VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Senate Minutes for Feb 6th, 2022
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: New England 105

Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 2:03
Attendees: Ryan, Gabi, Emily (Dri Proxy), Nik, Valeria, Lola, Leslie, Ceci, Lisberma, Katie, Lauren, Kyle, Jenna, Sophie, Jason, Bailey, Natalie, Davis, Shannon, Olier, Brian, Henry, Jalene, Carl (Elena’s Proxy), Jordan, Addie, Aryn, Faye, Noon, (Janet Misc Reporter)
Absentees: Harman, Dri., Elena, Posey

Updates & Announcements: Executive Board, Committee Chairs & Class Senators gave announcements.

Equity & Inclusion:
- Reviewed social consciousness fund for CEST, doing workshops on racism & antisemitism; allocated 3,500 to them
- VSA Fest idea! Event where Vasar can get to Know all the VSA committees
- Going to have newsletter sent out

Residential Affairs:
- Working on Brewer house winter games; every year level
- Working on affinity spaces; going pretty slow
- House teams doing well; Lath Love is happening this weekend.
- Most off campus events will be happening in april
- House team receiving $250 from reslife and will get another 250 from VSA

Health & Wellness:
- Committee didn’t meet; meeting w/Health promotion 7 Education office next week; plan to talk abr RISE event in joint committee; If anyone is part of health related org? add/comment on newsletter

Organizations:
- Orgs didn’t meet/ NA

Academics:
- First year and Academics joint committee met, it was a good meeting, first year students gave a lot of academic feedback, biggest concerns was pre reg advice and how they wished there was a better system to inform first years about pre reg and some other valuable points
- CCP is going to meet this coming week and so will Harman’s academics committee. We’ll probably discuss ways in which the first years concerns can be addressed
- No other committee met this week, no major updates from the other ones

Finance:
- Spring training is coming up; VSA members: there’s money you can use; don’t let money be unspent!
Programming and Traditions:
- The Saturday shuttle has started and will continue weekly until the end of the semester (not including spring break)
- The NYC shuttle will be on 2/19. Tickets for the NYC shuttle will be FREE but they will still be handed out in the college center the week of. More info to come on this.
- Founder’s Day updates:
  - Still looking for a Chair of Sustainability for Founder’s Day! If anyone is interested, please have them message Dri; If anyone is interested in volunteering for Founder’s Day please message Dri

Operations:
- Updated the bylaws, got back to the dictionary;
- ALSO, we’re all meeting in joint committee the same week, need to make sure schedule reflects the actual joint committee schedule.

VSA President:
- N/A

First-Year Programs:
- Had successful Encanto movie night; working on having more programs for the rest of the semester

Environmental Action:
- Met this week; had sustainability peer educator training; Had 5 volunteer for the role! Will be both to try and get houseteam to attain sustainability more nd also have it as an open forum for students
- Potential for compost in the dorms!

Communications:
- QUESTIONS: Supposed to have Town Hall; mauve mention wage increase & talk abt hours
- VP: Anyone in senate can have town hall; Student labor if they want to, could hold thing on wage increase

Athletics:
- Starting to sound social media posts to Whats up VC to support athletic games; Idea of questionnaire regarding athletes and non-athletes

Student Labor:
- Have division rep application rep out, closes on the 13th, sending out 2 emails tomorrow; 1 to student employments abt students contacting regarding wage increases; (asking what info was sent out to offices and what the hourly rate should be); the other one will be sending out to Deans & PB will be spring survey

Community Affairs:
- Established goals for semester; Talked to CEL office to collaborate & expand REACH & CEL projects to have outreach spread beyond first year orientation
Class of 2025:
- N/A

Class of 2024:
- N/A

Class of 2023:
- N/A

Class of 2022:
- Members confused w/house run on campus events happening; Unable to have 100 nights event so, confused as to why they can’t have senor nights
- Orgs: 99 nights cancelled bc Alumnai house couldn’t due to COVID regulations; Everyone is crowded in, it’s a very shoulder-to shoulder event; Senior Class council figured it wasn’t worth having event given COVID; maybe put it into 50 nights or smth
- VP: Email prez of SCC what the alternatives are

New Business

VWASH ACT:
- VP: Price of laundry went up last week; this bill is why; Been arguing w/college to subsidise laundry; College starting next semester will create $66 a year for everyone at work study; One wash & one dry a week a semester.
- Faye: Og wanted it to be $96, Said what cost will be & will go for students on work study into V-WASH account; Only be able to be used for laundry. (seperate from V-PRINT); will get $66 at the beginning of semester
- Noon: Did they not agree to 96?
- VP: Money will come from Vassar, not VSA.
- E&I: Are there any more increases coming up?
- VSA wash act passed; no objections

ADD-HOC COMMITTEE:
- VP: Each semester we’ll review a joint/administrative committee of the college; Review what they’ve done, what they’re supposed to do, and if it’s doing what it’s supposed to be. Can be any committee that anyone thinks needs to be.
- Leslie, Ayrna, Addie, Davis, Noon: People interested in doing so
  - Anyone else welcome to be part of this committee, can join in later

Meeting adjourned @ 2:35