

Vassar Student Association Council
Agenda for January 24, 2010

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

“Courage is grace under pressure.”

--Ernest Hemingway

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance_____Operations
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of the Minutes from 12/06
 - b. \$175 to Class of 2011
4. Announcements
 - a. Fines
 - b. Faculty-Student Basketball Game
5. Forum on Deer Culling- Special Guests:
 - a. Marc Schelssman, Professor of Biology
 - b. Marianne Begemann, Associate Dean of the Faculty
6. Allocation of \$1000 to Feminist Alliance_____Finance
7. Allocation of \$2100 to Vassar Polo Team_____Finance
8. Amendment to Article VI, Section 3, Part of the VSA Constitution_____Operations
9. Amendment to Article VII, Section 8, Part J of the VSA Bylaws_____Operations
10. Strike Article IV, Section 19 of the VSA Bylaws_____Operations
11. Open Discussion_____Anyone
12. Adjourn

Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund

VSA Organization: Feminist Alliance

Name of Applicant: Ben Reichman

Applicant E-mail Address: bereichman@vassar.edu

Event Name: The Shondes concert

Location of Event: Mug

Date of Event: January 30, 2010

Description of Event:

Concert with queer feminist punk vegan Jewish band The Shondes followed by Q&A discussion about women in music.

Benefit to Students:

Unique opportunity for a concern and discussion involving an infrequently-explored aspect of the world of music.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

\$2,000 - honorarium for band

Total Cost of Event: \$2,000

Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):

Through VSA support, the support of monetary contributions from other groups (i.e. the Women's Studies Department, the LGBTQ Center, etc.) and some fraction of our own budget.

List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$2,000

Exec recommendation: \$1000

Amount left in fund: \$33,965

Fund Being Applied For: Mid-Hudson Valley Fund

VSA Organization: Polo Team

Name of Applicant: Lucy Weaver

Applicant E-mail Address: luweaver@vassar.edu

Event Name: Spring Game Series

Location of Event: Gardnertown Farm, Newburgh, NY

Date of Event: 1/29/10, 2/12/10, 2/26/10, 3/5/10

Description of Event:

The Polo Team will be hosting a series of Friday night games throughout January, February and March. Our team will play against high school and college teams throughout New England including Yale, UConn, University of Virginia and George Mason University. The games will start at 7:00 pm at Gardnertown Farms in Newburgh and we encourage everyone from the Vassar community to come out and support the team.

Benefit to Students:

Our team has been working hard all fall semester to prepare and practice hard for these games. The Spring Game Series will provide the chance for the Vassar Polo Team to ride in a competitive atmosphere and test our skill against other teams. The series will provide a great opportunity for Vassar students to show their school spirit by supporting their classmates and friends on the team. Additionally, the games will be an exciting chance for anyone who's interested to see a thrilling sport to which they are likely not to have had exposure.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Horse/Tack Rental and Care \$1500

Arena Rental \$500

Coaching during games \$150 (per game) - \$600

Referee/Game Official \$75 (per game) - \$300

Athlete Refreshments \$50 (per game) - \$200

Crowd Refreshments \$50 (per game) - \$200

Transportation \$50 (per game) - \$200

Total Cost of Event: \$3500

Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):

Our flat rate per player (paid out of their pocket) for the semester covers some of the costs incurred by the series of games, as do our fundraising efforts on campus (tshirt, bumper sticker and bake sales). This fall we will have successfully fundraised over \$100 by the end of the semester.

This in addition to the money in our account will contribute to funding the game series.

List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):

Our current player roster:

Amrita Kundu - 2010

Lucy Weaver - 2011

Kaylin Myers - 2011

Sarina Appलगren - 2011

Laurel Walker - 2011

Gelsie Isgro - 2011

Jensen Smith - 2011

Marina Wambold - 2012

Sarah Leung - 2012

Sophie Kim - 2012

Lillie Barnes - 2013

Siobhan Reddy-Best - 2013

We also expect a crowd of supporters both for our team and the visitors for each game.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$2500

Exec recommendation: \$2100

Amount left in fund: \$2472

Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund

VSA Organization: Class of 2011
 Name of Applicant: Alejandro Calcaño
 Applicant E-mail Address: alcalcano@vassar.edu
 Event Name: Class of 2011 Mug Night
 Location of Event: the Mug
 Date of Event: Januray 29th, 2009
 Description of Event:

The Class of 2011 is throwing a themed party for the whole campus in the Mug.

Benefit to Students:

A chance for the returning juniors to have fun and for the whole college to enjoy a night of awesome dancing.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

We are applying to this fund because of what occurred in our last Mug night. That event was cut short by a senseless student who decided to brake the tap of the bar, which prompted the bartender to shut down the whole event. The situation has already started a review of how events are handled in the Mug; but we as an organization did all we could in our power to follow the proper procedures and be helpful to the bartender and security guard, etc. We have had meetings with Aaron Grober and Maureen King about what happened and are taking the necessary steps to ensure that a situation like this won't repeat itself. However, we did invest around \$200 dollars of our org's money to this past event, and seeing as it ended even before 1am, we wanted to create a new one with the same quality and to create the same excitement we did with our first event. In talks with Aaron Grober, we decided to apply to this fund to have enough money to organize the event and still continue our ambitious course this next semester. We strongly believe our event can bring students from all classes to the Mug, a rare occurrence nowadays. We spent money on a lot of decorations, black lights, etc, for our pat event, and intend to repeat and even better our past experience.

Total Cost of Event: \$around \$200

Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):

In a way, we have already paid for this event, and failed (ha). Nevertheless, our ambitious party might require further funds than this, and we are ready to provide them from the org's budget. Furthermore, we are planning to sell merchandise for our Class and will ideally raise money for all our event this way.

List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$175

Exec recommendation: \$175

Amount left in fund: \$14,666

Petitions: Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, Part K.

- K. By a 60% majority vote, the VSA Council may endorse documents written by campus administrators, faculty, or students.
 - a. Petitioners shall be invited to Council to introduce and discuss their document. The vote to endorse must take place at least one week after the introduction of the document.
 - b. During the initial meeting, Council may offer suggestions and clarifications to the document.
 - i. After this meeting, the document will be sent to the entire student body for comment. During the week, Council members can gather feedback from constituents.
 - c. At the following week's meeting, the petitioner must make a motion for Council to endorse the document, which must be seconded by a member of Council.
 - i. If Council votes to endorse the document, the signature should read, "The Vassar Student Association Council," and should not list the names of the individual Council members.
 - ii. The endorsement of Council does not obligate individual members to speak on behalf of a particular viewpoint.

Spring Residence Appointments, Bylaws, Article VII, Section 8, Part J.

- J. In the event that any House Officer position has not been filled in a House during the Spring Elections, the Appointments Committee will meet to review applications and appoint individuals to those positions. The Committee will meet several days following the elections, to allow interested applicants time to fill out the application form. If there are no applicants, or if the Committee cannot select an appropriate individual, the position will remain open until the following school year, when the process will repeat.