

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Agenda for Feb. 13, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

*"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."
-Winston Churchill*

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 AttendanceOperations
- 3 Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from 2/6
 - b. Allocation of \$130 to GAP from Council Discretionary
- 4 CIE Report
- 5 Executive Board Reports
 - a. Academics
 - b. President
 - c. Operations
- 6 Allocation of \$1,350 to FWA from Collaboration Fund Finance
- 7 Allocation of \$970 to VCEMS from Conference Fund Finance
- 8 Open Discussion Anyone

1. Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund

VSA Organization: Grassroots Alliance for Alternative Politics

Name of Applicant: Tim McCormick

Applicant E-mail Address: timccormick@vassar.edu

Event Name: For the Next Seven Generations- Grandmas in Action

Location of Event: Either Taylor 203 or Rocky 210

Date of Event: Friday February 18, 2011 (Grandmother Rita Pitka Blumenstein Day!)

Description of Event:

February 18th is Rita Pitka Blumenstein Day in Alaska and in honor of this Indigenous grandmother, the Grassroots Alliance for Alternative Politics is hoping to hold a documentary screening and subsequent discussion about the work of the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers.

SHORT SYNOPSIS:

For the Next 7 Generations documents the momentous journey of thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers as they travel around the globe to promote world peace and share their indigenous ways of healing. Originating from all four corners, these wise elders, shamans and medicine women first came together in 2004 at an historic gathering in upstate New York. Moved by their concern for our planet, they decided to form an alliance: The International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. Facing a world in crisis, they share with us their visions of healing and a call for change now before it's too late. Through their teachings, they are lighting a way to a peaceful, sustainable planet.

Benefit to Students:

Given the huge success of the Unthanksgiving event last semester, which GAAP helped to co-sponsor, we thought it was important to have another event focused on Indigenous peoples on campus this semester. Several students left the Unthanksgiving expressing interest in having more similar events, so we are confident that this screening will be well attended. We have checked the campus calendar and have intentionally timed this so that it doesn't interfere with the major events going on campus that evening.

Furthermore, this documentary in particular is an uplifting and hopeful realistic story, which is the kind of narrative that helps to inspire students, especially as we move into midterms time!

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

As you all know, in order to be able to do this legally, we must buy the screening rights. We've been in contact with the makers of the documentary, and for a crowd the expected size (about 40-50 students and faculty), they are asking that we give \$150. Included in this price they will assist us with promotion. They will supply us with digital copies of their poster and postcards for use in promoting the event (which we will need to print out). We also need to purchase a copy of the DVD, which comes out to \$29 with the shipping and handling. And then, of course, what's a movie without any snacks! :)

\$150 rights

\$29 film

\$20 advertising

\$26 snacks

Total Cost of Event: \$220

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

While we still have \$300 in our budget, there are a number of events we are still planning for this semester. We will be doing some fundraising this semester (including our lucrative chocolate covered pretzels!), but there are several places we hope for that \$ to go. Therefore, we have every intention of paying for the advertising and the snacks ourselves (~\$45), but cannot really afford to pay any more.

List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
open to the entire campus

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
Hopefully the American Culture department will help us with \$50 towards the event, still need to get a confirmation from them

Amount Requested: \$\$130

2. Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund

VSA Organization: Future Waitstaff of America (FWA)

Name of Applicant: Amanda Giglio

Applicant E-mail Address: amgiglio@vassar.edu

Event Name: Reefer Madness

Location of Event: Susan Stein Shiva Theater

Date of Event: May 5-7

Description of Event:

Reefer Madness is a hugely fun musical that parodies the anti-marijuana propaganda introduced in the 1930s. Written by Ken Murphy and Dan Studney, it tells the story of Jimmy Harper, an all-American, good-natured boy who becomes trapped by the allure of reefer and the consequences that follow. The show features a cast of 21 with incredible music, involved choreography, and what promises to be incredible creative design. FWA is incredibly excited to be a part of this event.

