I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes for October 22, 2014
   A. Motion: Gideon
   B. Second: (didn’t catch her name)
   C. Nay: 1
   D. Vote passes

III. Discussion about the meal plan
   A. Erica & Emily: introduce the topic for discussion
   B. Ellen: rollover as an option
   C. Emily Fox: as a senior, I'm not on the meal plan because you save money purchasing meals per meal, and I would go on the meal plan if there was an incentive
   D. Erica: clarifies that the bulk of the meal plan costs do not go towards the actual cost of the meals, but to other related expenditures (salaries, production, technology, etc.)
   E. Allegra: some solution to the “gap” in the day
   F. Jochebed: issues with the summer meal plan
      1. the only options are the 50 and the 75 block plans, and there are no options to be off the meal plan, even though it’s more cost-effective
   G. Melissa: we should be able to swipe twice for snack bar, if we have the meals on our plan
   H. Gideon: concurs with the above
   I. Erica: many people have suggested that we move to an unlimited meal plan (primarily directed by SAAC); many seniors have pointed out that the option to go off the meal plan is unfairly tied to the co-op draw
      1. Gideon: why does Dining Services need to sustain itself - could it be subsidized by the College budget/endowment, in order to better serve the student body's needs?
      2. Emily: enabling all seniors to go off the meal plan if they choose would be a fair option, but we’d need to invest in kitchen infrastructure; we should look into what other NESCAC schools are doing
   3. Ellen: we have some peer institutions that do unlimited dining plans, but I think those are reliant on outside contractors - could we sustain this on our own?
   4. Maddie: there’s a big difference between “unlimited” and 28-per-week
   5. Michelle: count by swipes per day, not time of day
   6. Alpha: institutions with unlimited dining plans charge more for the dining plan and you can’t opt out of it - we need more research on this?
   7. Jochebed: eliminate the light lunch by extending hours of breakfast to 11am
   8. Jochebed: the meal plan needs to be standardized across dining halls, because hours are erratic
   9. MCLA visitors: freshman are mandatory on all-you-can-eat plus $25 off campus and $335 to outside vendors that serve on campus; sophomores can drop to 160 all-you-can-eat; 100 block, $600 to outside vendors; seniors don’t have to have a meal plan (default is to go off) - he was speaking too quickly for me to catch the exact figures
   10. Erica: if you had EphPoints as part of the meal plan, you would be able to swipe at Lee Snack Bar during the “gap” in the day
      a) Olivia: that would work if it was a “deal”
   11. Maddie: how does laundry figure into this discussion?
12. Ellen: I like the idea of EphPoints, but there are some issues: a big selling point of Williams is that we don’t itemize food items, and there’s an appeal to paying per meal
13. Victoria: how would this affect Dining Services salaries/work standards/schedules?
   a) Erica: administration’s main priority is maintaining wages and all current positions
14. Emily: create a system for students to track how many meals they have left (like maybe on PeopleSoft)
15. Jochebed: EphPoints would be affordable for students on financial aid
16. swipe at Lee’s in the same process that we do at Goodrich - so a swipe = a certain amount of money
J. What’s our priority: restructuring the meal plan or creating food options between 2pm and 5pm?
   1. need to make the price difference between the 21, 14, and 10 actually make sense (as it stands, the 14 is such a ripoff)
   2. Straw Poll:
      a) Meal plan restructuring (i.e., comprehensive change): 10
      b) 2pm-5pm food option: 10
IV. Budgets
A. Zumba:
   1. Request: $3252
   2. transportation and registration for students to nearby zumba classes for the year; it’s a reasonable request but it costs more than on-campus PE classes; FinCom voted to fund a pilot program for the smelter at 10 classes; these classes are at night so they offer a different service from the classes offered through the school during the day
   3. Funded: $680
B. Eph Business Association
   1. Request:
   2. alum coming to speak on his work, plus pizza
   3. Funded: $79.80
C. BSU Homecoming Tailgate
   1. Request: $200
   2. went to all funding sources, using some of their budget
   3. Funded: $200
D. Motion: vote on items as a slate
   1. friendly amendment: vote item-by-item (Griff)
   2. Griff: vote-to-vote (withdrawn)
   3. Griff: why are we paying for them to go to zumba when it costs double the amount of the zumba classes on campus?
   4. Quinn: this seems like an appropriate short-term solution
   5. Jesper: the zumba classes at the studio are an advanced program, so not redundant
   6. Motion: Quinn to allocate $680 to Zumba, Melissa seconds
      a) 2 nays
      b) 1 abstention
      c) Vote passes
   7. Motion: Kate to allocate $79.80 to EBA, Gideon seconded
      a) unanimous
   8. Motion: Kate to allocate $200 to BSU, Quinn seconded
      a) unanimous
V. SOC Report
A. INISH
   1. used to be a Dance Department group, but because of administrative issues they need to become a student organization; has existed for a long time; we support unanimously
   2. Emily: why were they removed from the Dance Department
      a) Griff: funding issue
   3. Motion to approve the group: Ellen, Gideon seconded
      a) unanimous
B. KickPops (I may have totally just missed the entire name of this group)
   1. Motion to table: Griff, missed who seconded
   2. 1 nay
   3. Vote passes

VI. Visit from Search Committee for the VP for Strategic Planning and Institutional Diversity
A. How can a person in this position help move the College forward, and what qualities should a candidate possess?
   1. active presence in campus discussions
   2. engage with a “bottom-up” approach to issues of diversity on campus
   3. actively engaging with students rather than waiting for them to reach out
   4. working on the EDI requirement - more resources for faculty to develop effective EDI classes, etc.
   5. diversity in hiring professors, especially w/r/t female professors (especially in STEM fields)
   6. international students: diversity is approached at Williams primarily through an American lens, and that should be addressed more centrally to improve international student visibility on campus and resources available to international students
   7. bring a perspective from other spheres/institutions - move us forward as opposed to “reacting” and “adjusting” existing policy
   8. someone who can consider the ways in which Williams’ institutional mechanisms reinforce obstacles to students of diverse backgrounds even after we do the work of reaching out to those people as prospective applicants
   9. continuing to emphasize transparency in our grievance procedures related to sexual harassment as an employee and a student
   10. someone who is interested in clarifying the role’s position/presence within the student body, which is often misunderstood or simply considered not relevant
B. Contact Information for the Search Committee

VII. Open time
A. Alpha: what is going on with INISH and the Dance Department?
B. Griff: we should discuss the funding we give to student organizations for hotel accommodations - we currently fund at $20 and that may need to be adjusted
C. Lucas: Student Activities Tax - it’s only been raised to inflation, can we get an additional raise?
   1. Emily: basically…no
D. Michelle: drew up potential posters for Dining Services’ missing service ware
E. Funmi: impact testing for the entire student body; spoken to the person who’s in charge of impact testing and he indicates that it’s too expensive to execute; each test costs $2 per student - could we ask students to pay for this on their own, or at least inform them of the right to opt in?
F. Griff: two-ply toilet paper and heated sidewalks….
G. Emily: how can we repurpose the old bricks from Sawyer (for sidewalks, maybe?)
H. MCLA: come to our meetings at 7pm on Mondays, and let's collaborate

VIII. International Student Aid (discussion introduced by members of International Club)
   A. Williams was once need-blind for international students, and after the financial crisis, we moved to need-sensitive for our international applicants. Can CC pass a resolution to encourage the administration on this front?
   B. Straw poll:
      1. Would you like to see a resolution encouraging a return to need-blind admissions for international students?
         a) Unanimously
   C. How can we spread awareness about this issue, in addition to passing a CC resolution?
      1. Mobilizing alumni
      2. Reframing the discussion in a simpler, more demonstrative way