College Council Minutes  
Wednesday, February 19, 2014

I. Approval of Minutes  
   a. Motioned by Jake Butts ’14  
   b. Seconded by Griffith Simon ‘15  
   c. Result: unanimous vote in favor of approval

II. Dining Services  
   a. Bob Volpe visits CC  
      i. Changing our cereals  
         1. Mom’s Best: an all-natural, family-owned, environmentally friendly cereal company. Dining Services is here to seek College Council’s advice on proceeding.  
         2. How much would we actually save by switching to Mom’s Best cereals?  
            a. We would save $5,015.63 based on yearly quantity in cases, if we were to switch to Mom’s Best cereals.  
         3. April Jenkins ’14: Would we just have these four cereals, or would we expand beyond these types?  
            a. Bob Volpe: If this is successful, we could look at other types for inclusion.  
            b. Victoria Onuzuruike ’17: asks clarifying question to confirm this; Bob Volpe confirms.  
         4. Lucas Elek ’17: Could we schedule an all-campus tasting to head off complaints?  
            a. Adrian Castro ’14: No matter what we do, people will complain – may not be necessary.  
            b. Bob Volpe: A good time to change is at the beginning of the year.  
         5. Griffith Simon ’15: Is there anything specific you’re planning to use the money saved for?  
            a. Bob Volpe: Are there things you’d like to focus on?  
            b. Jessica Bernheim ’16: Local food.  
            c. Emily Dzieciatko ’15: Dining board plan change.  
               i. Bob Volpe: Could help in discussing potential financial costs incurred with changing the plan.  
         6. Erica Moszkowski ’14: Other benefits to changing to working with this company, beyond the price change?  
            a. Bob Volpe: Not that I’m aware of, but I’ll ask the sales team.  
      ii. Brunch/lunch at Paresky
1. Bob Volpe: We tried it, and we get comment cards that go both ways. We sat down today to talk about the Sunday menu, and decided to look at all the things that are offered. (Lists different options.) We then asked, what if we take one of those things out and replaced it with an egg/omelette station, French toast, etc. That’s the approach we’re going to take.

iii. New labeling system
1. Bob Volpe: Hope this works to identify food allergens.

iv. Grapes
1. Bob Volpe: I heard that people wanted more grapes.
2. (Furious knocking.)

v. Special night: “Date Night at the Dennett Room”
1. Bob Volpe: Linen tablecloths, flowers, linen napkins. That’ll be the Date Night at Dennett.

vi. Adrian Castro ’14: Heard a lot of great things about the weekly special at the 82 Grill. Please continue that.
1. (Furious knocking.)
2. Bob Volpe: We bake all the bread for that hot sandwich, and we make all the pizza dough. Use local flour grown and milled in Vermont.

vii. Victoria Onuzuruike ’17: Asks question about oranges in fruit salad. (This has been Victoria’s personal crusade on Council.)
1. Bob Volpe: I can check on that.
2. April Jenkins ’14: Discusses Driscoll citrus protocol.
3. Bob Volpe: How about when we had blueberries?
   a. (Furious knocking.)

viii. Adrian Castro ’14: What happened with Purple Cow gelato?
1. Bob Volpe: We need to get that recipe up and going again. I know Chris was a real stickler watching the production of the gelato. Soon, we’ll have a new hire – by the end of the month – which will allow me to go around and check if things are happening. We developed that recipe, so we know we can do it.

ix. Max Heninger ’14: People are sad that the only place to get Ioka Valley maple syrup is at Lee After Dark. Have you considered expanding that to other breakfast venues?
1. Bob Volpe: Not sure if that’s an issue of their supply production, but I can look into it. I know that Lee After Dark has been a huge success – I know there’s a honey bun pancake. (Furious knocking.)

x. Ali Tafreshi ’15: Discusses his idea of a fancy dining option a few times a month, to be used via swipe. This would be a restaurant style option once or twice a month, where you could use swipes. What’s the feasibility of this? It would give chefs an
opportunity to practice outside of the regular dining hall setup, different venue. Can we get a straw poll?

