• Approval of Minutes
  o Approval of Minutes for March 6, 2013
    ▪ Motion to Approve Minutes:
      • Second:
      • Result: 21 – 0 – 0 (two absent)
        o Yes:
        o No:
        o Abstain:

• Opinions@WSO
  o Opinion angry about increase in price
    ▪ Adrian: I’ll answer it
    ▪ Max: Potentially raise SAT
      • Ben: Not sure about raising SAT – especially effects those students that don’t have financial aid
    ▪ Rani: Can be used by ACE to help with getting administration to grant financial aid
    ▪ Laura: Not a new problem – has always been a problem for Spring Fling or Homecoming concert
      • SAT should try and fix this
      • Our SAT is significantly lower than the tax of our peer institutions
  o Concerned about margarine
    ▪ Sent to Tyler Sparks and Jess
  o Twitter
    ▪ Want us to use Twitter
    ▪ Laura will set up CC twitter

• Resolution Supporting Dining Services
  o Resolution presentation by Rani Mukherjee ’15 regarding an idea presented by students surrounding supporting Dining Services and their efforts on increasing local produce in the dining halls.
  o Rani: Introduced
    ▪ Samir and Kaison came – been working with Great Ideas for a long time
    ▪ Plan to have to create website/application as part of business plan competition
    ▪ CC is just supporting dining services in expanding options for dining services
  o Samir and Kaison:
    ▪ Why is buying locally important
      • Connection to food that has been lost
      • Clear trend in student demand
        o Number of Great Ideas
      • Social responsibility
    ▪ What happens now
      • Majority of food arrives at the click of a button from a nonlocal distributor
      • Minority of food is direct from local farms
        o The result of initiative taken by local farmers
Solution:
- Resolution stating our support of selling locally
- Problem of visibility
  - Are farmers incentivized to work with Williams?
    - Not right now – too hard to know the demands of Williams
  - Thinks a web application is the best solution
    - Williams can offer it for the surrounding community

