

**Vassar Student Association Council**  
**Agenda for November 15, 2009**

*Time: 7:00pm*

*Location: College Center 223*

“If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress.”  
-Barack Obama

Call to Order

Attendance\_\_\_\_\_ Operations

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from 11/8

\$500 from Speakers, Lecturers to Greens

\$450 from Collaboration to On Tap

Special Guests

Jeff Walker, Professor of Earth Science

Ken Oldehoff, Director of Marketing and Sustainability

Committee Report

Committee on Alumni Student Advancement (CASA)

Allocation of \$1280 from Speakers, Lecturers to Mecha\_\_\_\_\_ Finance

Allocation of \$4000 from Council Discretionary to Vice \_\_\_\_\_ Finance

Allocation of \$938 from Conference to ASA\_\_\_\_\_ Finance

Allocation of \$1000 from New Orgs Fund to Ballroom Dance\_\_\_\_\_ Finance

Allocation of \$3000 from Collaboration to VISA\_\_\_\_\_ Finance

Allocation of \$1000 from Collaboration to Contrast \_\_\_\_\_ Finance

Open Discussion\_\_\_\_\_ Anyone

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

VSA Organization: M.E.Ch.A.

Name of Applicant: Anastasia Hardin

Applicant E-mail Address: HYPERLINK "mailto:anhardin@vassar.edu"anhardin@vassar.edu

Event Name: Simón Sedillo: Human Rights Film-Maker Lecture

Location of Event: Rockefeller Hall 300

Date of Event: December 4, 2009

Description of Event:

Speaker Simón Sedillo is a community based human rights film-maker whose work has centered on placing skills, cameras and editing equipment in the hands of communities in resistance so that they may be able to document their own histories and human rights situation. He will show clips of his films and speak to issues of globalization, neoliberalism, and human rights in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Benefit to Students:

Students interested in or taking classes dealing with topics such as film, globalization, neoliberalism, America's foreign policy, indigenous communities of Mexico, and human rights more broadly would benefit greatly from Simon's lecture. Also he will be selling some of his films if students wanted to purchase them for their own organizations.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Speaker Fee \$1,000

Transportation \$140

2 way bus ticket, 2 way train ticket, four taxis

Hotel(one night) \$120

Meals(for speaker) \$20

Total Cost of Event: \$1280

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

If necessary, we will use MEChA's budget to cover the cost of the transportation to bring Simon. This would be a total of \$140.

However, we are in the works of planning our next big event, with an expensive speaker, and so we cannot cover the actual fee to bring Simon with MEChA's budget.

Amount Requested: \$1280

Finance recommendation: \$1280

Exec recommendation: \$1280

Amount left in fund: \$43,745

**Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund**

VSA Organization: On Tap

Name of Applicant: Cali Calarco

Applicant E-mail Address: HYPERLINK "mailto:cacalarco@vassar.edu"cacalarco@vassar.edu

Event Name: White Christmas Movie Screening

Location of Event: Building Second Floor (UpC)

Date of Event: Wed Dec 9th 2009

Description of Event:

To celebrate both the holiday season and the art of tap and ballroom dancing this event will include both a performance and a movie. The event will start with a 5 min performance by On Tap which will be followed by a screening of White Christmas (a movie which incorporates tap dancing with a holiday theme). During the event cookies and hot chocolate will be provided for guests.

Benefit to Students:

As with all On Tap events this event gives the Vassar community an opportunity to experience tap dancing. This particular event brings together the historic past of tap dance by showing its use in Hollywood in the 1950's. It also is an opportunity to show off the work of the current members of the group, who have been rehearsing all semester. Further, the event offers an alternative evening activity for this night, which is also the last night of classes.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Rights to the movie: \$450

Cookies: \$50

2 Sets of Hot Chocolate Supplies from the DC: 20 meal swipes (6 gallons/ 32 servings) (approx \$200)

Decorations: \$20

Advertising: \$15 (a large poster from media resources and smaller posters on campus)

Total Cost of Event: \$535 + 20 meal swipes

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

We can meal drive at the DC to raise the necessary meals to fund the catering portion of the event. However, neither organization has the available funds to cover the cost of obtaining the movie rights, and ViCE film league does not plan to contribute financially.

This event will not be possible without outside funding to help cover the cost of the movie rights. The cost of decorations, any necessary costumes, cookies and advertising will come from the On Tap budget.

