• Call to Order
• Minutes
  o Motion to Approve Minutes: Quinn
    ▪ Second:
    ▪ Result: 20 – 0 – 0
• Visit from Fred Puddester
  o Difficult to have business on Spring Street – changing demographics that aren’t really hear year round
    ▪ Working towards getting store with Apple products and grocery store grab and go going into the old Saigon space. Student coop has been offered the Newsroom space to try stuff out. But still a lot of things that need to be worked out for that.
    ▪ Fred: What do you guys want?
      • Victoria: Barbershops that better serve diverse Williams populace.
      • Lucas: Hart’s very expensive. Possibly provide different options to drive down costs.
      • Emily C: Is it disorienting for Williams alumni to come back to a Spring Street that is changing so often.
        o Fred: Trying to create payment structures that incentivize small business – including flexible payment. But getting more alums involved is a great idea.
      • Max: Pizza parlor on Spring Street?
        o Fred: Seems like an idea that should succeed, but some difficult things with execution.
      • Emily D: What’s going on with the Log?
        o Fred: A lot of interest among people about improving the log. Steve Klass has put group together – working with students. Very expensive to revitalize – maybe not feasible. So looking at a more moderate approach.
      • Fred: Working with bookstore committee. Have some problems with Water Street – far away, some operational challenges. Thinking about getting a bookstore on Spring Street but a lot of different ideas. Put out a request for information to other book stores and are getting some more info. Getting great responses. Could be a new bookstore soon.
      • Jake: Have we thought about expanding our definition of Williamstown to include Water Street instead of just Spring Street?
Fred: We just don’t have the ability to support a lot of businesses. Just not a big enough mass of people on Water Street to create business on it.

Ellen: What is the vision for what the Log building will be?
Fred: Not on committee but my understanding is that it would be a space open from 5-6pm that serves food and alcohol and coffee. Also supposed to have live music (stage and sound system).

Emily: What is the motivation for the lack of chains on Spring Street?
Fred: Not fundamentally adverse to chains if they are good for campus.

Adrian: Can you talk about Goff’s?
Fred: College doesn’t own building, run shop, or get any money from Goff’s. College has set up licensing program so is licensing stuff and making some money. Delicate relationship with Goff’s – pays the licensing fees and are in communication a lot. Try to remind him that a college store could include apparel. Owner of Goff’s would like exclusive relationship, but college not a fan. Ultimately, the right call for the college, students, and alums will be made.

Fred: Athletic complex – moving football field all the way up to Latham Street. Artificial turf. Track will not be in between the fields and the stands anymore – will be separate. Will be an athletic support building – team rooms, locker rooms, coaches offices... Real concessions and real bathrooms. Will hopefully be open for the first football game.


Fred: Beginning process of design for Weston Hall for admissions and financial aid.

Fred: Williams Inn. Couple running it have sacrificed a lot for the town. Both are ready to retire. Important to college to make sure that there is a hotel in Williams. So going to work with the current couple to help them transition. Also thinking about a smaller inn on Spring Street with small restaurant and banquet space. Need to determine if the inn can fit though. Will start being looked at in the spring and summer, and review process at that part. If that’s successful, then Williams Inn would be closed, so could
think about what to use that piece of property for. But only if everything works out – hard to speculate right now.

- **Budgets**
  - Ceramics Club: Started ceramics club this year. It has gone really well – lot of student participation. Got money from CC - $1,600 – for supplies and start up cost. Haven’t used that much of our budget yet though. A lot of work running ceramics studio – kind of like a full time job. But something that is really benefitting the school. So proposal is when bringing in other students to manage and run studio, they would get paid out of some of the money that we already have. Studio manager would open up studio, teach people how to use materials, and take care of everything. Right now being done on a volunteer basis but want it to be a paid position. Want to make sure everything is being kept clean and maintained before we buy new stuff. Talked with Ben Lamb and he was very supportive as long as the money is in the budget. But wanted to talk with CC too.
    - Emily D: FinCom discussed the merits of the position and thought it could into a dangerous position in terms of other clubs doing similar things. CC does not pay any other members in student groups.
    - Jake: Could phrase it as students that are giving up time to teach should be compensated for that.
    - Matt: So just to clarify, if we decide to do this, we would need to change the bylaws.
    - Erica: Just want to put it out there that CC has paid individuals to look after spaces.
    - Emily D: Also forgot to mention that Ceramics Club is keeping what they create.
    - Ceramics Club: To be self sustainable, feel like we need a bit more structure.
    - April: Seems like CC’s precedent is that ideally these people should be paid, but not by us.
    - Matt: But doesn’t follow the bylaws, so they can’t just transfer the money.
      - Adrian: They are doing a great job following the rules.
  - Student Symphony:
    - Trying to rent a van.
  - GQ:
    - Couldn’t get a college van, so funding their transportation.
  - Law Society:
    - Moot Court nationals. Retroactive, but Treasurer fault, so shouldn’t be. Asked for things that they know we will fund.
  - **Motion to Approve Budgets as Slate: Jake**
    - Second: Griff
• **Result:** 20 – 0 – 0

• **Dining Service Updates:**
  o Adrian:
    ▪ New hours for 82 Grill start in February.
      • Lisa extremely thankful for change.
    ▪ Adding more milk containers in Paresky.
    ▪ Class banners will be up soon.

• **Task Forces:**
  o Jesus: Lighting group. Met to see what areas needed improved lighting. Talked with Bob Wright, and he was very open to our proposals.
  o Ellen: SARC group. Met recently. Analyzed the space. Can’t do very much until we get permission from Mike – meeting with him tomorrow afternoon. Also making the printer a priority.
    ▪ Adrian: Good you’re working with him – he should be fairly open to it.
  o Lucas: Student store. Looking at other NESCAC schools. A lot of them outsource to Barnes and Noble. Wesleyan had a similar situation to Goff’s. All the other schools that run their own stores have the school run them, not the students. So not a really clear model for a coop.
    ▪ Emily: Met with Will Dudley, Adam Falk. Talked about providing every Williams freshman with Williams gear. Hopefully will be available to the class of 2018.
  o Matt: Transportation. Talked with Ben. Transportation in place of physical health, but not in a place to expand.
  o Quinn: Trying to set up a meeting with Carolyn Miles.
  o Adrian: If you guys can draft up a summary that would be great.

• **Attendance Appeal:**
  o Emily C: Feel like we have a lot of people willing to be proxies and a lot of resources that weren’t taken care of.
  o Lucas: From a logistical stand point, does it make sense to do it at this point?
    ▪ Jake: Shouldn’t make this decision based on logistics. Also worried about how often proxies have been used.
  o Eric: Seems like it’s happened so many times.
  o Griff: Not passing along information to proxies.
  o **Motion to Extend Meeting 4 Minutes: Emily D**
    ▪ Second:
    ▪ **Result:** 19 – 1 – 0
  o **Motion to Deny Appeal (vote w/ divided council): Emily C**
    ▪ Second: Jake
    ▪ **Result:** 14 – 7 – 0
  o Adrian: Ali stays on council for now. Final chance.