Questions:
- Ben: Why don’t farmers want to sell to us?
  - Samir/Kaison: Farmers want to, they just don’t have enough information
    - Centralizing the information could help
    - Williams purchases less than they could because it is too time expensive for them to create the relationships necessary with multiple local farmers
    - Make it scalable and sustainable
- April: What is role considering business plan competition?
  - Samir/Kaison: Original goal was CC funding – however, not possible because they intend to become a business
    - Still intend to build a no cost system for Williams
      - Allows communication and transaction between farmers and Williams
- Abigale: How many farms have you talked to?
  - Samir/Kaison: Probably around 6 → could increase if more visibility
- Samir and Kaison: Already started developing, already invested substantial amount of their own money
  - Committed to doing regardless of whether they win
    - David: Realistic concerns about having this happen considering the business plan competition. Feels this would be an endorsement of it, which may not be appropriate considering the role this could play in the business plan comp. Wants it to happen after the business plan comp.
      - Also want idea about whether Council should support this type of thing. Should council be supporting business? Feels this is too supportive of just a single solution.
    - Not Council saying something that Constituents want – rather something Council is “rubber stamping”
      - Still thinks it is an awesome idea and an awesome concept but doesn’t think it should be voted on definitely until after contest
  - Stefan: Thinks this is just about local food predominately. But doesn’t feel David’s participation in business plan comp should let council bias.
- Emily D: Are other people working on stuff related to Williams?
  - Matt: Yeah, everybody working on Williams type stuff
- Alphayo: We don’t know the realistic financials of this situation
- Rani: Thinks of business plan comp as more of a side factor. This doesn’t at all need to be a part of their pitch.
  - Feels like only option we can recommend.
- April: Feels inseparable from business plan comp – problematic. Feels it’s tough for Council to recommend policy – resolutions should say things that we believe. We have no legitimacy to recommend specific policy. Thinks we should remove section 2, or if making policy section should vote after.
- Emily N: Thinks we should postpone if teeth. Thinks resolutions need teeth.
- Jess: Dining services interested in local food – this is the only option right now. Thinks we aren’t voting on business as not profit at Williams. We’re not endorsing it as a business plan.
- Ben: Are other alternatives. Troublesome for CC to think about CC endorsing any type of business.
- David: Happy to vote for, move to table to April 10th meeting after the business plan comp.
  - **Motion to Rewrite and Table to April 10th meeting: David**
    - **Questions:**
      - Emily D: How would it effect them?
        - Samir/Kaison: shows student support that can be used with administration
      - Ben: Can we get more info?
    - **Second: Clyde**
    - **Absent: 1 absent**
    - **Result: 13 – 5 – 4**
      - Yes:
      - No: 5
      - Abstain: 4
- **Real Food Presentation**
  - Presentation by Jacob Addelson ’14 on his proposal to sign the Real Food challenge as a College and discussion on getting him the support needed for this to happen.
  - Jacob: Here with Real Food group which works with Real Food Challenge which is a group started by a Williams alum
    - Want to create a network of students around the country to take on the issue of real food
      - Real food is more than just local food (includes fair labor practices...)
      - Come out of idea that global food system is harmful to our bodies and the planet
    - Question as to how Williams can use food budget to cause change
      - Leverage purchasing power to support Real Food companies
        - Hope to shift 20% of purchasing to real food by 2020
          - Connects students across colleges
      - Real Food is asking for the college to sign the Real Food commitment
• Acknowledge that we can make all the monetary commitments that we want, but we must have a sustainable plan to implement it
  ▪ Creation of Food Systems Working group – those who have stake in the food scenario at Williams College
  ▪ Institutionalized committee at Williams College
    o Want college to think critically and complexly about the issue – how money can best be used
      ▪ Think of food as multifaceted, multidimensional issue
  o Questions:
    ▪ David: Can we generally support goals without specifically committing to this plan? Worried about expense?
      ▪ Jacob: The document we’ve been shown is just a rough idea. We would want to tailor agreement specifically to Williams.
        o We are asking CC to support the inaction of specific things (creation of group, reaching of previously mentioned goal, regular audit of food services budget)
    ▪ Emily N: Do you need CC endorsement for this committee to start? What interaction have you with dining services about the feasibility of this?
      ▪ Jacob: Bob Volpi was on board last fall. Williams is doing pretty good right now, but could be doing better. It is definitely a feasible goal. One of problems is lack of student involvement in the purchasing decisions. Dining services is geared towards local, so maybe ignoring other aspects. Sacrificing other parts in order to focus on local.
        o However, at this point Bob is no longer interested in using this model. Probably result of politics, not interested in doing anything with the word “commitment”.
          ▪ Real Food commitment has been signed by other colleges.
        o Hopes CC will provide bottom up support saying this is something we feel strongly about
    ▪ David: Would it be sufficient to have resolution of what Council believes in regards to have local food in order to take care of all people coming to us with questions re local food? One resolution but all these ideas together?
      ▪ Jacob: fundamental difference between the two things. Real Food is about asking questions and implementing solutions, but they can often be thought of somewhat separately.
    ▪ April: Council can either make policy suggestion or not make policy suggestion. Finds both policy suggestions problematic, especially considering that we are not very well informed on this – we don’t understand the best solutions. Both ideas have roots in local/real food. We should do resolution that articulates belief but doesn’t have specific policy proposals.
- Alphayo: We should consider the concerns of the Dining Hall and administration
- Jess: We should take substantive action. Shouldn’t let Hopkins Hall dictate what we do.
- Emily N: Support talking about at the first meeting after Spring break
  - We don’t feel educated enough
- Sam: Doesn’t feel encouraging any type of detrimental policy.
  - Just encouraging committee to research.
- David: Thinks committee is different than having a specific policy.
- Abbi: Thinks that CC needs to support policy with backing of student body
- April: Doesn’t think wishy washy to not do policy, it is wishy washy to do policy if we don’t know what we’re doing
- Matt: Bring in dining services
- Gia: More information and more knowledge – bring back Jacob and Dining Services

- Rainy Day Fund Bylaw
  - Continued discussion of the Rainy Day Fund bylaw change and the implications of this proposal
  - Adrian: tabled it from last meeting
  - Explanation: In Sept, treasurer deposits $20,000 in fund – CC can withdraw money from fund using a resolution. If CC does that, then $10,000 added to GFAC and can be used for this year. Before Council can do anything next year, they will have to transfer $5,000 back to Rainy Day Fund from SAT. CC is borrowing from itself. At the end of every year, we take back money from student funds that goes to Rollover. Normally we cannot access that money until the next fiscal year because it is in accounts of student groups. This just allows is to borrow the money now, and they pay it back. All money is spent in 2013, there is no “rollover” money that we have to wait to access. We’re borrowing from the money that is in group accounts that we will get later, but can’t be accessed now.
  - April: What do we do about CIF obligations? Right now, CIF can only be funded through rollover.
    - Max: Thinks cumulative rollover will be sufficient.
  - David: Can we make the two fiscal year optional. Maybe only one year would be better. Can we add any clarity to dire fiscal situations? It’s too vague.
    - Max: Thinks standardized process for tapping into and repaying funds is a good idea. Thinks Council will be able to determine what a fiscal emergency is better than us. We won’t know their ongoing obligations. It would be an unfriendly amendment.
      - David: Can we at least give them the option to pay it off in one year?
        - Max: Friendly – switched to “at least” half
    - Emily D: Good because separates Rainy Day from other funds. Good to have a short amount of time. My definition of fiscal emergency is that we may not be able to meet operating needs of student groups.
April: Does rollover still go to cumulative rollover?
  • Adrian: Yes. The money is moved from SAT to the Rainy Day Fund. So not technically payed back by Rollover.

