CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

ROLL CALL

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. Community Matters
   b. Communicating via Email
   c. CC Study Bonding
   d. Williams Transport Job Opening

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    Approval of Minutes for November 28, 2012.

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

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

    Motion to Approve: Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
    Second: Laura Calloway ’13 (Class of 2013 Rep.)

     Adrian Castro ’14 (Secretary) amended to vote on General Funding. Emily stated that this was a friendly amendment. Additionally, Adrian moved to table the Springstreeters budget until GFAC and Co-Sponsorship were voted on. The motion was seconded by Gulya and unanimous passed.

     General Funding: 23-1-0
     Co-Sponsorship: 23-0-1

     The big issue discussed today was the penalization of groups by the Office of Student Life without consulting with College Council first. Because of this, CC needs to discuss how to move forward with outside groups penalizing Council subgroups when Council needs to pick up the tab, especially when the penalties seem arbitrary.

     Motion to Approve Springstreeters: Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer)
     Second: Jesus Espinoza ’16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
     Vote: 11-7-6

IV. WOMEN’S CENTER AT WILLIAMS
    Conversation on the state of women’s groups at Williams and how Council can assist the groups in moving forward. Dilia Ortega ’13 presented on behalf of the women’s groups at Williams.
Dilia began by mentioning that there are currently three groups that fall under the purview of women’s groups at Williams: the Women’s Center, the Women of Color Resource Center, and the Women of Color Coalition (defunct). They’ve been struggling to build up a constituency and have had events that have had bad attendance. Currently, they are at a good place to move forward and re-think about how they’ve been doing things. One option they have is merging. Krista asked for a clarification on the rumor that the groups were going to shut down. Dilia stated that most of the people currently involved are seniors and therefore, they are seeking underclassmen who may continue serving in future years.

The following questions were asked during the course of this section of the meeting:

- How do you interact with Women of Sciences?
  - Last semester, they collaborated to bring an alum to speak. They have also started communicating with them to bring a Women of Sciences person for February (collaboration for events).

- What events have you had/will you have?
  - Annual “Women in Athletics” week and a movie screening. They’ve had better attendance than they had this year. Additionally, they have faced a funding cut from the Davis Center, but will plan events for Women’s History Month.

- Will all three groups exist as separate entities or are you considering combining them?
  - At the moment, there are only two real groups. They’re currently looking at whether it’s in their best interest to merge or not, but looking at ways for them to function. They have also faced the issue of defining themselves as a feminist group on campus. Though not a bad word, it does scare people off. Going forward, merging with the Women of Color Resource Center is a problem because that group doesn’t want to define themselves as a feminist group (they want to be a support group) and provide cultural programming. It’s a political debate. The Women’s Center wasn’t addressing the political issues that people believed were important (they were just a mentorship/support group). The split comes from this stance in activism.

- What can CC do to help these groups?
  - College Council can help with funding. Their first step is doing a much better job at advertising, especially to women’s groups. Their theme for February will be “Women in Leadership.”

V. DINING SERVICES
Discussion and update with Dining Services on extending snack bar hours for Friday and Saturday nights.

We had the privilege of hearing from Tyler Sparks ’15 (Student Chair of the Dining Committee), Steve Klass (Vice President of Campus Life), Bob Volpi (Director of Dining Services), and Chris Abayasinghe (Assistant Director of Student Dining) with some exciting details for a new service Dining Services is planning on providing.
Steve Klass began by stating that Dining has spent a lot of time considering the different models for the snack bar initiative that they presented about a few weeks ago (extending Snack Bar hours). Additionally, Mr. Klass has been working with the senior staff with through all of the logistical things behind it. Not only does it mean more time for dining, but it affects custodial staff and security. In thinking about this extra hour, they’ve decided that they weren’t thinking big enough. They are proposing opening Lee Snack Bar during the week until 12am (Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday). On Friday and Saturday, they’d open up Snack Bar until 2am. Only Lee Snack Bar will be open until 2am.

Timeline: Winter Study! The only problem is staffing.

New Items:

Pancakes Galore! They will have four fluffy buttermilk pancakes, topped with berry compote (choice) and will include whipped cream and will be served with local Loka Valley maple syrup. It will also include sausage links, crispy bacon, or fresh fruit with coffee and juice, of course!

