

VSA Council

Sunday, November 22, 2015

7:00pm – 9:00pm, New England 106

Minutes by Steven Park

**Attendance**

2016	Yes
2017	Yes
2018	Proxy
2019	Yes
Cushing	Yes
Davison	Yes
Ferry	Yes
Jewett	Proxy
Joss	Yes
Lathrop	Yes
Main	Yes
Noyes	Yes
Raymond	No
Strong	Proxy
South Commons	Yes
Terrace Apartments	Yes
Town Houses	Yes
Town Students	Yes
Finance	Yes
Academics	Yes
Activities	Yes
Student Life	Yes
Operations	Yes

President

Yes

### **Consensus Agenda**

- a. Community to BSU (260/260)
- b. Collab to Noyes (1250/2170)
- c. Speaker to Noyes (Tabled)
- d. Community to Chinese Students Association (100/100)
- e. Prelim to Traditional Korean Folk Music (0/209.32)
- f. Discretionary to VSA Operating (1480/1480)
- g. Discretionary to Crafts Not Bombs (53.53/53.53)
- h. SocCon to Crafts Not Bombs (92/325.52)
- i. Conference to Democracy Matters (200/200)
- j. Conference to VXF (1350/2005.25)
- k. Appointment of Sheharyar Imran to Raymond Jr Rep (Spring)
- l. Minutes from 11/15/15

Finance: So VSU is doing a joint event with VSU at Marist. For that, Noyes is doing their event. The Chinese Students Association pre-organization got their budget. There was a fund app for the shuttle service that got through.

Abby: We appointed Sherry as Raymond spring junior rep with BOEA approval.

### **Reports**

- a. Activities
- b. Finance
- c. All Other Exec

Activities: SJP tried to push a lot of programming, so we decided to limit their programming. However, we decided to reverse that decision because they're working with other organizations. We're also making preparations for spring leadership.

Finance: The budget numbers spent sound low, but we're actually right on track. We got a lot of new responses for Finance committee applications, about 35 responses. We're

going to be having a larger finance committee, so that's exciting. The band and the DJ system replacement have been brought and we approved both of them. Hopefully, they will be purchased and be here by the spring.

President: We officially have our first shuttle to NYC scheduled. It will be at February 26, and it will leave at 9. Next, I'm leaving for the week on Tuesday, so Chris will be in charge. Final update, if you were on campus last semester, the report for the Campus Master Planning will be sent out.

Operations: Perhaps you should explain what that is?

President: Master Planning is the 10+ year plans for the college on like architecture. So, it's important that all of you give feedback.

Student Life: This year will be towards making a new rough draft of the diversity statement. Working on Student Life, props to Rebecca. She has been trying to get free tampons on campus. Sophia has been conducting research as well.

Operations: Thanks for restructuring, I love you. We moved forward with the Tasty Tuesday surveys and will get contact with new vendors. The surveys asked for more Asian food, but Kismet is not coming back ever for Tasty Tuesday.

Academics: We did agree to do a screening of a film on women in computer science, but that will come in February.

Finance: Just a note, Finance committee is not meeting next week.

## **Constituent Concerns**

None

## **Water Bottle Resolution**

President: We have a nice report that Noyes put together. So, all of you read the report now.

Noyes: So, here's the report. I hope you enjoyed it.

South Commons: More of a housekeeping thing. I remember talking about this at an Operations meeting. Should this resolution be passed, we will format it properly for future use. I'm sure you won't mind us doing some formatting.

2016: It's \$995 per tank, but is paying the workers to refill the tank be part of the \$700?

Noyes: Yes.

Noyes: I move to adopt this resolution.

Motion to Pass the Resolution:

2016	Yes
2017	Yes
2018	Yes
2019	Yes
Cushing	Yes
Davison	Yes
Ferry	Yes
Jewett	Yes
Joss	Yes
Lathrop	Yes
Main	Yes
Noyes	Yes
Raymond	Absent
Strong	Yes
South Commons	Yes
Terrace Apartments	Yes
Town Houses	Yes
Town Students	Yes
Finance	Yes
Academics	Yes
Activities	Yes
Student Life	Yes
Operations	Yes
President	Can't Vote

President: 22 in favor, zero opposed.

## **Barnard Statement**

South Commons: So this is a resolution to endorse in solidarity, correct?

President: Yes. To reiterate, Barnard is having a winter housing process where they're closing all the dorms, and SGA conducted a survey and found out that 20 students will be homeless because of this over the winter.

Finance: Why is Barnard even doing this in the first place?

President: It's too expensive, according to them. They're even closing the dorm they're sharing with Columbia.

Terrace Apartments: We'll be doing more than just stand in solidarity, correct?

President: Yes. We'll spread this to the student body.

Motion to Endorse the Resolution

Consensus Voting: Passed.

## **Open Discussion**

Student Life: Shout out to Restructuring as well as Jewett for Dormal formal.

South Commons: Did you pass out the Restructuring information? For context for all the At-large members, we talked about possible structuring for the VSA during the pre-advising dinner. All of you are welcomed to come to the Restructuring meetings. Please come if you want to learn more. Also, I talked to you about this, Ramy. Can we get copies out of the meeting rules? Next semester, we should make sure all our paperwork is in order.

President: I want House Presidents to talk to their Houses about Restructuring. We're also going to post this and send this out.

Operations: There will be a very thorough campaign with videos and candy.

Noyes: Hey, Bioluminescence Mug Night will be coming soon on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

2019: The class of 2019 will hold their first event. On December 10<sup>th</sup> at Rocky, we're going to have a slumber party movie night. Also, I have a question. For our freshman class budget, that list is not real, right? It's not actually -\$2000, right?

President: Yes.

Meeting adjourned.