1. Emily Dzietciatko ’15: How would this differ from Date Night at Dennett?
   a. Ali Tafreshi ’15: You would order off a menu.

2. Bob Volpe: I met with Michael in Dining Services to discuss this. Dodd is noncompliant, so the College would have to invest to get that up and running. A lot of the equipment at Dodd and Greylock has been repurposed elsewhere. We’d then have to look at staffing. We can’t just take a chef and put them there; we’d have to hire people. I did say to Michael that there was some conversation regarding the Log – I’m not sure where that’s going to end up. We may end up with that restaurant concept, and it may be the Log.

3. Griffith Simon ’15: Would it be feasible to have a student chef, or gave students opportunity to be in the kitchen, be involved designing the menu?
   a. Bob Volpe: There are some concerns having students using equipment – risk and liability concerns.

xi. Emily Calkins ’14: Mission Snack Bar night for seniors in the spring for cash and/or points?
   1. Bob Volpe: Would we have Paresky and Mission open at the same time? We’d have to close one of the three options in Paresky to staff it. It’s possible.

xii. Ali Tafreshi ’15: Renews call for straw poll regarding the restaurant style option.
   1. April Jenkins ’14: Raises concerns re: feasibility and possible extraneous nature of the concept.
   2. Abigale Belcrest ’16: Could this be incorporated into the Date Night at Dennett concept?
      a. Ben Shuham ’14: Supports this concept.
   3. Adrian Castro ’14: Should Dining Services look into the feasibility of this, or should they not take up the question?
      a. Support for.
   4. Adrian Castro ’14: If they should pursue it, should it be incorporated into Date Night at Dennett, or should it be a standalone concept?
      a. Support for incorporation into Date Night at Dennett.

xiii. Jake Butts ’14: What can we as CC do to make your job at Dining Services easier, better?
1. Bob Volpe: We are going to buy fifteen “bus buckets” to put throughout the dorms and try to retrieve the serviceware.
   a. Lucas Elek ’17: Talks about how his entry has already started doing this; support for program.

III. OIT
   a. Introduction of visiting OIT folks.
   b. Transition to Google Email (Gmail).
      i. Williams College will be signing up for the Google Apps for Education (GAE). The core apps are email, calendar, Google Drive and the Microsoft Office equivalents. Williams has signed an agreement with Google that all data which goes through this system will have much stronger privacy settings – no data mining, no ads. It’s FERPA-protected.
      ii. The timeline:
          1. November 2013: decision passed by senior staff.
          3. March 2014: OIT will switch over to GAE.
          4. April/May 2014: OIT will recruit early adopters.
      iii. What is the best time to convert students to the new systems?
          1. Class of 2018 will go straight to GAE.
          2. Emily Calkins ’14: Early switch options for seniors so that we can link up our school emails with personal emails before we’re removed from the system.
             a. OIT: This year will unfortunately be too soon to adopt seniors.
             b. OIT: Alumni Office has made the decision that we will only forward alum email; they’ll have to migrate off post-graduation.
             c. OIT: If a student’s goal is to move to Gmail, you can set up an IMAP path to Gmail.
                i. Adrian Castro ’14: All this information is on the OIT website.
          3. Emily Dzietciatko ’15: As for the timing, I have a couple logistical questions. How will daily users be affected by the change?
             a. OIT: We are writing scripts to move mail from current servers to Google. We don’t yet know how many students we can move at a time, so there may be a slight period of disruption; we’ll probably move a class per weekend. You shouldn’t notice much difference in your labeled folders as we transfer.
          4. Emily Dzietciatko ’15: Summer is the best time; students on email less, etc.
iv. Griffith Simon ’15: Will we still have unixes and the long email?
   1. OIT: Your core address will now be your unix, but if people email you at your full name, it will be received.

v. Griffith Simon ’15: When the upload happens, will students be involved in the process? What are the privacy implication?
   1. OIT: Access limited to a small staff and we will only be looking at the status updates. We may receive error messages as we transfer files, and those will be addressed on a case-by-case basis as needed.

