COLLEGE COUNCIL MINUTES
April 29th, 2015
Hopkins Hall 001

I. Call to Order: 7:30 PM
II. Introductions

Proxies
1. Meghana (for Funmi)
2. Henry Bergman (for David Gaines)

III. Approval of the Minutes

(Quorum initially not reached – please come to meetings on time!)

Motion to approve the minutes from last week: Allegra

   Second: Alex
   Result: 20-0-0

IV. Approval of Funding Requests

Budget 1 – $36 for Williams Initiative for Global Health.

Budget 2 – $325 for Williams Zumba. Transportation funding + event cost $11/person.

Budget 3- $448.94 for Purple Bike Coalition: summer funds for different camps that come in, repairs for wheels, tubes, oil, and purple grips.

Budget 4- $30.60 for Comba Za: trip to Vassar (retroactive but on Victoria’s fault).

Budget 5- Sports Analytics club – library denied paying for their website/database which wasn’t compatible, tabled.

Motion to approve the above budgets as a slate: Michelle

   Second: Frankie
   Result: 19-0-1

Budget 6- $93.37 for Bar Games at 82, Thursdays 11PM -1AM. 1st place of Winter Study competition, wanting dartboard, extra darts, bar dice, 12 decks of cards.
**Motion to approve the Bar Games budget:** Allegra

_Second:_ Meghana

_Result:_ 20-0-0

V. Visit from Bob Volpi and Tyler Sparks

Bob was not able to come due to concerns of a possible arsonist around Pine Cobble. However, he brought us many goodies (thank you)!

Tyler: 3 weeks left as chair, currently working on converting guest swipes to points to close 2-5 PM, Bob is on board with that. e.g. $80 instead of guest swipes
Kate: These points limited to dining halls? Can use for washing/vending machines? (Yes)
Allegra: Ideas on keeping Grab and Go open?
Tyler: Think points are a more favorable option
Kate: For people who don’t use meals all in one week? (e.g. rollover)
Tyler: Dining prices things out, knowing that all meals won’t be spent. Rollover would increase cost. Ideal system would be 12 meal plan but plans dissipated.
Chris: Any chance of getting more fresh fruit in the dining halls? (Will bring it up, recurring request)
Michelle: Berries also. Mission often has them, more than others. Also, people in dining talk about how certain students are acting a bit rude. Is there something CC could to do repair this relationship? (Will get back to us on with what workers might appreciate) P.s. thanks for putting Nutella in all dining halls!
Jesús: Big problem – people not cleaning up after themselves.
Tyler: At beginning of year, lots of people take dishware + silverware $\implies$ costs thousands of dollars. Would be nice if there was a way to remedy this (e.g. bowls to each student)
Elizabeth: Whitman’s people upset about heavy flow of traffic. Opening up back door?
Tyler: Problem is people can come in and sneak food, will talk about this
Victoria: Paresky wasn’t meant to be a dining hall in the first place.
Meghana: Possible to switch condiments and coffee in Paresky?
Mariah: Noticed people throwing out plates + silverware especially in entries. Should do another campaign to encourage people to bring them back, combat laziness.
Victoria: Possibility of reopening Greylock Dining Hall?
Tyler: Biggest project for Dining is the Log. Paresky is also a very central location. Will talk about this with the next chair though about feasibilibity.
Mariah: Heard that Greylock is out of code, will be a much bigger conversation needed to be had.
Alyssa: Lots of WOOLF leaders take plates + silverware too, should address this in WOOLF leader training.
Kate F: People might feel regretful at end of semester with all this stuff → would rather trash, turning it into a good thing: incentivizing possible photo campaign + prize for biggest tower of plates
Victoria: A little against this, it’s like home training.
Alex: Might just take more plates + silverware out of current use.
Ana: Returnable bins just in freshmen entries? (No) Possible to have larger ones in neighborhood homes.
Tyler: (there’s pretty good coverage across campus). Each bin costs $200
Caitlin: HC should publicize these returnable bins more. Possible to get disposable cutlery in Mission and Driscoll?
Tyler: Unlikely b/c Williams is committed to sustainability, but will bring it up.
Web: Possible to get big bins at end of the school year when people are clearing out?
Annie: Was briefly discussed last year, not sure if that happened.
Kate P: Coordination with Tag Sale?
Chris: Are comment cards for Dining still in effect? (Yes, they’re read)
Victoria: Note: online menus at Mission are not always correct.
Mariah: Driscoll has a lot of good salad toppings that should be spread to other halls. Also possible to get more kinds of cheese (e.g. mozzarella)?
Alex: Feasibility of fresh toppings for 82 (e.g. basil)?
Michelle: Baby carrots in Driscoll/Paresky
Jonathon: Possibility 100% compostable cups rather than partial (yes, working on it)
Henry: Possibility of cooking demonstrations w/demonstrations for students on smaller meal plans. Good to raise profile of workers, connections with students, would be fun to do on weekend.
Alex: Great Ideas is working on practical lessons, including this cooking lesson possibility
Annie: Zilkha, which has a really nice kitchen, has spoken about it
Chris: Dining Services is already overworked, thought about for WS courses
Kate F: Healthy cookbooks from Williams graduates, would be good to contact these people/purchase copies of these to advertise.
Allegra: One of these people was my HS math teacher, will look into this option! Also any thought of putting spice racks in dorm/kitchens (doesn’t go into Dining, that’s on Neighborhoods)
Mariah: How are compostable cutlery actually composted? (special facility outside of campus)
Meghana: To Tyler: is there anything you want to see in future years?
Tyler: A dedicated incoming chair.
Alyssa: Certain language tables are there weekly, menus are often the same. Would be good to do food rotations.
Caitlin: Some people like the consistency (e.g. mashed potato bowls, Taco Tuesdays)
Victoria: Dislike that there is more 2% than fat free milk
Tyler: Should be half & half? (pun intended)
Michelle: Apple crisp is really good, would like them more often!
Tyler: More compliments?
Chris: Dislike the serving of pizza over sandwich bars at Mission. At regular Snackbar, would like special options.
Anika: Would like more available cartons of almond milk. Cayenne and pepper also went away in Paresky 😳. Grilled chicken should be a standard.
Annie: Blondies are yummy. Plus glad there are no more Congo bars.
Henry: Can we get rid of Fruit of the Forrest cookies? (mixed response)
Elizabeth: Loving the macaroni and cheese bar.
Meghana: The quality of coffee has gone up exponentially since my time here + appreciate variety of tea bags. But is there any way to provide chipotle mayo available as a condiment?
Victoria: Shout out to Linda who works in 82, who puts up with a lot of stuff.
Henry: Artisanal cheese = awesome. Would be great to highlight more local food.
Kate P: Oatmeal raisin bars are killing it.
Allegra: New chocolate chip cookies in Mission are killer.
Ana: Thank you for the variety in vegan options. Possible to get non-dairy creamer?
Caitlin: Coconut thai chicken in Pareksy plus. Possible to use mac and cheese recipe from SOCA night? Would love more cheddar, plus love all workers from Lee Snack Bar.
Michelle: All the themed dinners have been really nice. Decorations make it really exciting to go to meals. Skyr in Lee has been fantastic. 82 does a good job of trying new things.
Victoria: From WASO dinner, didn’t appreciate Lion King photo.
Kate F: Plus on goldfish and animal crackers would like lemon wedges in Paresky to be like those from Mission.
Jesús: Like the popcorn in 82, sometimes in Driscoll
Chris: Local craft beer night (vote for the keg you like night, Log is working on something). Kids night yes. Soft taco shells are kind of stale (Jesús: more authentic by making it warm)
Alex: Great Ideas is working on bar night on Thursdays, suggesting local beers.
Ana: Large quesadillas at 82?
Mariah: Would like soups that aren’t milk/gluten based. Vegetable soup plus.
Tyler: heard there is too much salt b/c workers aren’t properly measuring → working on it
Michelle: What happened to salad options in 82? (they’re there, just need to ask)
Kate F: Important to list allergens in gelato and toppings (also cereal in Driscoll)
Tyler: Nutritionist cut down cheeseburger with honey buns, >1000 calories
Meghana: Fun idea for teams of 10 → order a variety of foods → competition → have people come and watch others eat a bunch of food

VI. Updates from Jesús and Marcus
Jesús: Creating our own brunch with Class of 1960 Scholars, talking about things Williams has changed from now and then. Conclusion: Williams needs to work on developing a more cohesive community. Representatives of many student groups across campus also present.

Also met with Green Ephs (environmental groups on campus), talking about environmental liaison position. Also spoke with Bolton and Klass (meet weekly Sunday 4PM), discussed environmental position and they showed interest/support after they talk with the Zilkha center. Gender neutral bathrooms in Paresky – big factor is that there are lots of Mass. Codes. Working with Klass and director of Facilities to review this/changes of code.

Off cycle seniors walking at graduation – no one in the administration has power, up to the faculty. Please come to meetings on time (e.g. today we couldn’t get quorum at start of meeting)

Miriam: How does the process [for graduation walking] work?
Mariah: You would need to talk to the faculty chair of the committee on Academic Standing. Committee votes + trustees vote. Currently working on talking to the committee Could see this as something feasible if students put pressure → more of a long term process.
Allegra: Would be good to craft a resolution.
Mariah: Also, if interested in opening 2nd door at Paresky, Klass has power over that, we can talk to them about it.

-CC Operations stuff-
Will put YITK’s on the website.

VII. Superfan Resolution

Marcus: There will be no resolution but will continue to talk to Superfan to clarifying their role and position as a CC group.
Jesús: More discussion of what needs to be included in the Bylaws regarding Superfan.
Michelle: Are we still putting people on CC on Superfan? (still being discussed)
Web: Are they looking at option of recruiting people through Appointments like now? Sounds like they just need manpower.
Jesús: Lots of ambiguity surrounding Superfan and its structure during its inceptions that obviously need to be clarified.
Web: So what do they want from us?
Jesús: That’s what we’re trying to figure out.
Meghana: Funmi wanted me to say: there’s not going to be a resolution. Instead, they’ll amend the bylaws regarding Superfan in two ways. 1) appoint a CC member to Superfan 2) updates + presentation to CC by Superfan at beginning and end of each new council → accountability
Hudson: Should add Superfan to list of CC committees that members choose from at beginning of term.

VIII. Committee Updates

Group 1: Jonathon, Natalee, Alex
-working with CCCT, starting to take over Facebook, sending out weekly DM updates (with minutes and agenda)

Group 2: Victoria, Caitlin
- emailed Ben and Mike about website
- Ben open to idea of real cows → gave list of people to talk to (also collaborating with ACE), Mike worried about animal cruelty + long-term issues
- what should the cow statue look like?

Group 3: Hudson, Chris, Michelle
- Superfan is down for Froco collab, looking to collab with other groups like ACE
- Currently going over FroCo constitution, will talk to Ben Lamb about ideas for expansion
- More inclusion with CDE (e.g. uncle-aunt system, involvement for student orientation groups, CC)

Group 4: Lia, Frankie, Ana
- Meeting with Bob tomorrow at 1PM about Dining Services

Group 5: Cole, Frankie
- Currently working on syncing Google Calendar events

Group 6: Allegra, Kate, Web
- contacting photo club for now, possibly talking to HC for next year in setting aside a future budget
- CLiA interested in sponsoring hands-on WS courses

Group 7: Mariah, Sarah, Alyssa
- hold off on games/trivia until Log is built, will send out survey to faculty/staff
- working on Broomball ice rink alternative

Group 8: David, Elizabeth
- working on legal issues with slip n’ slide
- network of College councils: still waiting to hear back from other schools, don’t want it to be a Williams-centric thing, currently working with Hamilton College
- working with Laini Sporbert about health issues/counseling, also at other institutions

Questions for Groups:

Michelle: I don’t think they’ve released classes for Winter Study yet.
Web: True, but the Free University classes might also need beefing up.
Lucas: Could CLiA operate a general 99? Like a workshop (not ex. On course catalog but advertise as a class?) (seems like a good idea)
Allegra: Gives us flexibility to anybody of the teachers, opportunity to respond to what people want later on
Caitlin: Should the statue be something that stands out in the open?
Victoria: Would be cool to put in new development of quad or Paresky lawn.
Mariah: Possibility of a small statue, competition to move it around to different places on campus (worried about it getting stolen)
Michelle: Would be cool to sign something year to year. (Northwestern and Tufts has this)
Lucas: Would be cool but this also need to be monitored, worries of vandalism
Kate F: Can look at this in a couple of ways, we can consider factors like accountability, promotion of school spirit. Some schools have canvases for a free speech zone. We could possibly have something not for the purpose of painting but more so for school spirit.
Victoria: Giant hoof (e.g. for the free speech zone)? Against having uncle-aunt system in CDE, had a creepy encounter with them.
Annie: Agreed, don’t know many of the CDE students but I don’t think they’d appreciate being the token member.
Henry: Even though Victoria had a bad experience, we shouldn’t write it away entirely. Should be more accepting of non-traditional students.
Michelle: Would be cool if there was an opt-in option for entries, in certain events (e.g. HC)
Kate P: Proposed modification: using JA’s as liaisons, not making it a forced option.
Kate F: CDE’s are also pretty busy. Entry also might not be a good place to do it.

IX. CC Board Conduct

Marcus: As representatives of the student body, we should hold ourselves to a higher standard in interacting with other individuals on campus. Be conscious of messages via text message, FB – don’t put yourself in a bad position/do something that would reflect badly of Council.
Jesús: When you’re discussing CC related topics, please be professional.
Marcus: Don’t use texts to talk with people from other organizations, use email.
Henry: Has there been complaints? Expediency of texts seems to be worth it.
Marcus: There has been some complaints about professionalism and conversation.

X. Updates from Great Ideas Committee

Rani: Mainly talking about points of overlap with CC (e.g. feminine waste disposal). Would be helpful to focus on bigger, long-term projects (for project groups).

Idea for anyone interested: art collaboration center in Sawyer in collaboration with CET, having people come together and be creative, stocked with art materials and crafts. Would be nice to bring people together outside of the Spencer Art Studio. It is the big meeting room from production studio, down hall from ELC. Aligns with goal of producing innovative mixed media. Needs people who are creative/interested in pushing forward this project.

Extending gym hours – tried to do last semester and got stuck – but now, redoing approach with Mike Bodnarik. Open later and open earlier on Sunday. Have to talk about payment with HR, Athletics. Things we’ve accomplished this year: (will email out to CC later)

Lucas: Greylock picnic table (was asked for, agreed on, currently waiting on)

Motion to amend minutes by 5 minutes: Alyssa

Second: Allegra
Result: 17-0-5

Alyssa: Seems silly and wasteful to disseminate hard copies of course catalogs (on Earth Day). Would like to talk to ad-hoc committee.
Allegra: Purpose of it is to get people to not look at classes not just on major. Currently creating a survey getting input on what students are thinking. Ideas for similar process without a book?
Annie: What about having enough for freshmen common rooms?
Meghana: Newspaper catalog is great, perfect time after spring break.
Henry: Great opportunity to work with OIT to search courses by professor (response: release of CourseExplorer)
Lucas: Couldn’t they release courses online 3 weeks before available on PeopleSoft?
Annie: Agree with newspaper, should divide fall and spring courses.
Cole: Online search catalog is on WSO, publishing lower level classes (if trying to incentivize people to take classes outside of major).

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM