

# VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Agenda for Nov. 7, 2010

*Time: 7:00pm*

*Location: College Center 223*

“Far better is to dare might things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure...than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.”

—Theodore Roosevelt

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Attendance    Operations
- 3 Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes from 10/31
  - b. Allocation of \$175 to VARC from the Collaboration Fund
- 4 Executive Board Reports
  - a. Activities
  - b. Finance
- 5 CCL Report    CCL Representative
- 6 CCP Report    CCP Representative
- 7 Decertification of Asian Quilt Activities
- 8 Allocation of \$700 to MeCha from the Community Fund    Finance
- 9 Allocation of \$1,000 to VISA from the Collaboration Fund    Finance
- 10 Allocation of \$7,000 to ViCE from the Speakers & Lecturers Fund    Finance
- 11 Open Discussion    Anyone

1. Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund

VSA Organization: Vassar Animal Rights Coalition

Name of Applicant: Mary (Mollie) Flannery

Applicant E-mail Address: [maflannery@vassar.edu](mailto:maflannery@vassar.edu)

Event Name: Silent Dinner

Location of Event: College Center MPR

Date of Event: 11/11/2010

Description of Event:

Students will prepare an all-vegetarian dinner. Everyone is welcome to come for free. We begin the dinner with 30 minutes of silence, during which the participants meditate on the origin of the food and the time and energy it took for it to get to their plates. We emphasize mindfulness throughout the process of eating. We suggest a donation to go to the Woodstock Animal Farm Sanctuary. (Neither VARC nor Wholistic will keep any of the proceeds.)

Benefit to Students:

We traditionally hold this event during a busy time in the semester, during which students could benefit from taking time to put aside worries and focus solely on being in the present. This event is a great way to relieve stress. It is also a great way to raise awareness about vegetarianism and sustainability.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

1. Two large cooking pots: \$30-40 each

2. Typically, 50-75 people attend these dinners. The cost of food is usually between \$150 and \$200. We are trying to cut the cost of the food this year by making the central dish lentils and rice. In addition, we would like to purchase lots of fresh vegetables, fruit, and bread. (We try to purchase all local food, from Adams and Mother Earth.) Food alone will probably come to around \$175.

Total Cost of Event: \$\$250

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

Vassar Animal Rights Coalition has a very limited budget, as does Wholistic. We've made it work in the past by pitching in individually and buying from Cosco, but we would like to buy locally this year because it better fits the mission of the dinner. We would also like to avoid spending our own money.

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

All the members of VARC and Wholistic (approximately 15 in each group), in addition to any member of the Vassar or Poughkeepsie community that wants to attend. In the past, non-group members have comprised the vast majority of the participants. We don't have a sign-up sheet, so we cannot know exactly how many people will attend, but due to lots of advertizing, we anticipate around 75 attendees.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

VARC and Wholistic are working together in every aspect of planning this event. We will be purchasing items together, collaborating on advertizing (fliering), cooking together, setting up and cleaning together.

Amount Requested: \$\$250

2. Fund Being Applied For: Community Fund

VSA Organization: MEChA de Vassar

Name of Applicant: Moisés Rivera

Applicant E-mail Address: [morivera@vassar.edu](mailto:morivera@vassar.edu)

Event Name: Teen Pregnancy Awareness Through the Arts

Location of Event: The Aula

Date of Event: Saturday, November 13, 2010

Description of Event:

Organizations from Marist, SUNY New Paltz, and Vassar will join to host an event specifically targeting high school teenagers and families from the local community, informing them about the important issue of teen pregnancy through artistic expression. Non-profit organizations such as Planned Parenthood will provide sex education information, while others will provide dance and singing performances, artworks, and poetry readings specifically themed around the issues of teen pregnancy in urban communities.