vi. Erica Moszkowski ’15: When the transfer happens, a lot of students may have questions and will want to talk to someone. Is it possible to have troubleshooting hours over the summer/at the start of the new semester for students to come by and ask questions?
   1. OIT: We can definitely take that under advisement to consider ways to have people available during the summer. We will be doing training sessions and have information available online as well.
   2. OIT: There is often someone at x3088 during the summer.
   3. OIT: We have discussed staffing Paresky/more visible spaces at the start of the semester.

vii. Adrian Castro ’14: Brings up the OIT presence in the new library.
   c. OIT’s presence in Stetson-Sawyer and other spaces on campus.
      i. Emily Dzietciatko ’15: What is slated for Stetson-Sawyer?
         1. OIT: Primarily Instructional Technology and some of Desktop Services will be moving over to the new library. The new building is heavily oriented around video and media production – there’s a video studio and an audio studio, there’s a soundbooth, etc. Dedicated audio and video editing rooms. Throughout the building, there will be collaboration areas for group work, and in the OIT area, the rooms are equipped with large screens. Setting up video conference booths. The Equipment Loan Center will be moved from the Dodd Annex to the new library. Higher-quality printers (color, grayscale) will be there. We’re experimenting with 3D printing. (Furious knocking.)
      ii. Jake Butts ’14: I was wondering if there would be a network printer in the twenty-four hour reading room?
          1. OIT: Because of the historic nature of the reading room, a decision was made to not install technology there. However, there is an alcove near one of the stairs and we managed to get a printer there. We will monitor its usage.
iii. Emily Dzietciatko ’15: Will there be a troubleshooting person in the library to assist with students’ issues?
   1. OIT: Yes! We’ll be duplicating that service from Jesup over to Stetson-Sawyer.

iv. OIT: Center for Media Initiatives is now Center for Educational Technology.

v. Erica Moszkowski ’15: Students are always asking about a reliably working network printer in Paresky. Is it possible?
   1. OIT: There’s a long history to this. Right now, the SARC room has computers and printers in it which are not functional. We’ve tried in the past to get College Council to provide support/feedback to OIT. We need to provide equipment there that is monitored constantly by OIT staff to make sure it’s working. That sounds simple, but it’s difficult to get staff to do this, and we don’t technically have an OIT presence in the building. We think that by next year, we’ll have a solution in place to have reliable computers and printing.
   2. Max Heninger ’14: Is it an FTE issue?
      a. OIT: Indicates that it’ll probably be student staff from OIT going over.

vi. Adrian Castro ’14: What’s the best way for students to communicate issues to OIT?
   i. OIT: Last night there was a DoS attack on the system and we only received two emailed complaints about the network slowdown.
   ii. April Jenkins ’14: I think there’s a general lack of awareness about who to reach out to. OIT website is confusing in this regard.
   iii. Adrian Castro ’14: We mentioned a form for issues.

iv. Teddy Onserio ’14: Is it possible to chat with the students working at the desk, online?
   1. OIT: What service would we use?
   2. Adrian Castro ’14: Well, Library Services has a chat window on the website.
   3. OIT: Probably a GAE service we could use.

v. Victoria Onuzuruike ’17: Raises concerns regarding the privacy of GAE, corporate pressure to adopt.
   1. OIT: There were a lot of reasons why the College wanted to look into switching providers. Google came up as the preferred solution. We aren’t paying for this, so there wasn’t any pressure.

vi. Emily Dzietciatko ’15: I don’t know how fast the Internet is supposed to be, so I don’t know when to reach out. How can we know what to do?
1. OIT: (Basically, this is very complicated and I got confused while taking notes, so this piece of the conversation is lost to the vagaries of memory.)
2. Griffith Simon ‘15: You can go load the Williams page and see how fast that is to test.
   a. OIT: Non-Williams pages should load as fast as Williams pages. Also, you could go to SpeedTest.net.

