CALL TO ORDER: 7:02PM

ROLL CALL  Daniel Yoo ‘15 (Dodd Board Rep.) attended the meeting today. We finally have a complete Council!

I.  ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Krista and Jessica!

II.  APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2012

Motion to Approve: Emily Dzieciatko ‘15 (Assistant Treasurer)
Second: Kate Flanagan ‘14 (Community and Diversity Rep.)
Vote: 24-0-0

III.  FUNDING REQUESTS

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

This item was moved to the end of the meeting.

Motion to Approve: Rani Mukherjee ‘15 (Wood Board Rep.)
Second: Jesus Espinoza ‘16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
Vote: 24-0-2 (Erica Moszkowski ‘15 and Kate Flanagan ‘14)

There was a motion to extend the meeting by 10 min by Adrian Castro ‘14 (Secretary). The motion passed.

Motion to Approve ACE Concerts Budget: Henry Bergman ‘15 (Spencer Board Rep.)
Second: Jesus Espinoza ‘16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
Vote: 24-1-2

Ben Augenbraun ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.) asked for a Vote by Roll Call:

Y  Adrian Castro (Secretary)
Y  Jillie Schwiep (Treasurer)
Y  Emily Dzieciatko (Assistant Treasurer)
Y  Kate Flanagan (Community and Diversity Rep.)
Y  Liz Visconti (Class of 2013 Rep)
Y  Laura Calloway (Class of 2013 Rep)
Y  Kristen Sinicariello (Class of 2013 Rep)
Y  Katie Holmes (Class of 2013 Rep)
Y  Emily Calkins (Class of 2014 Rep)
Y  Ben Fischberg (Class of 2014 Rep)
IV. CONVERSATION WITH CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY

Conversation with Director Dave Boyer and Tony Sinico in CSS to discuss security issues on campus today and build a stronger relationship with the office.

Peter Skipper ’13 (Co-President) welcomed Dave and Tony to the Council meeting tonight. Dave began by talking about the recent hurricane and how Campus Safety and Security is equipped to deal with all sorts of disasters. He stated that recently, they invited the Department of Justice to bring other agencies to campus for a day of workshops that allowed the Office to meet more people involved with security and know who to contact for different issues. In terms of preparation for disasters like the hurricane, they are preparing more trainings in the coming semester to ensure his staff is well equipped for all disasters, both man made and natural, and hopes that people know how hard his staff works and is ready for such events (we definitely do, Dave!).

Q&A

The following questions were asked and answered:

1. **(Erica Moszkowski)** Amount of noise complaints this year? Currently in the process of upgrading their systems to have better records, but it seems to be normal compared to last year.

2. **(Kate Flanagan)** Do all events have to be registered? It’s a policy set by the school, not CSS, and it ensures that all parties involved know what is happening on any given day so that all the logistics are thought of before the actual event.

3. **(Peter Skipper)** Is there a way to aide in the development of better relationships between students and security when, on the one hand, security and students want to interact with each other and build stronger relationships and, on the other, security is forced to respond to all calls, thereby resulting in conflicts between both parties when, say, parties are broken up? CSS hopes that students can solve minor problems on their own. 5-10 years down the road, students will remember their interactions with one another, not necessarily just what they learned in the classroom. They want to educate students and help them better communicate.
Unfortunately, once CSS gets called, it becomes gray because the officer is required to respond. Many times, the solution is as simple as reducing the volume of the stereo system playing music and most of the time, students comply. When there are repeat offenders or contentious students, the situation changes.

4. **(Brian McGrail)** There seems to be an inconsistency in policy. How much latitude is available for officers to use individual discretion? Dave: Officers should be pouring out alcohol and breaking up gatherings. There is no written policy, which allows officers to have discretion. When hosts and servers are around, for example, the Officers are able to use them to help and alleviate the situation. Additionally, the response is better when students are respectful of the officers. Drinking is illegal for those under 21 and while most schools have a definitive policy for drinking, Williams doesn’t. Their goal isn’t to fine all students who get caught or penalize them for their actions. Instead, they meet with students to educate them and talk to them about their actions. They don’t make the rules, they just enforce them because their number one priority is safety. The thing about Williams is that most, if not all, rules are made in committees with students, so students are included at all stages of the process. The problem is that when too many students don’t follow these rules and get sick, for example., the neighboring communities are deeply affected because of the ambulances that have to come to campus instead of assisting those in community that also have medical emergencies.