Benefit to Students:

Vassar students are invited to these wonderful performances hosted by local high-school teenagers. Vassar students will have the opportunity to engage in discussion with high school students and the issues they face on a daily basis. Students will also meet representatives from local non profit organizations and gain volunteer information. Hopefully this encourages more Vassar students to leave the Vassar bubble and get more involved in the local community through volunteer organizations.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Advertisements: \$150

- On Campus Advertising

- Off-Campus Advertising

Security: \$350

Event T-Shirts: \$300

Drinks: \$100

Food: \$100

Total Cost of Event: \$1,000

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

MEChA will contribute \$100

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

N/A

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

N/A

Amount Requested: \$900

The results of this submission may be viewed at: <http://vsa.vassar.edu/node/42/submission/819>

3. Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund

VSA Organization: VISA

Name of Applicant: Burcu Noyan

Applicant E-mail Address: [bunoyan@vassar.edu](mailto:bunoyan@vassar.edu)

Event Name: Kaleidoscope

Location of Event: UpC

Date of Event: 11/17/10

Description of Event:

Kaleidoscope is the international food festival of the year and the biggest annual event sponsored by VISA, held during the International Education Week. As well as enjoying international food, refreshments and desserts, during Kaleidoscope, winners of the International Photo Competition are announced, a Flag Ceremony takes place where students of each nationality come up with their country's flag and share interesting cultural information, students compete their talents in the World's Got Talent Show/Competition, and the Dessert Cook-Off competition takes place.

Benefit to Students:

Kaleidoscope each year provides the melting pot of cultures during the International Education Week where everybody can learn from each other and make new friends. It provides an opportunity for faculty and students to cook desserts together, and join in other activities to strengthen their familiarity outside of the classroom, as well as mixing with staff members. If it's difficult for the ever-busy Vassar student to find time to leave the Vassar-bubble, why not bring the rest of the world in?

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Food, Refreshments, Plates/Cups/Etc

Kebab Place: 525

Sushi Village: 475

Gino's: 575

Zorona: 540

East Garden: 725

Reggae Boy: 730

La Cabanita: 875

Twisted Soul: 725

Planet Wings: 450

Stop & Shop: 450

TOTAL Food & etc: \$6070

Other Costs  
 Publicity: 150  
 B & G Room Setup: 280  
 Photo Contest Supplies: 500  
 VISA merchandise/glasses: 550  
 TOTAL Other Costs: \$1480

TOTAL COSTS: \$7550

Total Cost of Event: \$7550

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

So far we have raised \$260 dollars from fundraising events. We will be selling tickets for this event (some competition members have discounted or free tickets). With the dessert cook-off competition, we are encouraging participants to provide us with desserts. We have been approved for the \$2500 we needed as a replacement of meal point drives, and we really appreciate it.

Ticket Sales: 1400

Raised Funds: 260

Supplemental Funds: 2500

Funds from OIS: 500

TOTAL Raised Funds: \$4660

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

All campus event. Students will be there as guests and competition participants.

Faculty members and staff members will be present as guests and competition participants and judges. Campus organizations ASA, SASA and CSA will be participating. Anybody else from outside of Vassar is allowed and encouraged to attend as well.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

OIS (Office of International Students) is helping us at every step of organizing this event. They are contributing \$500, as stated in the 'Current funding plan'. Other organizations that will be present in Kaleidoscope are not contributing monetarily.

Amount Requested: \$3000

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

VSA Organization: ViCE Special Events

Name of Applicant: Sean Shoemaker

Applicant E-mail Address: [shoe.sean@gmail.com](mailto:shoe.sean@gmail.com)

Event Name: Dustin Lance Black

Location of Event: Villard Room (looking at Taylor)

Date of Event: 12-2-10

Description of Event:

Dustin Lance Black is a writer most notable for his Academy Award winning screenplay MILK. He is also known for his writing for the HBO original series Big Love. At the podium, Black's story of growing up gay in a conservative Mormon family to become one of Hollywood's hottest screenwriters and most outspoken civil rights activists is timely, topical and uniquely compelling. <http://www.caaspeakers.com/dustin-lance-black>

Benefit to Students:

With the rise in gay suicides Dustin Lance Black really embodies the idea of "it gets better." His life journey really explores what it means to be an out gay man in the public eye in the twenty first century. His success in Hollywood also gives students an insight in the life of a prominent screen writer in the film industry. With the prominent writing community on campus, a screen writer should be very well recieved.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

\$10,000 Artist Fee

\$300 Green Room, Ground Transport, Miscellaneous expenses

\$700 Balentine (Sound)

Total Cost of Event: \$11,000

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

Funding can come from my special events budget, but this sizable fee is well over half my budget for the year. To make this event happen I need funding from the VSA Speakers Fund.

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

QCVC-assist in the planning process, publicity, setup and break down

Amount Requested: \$7000

The results of this submission may be viewed at: <http://vsa.vassar.edu/node/42/submission/833>