vii. OIT: So it looks like we need to provide you all with more information to help us.
   1. Also, we are looking into putting more access points in Paresky.
   2. We are looking into having more student workers go out and test for congestion.

viii. Ben Shuham ‘14: What is the incentive for Google to provide GAE for free?
   1. OIT: I’m guessing they’re hoping that you’ll be Googlized for life.

ix. Jake Butts ’14: People complain about Purple Air to each other, and so we are more likely to then also tell OIT, especially if someone else has mentioned that they’ve contacted OIT. Students may not know that it’s beneficial to send in complaints.
   1. OIT: If you’re experiencing a problem, it’d be nice to know. Might be good to have multiple ways for students to report.

x. Max Heninger ’14: Are there other issues that you would like students to convey, beyond Internet troubles?
   1. OIT: Flipping the question a bit, there are times when we have decisions to make. What’s the best way to poll students, to get feedback that’s meaningful?
      a. OIT: For example, only one student came to our Google focus group.
      b. Adrian Castro ’14: Come to CC.

xi. Griffith Simon ’15: What is the actual difference between Purple Air and Purple Air 5Ghz?
   1. OIT: It will force your client to talk on the 5Ghz range, which is a less congested bandwidth. If you’re having problems connecting to Purple Air, it might be better to try Purple Air 5Ghz. However, OIT can’t force you to use one or the other – the client decides.

xii. Griffith Simon ’15: When we have visitors to campus, is there anyway to make it easier for them to access wireless?
   1. OIT: We are working on a public wireless and hope to straight it in the next month or so.
2. (Something about a service called Edgeroom? I couldn’t understand this word. It is gone from the annals of history.)

xiii. Teddy Onserio ’14: Is Purple Air 5Ghz and Purple Student faster than Purple Air?
    1. OIT: No.

xiv. Ali Tafreshi ’15: There’s a Playstation in Jesup but it doesn’t have controls.
    1. OIT: That was originally a CC purchase. It was installed several years ago. The controllers were stolen and replaced once. That might be a good add in the new building. I would like to see us have more gaming consoles on campus.

xv. Eric Liao ’14: Help forum for student questions regarding GAE difficulties might be useful.


IV. CEREAL BREAK

V. Budgets
   a. $20 for post-its for Kinetic Think Tank
      i. Got $30 from the Center for Learning in Action.
      ii. FinCom in favor.
      iii. Motion to allocate by Emily Calkins ’14.
      iv. Motion seconded by Griffith Simon ’15.
      v. Vote:
          1. 18 in favor
          2. Kate Flanagan ’14 opposed.
          3. Jessica Bernheim ’16, Lucas Elek ’17, and Jesus Espinoza ’15 abstained.
          4. Vote passes.

VI. Student Organizations Committee
   a. EphBuddies
      i. Motion to approve by Jake Butts ’14.
      ii. Seconded by Griffith Simon ’15.
      iii. Vote:
          1. 20 in favor
          2. Nicholas Zaza ’16 opposed.
          3. Victoria Onuzuruike ’17 abstained.

VII. ConsentFest, Men for Consent, and the hook-up culture at Williams
   a. Henry Bergman ’15: Last year, the first ConsentFest was primarily attended by visiting non-Williams students. This year, Bowdoin will be hosting the all-NESCAC conference this year, and so we wanted to focus more on Williams. Henry outlines the multi-day event, which
includes a speaker, an open Men for Consent meeting, a critical discussion on the hookup culture facilitated by Henry, a BDSM discussion group, a discussion facilitated by the QSU, and a WGSS/AFR film screening and discussion. Party with Consent tanks will be sold through the week.

b. Lucas Elek ’17: Over the last couple weeks, the first-year entries have been having their followup RASAN talks. Attendance has been low. Part of the problem is associated with the RASAN brand. In the future, could Men for Consent cofacilitate this because Men for Consent is more accessible to the student population?
   i. Henry Bergman ’15: That’s actually something that hasn’t been brought up. Men for Consent was started partially because RASAN has an unfair image that it’s a “women’s group” – which it’s not – and MFC was started to also have a more active presence because RASAN is primarily support-driven. We could talk to them, to have a more “male” presence in these talks.

