

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Council Agenda for April 26, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

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1 Call to Order

2 Attendance Operations

Absent: 2015, Town Students

Late: Finance

Proxies: 2016, Cushing, SoCos

President: Can the at-large members introduce themselves?

At-Large: The Misc Editor, Rhys the News Editor, Maddie the Social Media Editor, Adit the Traditions Committee co-chair, Josh, Seth from the Finance Committee, Kiran.

3 Consensus Agenda

- a. ViCE Student Music (Capital).....\$1519.98/\$1519.98
- b. ViCE Special Events (Collaboration)\$2500/\$3000
- c. ViCE Special Events (Discretionary)\$500/\$2000
- d. SJP (PreOrg)\$925/\$925
- e. Outing Club (Capital)..... Full Minus Tents/\$1700
- f. LiNK (Discretionary).....\$1500/\$1500
- g. Class of 2016 (Collaboration).....\$350/\$350
- h. WOCA (PreOrg)\$100/\$100
- i. UNICEF (Discretionary).....\$150/\$150
- j. Scientific Research Literature Club (PreOrg).....\$130/\$130
- k. Minutes From 4/19/15

President: Any questions on the consensus agenda? Okay. We will assume it is passed.

Finance: ViCE Student Music needed amps from the Captial Fund, and that fund is still doing well so we approved. ViCE Special Events is collaborating for a comedy festival. They also applied for money for the Paint Party, and we gave them a partial allocation. We didn't want to spend \$2000 on paint that was just going to be thrown on the floor. SJP is having a panel, and they are working with other orgs for their main funds. The Outing Club needed more equipment, like cooking supplies, socks, backpacks. LiNK is having a charity dinner with a CIA chef catering. 2016 is in collaboration with other classes to do a Founder's Day pre-party. That is including collaboration with 2018. WOCA is having a women of color brunch. UNICEF needed extra funds for their annual dodge ball tournament. SRLC applied for funding for something called "Illuminating Dark Matter".

4 Traditions Committee Amendment Adit Vaddi (20 min)

Operations: So there are two versions of it. The only differences are points three and four of Section A. The first page just has that the members would be appointed by the co-chairs. The second page says they would be appointed by BOEA. first Adit will speak to why he prefers the first option. Operations talked about why the second page is the option we wanted.

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Adit: So my basic reasoning, since the co-chairs will be appointed by BOEA, as well as the treasurer, the co-chairs don't think that additional input from BOEA is needed. If BOEA selected the co-chairs, then the co-chairs should be seen as credible enough to select the rest of the members on their committee. We don't feel BOEA should do everything for the committee.

Operations: Does anyone on Operations committee want to say anything?

Josh: Are there currently any VSA bodies that are similar to that? Self-selecting other members? I am speaking to consistency.

Activities: There isn't a lot like that, with the exception of the Student Gift committee. But I don't think that is a thing we should shy away from just because it is different.

Joss: The only thing I was going to say, didn't Finance select their own members this year?

President: Yes, but I think in the future they will move it to BOEA.

Operations: In the past, when Operations was in charge of all appointments, we appointed Founders Day chairs but we didn't appoint subcommittee chairs, the chairs did that themselves.

Adit: I want to add, the Traditions Committee exists comparable to a VSA org versus a committee, We function in the org capacity. We run our own events, so we are virtually independent, and we have a budget. We aren't really tied to the VSA.

2017: One of the big problems I would see in appointments made by the co-chairs is that, being appointed by BOEA provides uniformity of publicizing the stuff, because BOEA has access to all-campus emails. The chairs would not. So if we are going to have a board that students associate with filling positions, if the positions are to be filled, students will expect an email from BOEA. I worry that taking that away from BOEA and having it publicized by people without all-campus emails access would make the process not uniform and less open.

Adit: My point, if BOEA appointed our committee members, we would have to coordinate more schedules. We have to start very early, and if BOEA got involved it could be delayed. They would still appoint the chairs and announce people. And we will also have a Traditions page on the VSA page.

Operations: Someone needs to make a motion to adopt this amendment. I move to adopt the one on the first page, the one being suggested by Adit.

President: So basically, Traditions Committee would appoint it's own members, BOEA would appoint the chairs. The options, as always are abstention, in favor, or opposed.

Is anyone abstaining? No.

All in favor? Okay, everyone except for Strong and 2017.

All opposed? Strong, 2017.

Cool, it is adopted.

5 Annual Budgeting Report..... Finance (20 min)

Finance: Do you think, Ramy, you could put it on the screen? I figure it would be easier if we have it on the screen to walk through it and people can ask questions. I think if we went through the entire thing

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first and then noted questions and come back to them, that would be a more organized approach to this process. Okay, so, this is a new budget format. The way we did it, we grouped orgs imperfectly based on their mission statements and functions into sixteen general groups. Before, the Finance Committee would just list it alphabetically. Now, we can compare the different orgs in the same section. Also, that old format doesn't let you see on a macro level, per group of orgs, which is important. So we will start from the beginning. We expanded the VSA internal funds. It used to be that Halloweekend and Serenading were paid for through orgs, but since those are all school events, and they are now overseen by Traditions, we put them into a separate internal fund. Those will populate The Traditions Committee budget. This section also included Executive Board stipends, since that was passed. It is important to note that this is all an approximation, as are a lot of these numbers. We are able to know pretty quickly how much needs to be spent, and in the next few years the VP for Finance can move money in and out with council permission. The idea of the budget, this is how it is going to be broken down, it will have to be approved by council and if it is ever changed, it will again have to be approved by council. We made it so changing this format isn't an ability without council's approval. Next, Special Purpose Funds. We increased the Conference, Collab, and Social Consciousness funds. These were all pretty heavily used this year. We broke down allocations by classes and residences. Some noticeable changes, there are cuts in house budgets and changes in Senior Class money. Cuts were done because before, there was never any methodology behind these allocations. Each house just got the same amount. We could tell by the way budget apps were filled out that there currently is no standard, so we decided to build a method, accounting for funding for study breaks, a Fall event, a Spring event, food for study week, and money for the Brewer Games.

Strong: Also, some money for miscellaneous spending.

Finance: I can send you a breakdown to all this year's House Presidents. Included in this, next year's VP for Finance also decided to have more training for House Treasurers. Sometimes, they don't know what to do.

Strong: Oh, and this includes Founder's Day bagels.

Finance: So, based on how much we have left in accounts every year, that is what makes our surplus, and we are trying to re-delegate those funds. Anyone can apply to Special Purpose funds for more money. The Senior Class budget went down dramatically, because we decided to remove Senior Week ticketing from this number. We are going to move that into a separate account, and we are meeting with the Senior Class to determine how much is appropriate to put in that for Senior Week. Also notable, we've done something different with senior housing. The budget breakdown is now based on population. This is a lot more equitable. So there is \$750 for the THs, \$600 for the TAs, and \$150 for the SoCos. This is broken by population. Actually, this is an overrepresentation of people living in the SoCos. Okay, now to the orgs. For the first grouping, Health and Fitness related orgs, which I know is very general. Because of the addition of Body Positive, a new org as of last semester, we've increased the

