

# VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Agenda for October 12, 2014

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### 1 Call to Order

Start: 7:03

### 2 Attendance ..... Operations

Finance: Absent

Activities: Proxy

### 3 Consensus Agenda

- a. Devils (Discretionary) ..... \$2000/\$5000
- b. French Club (Social Consciousness) ..... \$1200/\$1200
- c. Equestrian (Discretionary) ..... \$840/\$1200
- d. VARC (Discretionary) ..... \$175/\$175
- e. Outing Club (Discretionary)..... \$500/\$500
- f. GAAP (Speakers) ..... \$1000/\$1000
- g. MEChA (Conference) ..... \$750/\$1020
- h. NSO (Community) ..... \$2500/\$2500
- i. Quest Scholars (PreOrg) ..... \$0/\$200
- j. Wordsmiths (Speakers)..... \$2100/\$2100
- k. Class of 2015 (Discretionary) ..... \$2000/\$2000
- l. VC Sound System (Capital)..... \$20/\$20
- m. Aikido Club (Speakers)..... \$0/\$350
- n. Minutes From 10/5/14

President: Finance isn't here to explain these decisions. Does anyone want to speak to them? The we will assume approved.

### 4 Forum with Michael Cato, Chief Information Officer.....Michael Cato (20 min)

Michael Cato: Good evening. I appreciate the invite. I think I had this opportunity once last year, and hopefully it will be a bit more often now. I don't like speeches, so hopefully this will be a conversation. If you have a laptop or phone, take it out. Hopefully we will use it to make this easier. I've always been told the best way to start a conversation is to tell a bit about myself. I came here a little over a year ago, I was previously at UNC Charlotte and then at Chapel Hill. I'm coming from a different environment, my most recent school being at 27,000 students, where Vassar has 2,400. It's a different feel, same challenges and needs, but the scales very different. Hopefully I can do this more often, and talk to students and faculty more directly. Okay, now the fun stuff, I love to cook, because I love to eat, and I used to run marathons, but I didn't have fun in last one. About year ago, I picked up a habit that hopefully will be a bit more interesting. I started cross fit a couple miles from here, 1 or 2 Vassar

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students are there periodically. That's actually me, at the end of a workout. It's a disgusting picture but I'm quite proud. I'll tell you about who CIS is, but let's start backwards. I've been doing an informal poll the last few years. Take a second think about it, how many wireless devices do you have on you right now? if you have at least one, hands up. Two? hands up. Three, keep hands up. Four? Keep hands up. That's actually the first time I've stopped at four. Anyone want to take a guess at the highest? 5. For some reason that person had a couple laptops, a couple tablets, and a phone. think about what that does to us, the people responsible for wifi. Now we are discovering more and more people have multiple devices. We no longer need to know only the amount of people, but how many devices you keep on you. Here is the poll. If you have your laptop, go to [pollev.com/mcato](http://pollev.com/mcato) and you should see first poll there. Text is 37607, text a keyword to the answer. This is just a warm up. So let's try the next one. Okay those were a warm up. Here come the interesting questions. What technologies here at Vassar do you find helpful? What is working well for you. Add your answer to that number. So keep going if you're still typing answers. I see DMZ a couple times. What do you find useful about that?

Cushing: Computers are really fast, compared to mine, which wouldn't be as fast.

Michael Cato: Anyone else? I saw Gmail a couple times.

Joss: Its really helpful with streamlining.

Michael Cato: How many use the calendar? Have you used hangouts? You found it helpful? Good.

Maybe the more informative question now. What is getting in the way? Choose to answer however you feel. The first 15 responses were all wifi. Tell me about your experiences.

Main: Every time I open my computer I have to reconnect, which can be upwards of 20 min.

THs: My computer goes to StartHere every third time.

Main: It's not fast.

Davison: Getting connected as a freshmen took like 3 days.

At-large: A lot of difficulties skypeing. It doesn't work for more than 5 minutes, then there's a lag, and the video freezes. I think it has something to do with wifi. You're the computer guy not me.