Benefit to Students:

Students will sincerely have fun at this event. As it is during study week, it will serve as a fantastic study break (the show is only 2 hours long) and it involves a huge portion of the campus community (21 person cast, plus a large production team/staff). Furthermore, with the involvement of Ballroom Dance Club, this event allows two unrelated groups to intermingle!

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Legal rights to perform the show: \$1300

Production budget:

-Set: \$300

-Lights: \$75

-Costumes: \$300

-Props: \$150

-Publicity: \$50

-Sound: \$25

Total Cost of Event: \$2200

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

FWA's budget can certainly help fund this event (and we plan on fundraising later in the semester with our Dessert Cabaret). However, to allow for two productions this semester and to give the show the budget that it requires, we would absolutely need help from the VSA.

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

Usually our audiences total at about 400 students!

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

We would like to work with the Ballroom Dance Club this semester. Since Reefer Madness is set in the 1930s, much of the choreography involved partner dancing, including a swing dance number. Since BDC has been working closely with a Poughkeepsie-based swing dancing group and are quite familiar with proper partner dancing techniques, they've agreed to hold a one or two day workshop with our cast to teach them the basics and get them going! It's a great way to involve both organizations in the choreographic aspects of the show and is a really interesting teaching tool for both BDC and FWA. We're both really excited about the potential of this collaboration!

Amount Requested: \$\$1850

3. Fund Being Applied For: *

Conference Fund

VSA Organization: *

VCEMS

Name of Applicant: *

Samuel Black

Applicant E-mail Address: *

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Event Name: *

National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation Conference

Location of Event: *

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Date of Event: *

February 25-27

Description of Event: *

The National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation holds an annual conference with over 50 expert lectures covering a variety of EMS topics, roundtable discussions among experts and students, as well as many hands-on skills labs for improving and expanding the practice and care of the emergency medical provider (EMT).

Benefit to Students: *

This conference will not only benefit the specific individuals that attend the conference, all the students on EMS, but it will also benefit the students that seek the assistance of EMS. The conference will allow those that attend to learn skills and techniques relating to the practice of EMS on campus that will be brought back and shared with all VCEMS members. This information will help to improve the quality of care provided by VCEMS to the community it serves. THE NCEMS conference is known for being one of the most educational EMS conferences that is specifically geared towards the need of Higher Education EMS agencies. Funding students to attend this conference will increase the quality of care that VCEMS is able to provide to the students, faculty, and staff of Vassar College and help to expand the knowledge of our EMTs.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific): *

Non-member registration fee: \$450. (\$90/student ~ 5 students)

Hotel Conference Discount Rate: \$520. (\$130/night/2 rooms ~ 2 nights/5 people)

Transportation: \$62.70 (19c/mile ~ 330 miles)

(<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=232017,00.html>)

Food: Dinner: \$200 (\$20/person/night ~ 2 nights/5 people)

Lunch: \$100 (\$10/person/day ~ (2 days/5 people)

Breakfast: \$100 (\$10/person/day ~ (2 days/5 people)

(meals are in addition to the conference registration fee)

Total Cost of Event: *

\$1,432.70

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

According to the VSA Bylaws, VSA will provide \$500 for the first 2 members and \$350 for the next 3 members. With five members attending, \$1,000 for the first two members, and \$1,050 for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th members, a total allotment of \$2,050 is provided for by the VSA Conference Fund which is less than the total expected cost of the event. VCEMS does not charge students, faculty, or staff for its services, trainings, or events, nor does it require its members to pay dues since our EMTs are all volunteers and does not have an additional source of funds to contribute.

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

Mollie, Baker-Salisbury, 2012

Samuel, Black, 2012

Jonathan, Garfinkel, 2012

Dev Darshan, Khalsa, 2011

Jessica, Metlay, 2013

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

VCEMS is not collaborating for this conference.

Amount Requested: *

\$1,432.70