Minutes
  ◦ Motion to Approve Minutes: Alyssa
    ▪ Second:
    ▪ Result: 22 – 0 – 0

SOC
  ◦ Ephs for Israel: Recommended by SOC. Is different from other groups on campus.
    ▪ Motion to Approve Ephs for Israel: Alyssa
      ▪ Second:
      ▪ Result: 22 – 0 – 0
  ◦ Model UN
    ▪ Revamping of old Model UN. Will start just on campus and then expand out to compete at other schools.
      ▪ Motion to Approve Model UN: Michelle
        ▪ Second:
        ▪ Result: 21 – 0 – 1 (Zach)

Fitness
  ◦ Michelle: PE classes at night that are normally for faculty/staff and students can also go to them. However, students don't really know about them. How can we advertise them better?
    ▪ Matt: We could put it on the CC Wall/YITK.
    ▪ Erica: Also could get the website out there better.
  ◦ Budgets:
    ▪ Community Matters: Tuesday at 7pm at the Log. The topic is living consciously.
      ▪ Motion to Approve Community Matters Budget: Michelle
        ▪ Second:
        ▪ Result: 22 – 0 – 0
    ▪ NBC: Cut non bulk items.
    ▪ Williams for Life: Cut non student costs.
    ▪ Ritmo: Did't need to pay tax.
    ▪ Equestrian Club: Funding the coach.
    ▪ Students for Justice in Palestine: Want to hold an event with Baklava in Paresky.
    ▪ Motion to Approve the Budgets as a Slate: Funmi
      ▪ Second: Alyssa
      ▪ Result: 21 – 1 – 0

TedX Williams
  ◦ Erica: Communications brought TedX to Williams. Was very successful and very well done. Communications is hoping that it can be passed along to students. We are trying to figure out what this would look like and what having students run it would mean.
    ▪ We are nervous about students planning it entirely without any faculty support? Also do we think that having TedX at Williams is a good idea every year? We brought the idea to the lecture committee.
    ▪ The drawback is it is a very significant logistical challenge. When communications did it they put a lot of attention and money into the event.
    ▪ Matt: Don't need it to be TedX to have students give talks.
    ▪ Quinn: But there is a lot of branding power behind TedX. But maybe this isn't an every year event. Maybe can work with faculty looking to investigate liberal arts.
    ▪ Alyssa: What about if we had a committee just for TedX?
Matt: A lot of resources to devote to TedX.
  ▪ Gideon: Don't think we should need TedX to talk about liberal arts.

Straw poll:
  [ Make TedX happen and should collaborate with whoever is necessary: 11
  ] CC should drop TedX as an issue: 6

Meg Bossong
  ○ Meg: Working with Circle of 6 app. We are getting anonymous aggregate data from the developers. Still going through that data and trying to make some conclusions.
    ▪ Trying to better understand what is going in the Williams community and use that to shape the work that we are going to be doing.
      [ Doing a campus climate survey. Will go out end of January/Feb. A variety of questions. Will release that data very publicly.
        ○ One thing CC could help with is cheerleading from CC about filling out that survey. Important to get that information.
    ▪ Also doing an evaluation of our disciplinary process. Talking with everyone who has used the disciplinary process – including those who participated as witnesses and support people.
  ▪ Ellen: What has the feedback been about the change in the disciplinary process?
    [ Meg: Tough question to answer, because no one has been through both systems so it is hard to compare. Also tough system for people to evaluate. Overall, we just hope for everyone to be treated equitably and fairly.
  ▪ Jochebed: What was the change in the process?
    [ Meg: The way that we investigate cases is different. Previously it was investigated by a combination of the deans office and campus safety. However, now it is an external entity. Students had too close a relationship with deans and campus safety for them to investigate.
      ○ Also change in who makes the initial decision about sanctions and responsibility. Now we have a panel of three people who are specially trained to make that decision.
      ○ Used to be that either party could appeal for any reason, and it would go to the Honor and Discipline Committee. This was a big problem because students really did not want their peers or faculty to be involved. Also now there must be either substantial procedural error or new evidence for an appeal to occur.
  ▪ Quinn: Have we rethought the role that law enforcement has to play in sexual assault reporting?
    [ Meg: The most important thing is ensuring that everyone has options. The college definitely does not discourage anyone from taking legal action.
  ▪ What is being done regarding prevention of sexual assault?
    [ Meg: Working to do bystander training for our campus leaders. Including Jas, Captains, EphVentures leaders, anyone volunteering to live off campus. Trying to balance the amount of experience that each individual has with healthy conversations when coming to campus.
  ▪ Jochebed: What is the typical sanction on a sexual assault case?
    [ Meg: Every year Dean Bolton says an email detailing the previous years cases were and what the sanction was. The norm is expulsion or multi-semester removal from campus.
      ○ Jochebed: Why is the default not expulsion?
- Meg: Some have said that the default of expulsion depresses reporting. It is important that those who are survivors have a voice about what sanction is given. Also don't want to eliminate room for survivors voices. But there is room for discussion.
  - Michelle: Do survivors generally want expulsion?
    - Meg: It is really varied.
- Emily F: Would be good if we could do more to advertise the process. Would also be good to be clearer about what the process is for reporting.
- Meg: Is bystander training something that should be done at Williams by everyone?
- ACE Concerts
  - Funmi: In light of last years controversy, trying to see if there are any issues with the artists that we didn't find ourselves.
  - Trying to do a survey to give people a chance to talk about the list. So far haven't fund any significant issues.
- Resolution for Financial Aid
  - Kristian (International Club): Read resolution asserting College Council's belief in Need Blind Admissions for International Students.
  - Griffith: Should we add a whereas to talk about international students benefit the community and also add a whereas about how admissions have dropped?
  - Matt: What is the administration opinion on this?
    - Griffith: Mixed.
  - Griff: Think we should focus on narrative of being need blind as the most important.
  - Jochebed: Talk about the college's commitment to financial aid.
  - Kristian: Amherst is need blind to international students.
  - Quinn: Don't tie this too closely to the financial crisis, because opens the door for it to be removed again.
  - Griff: Maybe it should be more confrontational.
  - Michelle: Can we have a shorter timeline?