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total allocated to this group. Next are Acappella groups. There was not much change. By the way, if there is a dash and dollar sign, that means the org didn't submit their application. Air Cappella didn't get money because they are endowed by a fund. Asterisks are placed on org budgets that are particularly variable. These are orgs we will be meeting with next week, or that we are still discussing. Next is Issues and Activism. We increased spending by 20% overall. I think that falls in line with the current trend on campus for orgs on issues and activism. Next are Identity orgs. These have been historically underfunded, so we increased this group's allocation by 10%. MBSA hasn't been reviewed yet, and one group's application was submitted late. For Competitive organizations, there was a 4% increase. but we are anticipating that going lower. Because Wordsmiths has increased significantly the popularity of their programming this year, they got a lot more money. Next are Political and Ideological orgs, which had a large increase because of funding going to Democracy Matters. For Dance groups there was a decrease, but that factors in Ballroom Dancing because they had no submission. Then there is Religious and Spiritual, Community Service and Charity, Comedy, Theater, Publications, Hobbies and Interests, Student Services, Music, and ViCE. We are proposing a new model for ViCE. They will have a budget specifically for events, instead of money for each individual section. We will be putting money in a discretionary fund only to be used by the ViCE board. Right now, if any of the sub-organizations want something different, it is at their discretion, but that privileges the sub-organizations with more money. We decided to empower the entirety of ViCE for more equity. In addition, they requested to create a new group, ViCE Comedy, and they asked for \$20,000. We gave them \$10,000 because they are new. All numbers are variable, because this is meant to be a collaborative process. We issued suggestions and will see if we can come to an agreement about what is appropriate for each org to have. I've heard positive feedback about this decision so far. Any questions?

Operations: How did you arrive at the number for Exec stipends? Because I think that number is wrong.

Finance: We calculated the work-study allotment for six people. I might have added it up wrong. We budgeted \$750,000 in a week, and the reason we bring it to you is because we want to make sure there are no errors.

Student Life: Thank you Max, Finance, and everyone who had a hand in creating the budget. A few things, nitpicky. I know that the acappella group Home Brew, they changed their name because they found their old name to be racially insensitive. They are listed as the Minstrels here, but they are called Home Brew now.

Finance: Okay, we'll fix that.

Student Life: I am also curious about what this will look like going forward for orgs who submitted apps late or didn't submit at all, and how generous Finance Committee will be in terms of dealing with them.

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Finance: We will be shockingly generous, and I say shockingly because every org had more than enough time and information to complete these. We will still be reviewing them as they come in. MBSA submitted last night, and a bunch of orgs were late, but we are not going to not budget them. But it is important to have a system where people are responsive. It is disheartening that even with something as important as annual budgeting, people can be forgetful. If we don't get an org's application by the end of the week, they will have to wait until Fall. So if you know people who haven't done it, tell them to submit.

At-large: What happened with the Punx budget?

Finance: Their application was unreadable, basically.

TAs: For third semester pre-orgs, how does that work?

Finance: Third semester pre-orgs, I don't think any are on this list. That is because they will not be official until next semester. They will have to do the annual budget process at a different time.

TAs: Because they weren't late, how will you fit them in to the budget allocations fairly?

Finance: Whenever an org becomes a new org during the year, they just do whatever Finance Committee's process is for that. This year we will be taking it out of the Discretionary Fund. There aren't enough expensive new orgs that it would be detrimental to our budget.

At-large: first of all, it is impressive that you did this in one week. That is great. Do you plan to make this public? Good. What are projections looking like for rollover? What is that amount?

Finance: So, on this list, any org where it says yes, that is rollover. Some exciting news, almost all of the funds for this year are expected to tap out by our last meeting. This is the first time that has happened in I don't know how long, so we will definitely have a surplus, but it won't be coming from the VSA. It will be a very small surplus. We are estimating \$10,000. And then there are some orgs that go into debt. Also, any org that fundraises is entitled to keep that money for next semester.

At-large: So the Student Activities fee for next year is going to be \$350, and we are said to have about 2400 students, but we know that number is actually larger, so that adds up to \$840,000. Right now, this list stops at \$650,000. Where is that extra money going?

Finance: Okay, here's what we are anticipating. That number is lower than expected, especially since we've been giving increases. There were only cuts in places where the request was excessive. So that is all accounted for. One thing we haven't put in is the money for Senior Week ticketing, which should be between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Also, we are hoping with 80% certainty that we can put \$20,000 in the Student Assistance fund. Oh, I guess that is already on there. That is not set up yet. We have money for it now, and are hoping it can be set up by Fall. Until it can be set up, this money will be at the discretion of the VP for Finance next year, and what can happen is it can be informally distributed. If org leadership says we have people who can't afford something, the fund can be administered in that way. It is not ideal, but there is only so much we can do. This is a first step forward. \$30,000 will go very quickly. To be sustainable, once it is set up systematically, this fund is going to need at least

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\$60,000. That is a good place to put our growth in budget. We are planning on leaving at least \$25,000 unbudgeted. It is good to do that. We don't want to budget exactly, because we don't know how many students will drop out, and then we don't get their Student Activity fees. So that is a good cushion. I've been thinking about, but it is not appropriate for me to make this decision, so something for next year's Exec, it seems like it is time to do transfers to Student Life and Diversity centers. We have more money than we know what to do with.

At-large: In this, are you showing a seed balance?

Finance: That is spent from surplus in other funds. I don't want to give a number because I am not sure what it is. That needs to be accounted for, and will be made available.

At-large: How much will this go up after appeals are finished?

Finance: Well, if you include Senior Week ticketing, the total number will be around \$700,000, \$720,000. We will make adjustments as appropriate. The thing is, the budget is contingent on enrollment and the Student Activities fee. We talked to administration about cutting the Student Activities fee, but the problem is if enrollment goes back down, we'll end up losing money. So we might just have a lot for a little. We have an almost unprecedented amount of money for any student body to have control over. \$120,000 is unbudgeted if it winds up being \$720,000. The last thing I would like to say, I will send the most updated version of this out tonight. If you have any questions you can come to office hours. This really was the combined effort of thirty students. We met from 6-9pm everyday last week and on Saturday morning. I think this is the most equitable it has been since I've been here, and the most accessible. It is important to see how much we are spending on Identity orgs as a group. It is important that students can see the percent change. This allows us to show how we made our mark and changes on this budget.

Main: Last year there was a ranking from 0-100%, where each org is in their amount of money.

Finance: I can do that.

President: Okay, any last thoughts? Thank you to Max and all of Finance! Great, way to go.

6 Constituent Concerns..... (20 min)

President: Okay, any constituent concerns? No, that's cool. We have a week left. If you get any, let us know next week.

7 Executive Board Reports

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

Operations: Okay, so food truck Friday is this week. A huge thanks to 2016 for helping me. There will be Mole Mole, Black Forest Flammkuchen, and Sweet Central Express ice cream. There will be gluten free, nut free, and vegan options. Cash only, sorry. It will be on Friday from 11am-3pm on the library lawn. Get excited. Second, operations committee is talking about the report and trying to put together a list of things we plan on implementing, but we are all outgoing. You can send that report out to your constituents if you want. Do your thing. Enjoy.

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b. Student Life.....(7 min)

Student Life: Hi, sorry, I am trying to find emails. Student Life is working on a video project and scrambling to get it done. Vassar A-Z. The video will be sent out to matriculating students briefing them about life at Vassar, with everything from W for Womp Womp, M for Microaggression, and E for EMS. EMS is going to be in it. We might approach some of you as well. It should be fun. In terms of committee related things, there is a faculty training sub-committee of CIE. There is going to be a Deans/Directors retreat. The theme is going to be how best to educate and nurture students. There is going to be a panel and breakout sessions. In one, they are all scenarios, faculty will talk about issues of identity in classrooms. It will be led by a professor in the Political Science Department, as well as folks from Latino/a Studies. At our last meeting we went over scenarios. We narrowed it down to four or five. One is about a student who wants to do pronouns in the classroom, while another student is being disrespectful, and faculty must decide if they should intervene. Another is about SES, and another about race, and if you notice certain students in a certain identity aren't participating in class, what to do. It is a good place to approach teaching faculty some things. Everyone is invited, but we are not expecting all to go. You take what you can get in terms of presenting information to faculty. Almost last but not least, the survey, we have just broken the one-thousand responses goal. It was at 1058 two days ago. That is really fantastic, over 40% of the school. Stacked up against other colleges, we look pretty good. Response rates are varying, with Tufts at 12%, Wesleyan closed at 35%, so 40% is really good. The only institution that puts us to shame is Williams, with over 60%. But they are also on that list for being investigated by the federal government, and we're not, so there's that. The distribution, according to David, is good across class years, gender, and race. For the Class of 2016, there was an unusually high male participation rate, so I appreciate the men of 2016. I think we are going to close it sometime in the next week or so. We sense that senior level administrators are really interested in results. David was asked to speak briefly about it, and wound up speaking about it for forty-five minutes showing them the preliminary results. One challenge moving ahead is how to present this information in a way that retains personal character, without making it that any person could be identified. We promised anonymity and we are going to deliver anonymity. But if you are a gender queer pacific islander, for example, it will take extra steps to assure that anonymity with specific minority identities. Unrelated to student life, I have a personal concern with the number of young administrators leaving Vassar. There has been a mass exodus. I think that is really concerning, because clearly work conditions make it so administrators under the age of thirty or thirty-five don't ever stay more than a few years. Which is a shame, because they often end up doing the most and provide the most emotional labor and support, particularly people like Luz, who's last day is in about a week, and about House Advisors. So, yeah. All of the good people are leaving and I'm concerned. We are actually going to lose more, I think, soon. So this is something maybe next year's council can take a closer look at. Why are all of the people who do the most student support leaving, and what conditions exist that

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make it not a good job for them that will last. Those people are really important. If you ask most students to name one administrator they like, it will probably be someone who is younger. More people pick Judy over Chris Roellke, for example.

Academics: Do you have any idea when the data from the survey will come out?

Student Life: Yea, there will be presentations in the Fall. David's going to use the summer to come up with a presentation format for it. We desire to have it available on the internet. We will also do a series of presentations to specific segments of campus. The format of presentations we haven't decided, but it will be some tangible thing on the internet in the Fall. If the college is okay with that.

Operations: Do you have any idea when open positions will be filled, such as the ALANA Center Director?

Student Life: They are in the process of hiring Luz's replacement right now. With Julian's position, we're going to have an interim director. This is somewhat difficult, as he was also the school's unofficial legal counsel while he was here. When I ask, they say student input is important in the hiring process, which is good but worrisome. That means interviews will happen on campus realistically in the Fall. So we will be beginning the year without these positions filled. Hopefully when we get back they will be, but realistically probably not. I'm sure Tyler can speak to House Advisor hiring.

SoCos: So one candidate just arrived for interviews, and the last person will arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday. If I remember correctly, they will be starting July 1st. A bunch of HSAs, both future and current, have been participating in those interviews. If you want to reach out you can and see what their thoughts are. That would be really good. I am excited to find out.

Student Life: Do you want to speak to the structure of that position next year?

SoCos: So there will be five House Advisors, and two will also be Assistant Directors of Reslife One is Anders, and the other is being hired because for some reason it is not Diane. Each will still have two houses but clusters are all changing. Anders is still with Cushing but now has all of the apartments and Ferry. The clusters will be Main and Strong, Raymond and Davison, Lathrop and Noyes, and Jewett and Joss. As far as structure, they will all be full-time Reslife staff now. Now, all part-time positions are going to be post-bac positions. So intern services, campus activities, etc.

Finance: It is shocking that we as the VSA have so much money, and the rest of the school so little money. I don't know. So many more qualified finance people are supposed to be dealing with that...

Operations: In Cappy's list of promises, she promised a sixth House Advisor. and like an entry level student affairs division. I wonder what happened with that. We should check on that. We'll get on that.

President: Any further questions? Cool. We'll move on.

2 Council Updates

a. Noyes.....(7 min)

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Noyes: There is nothing to report. We had an event this Saturday, Queen on the Quad, it was pretty good. We are selling merch this week. An exciting update, we are re-doing our MPR and putting in an air conditioner and new furniture. Exciting.

b. Raymond.....(7 min)

Raymond: There is not much going on. We are having fun study breaks. That's pretty much it. My favorite one, Wednesday, the post-bac has a puppy named Charlie, and it is his birthday, so he will be having his puppy friends over for a birthday party in the MPR on Wednesday.

c. TAs.....(7 min)

TAs: Hi, the TA residents had a CPR class today. We are all ready for Founders Day. I mean, you're coming to our side of campus...

8 Open Discussion

Cushing: We are in collaboration with 2017 on a movie screening outside of Blodgett, showing Spirited Away, May 1st, there will be popcorn. It is going to be fun.

Main: This week is Main's Week of Love. It is our low-key big event for the semester. We will be tabling outside the Retreat, having fun food and self-care themed programming. This is including the dog thing on Wednesday, where all of the campus dogs will be on the library lawn.

Finance: So, a couple of things I forgot. This is the first time in a while that the VP for Finance has been a Junior. I won't be leaving next year, so I can still help advise whoever's involved on how to spend almost \$120,000 that we are anticipating not budgeting. I would very much appreciate if anyone could send me the ideas they have. What I would like you to focus on, what could you have had this year that would have made your job easier or made your residents have a better time? And also send me a list of miscellaneous house items you are in need of, like a microwave. The reason we haven't been paying for that in the past is that Reslife is supposed to, but because they don't, maybe it is time to give residents livable homes. I also want to talk about two ideas for feedback. How do you think residents would feel if dorm dinners happened once a month as opposed to once a semester? The VSA could afford to do something like that. It wouldn't have to be catered by the Deece, either. Also, what ideas for expanded programming? When we say that we have money, ViCE's response is to get more expensive artists. But that has little tangible effects on the value of programming. What would you do with a hundred thousand dollars? We should have the best programming of any liberal arts college in the country with the money we have. I hope that you will share that info with everyone. The second thing, I want to thank Hannah for her work on the Student Survey. I can't tell you how valuable it is to have this information. Also congrats to everyone who got elected or reelected. Especially those who worked so hard.

Student Life: Also, maybe we could brainstorm things council can do make it a safe Founder's Day. I think, and I don't have any numbers, but anecdotal evidence points to the idea that the way our

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campus celebrates is often with drugs, alcohol, and combos of the two. Health Ed is doing some stuff I am assuming. What can we do to reach out and make it a fun, awesome, safe day.

SoCos: So, for those living in Senior Housing unless in the SoCos, this is the last weekend you can register parties. You have to get the application in by Tuesday. Put that in the Misc tweets.

Student Life: You can't register parties after classes end, right?

SoCos: Yeah, because that is technically the quiet period. Or either day on Founder's Day weekend. I will check with Diane.

Joss: Our merch came in this time. We will be tabling Wednesday and Friday from 10am-3pm in the retreat.

Operations: There are two things I was debating bringing up. First thing, Yik Yak is the worst thing ever here. I know there is nothing we can do, we as a VSA can't outlaw Yik Yak, but it could be productive to talk to people about what anonymous posting can do. It happened during elections and in the last few days. Tone it down, people. Second, as for the lecture on Friday, America's Failed Response to Radical Islam, the VSA did not pay for that.

President: Go team. Yeah.

2017: But was from the VSA budget?

Finance: No, it was from money that they got from conservative political orgs. They did do a great job at raising money, I have to say.

Operations: Well, I don't know if this point is valid anymore, but I do think we should, even if the VSA didn't pay, campus activities did approve the event. We should be thinking about the kinds of events that are allowed to happen here. It is valuable to hear alternative perspectives, but this kind attacks groups of people who are already attacked by American society all of the time. It perpetuated ideas used to oppress Muslims and brown people in general. A terrible lecture.

Finance: Also, sorry to continue to speak without raising my placard, but on that, we decided to put in the format for Council agendas for next year, to include names of lectures as opposed to just the name of the org. It will say the name of the lecture so people can be more aware of what they are funding.

2018: On a lighter note, 2016 and 2018 are collabing on an event on the CDF quad. A DJ event.

There will be a screen behind the DJ. It will be really cool. So come down, it will be fun. There is going to be food, I think.

TAs: This is directed mainly at Finance and for senior housing presidents, for Founder's Day bagels, we're pretty sure we can cover everything, but what process would we go through to get more money if we need it?

Finance: Is everyone here okay with them having money for bagels?

Strong: If you do that, the houses would also appreciate being included.

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Finance: Okay, if I can make a motion to fund that from the discretionary fund I will. There is more than enough money left to cover it. If people approve this motion, I will then ask for you to all send me an email with how much money you think you need. And I'll know if you're exaggerating.

Student Life: I am uncomfortable extending this generosity to students who are already on a meal plan, so the residence halls.

Finance: Yes, but this is a health issue.

Student Life: But I think that in many cases, a Deece breakfast would be better. I know Lathrop Student Fellows do a Deece breakfast with their fellow group.

2018: A direct response, from what I've heard, on Founder's Day we are woken up with alcohol. The Freshman Class is not going to go to the Deece. The bagels would be really helpful, because then at least they'll eat something.

Finance: I think more needs to be done to make that a tradition, to go to the Deece, because that will have an impact on EMS calls. But I think trying to accomplish that a week before is too late. I am on the side of if you need more money, we should pay. But I will also only operate on what council votes for.

2016: In regards to juices and sugar, it is good to fill up with liquid, that helps people flush themselves and provides sugar. And juice is cheap.

Finance: So juices too.

Main: The way we did it last year, we had a full Panera breakfast. It was high quality, enjoyable, and pretty cheap.

At-Large: In Strong for the three years I lived there, every year, the dorm breakfast was one of my favorite parts of Founder's Day. It was easy to just go downstairs, and people have a tendency to skip breakfast because they know food will be at the field. So it is important to have easy access to food. And also by that time, some students have run out of meal swipes or dining bucks. So free food is important.

President: Speaking from three years in Strong, that was always a nice way to create community. It helps change the culture of Founder's Day.

2018: I was wondering with Max's project of what we are doing with that \$120,000, I was thinking about the idea of having meals in houses, and realized that we as the VSA spend a lot of our money on food. Like, I want to know how much of that \$700,000 is spent on food.

Finance: We should calculate that.

2018: I just think we should remember that, and how that money could be moved to Metcalf, or something important like that.

2017: I move to vote.

President: Okay, so this would give unspecified funds to all residential areas, dorms and senior housing and Ferry, at Max's discretion. Town Students can be in on it as well.

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Agenda for April 26, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

"Oy with the poodles already." -Lorelai Gilmore

Is anyone going to abstain? Finance.

All in favor? All.

All opposed? Nobody. Awesome.

Finance: Okay, so if you need money, email me a budget, and for a way to do it equitably, I will give you money for the cost of Panera bagels or something of equivalent price if you prefer something else.

Student Life: Real fast. A petition is circling. The Philosophy Department invited Peter Singer to Skype in and promote his new book about altruism. He is a big name and this is a big deal. He is also extremely utilitarian and believes that it is morally permissible to kill disabled children. Those are his beliefs, and we are bringing him to campus. If you think those views are morally wrong and are upset by the fact that we are going to have another lecture that tells people, in this case disabled students, that they are not fully human, sign the petition. They are also hosting a talk-back about ableism. It is really important. Thank you Ramy for reminding me of this slew of lectures. Also, if you have any thoughts, feelings, or comments about BIRT stuff, we are having an emergency meeting about the Hitler video.

So come talk to me. And motion to adjourn.

President: All in favor? All. Meeting adjourned.

End: 8:14