CC Meeting
January 23, 2013

Absent: Ben Fischberg, Kate Flanagan

President Falk Presentation
- Presentation that isn’t usually meant for students, lots of nuts and bolts
- Not an official document; it’s written by Falk, and he saves it on computer to read once in a while
- Not a strategic plan, but a way to enable people to act in their roles
- The ways Falk is bringing about the goals outlined in his paper:
  - restructuring of office of provost for new focus on admission and financial aid and the financial aid program is what he sees as most important part of endowment
  - Williams needs to hire the best faculty, made easier by the fact that this is the best liberal arts college in the solar system (not necessary galaxy, lots of stars!) … but to retain them, College needs to team with town to make it welcoming for professors and their families, eg improving schools and physicians in surrounding areas
  - For academic excellence, reorganization of Dean’s office allows Dean of the College to focus more on academic support and advising; Dean of Faculty’s job has added capacity for curricular planning long-term; new faculty committee on technology to examine how info tech relates to teaching
  - On complexity and diversity of students/staff/faculty: created Office of Vice President for Campus Life from Dean of the College’s purview, examples of ideas here are community engagement, interfaith programs, student safety and living on campus, drinking culture, rape and sexual assault, review of the health center, etc.
  - Looking at the facilities available and making sure they support the communities we have now: focusing on fiscal constraint, planning done on a “sector” basis
  - Setting priorities financially and sticking to them: VP for Finance and Administration tasked with evaluating business operations, working with Provost and CIO on long-term planning for budgets and assets
  - Deepening connections to alumni by making sure we deepen connections to the alumni and between alumni; VP for College Relations and new communications office try to engage alumni and planning for comprehensive capital campaigns
  - The purpose of all of this work is the students of Williams. This is the shape that the work of taking care of Williams students takes!
- Questions:
  - Kristen S.: How closely do the Deans/ Presidents work with Admissions Office?
    - lots of communication between Admissions and Deans. Admissions officers meet students as pre-frosh, and want to see how they’re doing as they continue on at Williams… for admissions people to understand how students respond on campus, they need to understand info from Dean’s office.
  - Emily C.: What is main way in which Liberal Arts education shines through when jobs nowadays require specialization and previous knowledge?
Falk believes philosophically that Williams prepares us for careers, not first jobs. We are now more focused on figuring out sorts of experiences that can fill in the gaps that people at more specialized schools might not have. Another idea is to bring alumni into the career conversations—so they put these two offices next to each other

- Peter S.: Why has the rate of faculty being granted tenure gone up so much?
  - We are better at recruiting great faculty; we are sensitive to their needs and faculty development especially by giving feedback and guidance to teach us; but we also direct professors who might not get tenure to find other opportunities elsewhere before they are actually denied tenure

- Emily N.: How will Williams become handicap accessible?
  - We aren’t a very accessible campus, but every time we renovate a building we make it ADA compliant. Planning committees going forward will make accessibility an important guiding idea—eg this is what the residential sector planning committee thinks about.

- Emily N.: Will planning committees going forward make special bathrooms for transgender people?
  - Not sure what thinking is around that issue. But he will bring it up.

- Max H.: How much of what makes Williams awesome can we teach to other schools that don’t have the resources we enjoy?
  - Even at community colleges, what people take away are their close interactions with faculty members. They have the same values if not the same resources.

- Brian M.: How do we make trade-offs and priorities between different areas of the school?
  - That’s why Falk’s job is hard! Lots of apples and oranges questions. The president, senior staff, CPR, etc. have to come to understanding of these trade-offs in the budget process; there is also an institutional memory that informs the ways we make decisions.

### Budgets
- GFAC vote: Laura motioned, Erica seconded
  - Vote: All to nobody to nobody
- Gun Control March: Emily C motioned, Henry seconded
  - Vote: All to nobody to nobody
- Men for Consent: Kristen motioned, Laura seconded
  - Vote: All to Jillie opposed and Henry abstaining
- Williams Catholic: Jessica motioned and Michael seconded
  - (If we vote no, they go to purgatory- Peter, lol!!)
  - Vote: All to none to Calks and Jillie abstaining

### CC Elections (all this from Krista except otherwise noted)
- Overseen by outgoing officers who are seniors
- Important to remember that this and the last CC changed structure dramatically
- We have 4 more meetings including “lame duck” meeting
- Timeline: this Friday, K&P email student body to get people running;
there will be an information session (where the memory guides we write will be present!) on February 2\textsuperscript{nd}/3\textsuperscript{rd};
self-noms due February 4\textsuperscript{th}, when candidates can start campaign;
February 10\textsuperscript{th} is Record-hosted debate, around 7 PM;
“Meet the Candidates” on Tuesday the 12\textsuperscript{th};
polls open on February 14\textsuperscript{th};
results announced on February 16\textsuperscript{th}!
February 20\textsuperscript{th} “lame duck” meeting to celebrate Peter’s birthday and talk about the things we want to remember and newly elected people have time to think about what they’re going to be doing after they win.

Institutionalization of SuperFan

- Goal: make sure it’s a program that can continue
- Hybrid between “student group” and Council initiative, but without requirement that they come back for money every time they want to spend some
- Liz: it should just be given a budget at beginning of the year, half CC/ half SAAC, make sure athletes in and out of season rotate through being involved
- Max: give them a budget each year, but CC maintains oversight. Day-to-day operations should not have to be run by future CC presidents.
- Brian: wanted to know examples of other organizations that are “hybrids” with CC as one of the pillars. Response: this is unique to the SuperFan system that we might set up. Follow-up: why is SuperFan special enough for this? Response: Role of student government is to facilitate activities on campus, and since SuperFan is community building it brings different groups together.
- Liz: the leader should be appointed through CC appointments committee. Also, something should be written to let people know what the goals of SuperFan are (bringing athletes/non-athletes together and not just being a spirit organization)
- Erica: have designated members from lots of different groups.
- Emily C: eventually, CC ought to be involved as a consultant more than a planner in the process of planning SuperFan events

Community Matters (Kate Flanagan)

- There have been 3… they’ll hand minutes over to administration
- She presented a motion and wants to continue to institutionalize this
- Erica: can we send minutes to students? Kate: she took down list of ideas for specific things at each of the meetings, but she says that if we think the campus at large would benefit from detailed minutes then we should have a secretary at each of them.
- Jillie: can we change the day and time so that it doesn’t constantly conflict with peoples’ schedules
- Vote: motioned by Emily C, seconded by Kate
  - All to none to none

Open Time:

- Jack Hoover (not on CC, just a random kid): emailed Krista about a Model UN program, which there kind of is at Williams but it hasn’t been going very well. He wants to get it rolling again at Williams, and he’s bringing this up not to propose as a new club but
rather to fix that fact that it has essentially become defunct.
  o Jack Hoover is now the Secretary General of Model UN. Peter did that by executive order and by banging the gavel.

Rollover (Max)

- About $120,000 right now

Potential scenarios:
  - Entertainment fund monitored by ACE for co-sponsorship (an idea multiple groups have already brought up as a suggestion). Trial period of 3-4 years, we allocate budget of what we expect large-scale events will be for the year and let that board act to give it out. Idea: draw down the 120K by ~10K allocation each year
  - Rainy-day fund. Set amount of money that CC can tap into if we are ever really almost out of money. Only for emergency uses. We don’t know how much should go into a fund like this, so we’ll talk to some experts and find out what to do!
  - Use the remaining money for capital renewal projects. Examples: well, we don’t know. But we know they exist! We want to come up with a good process to identify these projects without making it arbitrary as a source of money that everyone wants to get their hands on.

- We want to draw rollover down since administration doesn’t like us sitting on big pot of money and not spending it.