Max: Piecemeal solution to rollover

Jess: Are we using new freshman SAT to pay for fiscal emergencies of past years? That isn’t good
  • Adrian: We won’t always have rollover so don’t want to just use that. We also want this fund to be a disincentive.
  • Adrian: We’re out of money this year because we funded 2 concerts and increased subgroup by 30%

Jess: Why aren’t we using rollover?
  • Max: rollover won’t always be there is we can responsibly spend it down and we want to disincentivize

Ben: How will we know that we have money enough to pay it off? Thinks the actual issue is CC and FinCom needs more restraint. If groups and going to be spending more money, we shouldn’t fund it in the first place.
  • Adrian: That’s how the money is supposed to be spent.

April: CC already funds a fairly low percentage of requests. Huge amounts of subgroup requests. CC is already cutting groups to the bare minimum of funding. Thinks it is incredibly responsible decision.

Kate: Thought I made a motion to address dire fiscal situations.
  • Emily D: Possible idea is when we can no longer meet the operating needs of student groups.
  • Max: Really concerned about constraining fiscal groups too much. But Emily’s amendment would be friendly.

Kate: Concerned about what kind of things can be funded out of rainy day fund. At end of semester, can we just pull money out of Rainy Day fund?
  • Does the money go to student groups, or CC projects? We should limit former councils to keep them from manipulating this.
  • Max: Right now, it can go where the need is. The disincentive is that Council will not want to tap into the resources of future years – will be tough to get supermajority to tap into funds.
    o Kate: Emily’s solution doesn’t account if we need to fund ourselves.
    o Emily D: CC Projects isn’t a financial obligation of council.
  • Adrian: Let council decide which fund to place the money end.
  • April: Need to be careful requirements of student groups to function isn’t all GFAC – GetBaked/A Cappella is Co-Sponsorship

Jess: Rainy day fund is appropriate step, but thinks rollover should be the first pot of money, and SAT is used after
  • Max: Feels strongly not the right way to go – unfriendly

Motion to Amend (include definition of dire fiscal situations as defined by Emily – not friendly): Emily
• Second: Clyde
• Absent: 1
• Result: 19 – 3 - 1
  o Yes:
  o No: 3
  o Abstain: 1
• Motion to Vote to Vote on Amendment above: David
  o Second: April
  o Point of Information: Does operating needs of student groups include student needs that are still service but not student organizations?
  o Absent: 1
  o Result: 20 -2 - 0
    ▪ Yes:
    ▪ No: 2
    ▪ Abstain:
  ▪ Motion to Amend (wants to have rollover be the first option, and then SAT): Jess
    • Second: Ben
    • Point of Information: Jess: Doesn’t want incoming Frosh to be burdened by previous Council
      o April: Having it come from cumulative rollover is different from having it come from general rollover
        ▪ Cumulative Rollover is from a few years ago when it was all years rollover
        ▪ Problem with doing it out of fiscal rollover because could harm our CIF
      o Gia: Removes the check on ourselves not to draw from Rainy Day
        ▪ Jess: Don’t think removing check.
    • Motion to Vote to Vote on Jess’s amendment: Emily
      o Second: David
      o Absent: 1
      o Result:
        ▪ Yes: 22
        ▪ No: 0
        ▪ Abstain: 0
  • Absent: 1
  • Result: 7 – 13 - 5
    o Yes: 7
    o No: 13
    o Abstain: 2
  ▪ 67% - need 17 students
  ▪ Motion to Approve Amendment: Emily D
    • Second: Kate
    • Motion to Rollcall Vote: Kate
      o Second: April
Absent: 1
Result: 20 – 2 – 0
  Yes:
  No: 2
Abstain: 0