Michael Cato: Is this in the residence halls?

At-large: I've been in three different ones and it has been poor every time.

BOEA: You have to wrestle with wifi. If I get connected in Main and move around Main, its generally fine, but if I move out to the TAs it gets a little confused for a while.

Michael Cato: Let me do something. I'm debating whether it will be worth it. You can keep putting answers in. I'm going to switch to a couple of graphs, a couple of things we are doing around the network. Here is what we have currently been doing, actually the past 9 or 10 years. We have 2 connections to commercial internet. Two major connections. Think about a network bandwidth as a

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pipe, it depends not just how fast it is but how big it is. You are all competing for same network pipe. We were trying to make them bigger, incrementally, and are completely replacing them. The net effect we will end up with, ill actually show you in a minute, we will end up with either twice, this is where we have been, in July we stepped up, skipping technical terms, by the end of spring semester we will have effectively doubled where we are now. When we made that change in July we actually doubled that bandwidth that each of you get. if you're having the same issues with slowness we need to know. Curiosity question, when it isn't working well, are you contacting the help desk? If you don't, how can we get the feedback from you? I understand, if its 2am, do you really want to take the time to send an email? But that's how we can know and figure out if something specific is going on. There will be dramatic differences at the end of semester, we will be at a completely different place. Is this helpful? You're really well behaved and quiet and I'm not used to that. What else did I have as far as responses, I think most of it was...

Student Life: I have a response. I think one of the problems in terms of the Vassar website, it isn't really useful for getting students information about the college, like how to declare a major, or how to report assault. I think the college is trying to display this information in a way that is not consistent with the way we typically access information. When we have a question, we Google it. But when you Google it, a lot of these things don't come up. That's my major request, a more user friendly website where students can get more relevant information. It is difficult to find the information you are looking for.

BOEA: It's really a hit or miss there. I think web design is changing and we are moving in a good direction in that way. But students don't know that if they want to access the college regulations, they need to go to Dean of Studies website. Having Navigating Vassar network resources for students would make things a lot easier.

President: I have something unrelated, one issue with CIS, when I file tickets no one responds. For example, I've been trying to change the password on the VSA email since summer. I filed tickets and never got a response. Maybe people are filing in the wrong spot. Michael Cato: You will get an email with a number when you file a ticket. I have many of the same concerns, it is less the system but how we are using it. If you have that number it makes it much easier to track it down. The system is supposed to tell you what we are doing with it. We will definitely work on that. Anyone else? I got one more question for you then. Alright, two more. A bit more broad, are there things that we are doing right now that you suggest we stop doing? Sometimes we are doing things that aren't helpful for you at all, services you aren't taking advantage of or are just getting in the way. Stop with warnings about phishing emails? I want to agree, but we keep having issues not just around the country but here, people getting caught up, a couple of students, let's just put it, got in a really bad situation. We try to

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encourage not clicking things you don't know, and hackers have gotten better. The last question is the reverse, what should CIS start doing? As for PC support, we do offer PC support there as well. Let us hotspot? Can someone define that for me? If hotspot means having your own wireless device in your dorm, that would be problematic for everybody. I'm hoping we will have this in place by end of semester, we will be replacing a number of wifi networks out there right now. Right now they are StartHere, Student-Secure, Faculty-Secure, and the Guest. I find it confusing. We are hoping to reduce it down to 3, so StartHere will go away, and we will have student, faculty, and guest. Okay, at this point we will stop the survey. I'm just going to show you a short clip, you may not be able to hear all audio, but I think you'll get the point, and then i'll see if you have any questions for me. Anyone want to take a guess what they are doing? Playing together with video conferencing. The only piece that is different is the network they're doing it with. It has to do with speed but also latency, we are moving to a different network, where these kind of things become possible. Internettube, it is typically only used by large research institutions, but we will be unique as a Liberal Arts college using this resource. All of these questions, why isn't it faster, why can't I Skype, differences will be seen next year. So any other questions or topics for me? Alright, if not, I appreciate you giving me the space.