c. Ali Tafreshi ’15: Are there going to be any more articles of clothing put out?
   i. Henry Bergman ’15: The post-it notes. We’re also considering coozies and plastic cups. We thought about collaborating with the Turkey Roast people.

d. Victoria Onuzuruike ’17: I definitely agree with Lucas. My JA is luckily part of MFC. Is it possible that we can split up girls and boys?
   i. Henry Bergman ’15: This is why you should get all your guy friends to come to the lecture. Something else we’re going to do in the spring is facilitate several talks about masculinity amongst guys, what it means to be a man, what it means to be masculine. So stay tuned for that.

e. Max Heninger ’14: Have you ever thought about aligning the sexual assault conversation with the dating culture at Williams or the lack thereof?
   i. Henry Bergman ’15: That’s actually a lot of what we talk about. Because what directly affects the vast majority of this campus is having a wonky dating culture and a weird hookup culture, in that people often feel pressured to participate, or participating in bad hookups. Not a lot of communication. So we do think a lot about dating, and that’s why we’re going to be working on – we’re not actually sure what this is – but the Williams Guide to Dating? (Light knocking.)

f. Jessica Bernheim ’16: It would require a culture shift, in being more courageous. More than information gathering, I think the idea of MFC being this sort of cool organization has a lot of power to be at the head of this cultural shift. So beyond information gathering, how do you do that?
i. Henry Bergman ’15: Stuff like ConsentFest and trying to get the word out. Tendency to preach to the choir. Something we’re working on – really David Lee ’14 – start putting together facilitations with every varsity team about not only consent...but also locker room talk, looking at how all these words...Basically, this takes a comprehensive shift. Start through varsity teams, then spread to club sports, a cappella. Will it happen next year? No. But will it start to shift? Yeah. Poster campaign we’re doing now is also getting people to talk.

ii. Emily Calkins ’14: A lot of seniors have emailed me about EphCatch. Some are very excited and some are very concerned about the message that sends regarding the hookup culture.
   i. (Emily Calkins ’14 explains EphCatch to CC because some people blessedly do not know what it is.)
   ii. Emily Calkins ’14: For some, this a fantastic way to finally find your Eph Husband. But for some of us, EphCatch has a really weird and problematic implied consent that becomes a problem. Has Men for Consent talked about this, would they?
   1. Henry Bergman ’15: We haven’t but we could. But I’ve seen it happen, at Senior Week. It’s very much related to how I got my girlfriend in sixth grade. I called a friend and asked, and then she called a friend and checked...But yeah, we could definitely discuss it. I think it’s a small piece of...One, what does Last Chance actually mean?
   2. Henry Bergman ’15: But what you generally have is that this campus is so small, if you go on a bad date you will see them in Paresky.
   4. Henry Bergman ’15: What if we released it six weeks early?
   5. Victoria Onuzuruike ’17: What’s the dangerous part?
   a. Emily Calkins ’14: I’m all for people having awesome consensual sex. But the dangerous or more questionable part comes in how people see this as implied consent.
   6. Abigale Belcrest ’16: Can we change the interface to make specific designations? Like a friends box, a dating box?
   7. April Jenkins ’14: It could be an excellent opportunity for MFC to convey the importance of consent, etc.
   8. EPHCATCH PLANNING COMMITTEE.
   a. Senior class leadership, MFC, WSO, RASAN. Emily Calkins ’14 will pursue.

VIII. Community Matters
a. Max Heninger ’14: It will be next Tuesday at 7pm in Dodd Living Room. The topic is Success at Williams. How do we define success at Williams and what kind of consequences does that have for people in the future?

IX. Announcements
  a. Olivia Jackson ’17 got third place at NESCACs!
  b. Also elections are tomorrow!

X. Cereal Straw Poll
  a. College Council votes unanimously in favor of Mom’s Best.

XI. Meeting adjourned.
  a. Adrian Castro ’14: “The meeting is over and we’re just a group of friends now.”