Council is in session, more specifically, for items not funded by CC Campus during the summer (i.e. how is apparel funded). Krista stated that they just fronted the money for the items. Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) asked if there was a way for SuperFan to honors the athletes of the week. Krista said she would look into it.
VII. ROLLOVER UPDATE
Presentation by Max Heninger ‘14 (Currier Board Rep.) on the Rollover Fund and the creation of a taskforce to look at what College Council wants to do with the rollover we currently have

Max Heninger ‘14 (Currier Board Rep.) elaborated on the purpose of the task force. He wants to look into what rollover is, why it’s a problem, and what Council should do about it. About two years ago, there was a change in the way CC did club budgets, where all money at the end of the year was taken from groups (instead of allowing them to keep the money in their accounts) by CC. This money was put into a Rollover Fund. Previous Council’s used the fund for things like the Great Ideas Campaign and the creation of other funds (like the Benefits Fund and, of course, the Capital Investment Fund). There hasn’t been a formal decision as to what we’re doing with it in the future. It’s not all in one fund, but distributed throughout different funds. Peter Skipper ‘13 (Co-President) added that there is cumulative rollover and there is annual rollover (two distinct things). We use the annual rollover plus some of the cumulative rollover to fund all the funds for the following year. The goal is to come up with a recommendation by January.

VIII. COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE LIFE UPDATE
Update by Lucas Casso ‘13, Chair of the CUL, on what the Committee has talked thus far and what the committee believes they will look at this year

Lucas Casso ‘13, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Life, talked about the items on the Committee’s agenda:
* Library experience
* Financial Aid Office experience
* Psych Services

He added that the Committee receives $30,000 per year, $27,000 of which is for the faculty meal program (allows faculty members to eat in the dining halls with students). The remainder is for the Committee to allot themselves to any budget requests they may receive throughout the year.

IX. OPINIONS@WSO
Opinions submitted to the Council by members of the student body! (Attached on the next page!)

X. OPEN TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
1. I sent an email in last year asking about the bike program, and was told that someone was working on it. I am happy to see that there is free bus transportation along route 2, but I think that getting the Bike Share program would still be good for students without bikes. Please try and get this finished... it's been in progress since spring 2010, and has shown up in a bunch of council minutes and "what we have been working on" emails since then. The last update appeared to discuss talking with other schools that have similar programs.

2. The Goodrich coffee bar bagels are TERRIBLE. Can you please do something about it? I and about 200 other students would be verrrry grateful.

3. Since about 2010, College Council has had the privilege of creating WSO discussions that project above the rest—its own little section where it can literally and metaphorically highlight its proceedings. Historically, it would seem as though the purpose of this subdivision of discussions has been to update the campus on the specifics of College Council general meetings (time, location, agenda), disseminate minutes, and release election results.

Recently, however, the posts seem to spotlight the pet projects of College Council as well as those of its current leadership/membership. I am specifically referencing the posts from October 1 and October 4. Generally speaking, both "SuperFan" and "You Are Not Alone" are good programs—programs that are for the most part more than acceptable in their own right. I question, however, the appropriateness of their placement as "CC Updates." The precedent, as I have already mentioned, seems to be on procedural and institutional concerns; these cases, however, verge on programmatic advertisements and marketing. Moreover, these groups and projects are separate from the essential functioning of College Council.

As far as I know, no other College Council committee has the same sort of access to this form of mass promotion. (The same can be said for College Council registered student groups.) For whatever reason, Mental Health committee is a special case. Why is that? What makes Mental Health committee or SuperFan special? Their purviews are no greater than others—just as Mental Health discusses the mental health of the entire campus, Committee on Undergraduate Life discusses the lives of the entire campus, and they too hold occasional events. The same can be said of All-Campus Entertainment, which often holds events for the entire campus.

These two posts also break with the policy for all-campus emails, which, again, seem to be informational, institutional, and procedural. Though two distinct mediums of information dissemination, they share a similar purpose. Again, "SuperFan" and "You Are Not Alone" fall outside of this paradigm.

As the leader of a number of campus student groups, it dawns on me that I do not have similar access to such large-scale marketing means. These groups throw all-campus events that we would like to have populated Here, I reiterate my belief that Mental Health and SuperFan should be considered no differently than these other groups.
It appears to me an unwarranted abuse of power. I ask then: what the regulations for 'CC Updates' are? Why can these groups do this, while others may not? And if these topics are appropriate, what all-campus event is not?

4. Just got a request from some people in Agard that we look into getting a vending machine for them. They make a pretty legitimate point-- they're probably the most remote dorm, other than Garfield, that doesn't have a vending machine near them. Considering the fact that many dorms near student centers have vending machines (Morgan, apparently, which is super close to Paresky and Schow, for example), this seems like something we should look into.

   Just wanted to send this in to get it to peoples' attention, and it was easier for me to send than for me to redirect the requester to email you.

5. Not sure if this is where we're supposed to submit ideas for things that we would like to see on campus, but my friend and I were talking the other day about how great it would be if there were ice machines in Mission lobby and Paresky. It seems like it wouldn't be that difficult to put in, and it would be extremely convenient both for cold drinks and for injuries. As a JA, I had multiple frosh come up to me during First Days saying they had gotten injured at sports practice or whatnot and where could they get some ice. The dining halls and health center were closed, and I didn't know what they could do!