Absent: 1
Result: 19 – 1 – 2 (need 67% and got)
  Yes:
  No: 1
Abstain: 2

• Entertainment Co-Sponsorship Board Bylaw
  Presentation of the entertainment co-sponsorship board bylaw by Erica Moszowski ’15 to support the allotment of funds to ACE for co-sponsorship events.
    - Erica: explained it
    - Max: Let’s explain before questions
    - Erica: Explanation
      3 year trial period
      CC allocates $10,000 at the start of each year to the ACE co-sponsorship fund
        Managed by Entertainment Co-Sponsorship Committee
          Chaired by ACE Treasurer
          Includes ACE General Entertainment Co-Chairs who vote individually
          CC VP Student Affairs
          CC Assistant Treasurer
          1 member of Minco
          1 rep from each neighborhood
            neighborhoods very important
          2 at large student reps
            submit self norms in Spring
              ACE Board and Vice Pres for Student Affairs would pick
            Don’t have to go to ACE meetings
        Committee wouldn’t allocate money on its own – would be oversight b/c ACE also gets money from OSL
          Propose all budgets would go to ACE body which would then vote on it
          ACE will define who the voting members are
    - Stefan: Why are we institutionalizing the role of MinCo?
      - Erica: Ensure all areas of campus are represented
      - Stefan: Thought MinCo was an oversight body, not a programming body
        Carrie: Minco has committees that deal with funding – does have experience with funding
    - Kate: Was having WCFM member addressed?
      - Erica: Conflict of interest
• Emily D: WCFM’s goal isn’t to be a programming body
  o Kate: Not true. It’s disturbing that CC has kind of ignored the issue. Concerned no one spoke to the entire ACE board

Ⅲ Motion to Extend the Meeting to 9:10 so that we can do budgets:
  Emily D
  • Second: Emily N
    o Result: 22 – 0 – 0
    o Yes:
    o No:
    o Abstain

• Motion to table Bylaw Discussion: Kate:
  o Seconded: Sam
  o Absent: 1
    ▪ Result: 18 – 2-2
    ▪ Yes:
    ▪ No: 2
    ▪ Abstain: 2

Ⅲ Approval of Funding Requests
  o Approval of funding requests for the week!
  o Emily D: Explained budgets.
    ▪ Bellydancing: Asked them to prioritize what they wanted.
    ▪ Run for Cure: Couldn’t fund things they were selling.
    ▪ Anime: Wanted banner, hard drive, and conference tickets. We just funded concert tickets.
    ▪ Quilting: Came back to ask for money for quilts. Cut down.
    ▪ Mens Water Polo: Need to pay refs.
    ▪ Ephoria: Need a car.
    ▪ QSU: Slam poet coming.
    ▪ Jess: Is food necessary for a movie screening?
    ▪ Laura: How much is left in accounts after these?
      ▪ Emily D: Around $7,000 – not counting Women’s Rugby
    ▪ Ben: Why so much per person to quilting?
      ▪ Emily D: As cheap a material as possible
    ▪ Ben: What’s wrong with having professional pick up artist coming considering Council precedent?
      ▪ April: He didn’t have background to speak about what he was supposed to – supposed to be speaking about racial stereotypes. Group is not confident that he’ll be a knowledgeable speaker.
    ▪ Emily D: Asking for goal posts that were torn down last summer. Had hoped school would finance. They won’t. Women’s rugby must have this to function. This is as cheap as possible.

Ⅲ Motion to Approve Funding Requests except Womens Rugby and Quilting Club: Clyde
  • Absent: 1
  • Second: Kate
• Result: 18 – 2 - 2
  o Yes:
  o No: 2
  o Abstain: 2

- Motion to extend meeting by 5 minutes: Clyde
  • Second: Kate
  • Absent: 1
  • Result: 20 – 2 - 0
    o Yes:
    o No: 2
    o Abstain: 0

- Kate: Concerned allocation for Quilting is about lump sum

- Motion to table discussion of Quilting Club: Kate
  • Second: David
  • Absent: 1
  • Result: 17 – 1 – 4
    o Yes:
    o No: 1
    o Abstain: 4

- Motion to extend meeting to 9:20: Clyde
  • Seconded: Emily D
  • Absent: 1
  • Result: 15 – 7 – 0
    o Yes:
    o No: 7
    o Abstain: 0

- Jess: Can we access Rainy Day at the next meeting?
  • Emily D: I’ll write the resolution.

- David: If rules of Rainy Day Fund, shouldn’t we wait until we actually run out
  • Adrian: It’s coming out of cumulative rollover

- Stefan: We’ve given so much to Women’s Rugby – why is this so important now
  • Kate: Certain clubs have higher costs. Requesting things they need to survive.

- Motion to allocate budget to Women’s Rugby club: Kate
  • Second: Jesus
  • Absent: 1
  • Result: 8 - 9 – 5 – doesn’t pass
    o Yes:
    o No: 9
    o Abstain: 5

• Open Time