VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
Senate Agenda for Oct. 3rd, 2021  
*Time:* 2:00PM  
*Location:* New England 105

1. **Call to Order**  
   a. **Meeting Called to Order @ 2 pm**

2. **Attendance Roll Call** (Name, pronouns, class year, major) (Off-record v. on-record)  
   a. Check-in question: What is an item on your bucket list?  
   c. Absentees: Lola, Bailey

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**  
   a. Agenda passed

4. **Consent Agenda**

5. **Updates and Announcements**  
   a. **Executive Board**  
      i. **Equity and Inclusion**  
         1. Talked about faculty retention @ meeting w/ DEI; emotional labor and how to help students  
         2. Put out a survey about tuition accessibility; RISE & Health & Wellness  
      ii. **Residential Affairs**  
         1. All houses doing well, residents seem happy; All camus event oktoberfest on Oct. 8th  
         2. Met w/ Dean Inoa abt House cup;  
            a. Had first dining meeting w/ Dean Mcessca (?), Trying to create more of a dialogue between students & dining.  
      iii. **Health and Wellness**  
         1. First Aid project: told committee members to look in dorms & get a count of first aid bin  
         2. In contact w/ Big night in; Health & wellness offered to collab w/ them nex twe k  
      iv. **Organizations**  
         1. Orgs Committee did not meet  
            a. Have received one pre-org application  
            b. Have received signatures on behalf of 4 proposed pre-orgs (including the one we got an application for)  
         2. Re: org closets  
            a. Met with Michelle to talk about what to buy
b. Wasn't able to meet with Anna Belle this week to continue tour; will do next week

c. Have reached out to a few orgs re: storage but haven't heard back yet

3. We are at 143 registered org events as of Thursday!! (woo!)

   a. This is pretty on par for a non-COVID semester

v. Academics

1. Met (27th of ct. For major fair)
2. CCP talked about if online summer courses should be approved

vi. Finance

1. Had sailing team request 30k for boats; felt that sailing should receive funding for outside sources; not sustainable fr VSA
2. Found money fr class of 2020: Abt 55k

vii. Programming and Traditions

1. NYC shuttle is happening:
   a. Few parameters; Students need to test friday b4 leaving recommend testing tuesday after; NYC requires proof of vaccination & mask; for contact tracing- students must register to take the shuttle
   b. Shuttle beginning next start
2. Et w/ Safety & security abt Halloweenkedn

viii. Operations

1. Talked about MOUs & passing them: BORA, BOEA, Seniors, etc.
2. Talking about Bylaws for Leslie to have a treasurer & have community affairs sit on Good Neighbors committee.
3. Talk to Katie on Joint Meeting w/ Ops

ix. VSA President

1. Met w/ Michelle ransom abt updates
2. P& P committee; Covid testing policy; plans for future building on campus (New admin. Building on tennis court).

b. Committee Chair Updates

i. First-Year Programs

1. Meeting starts nxt week Saturday for 2025 senators.

ii. Environmental Action

1. Met w/ direct of sustainability (talked about sustainability peer educators, compost, how to get less waste & reduce it at catering events)
2. Met w/committee & potential for monthly admin meetings
   a. Setting up sustainability peer educators next semester; select them & have training set up for them.
   b. Make sure all the orgs consider sustainability @ all their events.
      i. Need 2 brainstorm on how to reduce waste
      ii. Didn’t go over Divistement
      iii. PAST will meet this friday
iii. Communications
   1. Didn’t meet this week :(  
      a. Make sure everyone joined slagg

iv. Athletics
   1. Cr8td google forms to get people’s opinions on athletics & what it’ll do  
      a. Potential event w/ LGBTQ center; RISE event w/ Health & Wellness  
      b. Put up Clubs & Performances (Posters) in Lockerrooms

v. Student Labor
   1. Elected new committee chair; joined meeting on Friday  
   2. Joe & Julien met w/ Sonya, ALAMO, PB- to talk about 15 dollar student work fee & paying VSA  
      a. Have follow up meeting on Friday to look @ data; Only 7% of students reach allotment of 3k  
   3. Only 2 people who’ve applied for division reps; doesn’t close until the 15th.

vi. Community Affairs
   1. Unable to meet this week

c. Senator Updates
   i. Class of 2025  
      1. N/A
   ii. Class of 2024  
      1. Going to send out introductory email in the next few days
   iii. Class of 2023  
      1. Joe: Went to seed meeting; went over Divestment legislation; close to done  
         a. College is looking to make substantial improvements between pathways to Chicago hall to library; make doors more accessible & remove ramp  
         b. Working w/ Julien on $15 minimum wage
      2. Julien: CCP met; has to reach out to chair of CIE to get on tht; reaching out to co-chairs of admissions & financial aid & get first year senators on those committees.

iv. Class of 2022  
   1. Reached out to Michelle aranson on form about CIS; Don’t yet have access to email list; will get confirmation if done (did ask for all 4 emails to be put in)  
      a. Trying to send out emails

6. Constituent Concerns

7. New Business
   a. Creating an Equity and Inclusion Treasurer  
      i. Passed amendment
   b. Amending the Joint Committees for the Chair of Community Affairs  
      i. Passed amendment
c. Committee Assignments
   i. Have everyone meet up w/ their committees and be updated

8. Speakers List

9. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned @ 2:37