I. Call to Order

II. Attendance

Guests: Katie Barnett (Miscellany News), Juliana Kiyan (Miscellany News), Amory Meltzer (Board of Elections Vice Chair), Matt Morse (Board of Elections Chair), Walter Padilla (Student Assistant to the President), John Palmer (Miscellany News), Katie Paul (Miscellany News), Anita Varma (Miscellany News)

III. Minutes

The OrgEx proposed the approval of the VSA Council minutes from September 10, 2006. No objections were made, and the minutes were approved.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Conference Fund Application (Catalyst)
B. Council Discretionary Fund Application (History Majors Committee)

No objections were made to either application, and both were approved as presented.

V. Announcements

A. Serenading Report

Since Janice Jablonski, Serenading Committee Chair, was not present at the meeting, the OrgEx provided a short update on the Arlington Street Fair:

- Taking place from 12-6pm on Saturday, September 30th
- Coinciding with Freshmen Parents Weekend
- There will be a “Chili Cook-off”, and anyone interested in participating should contact the Organization Executive

The OrgEx then discussed the current plans for President Hill’s inauguration:

- All house presidents should have received paper invitations the inauguration, as well as an email invitation to participate in the procession. Academic dress will be provided.
- On inauguration day, those marching will convene in Main building, then proceed through the science quad to the outdoor amphitheater for the ceremony. A reception will take place on the chapel lawn immediately afterwards.
- Fireworks will take place at approximately 5pm that evening.
- Details for the Friday evening event are still being discussed.

B. Elections Update

The Vice President briefed council on the status of the elections software and outlined the Fall Elections schedule:

- Voting begins at 8pm on September 25th and ends at 8pm on the 26th
- There will be a results party in Rocky 200 at 10pm on the 26th
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  \item The elections software is currently installed onto the server, and testing has taken place, but only under one username. The VP stated that “hopefully” all will be worked out in the next 24 hours.
  \item According to the President, the Board of Elections is “confident” about the elections process and CIS is “cautiously optimistic” about the new software, so hopefully paper ballots will not be an issue.
\end{itemize}

\textbf{VI. Adoption of Conference Policy}

The OrgEx proposed to adopt the new Conference Policy. In the past, there have been incidents in which organizations have bid to hold large conferences on campus without VSA approval. Now, both the VSA and the Vassar administration will have to sign off on such events and will therefore be better prepared. No objections were made to the OrgEx’s proposal, and the policy was adopted as presented.

\textbf{VII. Adoption of Large Event Advertising Policy}

The Organization Executive proposed the adoption of LEAP to mandate advertising for large-scale campus events and hopefully increase student turnout.
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  \item 07 suggested that the policy apply to “all-campus” events, not solely those that cost a minimum of $2000.00. The OE explained that most all-campus events cost at least this amount anyway.
  \item Jewett proposed that LEAP also require orgs to hang one poster in each apartment housing area.
  \item Walter Padilla emphasized the need to stipulate that advertising materials be posted a certain number of days before the event.
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\textbf{Vote on Proposal to Include Senior Apartment Housing Areas in LEAP:} \\
Abstentions: None. (0) \\
Not in Favor: Ferry, Cushing, Joss, 2008, Davison, Lathrop, 2010, TS (8) \\
In Favor: Raymond, Noyes, Jewett, Main, THs, TAs, 2007, FinEx, VP, AcEx, OrgEx, 2009, Strong, SoCo (14) \\
Result: The amendment is adopted. \\
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  \item Strong proposed that LEAP require orgs to place three posters in each dorm for their events instead of five.
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\textbf{Vote on Proposal to Mandate Placement of Three Posters in Each Residence Hall:} \\
Abstentions: None. (0) \\
Not in Favor: None. (0) \\
In Favor: Everyone (22) \\
Result: The amendment is adopted. \\
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2009 proposed that LEAP require orgs to place advertisements around campus “at least 72 hours” before their events.

Davison believed that more time was necessary, and proposed to amend 09’s proposal to mandate that advertising begin “at least seven (7) days” prior to an event.

Raymond felt that this might be “excessive”, and proposed to amend the proposal to “48 hours”.

**Vote on Amendments A, B & C:**

* B (7 days): Davison (1)
* C (48 hours): Ferry, Raymond, Cushing, Joss, TA, VP, Strong, Lathrop, TS (9)

**Result:** Proposal A became the amendment proposal.

**Vote to Replace Original Proposal With Amendment Proposal A:**

* Abstentions: None. (0)
* Not in Favor: Raymond, Cushing, Joss, VP, Davison, Strong, TS (7)

**Result:** Amendment adopted.

2007 proposed to amend LEAP so that it applies to every all-campus event.

The OrgEx expressed hesitation about defining “all-campus events”, and suggested that the amendment state, “any all campus event, at the discretion of the Organization Executive.” No council members were opposed to revising 2007’s amendment proposal according to the OrgEx’s recommendation, and the amendment was modified.

**Vote to Amend LEAP to include “any all-campus event, at the discretion of the Organization Executive”:**

* Abstentions: None. (0)
* Not in Favor: None. (0)
* In Favor: Everyone. (22)

**Result:** Amendment adopted.

The President proposed that council table the issue until the next meeting and form a sub-committee to discuss the policy. No objections were made, and the
issue was tabled. Strong, SoCo, Joss, Jewett, and the OrgEx volunteered to serve on the sub-committee.

VIII. Certification of Vassar Green Party
The OrgEx proposed the certification of Vassar Green Party. This organization will be a chapter of the National Green Party on campus. Raymond was concerned that the Party’s name was similar to that of Vassar Greens, and the OrgEx explained that he will be meeting with the Greens to discuss this issue. No objections were made to the Organization Executive’s proposal, and the Vassar Green Party was certified.

IX. Certification of Vassar Swing
The OrgEx proposed the certification of Vassar Swing, a new swing dancing group on campus. No objections were made, and Vassar Swing was certified.

X. Open Discussion
• The Class of 2007 announced that 245 days remain until graduation
• The FinEx proposed that council allocate $800.00 from the Council Discretionary Fund to the Arlington Special Events Committee to finance the petting zoo and pony ride at the upcoming street fair. The Committee is requesting $1100.00 from Vassar organizations, but thus far, only Hunger Action has offered assistance. The revenue generated from the petting zoo and pony rides will be donated to the Heffer Project.

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• TS reminded council that the meeting rules should be discussed at the next meeting, and the President suggested the formation of a sub-committee to evaluate the rules over the course of the week. Council supported this proposal.
• Walter Padilla announced that President Hill will be holding office hours Tuesday, September 26th, from 5-6pm.

XI. Adjourn