COLLEGE COUNCIL AGENDA
November 28, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02PM

ROLL CALL:

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. YITK Distribution
   b. Yearbook
   c. CC/MinCo Forums
      The first event will be on December 6, 2012 in Henze Lounge. The topic will be “Quitting at Williams.” They are currently pushing for “Community Matter”!

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2012.

   Motion: Gulya Radjapova ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
   Second: Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer)
   Vote: 24-0-0

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

   “This cool kid Harry” –Jillie Schwiep, Treasurer

   Motion to Approve all but Winter Carnival: Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.)
   Second: Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.)
   Vote: 24-0-0

   Winter Carnival: This year, they want to expand it and hold it at the Mt. Greylock Ski Club. They are asking proportionately more from everyone, not just us. Concern is that we’ve funded big things so far this year, so we should be careful all year long. We typically pay for the fireworks and have invested in the way we have. The concern now, though, is that its attendance is not as high as it once was. But, this could be a “return to greatness” for Winter Carnival.

   Motion to Approve $500 for Winter Carnival : Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Asst. Treasurer)
   Second: Clyde Engle ’15 (proxy)
   Vote: 15-8-1 (Motion Passes)

   Motion to Approve $250 for Winter Carnival: Jessica Bernheim ’16 (Sage Hall Rep.)
   Second: Clyde Engle ’15 (proxy)
   Vote: 7-16-1 (Motion Fails)
IV. THE ONE AND ONLY, STEVE KLASS
Visit from the one and only, Steve Klass, VP of Campus Life! This discussion will not focus on a specific topic, but will allow students to ask Mr. Klass questions about larger issue items on campus.

Krista Pickett '13 (Co-President) introduced Vice President of Campus Life, Steve Klass.

Mr. Klass oversees community engagement, the health center, dining, residential life, any many more parts of campus. He added that the best part of his position is to be able to work directly with students. He is currently working on several committees and taskforces to look for untapped need on campus. While the student body has changed dramatically, the way campus does what it needs to do remains the same. Last year, they did the residential planning taskforce (which ended up being over 200 pages long!). The report itself is about 50 pages and will allow the administration to positively change the campus. They’re looking at what the purpose is of campus housing and how to enhance housing on campus. They surveyed the campus last year and had focus groups to provide this information. They’ve looked at every building on campus and are now looking at how to best enhance the community (ex. how many beds are needed). There is now a new committee—“Southwest Sector Planning Committee”—instead of a master planning committee because it’s cheaper, easier, and more useful to focus on specific parts of campus. Master planning takes years and tons of money, which becomes outdated soon. In this case, they are looking at specific sectors to reduce cost and time and to ensure the information gathered is more relevant.

In January, they will look at health services and how it performs on campus. There are so many aspects of life on campus that change and this is an area of campus that is feeling this pressure (ex. their facility is too small for what they are trying to accomplish). They will continue to look at what the guiding principles are, how to best help the students, and how to improve what we have to better student life on campus. Additionally, there are many buildings that are currently underutilized and their main goal right now is to look at how to move forward.

Kristen Sinicariello '13 (Class of 2013 Rep.) asked about the Zilka Center and their eco-dorm idea and wanted to know about sustainable housing on campus. Mr. Klass stated that the administration hasn’t, and isn’t, looking into themed housing, so at the moment, this issue hasn’t come up. A lot of the aspects of what they want to do is to renew buildings to make them more sustainable.

Ben Fischberg ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) stated that there have been many issues with noise complaints and wanted to know about the need to quiet housing. Mr. Klass responded that there is always a large demand for it, but there hasn’t been any conversation about expanding it.

Erica Moszkowski '15 (Class of 2015 Rep.) asked if the committee on housing has talked about Baxter Fellows and what their perception is with administrators. Mr. Klass stated that one of the first things he did at the University of Chicago is to look at how programs like this work. He stated that he is glad to see that the program has been taken a lot
more seriously lately, but he hasn’t been involved in conversations about changing the program.

Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.) asked about how student leaders can work in committees to look at the best interests of the College, but still fulfill all goals they campaigned on. Mr. Klass responded that the best perspective to have is a general perspective, one that focuses on the small important pieces of each item. He added that if there is something you can’t ethically support, students need to speak up. It’s important to represent your beliefs and if there is a certain conflict of interest (you’re representing one group more than others), to let the committee know ahead of time.

Rani Mukherjee ’15 (Wood Board Rep.) asked about the debit card idea (the student ID can also serve as a debit card). Max responded that they are currently looking at costs and whether or not it is feasible on campus. Mr. Klass added that if this item requires a large cost, this item may not pass. Additionally, there are other issues that they have to look at before they can move forward with this project.

Krista also asked about rollover and what the best way is of proceeding forward. VP Klass responded that creating a series of options is the best way. All of the options currently presented seem to be transparent, which is key to such items. He added that a cushion piece would be great.

Krista also asked about the alcohol culture group. Sir Klass stated that they recently began an in-depth series of conversations on the alcohol culture on campus. Instead of simply talking about the issue and then writing a report, they are speaking directly to the members of the community that are affected to have a fully dimensioned conversation about it. They are also collaborating with other groups to look at how this issue affects the campus to get a better sense of where we are at as a College. This will be a conversation that will take place for several years that they hope will be far reaching. Aside from the group members, this group will also ask people to attend the meeting to provide their own ideas. It is co-chaired by Dean Bolton and Steve.

Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) asked who the members are and what the results are to the survey from last year. She added that if they warranted the creation of this group, students feel they should be able to look at the results as well. She wanted to know about how the results will be shared. Mr. Klass responded that the group wasn’t formed because of this survey. One of the issues they currently have is that the deans from several campuses have their own data in the large dataset, so they can’t release data without seeking approval from all parties involved. With regards to members of the committee, CC, Minco, JAs, SAAC members, etc. were asked to be on it.
V. APPROVAL OF STUDENT GROUPS
Presentation of new student groups seeking approval, presented by the Student Organizations Committee.

Ephs for Christ
Dylan Griswold stated that the purpose of the group was to get athletes together in a weekly meeting to study the bible. They come together as a group and look at ways to increase faith and perform community service projects in the community. It is a non-denominational group that has between 10-30 people a week.

Recommendation: Approve with no reservation.

Motion to Approve: Emily Calkins ‘14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
Second: Clyde Engel ’15 (proxy)
Vote: 21-0-3

Far Ephs Movement
Roxy Wang stated that this is a Chinese acapella group and its purpose is to sing Chinese music, which represents an unrepresented niche on campus. They’ve been around since last Spring and have their debut concert this weekend.

Recommendation: Approve with no reservation

Motion to Approve: Clyde Engel ’15 (proxy)
Second: Liz Visconti ’13 (Class of 2013 Rep.)
Vote: 24-0-0

VI. NESCAC CONFERENCE FEEDBACK
Discussion of the NESCAC Conference that took place before Thanksgiving Break and brainstorming of ideas for Council based on what we learned.

Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President) stated that she is proud for everyone that showed up to the conference. Many of the students who attended were very happy with Williams and how gracious we were to them. Some of the prevailing topics that came up were relationships with Campus Safety, the alcohol culture, funding, and a lot of organic conversations about how we interact with different people on campus.

Jessica Bernheim ’16 (Sage Hall Rep.) stated that after chatting with some freshman representatives from other schools, she noticed that at Williams, we create a very comfortable environment for students to approach older students with all sorts of questions.

Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) stated that something interesting was different software systems that they use at other schools. Additionally, they have meetings where all student groups must attend a meeting once a month to disseminate information to them. These are two things that Council may want to pursue in the future. Also, the conference was something pretty simple to put together and would be
great to not only continue, but change the topics at hand (not as structural) to address different concerns.

VII. SNACK BAR RESOLUTION
Presentation of the Snack Bar resolution and continue discussion on the extension of snack bar hours.

Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President) opened by stating that the point of the resolution is to extend snack bar hours because of increased student demand and the opinions of many members of the student body.

Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) added that we add the word “limited” to the third whereas. It was a friendly amendment. Liz Visconti ’13 (Class of 2013 Rep.) stated that we can combine whereas 4 and 5. Krista added that they didn’t want this to look like a resolution because of parties,

_Clyde Engel ’15 (proxy) moved to approve, but retracted his motion thereafter._

Carrie Tribble ’13 (proxy): The conversation about safety and alcohol culture is important. But, rather than encouraging a further unsafe culture, it would probably make it safer. The boundaries of the social scene is based on the snack bar closing at 1. Though not key to the resolution, it might be important to include this into the resolution because of the safety and financial aspect. Krista responded that they didn’t want it to center around just partying and drinking. Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) added that the final whereas already conveys the aforementioned sentiments and so we don’t need a new clause.

Jessica Bernheim ’16 (Sage Hall Rep.) added that there is a lot of student support for this. With regards to drinking and driving, we are not responsible for students who drink and drive, but, being realistic, it’s an issue and something we can articulate in the resolution (it may help slow down the pace of drinking). It would be a good idea to state that students drink and sometimes drive and this resolution may help fix that. Kate added that it’s important to say that, but we need to also remember that there is a non-drinking aspect to this. If Snack Bar is opened later, it would benefit them too. It might not help stop drinking and driving, but it would definitely help cater to both drinkers and non-drinkers. Krista added that adding the drinking aspect to the resolution may not be added to the resolution, but she can present it to Dean Bolton and Steve Klass in her meeting with them.

_There was a motion to amend to add “also considering the impact on student employment” to part 3 of “Let It Be Resolved”. This was a friendly amendment._

Motion to Approve: Erika Mozskowski ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.)
Second: Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
Vote: 24-0-0
VIII. ACE CO-SPONSORSHIP FUND
Discussion of a co-sponsorship fund for All-Campus Entertainment and funding on campus for all campus events.

KP: Disjunction in bylaws

Update from ACE
Kush (Co-President), Ashley, and Teal Baskerville were present.

Kush: One of the things they want to work on this year is for ACE to be a resource for groups on campus to go to when they want to plan an all-campus event. They’ve been getting approached a lot more this year by groups and want to expand and improve this service. The other thing they’ve been working on is co-sponsorship. They really want this to happen this year. Many groups have approached them this year for co-sponsorship, so the creation of this fund is essential (they don’t have a budget to help groups out right now). They receive roughly 2 requests per week.

Krista added that funding on this campus is very weird and not centralized. This is a good community effort, but there is no centralized programming body present right now. If we were to put our efforts into this, it might be beneficial to the campus as a whole.

Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Asst. Treasurer) asked what events they currently turn away. Kush responded that they look at several things: 1. Is the event all campus? 2. Will this event fulfill an unsatisfied niche? 3. How will this impact the campus (how many people will show up)? Ashley added that ACE hasn’t turned away groups this year thus far.

Carrie Tribble ’13 (proxy) asked about the previous stipulation requiring ACE to help plan the process and whether or not that is still one of their rules. Kush stated that ACE does in fact still do this. Someone on ACE needs to be a part of the event planning and are therefore, not just giving funding out to groups. Additionally, they also require groups to list ACE’s name on their advertising material.

Jillie Schwiep ’13 (Treasurer) asked several questions: 1. Do you agree with the proposed structure of serving as a centralized body to work towards? Yes. 2. Is there a way to make funding for ACE easier? Not sure. At the moment, they envision ACE being the first pot of money for all-campus events. They would prefer to receive outside money that don’t include all of CC’s restrictions because it’s easier for them to deal with. In general, they just want more money. Teal added that one of their problems is that they hesitate what amount of money they will allot depending on how much CC (FinCom) gives. Krista also included that an idea is to have a person from ACE on FinCom in the future.

Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) agrees that creating a programming board is a great way of moving forward. She added that it might be easier than we currently think! If we just change where people get the money from, they will start flocking their ways. Kate also said that it might be useful to migrate towards a system where ACE sits on FinCom for co-sponsorship next semester and, with the VP of Student
Life, it would be much easier to bridge the gap. If we move towards a system where ACE is the centralized programming board in the future, they cannot help plan every event (so true)!!

Max Heninger ’14 (Currier Board Rep.) added that one of the advantages with this system is that they could step in and help groups in the process, something FinCom itself cannot do. Another crucial aspect of this is to look at where the neighborhoods fit into this.

Erika Moszkowski ’15 (Class of 2014 Rep.) asked what Council’s role would be if we had this centralized model. Kate responded that in her dream, CC would no longer fund co-sponsorship event, but our involvement would not change. The VP for Student Life would sit on that committee and the committee might also include other CC members.

Carrie added that the rules would need to change if they become a more centralized group. As it stands, it works. In the future, it would need to change. Kush ended by saying that they if their budget grew, they would change their restrictions and regulations for funding. They are open to change and working with all parties involved to work on this project!

IX. OPINIONS@WSO.WILLIAMS.EDU

X. OPEN TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
1. I think that College Council does good work. Your jobs are not easy and the student body often gives you shit for it. You can't please anyone. But you should know that I appreciate all that you do for me and even though they may not realize how far-reaching your efforts are, Williams students are grateful, too. You provide a service to this campus and we are better for it.

2. As a member of the men’s soccer team, I want to thank CC for sponsoring the Super Fan screening of our game this Friday for the Final Four. You've been very supportive. We were saying the other day how the student body seems way more engaged with CC this year than in the past. I'm not sure why, but keep it up!