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

Cali Calarco, 2011 (On Tap Tres)

Gabrielle Kotkov, 2010 (On Tap Pres)

Amy Weintraub, 2012 (On Tap Member)

All Other On Tap Members

Max Kutner, 2011 (ViCE Film League Pres)

Other Vassar Students (open to the community)

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

On Tap members will be in charge of setting up the projector/ movie and will be putting on the performance at the start of the event.

We are collaborating with ViCE Film League, which will be in charge of obtaining the film rights for White Christmas, and the movie portion of the event in general.

Amount Requested: \$450

Finance recommendation: \$450

Exec recommendation: \$450

Amount left in fund: \$14,241

**Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund**

VSA Organization: ViCE

Name of Applicant: Allie St. Jules

Applicant E-mail Address: HYPERLINK "mailto:alstjules@vassar.edu"alstjules@vassar.edu

Event Name: iSPY

Location of Event: Villard Room

Date of Event: 20 November 2009, 10:30pm-1:30am

Description of Event:

ViCE Special Events is hosting an all campus party in the Villard Room on November 20th from 10:30pm to 1:30 am. There will be three DJ acts performing at the event; one is made up of Vassar students and the others are from NYC. There will be an energy drink bar in a separate room, in addition to food and water. The event is open only to Vassar students.

Benefit to Students:

During tabling for the event, we will be holding a winter clothing drive, which will give students a chance to donate warm clothing to local Poughkeepsie shelters. The event will also offer non-alcoholic drinks to Vassar students. The event is free of charge to all Vassar students.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Talent = Ninjasonik \$2500.00 + E-603 \$1500.00, \$4000.00 total

Hospitality (Green room, travel, lodging) = Ninjasonik \$500.00 + E-603 \$400.00, \$900.00 total

Production = \$2620.00 Sound production + \$2670.00 Lighting production, \$5290.00 total

Food = \$500.00 total for Energy drinks, food, and water

Total Cost of Event: \$10,690.00

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

ViCE Special Events and ViCE Music will be paying for the event.

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

We have contacted Contrast in an attempt to collaborate on the winter clothing drive. In terms of collaboration, they would help publicize the clothing drive, provide labor for set-up and break-down, and provide photography services during the event. In the event that Contrast does not choose to collaborate, we will still have the clothing drive during tabling.

Amount Requested: \$5000.00

Finance recommendation: \$4000

Exec recommendation: \$4000

Amount left in fund: \$20,591

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

VSA Organization: Vassar Green Party

Name of Applicant: Maya Acevedo

Applicant E-mail Address: HYPERLINK "mailto:maacevedo@vassar.edu"maacevedo@vassar.edu

Event Name: Why Travel To Cuba? A conversation with the Venceremos Brigade

Location of Event: Rocky 200

Date of Event: Sunday November 22, 2009

Description of Event:

The purpose of this event is talk about where the US currently stands in our foreign policy towards Cuba (including the Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act); how things have changed since Obama has come into office; about the solidarity movement with Cuba- its roots and the contemporary manifestation; about the history and "constitutionality" of the travel restrictions; to talk about past Venceremos Brigade trips and experiences from them; and about the possibility of traveling to Cuba this summer with the VB. All are welcome to attend this event.

Benefit to Students:

This lecture will help to inform the student body about a country with which the US has had a very unique relationship with for several decades, and about the effects of that relationship. We also think that it would benefit the Vassar community to be updated as to the status of our foreign policy with Cuba, especially because things have been changing since Obama was elected. Furthermore, this is a way to support solidarity movements that take into account things such as Cuba's right to self-determination, worker's rights and environmental justice and a way to become informed of the current Cuba Solidarity Movement.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

2 Honorariums:

Kathe Karlson- \$400

Elizabeth Hernandez Majumder- \$200

Expenses (approximate):

2 roundtrip metronorth tickets from nyc- \$60

food- \$40

Total Cost of Event: \$700

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

We are holding a bake sale on Nov. 18, we are in contact with student organizations and departments to help co-sponsor the event (we have been in contact with American Culture, Latin American Studies, International Studies, Poder Latino, Black Students Union) we were hoping to also be able to sell buttons, but are presently waiting for news on the newly purchased button maker.

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

As I am not sure where I was supposed to include the speaker bios, I have put them here. As far as attendees for this event, it is going to be an open event and therefore it is hard to say exactly who will be there.

Speaker bios-

Kathe Karlson, born in New York, has worked with young people all her life: in communities, schools, community based organizations and through criminal justice system. She has worked in the Cuba solidarity movement for many years and for the last 10 has been helping to bring people to Cuba with the Venceremos Brigade to allow people to see and experience Cuba first hand. Another world is possible!

Liz Hernandez Majumder has been an organizer with the Venceremos Brigade since 2005. She is a social justice activist for, and is involved in, various struggles. A Cuban American, Liz always had a desire to visit the country where her mother was born and believes it is her constitutional right to do so. Liz is married to a fellow Cuba Solidarity activist and lives in Brooklyn.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Poder Latino, BSU, LALS, AMCL, and hopefully International Studies as well to help with \$ SAU to help with flyering

Amount Requested: \$500

Finance recommendation: \$500

Exec recommendation: \$500

Amount left in Fund: \$43,745

**Fund: Conference**

VSA organization: Asian Students Alliance

Name of applicant: Celine Teo Ying Zhen

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Event Name: CultureSHOCK

Location of Event: Columbia University

Date of Event: 21st November 2009\

Description:

CultureSHOCK is Columbia University's Asian American Association (AAA) annual conference. This year's theme is Lost and Found. It signifies the important and continual search and acceptance of the Asian American identity through the manifestation of the arts, fashion, music, dance, song, spoken word, comedy, and video skits that pervades through American culture. The conference would provide a platform for Asian American performers to showcase their craft and to increase awareness of Asian Americans in the media. The proceeds of this conference will be donated to CACF, the Coalition for Asian American Children & Families, which aims to improve the health and well-being of Asian Pacific American children and families in the New York City area.

In addition, to create a cohesive experience for our General Body, we are bringing them to the Asia Society Museum in New York City.

Benefit for students:

This conference would serve two reasons. Firstly, it was increase awareness of the members that will be attending the event. In turn, it would be channelled into on-campus events so that the depth and relevance of ASA's events can be tailored towards current issues that Asian Americans are facing today. Secondly, this would inculcate solidarity and build relationships within the East Coast Asian American community. These links would be useful for both personal and organisational development. For example, the special discount that we are receiving for these tickets was through a friend that one of our members met through a similar conference.

Cost of the event:

Culture Shock Tickets (special discount) \$10

Round Trip Poughkeepsie-Grand Central train fare (off-peak) \$29

Asia Society Museum (student price) \$5

Total cost per person \$44  
 Total cost for 24 people \$938  
 Total Cost of the event:  
 \$1056

**Current Funding Plan:**

We would like to aid in the expenditure however our ability is limited. But we would be taking care of the cost of transportation to and fro the train station. While our members would cover their own lunch. As we are in the midst of planning a college-wide spoken word (non-annual) event in December. I anticipate that that the bulk of this semester's budget would towards this. With the 3 spoken word artists that we are bringing in, they will cost approximately \$4000.

I understand that the conference fund on subsidizes up to 10 participants. However, the circumstances are different for us. As this conference is in New York City and we have managed to receive a discount, the costs are relatively low per person. Thus we felt that it would be beneficial to bring a larger number of members. The interest level is high and we have a waitlist of people who still would like to attend. Hence, would it be possible to extend the subsidy to cover up to 24 people. Especially since, the total cost of \$1056 would be substantially less than the total maximum allowed conference fund request. It will reach out to more people for an affordable sum of money. Please consider my reasonable request. Thank you.

**List of Attendees:**

No	First Name	Last Name	Class Year
1	Liyu	Wu	2011
2	Chao	Song	2010
3	Reese	Wong	2010
4	Crystal	Tung	2011
5	Eric	Hou	2012
6	Nancy	Zhang	2013
7	Henry	Liang	2013
8	Peter	Muhn	2011
9	Siu Kay	Lee	2012
10	Isabelle	Zee	2013
11	Iris	Xu	2011
12	Graham	Wong	2011
13	Alan	Cheng	2011
14	Michael	Kim	2013
15	Jenni	Wong	2010
16	Charlene	Ren	2013
17	Julia	Chung	2013
18	Bean	Chang	2012
19	Celine	Teo	2012
20	Stanton	Wong	2011
21	Amy	Croyle	2011
22	Jessica	Lum	2013
23	Andrew	Chang	2011
24	Mie	Omori	2011

**Collaborating Organizations:**

As this is an off-campus event for Asian Americans, the event would generally be relevant only to the members of ASA. Hence we would not be collaborating for this conference.

Amount requested: \$938

Finance recommendation: \$938

Exec recommendation: \$938

Amount left in Fund: \$26,603

**Being Applied For: New Organizations Fund**

VSA Organization: Ballroom Dance Club

Name of Applicant: Elizabeth Boateng (Treasurer)

Applicant E-mail Address: HYPERLINK "mailto:elboateng@vassar.edu"elboateng@vassar.edu

Event Name: Fiesta!

Location of Event: Villard Room

Date of Event: December 5

Description of Event:

This is our end of semester event. The theme is Latin Ballroom. We just want to invite everyone to a fun, semi-formal latin ballroom dance experience. We will teach some tango, rumba, mambo, and salsa moves throughout the night.

Benefit to Students:

A fun time! We hope that students will enjoy themselves in the heat of Latin ballroom. A night away from school work!

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Music - DJ - \$600 for 4 hours

Food - \$200

\*Latin food place catering

\*Renting air-voids for drinks

Decorations - \$300 - includes renting a stage lifter for the DJ (about \$100)

- Renting lights - also about \$100

Advertisement - \$50 - will begin two weeks before the event.

\* two big posters (College Center and DC)

\* smaller flyers

\* table/mail box flyers

Security (2 security guards on duty)- about \$250 for 5 hours

Damage expenses/ Fire safety - \$100

Total Cost of Event: \$1,600

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

Currently we have about \$100 in our budget for the event. So we really need VSA funds!

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

Campus wide event - everyone is invited!

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$1,700

Finance recommendation: \$1000

Exec recommendation: \$1000

Amount left in Fund: \$5000

**Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund**

VSA Organization: VISA

Name of Applicant: Elizabeth Boateng (Treasurer)

Applicant E-mail Address: HYPERLINK "mailto:elboateng@vassar.edu"elboateng@vassar.edu

Event Name: Fiesta!

Location of Event: Villard Room

Date of Event: December 5

Event Description

An international event open to all that takes place during International Education Week. It includes a Flag Ceremony, a food festival, a dessert cookoff and a talent show.

Kaleidoscope bridges the gap between international and American communities by creating a mutual understanding of cultural diversity. Students get the opportunity to participate in a variety of different aspects of Kaleidoscope and represent any country or region of their interest or origin. Kaleidoscope also strengthens the interaction between faculty/staff and students as faculty and staff members have been invited to judge the talent show, and participate in the dessert cook-off.

Budget Outline

On campus (ACDC) catering: \$4500

Off-campus food and catering : \$5000

Advertisement: \$ 300

Prizes : \$300

Decorations : \$300

Total Cost: \$10400

Potential ways to meet costs:

Current Amount on VISA account = \$1500

Meal Swipe donation = \$ 2800

Tickets = \$ 2000

Fundraising through merchandise = \$200

Donations from SASA and ANTH = \$125

The Three Arts = \$15 (gift voucher)

Total = \$6740

Funds Requested \$ 3930

Finance recommendation: \$4837

Exec recommendation: \$3000

Amount left in fund: \$14,241

**Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund**

VSA Organization: Contrast and Hip Hop 101

Name of Applicant: Rachel Gilmer

Applicant E-mail Address: HYPERLINK "mailto:Ragilmer@vassar.edu"Ragilmer@vassar.edu

Event Name: Wildstyle: Variety and Fashion Show Extravaganza

Location of Event: Villard Room

Date of Event: Thurs, Nov 19

Description of Event:

Open Mic Night and fashion show featuring locally catered food, Poughkeepsie/Vassar mcs, djs, graffiti artists and designers. In addition, students from poughkeepsie hs will help plan and model at the show

Benefit to Students:

bridging the gap between poughkeepsie and vassar for a fun night of entertainment in honor of hip hop history month

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

525 food

400 lighting

800 artists

850 sound

200 dj kurt krazie

250 security

Total Cost of Event: \$3,025

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

Hip Hop 101 will foot the bill and hopefully get money back through various fundraisers like, tshirt sales

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Contrast will be providing clothes, local designers, and models

hip hop 101 will be planning all of the music and logistics surrounding food, live art, etc

Amount Requested: \$2268

Finance recommendation: \$1000

Exec recommendation: \$1000

Amount left in fund: \$14241

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