5. **(Max Heninger)** What are the policies surrounding investigations/can CSS go through webmail accounts for information? The only way CSS can do this is by preparing an affidavit and getting an act of Congress approving of this. In the past 25 years, he (Dave) has done this once or twice; it is extremely rare. The most comparable thing they’ve done is look at Purple Air records to see who was present in buildings, and this was done during the FBI investigation last year following the hate crime.

6. **(Kate Flanagan)** Who oversees parking and where does the money go? Money goes into the general fund that is then used to repair things on campus (like street signs that randomly disappear). In terms of parking, College Council set up the parking lottery and the administration comes up with the rules. There was a move recently by senior administrators to push students to not have cars on campus, thus resulting in an increase in fines, but CSS itself does not come up with the rules. Students currently have to move their cars early to ensure that faculty have their spots available and, in the winter, so the facilities can plow and do what they need to do to prepare the campus for the day.

Tony also added that parking is an issue for all parties involved on campus. They try their best for lobby for all sides and find a compromise that will suit everyone on campus. Unfortunately, though, not everyone listens and follows directions. According to Dave, faculty are some of the worst parkers on campus, so students shouldn’t feel targeted; faculty members don’t get off the hook!
Thanks CSS!

V. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY UPDATE

Update from Michael Girouard ’13, Student Chair of the CEP, to hear about what the CEP is currently working on and update CC on potential items for CC to consider for the Fall.

Michael Girouard ’13, Student Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy, updated Council on what the Committee is currently working on and offered some items to consider for the future. The CEP evaluates and implements changes in the curriculum. All substantial changes in curriculum are reviewed by the CEP before the faculty even approve it. In the fall, they are able to be more flexible in terms of what they discuss. Recently, they’ve looked at over enrollment in courses, enrollment pressures, procedures for preregistration, the writing intensive requirement, and, of course, the EDI (Exploring Diversity) requirement. Additionally, they meet with departments and programs in the fall to assess their resources, needs, and structure in general as opposed to ensuring that they get the resources they want/need (though they don’t always have control of this).

In the Spring, they have more work to do. They look at new substantially revised courses that faculty want for the following year. Additionally, they look at all requests to change majors and programs and approve of all Contract Major requests. Most importantly, though, they look at the Faculty employee requests for each department and program and present a recommendation to the senior administration.

This year, they are focusing on the EDI. When implemented, one of the stipulations was that it was to undergo a thorough review upon reaching its fifth year; 2012 happens to be that year. As a result, they are currently gathering information and looking at how its been implemented, its success on campus, and its effects on the education at Williams. They are looking at it from the perspective of a program that is undergoing improvements and not one that is broken.

The Exploring Diversity Initiative has five pillars essential to ensuring that courses designated EDI are correctly labeled: comparative study of cultures and societies, empathetic understanding, power and privilege, critical theorization, and cultural immersion.

*Has the committee discuss the Asian American Studies concentration that has been presented by some students?

At the moment, no. There was a bit of conversation last year, but none this year. Because of the plethora of items the committee must complete each year, it only discusses proposals that have been presented to the Committee. There has been no formal presentation for this concentration, though.

*Is it possible to create a program without hiring a new professor for that program?
Yes, a faculty request does not need to accompany proposals for new programs. The request faculty departments or programs evaluate these requests. There is no precedent for non-faculty members (i.e. students) getting new faculty.

Thanks Michael!

VI. APPROVAL OF STUDENT GROUPS
Presentation by Kate Flanagan ‘14, Chair of the Student Organizations Committee, on several groups seeking approval by Council to become CC approved groups.

There were five groups seeking approval today: the Brain Teaser Club, SACNAS (science for underrepresented people), Darfur Cookie Project, Club Tennis, and the Hawai’i Club. All groups were recommended with no reserve by the Student Organizations Committee.

Motion to Approve Brain Teaser Club: Henry Bergman ’15 (Spencer Board Rep.)
Second: Ben Augenbraun ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.)
Vote: 24-0-0

Motion to Approve SACNAS, Club Tennis, and Darfur Cookie Project:
Henry Bergman ’15 (Spencer Board Rep.)
Second: Laura Calloway ’13 (Class of 2013 Rep.)
Vote: 24-0-0

Motion to Approve Hawai’i Club: Jesus Espinoza ’16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
Second: Kirby Neuner ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.)
Vote: 24-0-0

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

Tabled.

VIII. SNACK BAR HOURS
Discussion on previous conversation on snack bar hours and consideration of whether or not Council believes the Dining Committee should continue forward with this item.

Tabled.

IX. OPEN TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT