CALL TO ORDER: 7:02PM (KP)

ROLL CALL

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Motion to Approve Slate: Henry Bergman ’15 (Spencer Board Rep.)
Second: Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
Vote: 25-0-0


III. COLLEGE COUNCIL GROUP APPROVAL
Presentation of clubs seeking Council approval by the Student Organizations Committee.

1. Williams College Investment Group: Finance groups focused on financial competitions (Toby McCarthy ’14 and Jimmy Kinney ’14).

Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.) explained the purpose of this group: to provide a place for Williams student interested in finances to connect with alumni and connect with the field. They also want to have mock competitions. The idea with this is that, while other groups may seem to have similar roles, this group wants to make the case that their role is much different. The Williams International Investment Group is focused on only one area of finance; this group, on broader topics.

Recommendation: No Recommendation

Toby added that the main group is to compete both on campus and off-campus. While it is similar to other groups, they want to focus on all aspects of finances. Unlike other groups, this group will have different alums as advisors which will, again, assist with all forms of finance and not just on one. They plan on competing frequently on campus and are getting alums and faculty to be a part of the group as well. This will hopefully allow students to learn more about the world of finance and help students deciding what to do after college. They also will work with the Investment Group. The main difference is the competition factor.

Jimmy stated that they want to foster more competition and noticed that there isn’t much on campus to cater towards them in regards to resources. There is a lot of jargon that is hard to understand, so this group wants to assist with this as well (ex. how to make a portfolio).
Henry Bergman ’15 (Spencer Board Rep.) asked if they spoke to WIIG to ensure they aren’t stepping on their toes. Toby responded that while they have done some similar things, they plan on focusing on a variety of competitions. They also plan on being a place to compete within the group (and train) while not necessarily go out continually to compete (unlike other groups).

Jessica Bernheim ’16 (Sage Hall Rep.) asked about the educational components (not finance-related people). Toby stated that students will go in with various backgrounds, so they will begin with a general overview of finance and how different entities work. Later on, they’d get more specific and begin competing. The actual software they use is still being finalized, but this software is very user-friendly and will teach students about the world of finance as they compete. This is focused on independent research. With regards to competitions, they’d give cases to groups and assign different people different banks. They’d look into ways to “solve” the issue and push students to do research on their own to solve these issues. Jimmy added that they want to get a panel of different people (professors and alums) who can act as actual financiers to make it seem more realistic. This will be a way to bring a business school type group to campus to fill in an unrepresented niche.

Jillie Schwiep ’13 (Treasurer) stated that a lot of students complain that there are no finance classes on campus. She asked if the group will help fulfill this unrepresented niche. Toby stated that their main goal is to fulfill this niche and give students a chance to become introduced to this field. The competition aspect is to give real world experience.

Michael Williams ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.) added that the unique aspect of this group is that they want to get alums to become directly involved with the group, something the other groups lack.

Motion to Approve: Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.)
Second: Rani Mukherjee ’15 (Wood Board Rep.)
Vote: Kate Flanagan ’14 Oppose, Henry ABS

2. Real Food Williams (Jacob Addelson)
Group was formed last Spring to address food as a social justice issue. Primarily, they leverage Williams’ purchasing power as an institution. They also try to push them to spend their money on better food. Additionally, they work with Zilka and Dining and want to also educate students on campus about the importance of food as a social justice issue as it affects socioeconomics and the planet.

Recommendation: Approve

Motion to Approve: Rani Mukherjee ’15 (Wood Board Rep.)
Second: Jesus Espinoza ’16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
Vote: 25-0-0
3. Williams College Classics Club (Gnomon)
   Club to appreciate classics on campus. There is not a big community, so they’d like
to have a formal organization for it. This would be a way to expose campus to this.
There used to be a classics club, but this group wants to restart it and move
forward.

Recommendation: Approve

   **Motion to Approve**: Adrian Castro ‘14 (Secretary)
   **Second**: Emily Dzieciatko ‘15
   **Vote**: 25-0-0

IV. DINING SERVICES CONVERSATION
Discussion on the extension of Snack Bar hours and whether or not Council wants to
support this initiative.

   *Tabled.*

V. GREAT IDEAS COMMITTEE UPDATE
Update by the Great Ideas Committee and presentation of a budget proposal for an
Umbrella Sharing Program at Williams.

   Matt McNaughton ‘16 (Mills/Dennett Rep.) talked about his umbrella idea. This would
be an initial investment, but his hope is that others on campus will pitch in later to
expand the program. Scratch sharpies ($2.54).

   Emily Dzieciatko ‘15 (Assistant Treasurer) stated that her concern is that people are
going to take the umbrellas and not return them. Krista Pickett added that we can’t
prematurely not fund it because we expect people to steal things. But, it is a concern
for sure. Ben Fischberg ‘14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) stated that it is a great way to see if
students want to steal things and whether or not we want to bring more similar
programs to campus. **Trial program.**

   **Motion to Approve ($294.42 for umbrellas and umbrella stands):**
   Brian McGrail ‘14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
   **Second**: Henry Bergman ‘15 (Spencer Board Rep.)
   **Vote**: 24-1-0 (Max Heninger ‘14)

   Erica Moszkowski ‘15 (Class of 2015 Rep.): Trying to respond to the opinion about the
vending machine in Agard from the previous meeting. She wanted to know what
Council believed and whether or not they should continue. Emily Calkins ‘14 (Class of
2014 Rep.) stated that there are many vending machines on campus, but they aren’t
distributed in the best way possible. Emily Dzieciatko ‘15 (Assistant Treasurer) wanted
to know if they wanted a healthy vending machine or soda machine. Kirby Neuner ‘15
(Class of 2015 Rep.) stated that Council should decide what it wants.

   Kate Flanagan ‘14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) stated that it’s important to look at
where all the vending machines are on campus before we move forward. Additionally,
it’s important to talk to Dining Services about this. Also, she stated that it might not make sense to do this because it will benefit a very small portion of campus for a hefty fee. **Krista** added that it seemed general Council consensus was to table this until next week when more information is available.

**Erica** added that they have received comments about getting lawn games. Their concern is where to store them and the upcoming seasonal change. They will wait until the spring. **Emily Dzieciatko** added that this is something that neighborhoods should pay for them because it benefits their individual neighborhoods more than all-campus.

### VI. COLLEGE COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

Update by the College Council Communications Team and presentation of the next issue of You’re In The Know!

**Krista Pickett ‘13** started the conversation. You’re In The Know came from the Conn College NESCAC Conference, where they have a Conn In The Can that is put up by the different reps on campus. This is how they get their information out to the campus. They feature things like SGA Member of the Week, things that are important to know, etc. It captivates the audience and when they’re done, the goal is to fulfill more than one mission after leaving the bathroom (lol). This was piloted in the Spring, but we want to see how it should expand.

**Peter** stated that they continually hear that it’s hard to always check email to stay in the know.

**Erica Moszkowski ’15**: Submit stuff to calendar.williams.edu  
**Henry Bergman ’15**: Stuff that isn’t in the social calendar, but coming up. Sports games (and not necessarily just Superfan stuff).

**Ben Augenbraun**: Shouldn’t be another poster advertising things, but nice to have small, “how to” facts.

**Jessica Bernheim ’16**: There are a lot of resources on campus and it’d be great to advertise them. Additionally, there are some things on campus (like the rink open hours) that it’d be cool to advertise.  
**Kristen**: Great to see long term events so that you can plan. Additionally, updating it more often would be great.

**Ben Fischberg ‘14**: Need to differentiate between events that are easy to find and those that are harder to find. In addition to dinners, it’d be cool to advertise inviting professors to snack bar or dinner, for example.

**Kate Flanagan ‘14**: Needs thematic content. Concerned about how the CCCT will do all of this. Maybe the CCCT can ask for tips from departments and add them throughout the semester. Also, we cannot advertise all different events; we have to pick thematic content. Additionally, it will make it easier for CCCT if the Committee set a long term schedule to be able to move through a long list. She also added that there are different
people on Council that look after different groups. They can be in charge of writing stuff to publish and the CCCT can edit the actual document.

Emily Dzieciatko ‘14: Great if Council emailed with ideas. We’re not aware of everything that you want to see, so keep US in the know!

Emily Calkins ‘14: Important to delegate this! Shouldn’t just be CCCT digging everywhere! This has potential to be a funny newsletter. One column, for example, could include things like “Take Your Date To...” so you don’t commit to the same things every week. Additionally, it will be great to promote athletes of the week. Peter responded that it’s important to not always advertise athletes of the week, but others as well. Kate added that the athletics department also pays for a section in the Record, so it’d be cool to showcase other students.

Liz Visconti ‘13: Be cool to add deadlines so that students know what is coming up. This can include study abroad form deadlines, JA application deadlines, etc.

Rani Mukherjee ‘15: Advertising alternative exercise classes would be great as well.

Max Heninger ‘14: We should advertise CC events that are coming up, advertising important information that the Administrators want us to advertise, and advertising different CC subgroups.

Kristen Sinicariello ‘13: Get the Person of the Week to help with the newsletter!

Krista Pickett ‘13: Where should they be put up?
  Gulya Radjapova ‘14: Keep them in the library, but also in locker rooms and Morley Circle. Additionally, it’d be cool to have them in NAB and SAB because a lot of people have class there and professors are also there
  Henry Bergman ‘15: Put them online (they’re already updated on there)
  Ben Fischberg ‘14: Good idea to bring to Council meeting to distribute.
  Kate Flanagan ‘14: Maybe OSL can give them to Baxter Fellows to put them up.
  Jillie Schwiep ‘13: In Peer Health, they’d get a person to auction off different places on campus!

Corey Michon ’16 (Armstrong/Pratt Rep.): Advertise faculty members on campus as well to advance the Williams name.

VII. PRESIDENT FALK

Visit from the one and only, President Falk!

President Falk began by stating that his goal is to answer more questions than just talk about issues he currently faces (though he definitely will be doing this). His job is to worry about a lot of things. One of the most important things about Williams is the responsibility that the students here take for the quality of what the student community is. Looking back 50 years at President Sawyer, the fraternity system was very powerful here. There were stresses around that system when he came in, which prompted a real look into the system. That change was about who was going to take responsibility for
the nature of the society of the community of students. In the days of fraternities, there were few students of color, no females, etc. What had imposed that system was external institutions. They weren’t just social clubs, but groups that had an allegiance to national organizations. The bigotry, prejudices, etc. of those organizations were transmitted to the college community. What Sawyer understood was that if the college was going to become modernized, the College had to take responsibility for the nature of social relations. People complained about these fraternities and, in 1959-60, a fraternity pledged a Korean-American student, which was rejected by the national organization.

This decision to abolish them was a major decision to invest in a stronger future for Williams. As time has gone on, it is more and more important for the students to take care of their own community. A lot of the things P. Falk talks to CC about are things not uniquely the responsibility of CC, but deeply the responsibility of the student body. While the Administrators do things on the edges to make things better, most issues can be dealt directly by the student body. His goal is to help students be the agents of these issues, not issues solely for the administration to take care of.

Other campuses contacted Williams with some issues—sexual assault—to see how the administration responded and how the student body responded. P. Falk stated that the great thing about Williams is that the student body itself checks itself and responds to issues. The Administration is able to stand aside and let the students take care of the problems themselves.

Henry Bergman ’15 (Spencer Board Rep.) asked what he envisions the future of Williams College and what he hopes to be his lasting legacy.

P. Falk responded that it is hard at the present to see what will be fundamental changes. In ten years, he hopes that the College will be much stronger at its core. It’s not a period of building or growth for the College (finances still aren’t great, unfortunately). But, he hopes to have stronger academic departments, a stronger student body, and more students leaving campus with an education that is relevant to the world outside of the Purple Valley. Secondly, he wants to be able to get more students leave campus able to communicate and collaborate with others. There is no norm on campus. As a community, we have to figure out how everyone can fit by building structures that make it feel “right” to belong here. This is work that involves a lot of different programming and investing in the College to bring about this strengthening. In 2050, he wants for that president to look back at this decade as one of strengthening the core of Williams and its programs.

Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) stated that she agrees with the lack of building on campus and asked for advice for students seeking the creation of a new concentration. P. Falk responded that the curricular innovation is a great thing for Williams, but is harder and critical at the same time. You have to build new things out of the pieces that you have. There are parts of the curriculum that may not get as much support, though we have professors that specialize in a lot of different places. He stated that the problem with defining new things in terms of new faculty hires is that they have to get put next to every curricular need of the College. Building out of the pieces that
are here is the most important strategy that you want to do, to take the most advantage of what is currently here. The place to really start with what we have for an Asian American Studies Concentration is to take advantage of the current faculty members and learn from them; it needs to be incremental building. But, the most important thing here right now is to build from what we have before we move forward.

Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) asked P.Falk when thinking of Williams as “home” and the “right” feeling, are there productive ways to be uncomfortable at Williams, a moment where students feel that this isn’t the right place? She asked if there is a line between both (wearing the right jeans versus losing five pounds). P.Falk responded that college is not about comfort and ease. It’s about a certain safe sense of belonging; students shouldn’t feel as if they shouldn’t feel here. While students are uncomfortable (students shouldn’t be comfortable), everyone should feel that this is still a place that they still belong at. The alumni are funny because they have very selective memories (true lol). For most alums, the experience at Williams was positive enough in ways that were important to them. The positive things that made them the people they became became the dominant memories. But, many of them forget how old they are and the different time period we are now in. They often forget the important discomfort of college. There is a cult of Bob Gaudino that still exists (he was a Political Science professor who did crazy things to his students, like sending students to India and Iowa). The cult around him is the discomfort that he made students feel. It’s harder to know at the personal level if the discomfort is the “right” discomfort, but a lot of the work that they do in second floor Hopkins is to try to help people who feel unhappy how to fix their unhappiness (what ought to be done). They don’t want to solve every problem, but there are definitely problems important to solve.

Ben Fischberg ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) asked about Williams as a transformative institution. He asked if P.Falk can talk about how he sees Williams changing the internal and external community. P.Falk is shooting for the world he hopes we live in, “one where we get closer and closer, yet far away from each other where we divide ourselves less from each others differences” (confusing, I know!). The world will become more like Williams. The Williams we see today is the world tomorrow. They want to model the behavior that we are moving towards in the next few decades. We are getting trained for the second half of the 21st century (we’ll be 50 years old ‘( ).

VIII. NESCAC CONFERENCE
Discussion on the upcoming NESCAC Conference!

Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President) stated that this will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2012. It will take place all day. In terms of housing, Council will host them.

IX. CC BONDING
A very, very necessary and much needed discussion.

X. OPEN TIME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT