

VSA Council Minutes

February 28, 2010

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

2. Attendance

SoCo Proxy, Cushing Proxy

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Minutes from 2/14**
- b. \$500 from Collaboration to Vassar Greens**
- c. \$500 from Council Discretionary to Habitat**

4. Special Guest: Dan "Zeus" Salton, Chair of the Judicial Board

The room shook with a clap of thunder as Mr. Salton arrived. Lightning flashed, illuminating him in marvelous backlight, making him look even more like Zeus. Student Conduct will be changing, he boomed, and he wanted the VSA council to be aware. Laying down his lightning bolt, he explained that the original conduct system would place students in conversation with a House Advisor or with a regulations panel. The Pantheon of the Judicial Board was busy creating a third path, a student conduct panel formed out of miniature squads of the Judicial board. Mr. Salton sipped from a vat of ambrosia as he explained that these panels of 3 students would hear the more contentious and community-impact related cases. It was his hope that this would increase self-governance (which didn't really excite Council, as it only elicited one knock).

2011 wanted to know if this decision was final. It was final, the gods' decisions are always final.

Noyes wondered if there would be any conflicts of interest. She was informed that they would follow the exact same procedures that they have now for larger conduct trials.

Academics asked a series of questions relating to how many people would be involved, what things would be covered and what would happen if she got caught smoking weed.

Mr. Salton munched on a grape, placed into his mouth by several beautiful grecian women, and responded that there were 3, that the panel would cover low level community problems such as fire safety and that the panel would feature and admin to oversee things. There was also hope that Students could, eventually, request to be placed on one of these panels.

Strong inquired about how a case got sent to a panel. Currently, the infractions are sent to Rich Horowitz who separates them out.

2011 finally figured out his question to challenge the gods, asking, why the Judicial Board had not told council about this. According to Mr. Salton, the Judicial Board operates in a catch-22 where they are answerable to the VSA, but still have to monitor it. Whenever he inquired into this quandary, he was told to shut up and ignore it. The decision is entirely in house, so sorry VSA. In a boom and a flash of thunder, Mr. Salton made his exit.

5. Peter Denny, ViCE

Peter Denny, Chair of ViCE, arrived to update the council on the doings of several recent ViCE things. First up, Jazz and After-Hours were talking about doing music videos. They were also offering tickets to a movie premier entitled The Runaways. Right after break, ViCE would be throwing a big dance named Miami ViCE. They would be doing 50 nights, as well as working with Student DJs. They are working with the family partnership center to collect things. Currently, after one day, they sold 600 tickets to the Flaming Lips. So far, so good. The Pub Committee was in overdrive, figuring out before and after parties in Po-Town. They were looking at working with Hip-Hop 101, however they don't have enough ground crew to do much physical planning, but they can help out financially.

Raymond wondered how much a general ticket would cost, it cost \$35.

2012 talked about doing something for underclassmen students. ViCE was open to the idea, and encouraged them to look at some Under 21 bars. He suggested the Ho-Bowl!!! (This notetaker was excited, hence the exclamation points!)

Cushing Proxy thanked ViCE for giving such a good review of what they were doing, especially in light of recent attacks against them on council.

2012 wondered what community they were appealing to? She was informed that although it is easy to assume that everyone in Po-Town likes the same type of music, the bands that normally come to Poughkeepsie are normally more expensive rock bands. The Poughkeepsie Journal was excited, running ads. They were also looking towards giving some tickets to radio-stations for giveaways.

6. Committee Report: Council for Alumni Student Advancement

The Council was planning on advancing things and minding the gap. They changed the format of prior years where an alumni was awkwardly paired with a student, much to the collective awkwardness of all. Already donations are way up among recent grads having already hit 19%, instead of the normal 17%.

7. Allocation of \$650 from Speakers, Lecturers to Filmmakers

There would be a film screening and lecture by a film historian with a large number of 16 millimeter films. Everyone knocked and those who recognized names felt slightly nerdy. It sounded like fun for everyone. All were in favor.

8. Allocation of \$3200 from Speakers, Lecturers to SASA

Finance made a motion to allocate money to SASA. In light of the recent bombings and the recent defeat of the Tamil Tigers, they wanted to focus on India and Pakistan. The conference would focus on different reasons and motivations for violence and present great speakers. They would have speakers from all over Asia, including four whole countries. Noyes loved this event and wondered how they would make up the difference in money requested and money allocated. They had accesses to some funds through ALANA and they were cutting back.

Academics noted that they exec board had cut back simply because there were so many speakers. The more they had, the less people would come. It is the opposite of the Field of

Dreams.

All were in favor.

9. Allocation of \$3000 from Hosting to Mecha

Finance made a motion to allocate money to Mecha for a conference they were having on, oddly enough, the same weekend as SASA. They were having a film screening on Friday combined with a professor and an indigenous woman speaking.

Ferry wondered how much money was left in hosting, there was \$6,000. Raymond wondered if this could happen without the full allocation, they were told that it could.

Noyes became very concerned that there were two conferences the same weekend, demanding: "How did this happen?" Activities attempted to appease her by saying that this had not been registered as a conference. 2012 pointed out that only one day overlapped.

Noyes countered that no, actually two days overlapped. Activities finally ended the conversation by pointing out that these conferences had completely different audiences and agendas and would not be a problem.

10. Capital Budgeting

Finance moved to approve Capital Budgeting. TH's wondered where this money came from. Finance informed her that it comes from returns on the endowment.

2011 wondered if The Limit needed DV tapes. Mat Leonard, notetaker, representing The Limit Sketch Comedy: A Hilarious Bunch of People, reported that yes, they do need DV tapes.

2010 assumed that the fire-swords were for the Barefoot Monkeys. Dan Salton claimed they were for the Judicial Board. Everyone laughed. (Who doesn't laugh when the Zeus jokes?)

Noyes felt it was unnecessary for Vassar Bikes to need bikes and for Raymond to need a poker set. It seems that Vassar Bikes does bike racing and Raymond plays poker every week to satisfy their intense gambling addiction.

TH's wondered if council would need to use this money later. She was told that no, they cannot use it later. However, Finance and Activities were looking into making some large scale purchases for multiple organizations to use.

11. Open Discussion

2010: 83 Days till graduation

2012 Was glad that ViCE was taking over the mug, but last night they were missing a cable in the mug and they wondered what they could do. THs felt there should be a sign-off sheet for equipment. There were huzzahs.

Activities informed Dan Salton that CSWG was looking to donate money to the endowment. Mr. Salton agreed to make a task force to look into it and determine the legality.

Operations thought that the Basketball game had gone well. Academics told everyone that the trustees loved it and that they had been talking a lot about community and student life. In addition, the trustees approved the budget, so we do have funding for next year.

12. Adjourn

8:04