I. Call to Order

II. Attendance
   Guests: Katie Barnett (Miscellany News), Juliana Kiyan (Miscellany News), Walter Padilla (Student Assistant to the President), John Palmer (Miscellany News), Katie Paul (Miscellany News), Anita Varma (Miscellany News)

III. Announcements
   a. WVKR Birthday
      The Organization Executive announced that WVKR celebrated its 30th birthday on October 6th
   b. Council Meeting Change
      The President announced that there would be no council meeting on October 15th, due to October break. The October 29th meeting will be tentatively moved to Monday, October 30th because of President Hill’s Inauguration. A more specific time for this meeting will be determined in the future.

IV. Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of Minutes from 10/01
   b. Conference Fund

IV. Reports
   a. Office Report
      CCP spent a lot of time discussing correlates over the past week. Should change them from a sequence of classes that relates to your major or should change it to more of a “minor”
      ACSITT – meeting recently. Trying to find a more qualitative means of evaluating professors, perhaps a new questionnaire at the end of the semester to be reviewed by major’s committees
      Sent out a questionnaire to all major’s committees recently to assess what they do.

      a. VRAC Interim Report –
         has met twice, discussed strengths and weaknesses of the VSA-ResLife relationship. Specifically role of community fellow, what makeup of house team should be. Started developing a list of recommendations. Currently working on a clear description what the house advisor should do, perhaps one budget for houses, perhaps more of a community fellow…
         Noyes – role of the frosh rep? currently has no definition, reslife may be working on it, but should be noted

VI. Organization of the Month for September
   The OrgEx proposed naming Democracy Matters as “Organization of the Month” for organizing the successful, well-attended Dar Williams concert in eight days. Bard, New Paltz, $50.
VII. Community Fund Bylaw Change

The Vice President proposed the replacement of Article 3, Section 10 of the VSA Bylaws to create the Collaboration Fund, as discussed at the October 1st meeting.

Jewett – point of information – any reason why the policy is capped at three?
OE – there were two, this could be done similarly
Pres – more groups can co-sponsor, but only three actually apply to the fund

VIII. Publication Bylaws

The Vice President proposed to amend the VSA Bylaws to include Article Section 10A to include a section on publications.

Strong wanted more order to the language – perhaps first define what publications are?
Raymond – “request prior review” – doesn’t feel like it’s a horrible thing… VSA might be concerned about something being liable or defamation – perhaps council could set up a committee to review the publication. Don’t want VSA to exercise control, but should be able to make comments to an organization about what they should publish.

Joss – “dangerous” to remove that section, can’t think of any circumstance under which the VSA should be pre-approving organizations’ publications
Raymond – suggested removing the section about prior review
TS – thinks publications take their own risk when publishing, editorial control should be up to publications
Noyes – could theoretically amend to… should leave it as it is, and if an exception arises, should deal with it then
Raymond – bad idea to make bylaws with the possibility of breaking it
SoCo: moved to amend C to read “Libel, and other forms of defamation, will be considered grounds for disciplinary action.”

Noyes – issue is that this statement lacks wording that explains why it would be disciplinary action. Requested to change the wording to “will not be tolerated by the VSA, and will be considered grounds for disciplinary action.” Offered a second amendment to read this.

Motion to amend SoCo’s amendment:
All were in favor, and the motion passed. SoCo’s amendment is amended.

Raymond motioned to call to question on the amendment - none abstaining, all in favor.

Motion to amend subsection C: all in favor, motion passes and subsection C is amended.

Anita Varma – suggested that the VSA specify what disciplinary action means
OE – moved to move subsection C to… should be in the section on disciplinary action of Organizations to the current Section 21 (would be Section 23)

SoCo recommended placing subsection C in both – but OE said that nothing should be repeated. Anything relating to disciplinary action should be in the disciplinary action section.

TS – perhaps leave it as it appears now, and add brief reference in the disciplinary action section.
Jewett –

Lathrop – each person should be speaking twice on each issue

Motion to remove subsection C from proposed amendment bylaws:
NIF: Ferry, cush, main, ts, noyes, th, 10, 09, jewett, soco, ta, dav, joss, strong (15)
IF: 07, fe, oe, vp, ae, lath, ray (7)
Result: Motion fails, subsection C remains as part of the amendment.
Raymond made a motion to remove “and shall be…”,
Additional motion to move that to the disciplinary action section.
Th – would you even need to include that section in the disc. Section?
AE: moved previous question. all in favor of AE.
Motion to amend Section C to original:
All in favor.
TH: who determines what libel & other forms of defamation are?
Pres: exec, who decides who’s complying with bylaws
Joss: CRC working on disciplinary action issues
Jewett: Section B reads awkwardly as a “restrictive sentence”. Motion to amend to “all
publications shall enjoy
Anita – should leave it in the most implicit way, bearing in mind that people will be
reading in future years
Pres suggested to Jewett, “Publications shall enjoy the full right to publish without prior
review by the VSA Council.” Jewett made a motion to amend as the Pres suggested
VP made a motion to refer the amendment to a sub-committee.
09: result of a full year of sub-committee, Joss agreed that it’s already been through CRC
AE: shouldn’t argue over a couple of words, Noyes agreed that council was being
“finicky”
Lathrop stated that council should begin voting more instead of sending so many issues to
sub-committee.
Sub-comm motion:
Ferry, 07, cush, main, ts, noyes, ta, 09, jew, fe, oe, ae, lath, soco, th dadv, joss 08 strong
ray (20)
IF: 10, VP (2)
Result: motion fails
Joss – Motioned to make a secondary amendment to “Publications shall enjoy the full
right to publish without prior review or editorial control by the VSA Council.”
AE – made a motion to table the entire amendment issue to the following week
NIF: cush, ts, noyes, ta, 10, oe, vp, soco, th, dav, joss, strong, ray (15)
If: 07, ferry, main, fe, ae, lath, 08 (7)
Motion fails.
Noyes
Ray?
Anita – last week, said censorship, perhaps should refer back?
Pres - essentially a def of censorship
Soco - question
Motion to…..
Passes
Motion to amend to include new joss amendment:
2 opposed, all thers in favor
motion passes
ta made a motion to read “The VSA Council shall, under no circumstances, censor publications.”
2010: way to combine the two….

Lath – move to previous question
07 NIF, all others IF

vote on Ta:
NIF: ferry, ts, noyes, 09, jew, ae, lath, th, dav, strong ray (IF: 07, cush, main, ta, 2010, fe, oe, vp, soco, joss 08

IX. Vacant Positions
VP moved to amend to the declaration of open positions from October 1st to DIC – one for 07, one for 08 and 0 for 09 – each class gets only one rep. All in favor, and motion passed. Next, the Vice President motioned to amend last week to fill such positions by appointment. All in favor.

X. Open Discussion
FE moved to allocate 360 to Black Student’s Union. All in favor, motion passed.
FE moved to allocate 475 from the Conference Fund to Christian Fellowship for their upcoming retreat. All in favor, motion passes.

AE moved to allocate 200 to Janice Jablonski for Pound of Flesh Productions. Sponsored by the English department. All in favor, motion passes.

07 – 231? Days left
under special meeting rules, defer to robert’s rules if an issue is not covered

XI. Adjourn