President: Thank you for coming in, and if you have any questions feel free to email him. Okay we are actually going to move the VP for Activities position discussion to now, so that the candidates don't have to sit and wait.

### 5 Executive Board Reports

#### a. Operations.....(7 min)

Operations: First and foremost the VSA bulletin board will be up in the next week. It is next to the info desk. I also picked up a project that Reuben wanted to work on, maybe Activities will take this over, but I can do it. There will be an activities calendar for student orgs to advertise events. In terms of the committee, we are discussing a few things, including the use of social media, and talking about our relationship with Residential Life and the VSA. Student Life is also talking about it, and we are also talking about the audit. We are meeting with Drew and Ruby Pierce at 7 and hashing out our final plan for the audit or external review. So we are going to hash out details about that, go to executive board and we will have a plan. Another thing, the 7 sisters conference. We emailed you all a few days ago. It is at Wellesley this year, and is a conference between all the student governments. I had 4 people sign up. We can have a few more people also. It is November 7-9th. The executive departure schedule will depend on everyone's schedule so people don't have to miss things.

Joss: Can you explain more about what this is?

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Operations: Last year, they all came here on Friday, we had dinner, and then Saturday was the day of the conference. There was a lot of sharing between schools. There was talk about how we run activities, how the government functions, what positions we have, what we are working on. It was partially to compare notes, and we all collaborate on stuff. For example, we really want to work on increasing accessibility, and another school may be like "oh we just did that."

Operations: We also try to help other initiatives go through. For example, Bryn Mawr wants gender neutral bathrooms, so we talked to them about that.

Main: One, I'm interested, two, where is the audit meeting happening.

Operations: the VSA office. Also BOEA doesn't have a chair anymore, so I'm the interim chair which is exciting.

TAs: Is the audit meeting open to everyone?

Operations: Yes.

2017: Is there a way to fill the BOEA position?

Operations: No, but BOEA will talk about it.

### b. Academics.....(7 min)

Academics: A few updates: the search for the new director of libraries is going well, we are kind of discussing in committee what the library means to Vassar now and what they could be doing better. There was a forum last week, 2 weeks ago, with faculty, about what they value and would change, and we are looking to do the same with students. We did in the Academic committee meeting last week. The Dean of Strategic planning will come to council, we will have a forum with her and talk about what we all value and what campus values with libraries. We are also going to do so with major committee chairs. On the newsletter, it is going well, we are currently in submission season. The deadline is November 10th. A reminder, the theme is vision and all that that encompasses. It is going well, people have submitted. In terms of getting more, we are reaching out to specific courses, major committees, chairs and directors of departments, faculty members, and also have thrown out ideas about extending it to a yearlong project, but having an excerpted version this semester and the larger polished thing in the spring. We thought it could carry through into a whole year project. Lastly, peer advising. Everyone should sign up. If any of you have errors, tell me. You should all sign up. We are having first year students ask peer advisors over dinner about classes and what they do at Vassar. We want a lot of advisors from different disciplines and majors.

Operations: Can sophomores register?

Academics: No, they can't currently. It has to be juniors or seniors, because you are declared.

At-large: How do you submit to the newsletter?

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Academics: You can email to me. Also if you are signing up to be a peer advisor, it is on the VSA website under academics, it is not hard, and I will more than likely approve you.

TAs: If you were a peer advisor previously, are you still?

Academics: Yes, it rolled over, so if you were last year you still are one as well.

### 6 Discussion On Halloween Pizza ..... Student Life (15 min)

Student Life: So the Senior class was given permission to sell pizza outside of the Halloween dance, and independently, the Student Life committee thought it would be a good idea to offer pizza to the dorms so students have food in their stomachs on Halloween. Chris Roelke offered us \$1000 to do so. So after a conversation with 2015, Student Life is trying to figure out what to do with the money offered. We all want the same thing, more food in stomachs, less destructive behavior, and less drunkenness. I wanted to know what you all thing. Some options are that Student Life buys alternate food, which would happen after dinner, so we could encourage a full dinner because 2015 brought up that when dorm dinners happen people don't eat enough because of the limited supply. So it would be at 8 or 9 pm. Other option, we could subsidize the pizza the senior class is selling so it could be cheaper. Some points were brought up, one point being that by the time pizza was being sold people could already be drinking. We want to use the money in a way that does the most good.

President: Is Chris's money not bookmarked for pizza? Did he put restrictions on it?

2018: Specifically, it is toward any health initiatives for that night, so it can be anything we decide to do.

2015: Yeah so towards that point, we discussed in our council and we wanted to coordinate with the houses. Also this would have to do with other things that Student Fellows do. In terms of using money for the event, I'm sure we would never say no to money, but we did get supplemental funding from the VSA to cover some costs, so if we wanted to, dessert could definitely be good. A very good option. We weren't sure what time Student Life wanted to do, so we were thinking sandwiches.

Jewett: I'm definitely in favor of the dorms. Pizza is tricky, some people might use that as their dinner. I think if there is pizza, it should not be just pizza. But if it is pizza, people might skip dinner to eat pizza instead.

Activities: I agree along with that, I'm always thinking about pizza, I think at that period of the night, I would say to just wait. So if we could rock Nutella dessert pizzas, or something, we could still get enough carbs in.

Cushing: Question: do campus activities provide water? One really important thing is that it is important to keep hydrated. Sometimes they bring water containers. That is better than going to the bathroom to get water. It is also important for there to be cups. I think water may be even more important than food.

2015: Water and food will both be provided at the Villard room party. In terms of houses, an essential water location could be a thing.

THs: In terms of giving food before, think of the THs and TAs too. We are drinking legally, so make sure we have food too.

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Student Life: Something we discussed briefly was pancakes. We talked a lot about pancakes. I'm not sure if certain orgs would be interested? I know that it is a big burden for house teams, but maybe there are orgs that want to fundraise and would be like, "yeah we will make pancakes for a couple hours if you pay us a couple hundred dollars". So breakfast foods.

2015: Suggestion, ice cream. It has protein in it.

President: Last year Strong did Brenner at some point during study week, which was catered by an outside company. I believe there are also outside places, that we may be able to get catered.

Strong: I wanted to mention, I'm a big proponent of having several places of food across campus. I really love it in the Villard room, but I also want other places because a bunch of people don't go to that or don't go for very long.

2017: Maybe I got the wrong sense, but it seemed that even with the suggestions of things done by houses or orgs, fundraising was mentioned, and I guess I would caution against having to pay for food. I know I wouldn't pay real money for food. We have to be careful offering stuff.

Student Life: On the fundraising aspect, to clarify, the money that we receive from Roelke would go to orgs. Also, its only \$1000, which is not enough to pay for lots of food for lots of people, so a piece of this programming would come out of house budgets.

Operations: A question for 2015, pizza during the event or an hour before?

2015: It would be at 1am in the retreat, something we thought as a fundraiser for us, but also to get food for people after, in the hopes of giving people motivation to leave the party and get home.

Usually food ends peoples nights, so it should be looked at as different from beforehand food. This is just a post-game.

Town Students: Can we put flyers up about drinking on Halloween, with stats about EMS numbers, or just a sign saying "Don't Drink."

2018: The freshman class council and the health department are collaborating on the Draw the Line campaign. There will be posters and tabling in the Retreat. It will include data from last year. We want to clarify the perspectives that students have. Posters can clarify those perspectives, with data from Vassar students about how often they are actually drinking, and clarifying Vassar norms, so that they are aware when to draw the line. It will not be just data, but other things educating campus.

At-large: To speak to a preventative flyer, this is more towards 2015, can we send something out for responsible party hosting? I've seen a lot of parties getting out of hand because hosts aren't responsible. It would be really good if everyone had that information, even if they didn't go to the party hosting class.

2018: Health administration should be emailing houses on Monday, giving every student fellow posters.

Davison: This morning, we put together a breakfast to talk to freshman about Halloween. I felt able to reach a good amount of freshman, but my concern is other members, not freshman, and their behaviors. I don't know a good way to reach other classes in terms of responsible drinking, breaking windows, and house team couldn't think of good way to reach them either. At this point in their Vassar career they don't go or are apprehensive about those discussions. In terms of other classes, I am not sure a poster campaign and efforts like that will have the same effect. I'm just raising that issue. It is not easy to reach them.

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2017: There is a lot of dialogue about alcohol with the freshman class, every year talking to the incoming class, and I think it would be better accomplished if there wasn't such a strong prohibition on Student Fellows, not being able to drink with freshmen. It puts a divide there, and I know a lot of Student Fellows weren't the most natural talking to freshman about drinking because they felt like they had to pretend not to drink. I think having that personal conversation with sophomores could be more effective than posters.

TAs: In that light, different class presidents could make a big push for holding those talks with, if a sophomore has freshman friends, holding those talks. I know how hard it is to reach juniors, sophomores, but that could be one way.

Student Life: I think what I'm hearing is that we all want to do something. My personal thoughts right now are kind of just to distribute money to houses with the understanding that it will be used to distribute food at some point during the evening. I don't think everyone has to do same thing, but be mindful of 2015. We all have same goals, that's awesome, and I hope this has been a productive brainstorming session, upperclassmen housing included. So cool, I think this will be a more individualized thing, and we will work out logistics later. Student Life is happy to try and accomplish these great ways to engage people in talk about the alcohol culture on campus.

President: Perfect. Thank you Student Life. So we will move on.

### 7 Filling of the VP for Activities Position.....BOEA (45 min)

BOEA: We were deciding to fill the position by election, so we did the election, and results ultimately ended up with a tie, each had 200 votes. How exactly our round-off system works? Ask me later.

Basically, that tie goes to council to be broken and voted on by y'all. Usually this includes interviewing candidates, having a public discussion, then voting. We thought it would be easier to have interviews and conversations in our group and send you all the notes to let you make a decision on how you're going to vote. We also invited members of council who didn't know the candidates, so that way they can help move the discussion on. Over lengthy discussion, it was difficult to come to a conclusion, due to a number of factors you have the minutes for now. We weren't unanimous, but we decided that we are strongly in favor of Lauren Garcia to fill the position. Council votes, so that's what it is, we are just trying to help you.

President: We asked BOEA to look first, to weigh in, but in no means is there recommendation what we have to do. Both candidates are here if you have further questions, but part of the reason BOEA interviewed first, if you have a question try to make sure it hasn't already been answered. We will discuss this and then vote. Anything else you need to know? Why don't we have each candidate do a 2 min pitch... actually we will give everyone two minutes to read over the minutes.

BOEA: If you have questions about the meeting, ask me.



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President: Someone wanted to know why the candidates are here. Bylaws say we have to interview them on council floor, but this has been upsetting in the past, so we did interviewing ahead of time and then brought them in. I know its awkward and perhaps not ideal. I would also encourage everyone to remember that this isn't about people in general, it is about the position and who is the best for the position. Obviously both are incredibly qualified if there was a tie.

BOEA: Side note, before spring elections, we should fix that, and we should probably come back to that bylaw.

President: Any further questions?

Student Life: Operations needs to help with this. I feel personally uncomfortable voting in full view of the candidates. I move to suspend the bylaw that says we need to vote in a public forum with a 2/3 majority.

President: In the bylaws, it says all meetings are open. We can close the meeting, but bylaw says all voting has to be in public view.

BOEA: So you can suspend the bylaw and also move to close the session as well.

SL: That's what I move to do.

President: Does anyone want to speak to closing the session? And in the closed session we will vote.

Davison: Do we have to vote to reopen?

Operations: A time limit will be set.

Ferry: Should we have an open session to talk about it first?

2016: Along the same lines, could we ask them to excuse themselves? I don't think everyone would feel comfortable discussing them in front of them.

Jewett: What if we still have questions for them?

At-large: Even if they excuse themselves, it is still recorded who voted in what way.

BOEA: What you could do is go ahead, close the session, and vote there, but that is very closed. I will just say, we did have a 30-45 min discussion, so I would say having a public discussion first could help transparency.

Student Life: I rescind the motion.

President: We will discuss based on what is in front of us. Someone else can also make a motion to close it.

Operation: Anything else you guys want to add that you didn't say in interview or the candidate statement?

Lauren: I am happy to answer any questions, but we talked for a long amount of time. So unless anyone has any questions....

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Student Life: I wanted to thank both of you for stepping up, VP for Activities is really important, and I really appreciate that both of you, on very little notice, were willing to drop things to put this first. Thank you both.

President: Jumping off of Student Life's point, you are both obviously qualified, and it is unfortunate we can only have one. Whoever gets it will do great job but the other would have too.

Student Life: I want to remake the motion I made earlier.

President: The motion on table is to go into closed session where we will vote and also suspend the bylaws so we need a 3/4 majority.

2017: How many people is that?

Operations: It is 18.

President: alright so, in favor, abstain, or be opposed.

Abstention: None

All in favor: All.

All opposed: None.

President: So we will go into a closed session. 10 minutes. We will get the Misc when we open.

Activities: What did last week's resolution accomplish, in terms of BOEA and its relationship to council?

Operations: That is not relevant here, but for a vacant position, if we were filling by appointment, their recommendation would be approved automatically via consensus, but the fact that this was a tie means it doesn't apply at all. Bylaws specifically say that ties have to go through council.

President: It's almost like we brought BOEA in as an expert witness. We asked them to pre-sort out a lot of these issues and give us their opinion, like a consultant.

Cushing: Question, to the president, in your email, you said we should abstain if we have personal relationships with a candidate that can maybe jeopardize the decision making process, but you also said we shouldn't abstain.

President: Okay, so suppose Reuben is up for this position and he is my best friend. If I can come in to this session and say I will look at this purely as the information presented and I come in completely open to change my mind, and totally willing to waver, I can vote. if I say me and him are besties and I'm going to vote for him no matter what, then I abstain. But as a member of your constituency, hopefully you are open enough not to vote for the social aspect.

Cushing: What if we do have some preconceptions, but we are not best friends, but don't know if we can base our information entirely on this.

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President: Abstentions, you made your mind up, nothing can be said to change your mind. If that will affect your decision, then it is fine to let outside information help you decide. But if you say, I don't care if this person is an axe murderer, I will vote for them, you abstain. There are a lot of people in the room who know candidates. That's okay, you can vote. I know it is confusing.

2017: To respond, this is coming from someone who knows one and not another, and until I got your email I was prepared to abstain. The reason for doing it wouldn't be because I would be so entirely set in stone to vote for that person even if the one I knew was so utterly incompetent... it was more so that knowing that they are both qualified I didn't want a friendship to break that tie, I would be expecting that either one would be good, and I wouldn't want friendship to tilt the scale.

President: That is sort of putting it in the position where you might not have your mind set. Ultimately abstaining comes back at you, I think it is important to look at the reason before abstaining. You can abstain if you need to, I just wanted people to think about it.

Student Life: Yeah, I am kind of leaning towards Lauren given everything BOEA typed up. The part of the notes that say that Lauren talked a lot about organizations, where Josh talks about students, in reality orgs is how you connect to students. I think both are qualified, based on this extended interview, but I think the VP for Activities that framed interest around orgs is a more practical choice.

Operations: Yeah, just the fact that BOEA did do all of these interviews and kind of did the legwork, I am inclined to vote for their recommendation. I know both candidates and both would do a good job, but since BOEA did do the interviews and sat talking amongst themselves for a while makes me inclined.

2016: In a good deal of our previous conversations, we wanted to talk about experience, and because of that discussion, I am leaning towards Lauren. We were worried about the transition, and Lauren is already on the Activities committee. She's already an active member.

Main: I'm in favor of Josh, again for the way they framed ideas. Yes, administering orgs is most important out of Activities' jobs, but considering the lack of programming on campus, the VP of Activities should be stimulating campus activities, focusing in on students and not orgs, who often try to do their own thing some times. So I think that was a good way to frame it.

Academics: In a lot of situations, a lot of people frame it around students, but I've been doing this a long time, and I don't feel like it is a very practical way to view this. Programming happens through orgs, for a lot of good reasons, so for me framing it as an org thing, I feel like that is a good way to do it. Jewett, can you talk about the breadth of the divide, and whether it was very heated?

Jewett: I did have to leave early, but it wasn't really heated. It was going to come down to nitpicky things because both are qualified.

# VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Town Students: We had a long conversation about both, and it comes down to these details, personally I thought that Lauren seemed more qualified. she is involved in a lot of things, good at multitasking, loves organizing and planning, and we need someone with that kind of brain.

Operations: I move to extend by 10 more minutes?

President: Okay, motion to extend by 10 minutes.

All in favor: All.

All Opposed: None.

Davison: I guess from my point of view, reading all notes, on a personal level, I see Lauren as very mechanical, where Josh seemed more emotional and passionate, in a good way, so considering who I am, I would want the more emotional or passionate candidate. I feel like with the Activities Position, someone very passionate and connected as opposed to, I don't want to say removed, but methodical, would be best.

Operations: In direct response to that. Operations did all appointments last year, and a lot of what we talked about is not to put a lot of weight on how someone comes off in interviews. Some people are better at interviewing, and more passionate in interviews is not necessarily an indicator.

THs: I didn't think this was a fair representation of Lauren. I think they're both passionate by going through all of this.

Jewett: I did think Josh interviewed better, but after discussing, I did agree with what BOEA came to. Lauren didn't come off as animated, but did have better responses. In the scenario question she had a clearer response, and a better understanding of what the position is.

Activities: I was going to move to vote. This job is incredibly nebulous, in that it really is what you make of it. Knowing both on a very personal level, I think Lauren will do a good job working with the committee. I move to vote.

President: Options are to abstain, vote in favor of Josh, or in favor of Lauren.

Cushing: A point of information, do we still need 2/3 to vote, or is it not like that.

Operations: We had an all encompassing motion, so it just needs to be a majority.

Abstentions: Main, 2016, Cushing, Activities

In Favor of Lauren: Town Students, Jewett, Noyes, Lathrop, TAs, THs, 2015, South Commons, Operations, Student Life, Academics, 2017, Strong, Ferry, 2018, Raymond, Joss

In Favor of Josh: Davison.

President: So Lauren is the winner. Yay. We will open the session again.

Activities: I have to go everyone.

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President: Alrighty, we reached a decision in closed discussion. The new VP is Lauren Garcia. If you actually want to come up and join us, you can start the job right now.

Operations: Casey have you resigned?

BOEA: Oh yeah, I resigned.

### 8 Open Discussion

Main: Fall fest happened on Friday, it was a great success, thanks to everyone who helped plan or showed up. I hope to see it again next year.

Cushing: I want to shamelessly talk about, not as a representative of Cushing but just as me, CARES is having a speak-out this Tuesday, please be there. It is an important thing before Halloween, and it is important to listen to peoples experiences if you want to know more about sexual assault. This provides a space for survivors or anyone effected from personal violence or not to kind of speak out, and it is going to be great.

Student Life: Where and when?

Cushing: It is in the Mug at 6.

Operations: I want to give a warm welcome to Lauren, welcome to the VSA and executive board.

President: I wanted to remind you all to sign up for the privilege campaign, it is really important with our goals and making ourselves more accessible and aware. I know it is an hour and a half, but it is really important and we need people to be there. Student Life is working really hard on this and BIRT is working really hard.

Operations: I move to adjourn.

President: All in favor? All. All opposed? None.

end: 8:33