Belgian Waffle! They will now have large Belgian waffles topped with berry compote and will include local whipped cream and Loka Valley maple syrup. It will also include sausage links, crispy bacon, or fresh fruit with coffee and juice, of course!

“Rise and Shine”: Two cage free eggs (any style) with crispy shredded has browns and a choice of sausage links, crispy bacon, or fresh fruit with coffee and juice, of course!

“The Crack of Dawn”: Two cage free eggs, seasoned fries, and sausage, bacon or ham in a sandwich.

Vegan Banana Blueberry French Toast: Batter made with soy milk and pureed banana, topped with Wyman’s Maine blueberry compote and served with Loka Valley maple syrup and fresh fruit.

Specials from the Past: Grilled honeybuns a la mode, old fashioned malt milkshakes, expresso, café Americano, lattes, chai, and mozzarella sticks (x6).

Some additional questions from Council:

• Halal meats? Yes
• Do you think that having them open at the same time is problematic?
  o Diversifying the menu will hopefully alleviate from any big issues.
• Can students work at Lee Snack Bar?
  o Yes
• Is there a chance for more a la cart items?
  o They are still looking at the final menus, which are subject to change.
Is there a chance for students to swipe at Lee Snack Bar (similar to Goodrich, where equivalency can be used)?

- The problem is that, since this is mainly used by the staff, there would be no alternative place for them, but they will look into this.

VI. **NESCAC STUDENT CONFERENCE**

Continued discussion on the NESCAC student conference that occurred and an opportunity to discuss the “big picture” items that came up.

**Krista Pickett ’13 (Co-President)** began by stating that the goal of this item is to everyone who was present at the conference an opportunity to bring up issues that they believed would benefit Williams.

Items included:

- Centralized club portal to alleviate many of the stresses we currently face with organizing clubs
- Looking at how other schools manage their honor councils
- Diversity and the division at Williams with CC and MinCo

VII. **COMMITTEE FOR DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY UPDATE**

Update by the Committee for Diversity and Community on their agenda for the year and a discussion on how Williams addresses/talks about diversity on campus.

There were three students present from the Committee to give Council an update on what they have been working on thus far: Carly Valenzuela ’13, Phonkrit Tanavisarut ’15, and **Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.)**

**Carly** began by stating that there are several smaller committees within the CDC. For the student life subcommittee, they’ve broken down the issues into categories: 1. Chris Winters→working with him to do statistical analyses to look at who is dropping courses, relationship to students who are on financial aid and are first generation students, and to determine whether or not there is a correlation. Additionally, they want to look at how financial aid covers this expense and how it affects their summer. 2. Working with financial aid to create focus groups to look at financial aid. 3. Looking at creating an endowment to provide travel funds for interviews and some funding for suits and other items needed. 4. Winter Study Financial Aid: Looking at how it is currently implemented.

**Phonkrit** continued by elaborating on their focus on affirmative action this semester. They’ve looked at the *Fischer* case and how it would affect private schools like Williams. They’ve determined that it might not affect Williams because the school will be able to find a way around it. They’ve talked to the Admission’s Office to look at how they make their decisions and what the quota for students is like now and in the future. They stated that Admission’s is not about fairness, but about what will benefit the College (which is a benefit of private institutions).

**Kate** next spoke about the Community subcommittee and their current task at looking at the implications of actions on the entire committee. They’ve met with OSL to talk about Baxter Fellows and Neighborhoods, but will continue once they are more
consistent with regards to employees. Also, they’re looking at implementing a Common Hour into the schedule, which is an hour that is blocked off for every single person on campus to allow for things that cannot happen with the current busy schedule that we all have. It would also help institutionalize interactions with staff, faculty, and students. They don’t know what it will entail exactly, but are working on that.

Ben Fischberg ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.) asked if Financial Aid is need blind? Carly responded that it’s not. FinAid is now considered. Ben proceeded to ask if it is then responsible to pay for summer school for people instead of helping people applying? Carly stated that it was because it helps current students, who are their current priority.

Kirby Neuner ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.) asked about the current standpoint on a pass/fail freshman fall? Kate answered that it has moved out of their primary focus because the negatives have outweighed the positives. There is a lot of value to this, but requires a large shift in the way we approach academics.

Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer) asked if there was a way to expand the Winter Study option to re-do a class if one is dropped? Carly answered that before agreeing to do this in the past, it took a lot of work to get this passed. As a result, they are working at getting financial support for students before they focus on structural changes.

VIII. GREAT IDEAS BUDGET REQUEST
Request from the Great Ideas Committee for a new clock for Paresky Student Center (Baxter Hall).

The Great Ideas Committee updated Council on what they have been working on and also submitted a budget request:

- Worked on making a snack option available for students who cannot get lunch because of class and for students who are hungry
- Increasing the amount of printers on campus—namely, in student dorms. They are hoping that neighborhoods can pay for it and Baxter Fellows can manage it.

Additionally, they have requested money for two items: a clock for Paresky and cookies for Community Matters.

Motion to Buy Clock and if it doesn’t work, return it: Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.)
Second: Rani Mukherjee ’15 (Wood Vice President)
Vote: 23-0-1

At this time, there was a motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes by Emily Dzieciatko ’15 (Assistant Treasurer). The motion was seconded by Kate Flanagan ’14 (Community and Diversity Rep.) and passed with a 20-4-0 vote.

Motion to Approve Unlimited Funds for this Event (i.e. how ever much they need to make the event successful) : Adrian Castro ’14 (Secretary)
Second: Kirby Neuner ’15 (Class of 2015 Rep.)
Vote: 23-0-1
IX. APPROVAL OF STUDENT GROUP
Approval of a new student group, presented by the Student Organizations Committee.

The Beekeeping Club
The plan is to start meeting over Winter Study to introduce the “how-to’s “of beekeeping. They will order the bees by the end of next week for the spring and they’ll have a single hive for the year. It’s not that much for per person and so for the group, they expect to spend 2 hours on it.

Recommendation: Recommended without Reservation.

SOC has been working with the Administration to ensure that the liability issues are taken care of. They will be housing the initial hive off campus, who is a beekeeper herself. The College is okay with this and in support of this. The risk management team for Williams will set the parameters that they have to follow.

One hive produces around 20-30 jars (roughly 10 pounds). They are thinking about partnering with Goodrich to help them with their Honey Walnut cream cheese. During summers and over break, the lady who is housing the bees will upkeep the project.

Motion to Approve: Emily Calkins ’14 (Class of 2014 Rep.)
Second: Jesus Espinoza ’16 (Williams Hall Rep.)
Vote: 24-0-0

X. MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE UPDATE
Discussion with Gia Recco ’14, Co-Chair of the Mental Health Committee, regarding the gym culture and promoting fitness positivity.

Gia began by stating that there have been people who have stated that the gym is a vulnerable and stressful place for a lot of people. That’s not the goal of it, but it is a stressor that does affect people. They’ve been talking to different people about trying to cultivate a healthier and safer gym environment that sells the gym as a place to improve one’s mental health and not make it a place of vulnerability and stress. A part of the problem is the layout of the gym, which allows everyone to see everyone working out through a mirror that allows everyone to see everyone (so many everyone’s). MHC wants to have a campaign to promote a healthier gym culture, but they want to run by CC before moving forward.

Krista tabled this until after Break.

XI. WILLIAMS COLLEGE STUDENT GROCERY STORE
Presentation by David Michael ’13 on an idea to create and support a student store on campus.

This item was removed due to lack of attendance by the presenter.
XII. OPINIONS@WSO.WILLIAMS.EDU

XIII. OPEN TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
Opinions [at] WSO

November 28 to December 4

1. In CC's update last May, it was stated that we would have a better chip selection at Grab n' Go, including Hot Cheetos. While we do have some new options (which simply do not compare these fiery goodies), we still don't have Hot Cheetos to grab. I was just wondering if we are ever, in my time at Williams, going to have these flaming delights available at g&g. Also under the dining section, it says that we would be able to check our available meal points online. I don't think we can. I don't care about this one as much as I care about the Hot Cheetos, but I'm just wondering. I also don't like broken promises. Kthanks.

2. Why does The Record print so many copies? It seems there are a lot left over. Why don't you go digital?