Vassar Student Association Council

Agenda for February 14, 2010

Time: 7:00pm
Location: College Center 223

“Only connect! That was the whole of her sermon. Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its height. Live in fragments no longer. Only connect…” –E.M. Forster

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance -------------------------------------------- Operations
3. Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of the Minutes from 2/7
   b. $250 from Speakers, Lecturers to Filmmakers
4. Committee Report
   a. Sustainability
5. Executive Board Reports
   a. Operations
   b. President
6. Allocation of $530 from Speakers, Lecturers to Philelatheius -------------- Activities
7. Certification of Vassar Islamic Society------------------------------------- Activities
8. Open Discussion----------------------------------------------------------Anyone
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Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund  
VSA Organization: Phil  
Name of Applicant: Sarah Rebell  
Applicant E-mail Address: sarebell@vassar.edu  
Event Name: Kate Baldwin Masterclass  
Location of Event: Streep Studio (most likely)  
Date of Event: February 27th  
Description of Event:
Ms. Baldwin will spend two hours working with students on how to interpret and perform musical theater songs. She will also do a Q & A, in which students will be able to hear from a successful Broadway performer all about the inner workings of a life in show biz.  
Ms. Baldwin has just finished a critically acclaimed stint in the Broadway production of Finians' Rainbow and has released a successful solo cd titled "Let's See What Happens". She also debuted at Feinstein's at the Regency this past fall. Her other Broadway credits include Wonderful Town, The Full Monty and Thoroughly Modern Millie, and she has numerous off broadway and regional credits as well. Her other albums include Kitty's Kisses and Alphabet City Cycle. This spring she is set to appear in London in the Broadway bound new Hal Prince show, Paradise Found.  
Benefit to Students:
This is an opportunity for Vassar students to meet with and learn from one of Broadway's leading ladies. They will have the chance to receive artistic advice on how to perform, receive specific and constructive critiques on their performances of songs and they will get to hear a bit about how the professional theater world works as well.  
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):
$500 fee for Ms. Baldwin +$30 total travel expenses (round trip train ticket from nyc to poughkeepsie)  
Total Cost of Event: $530  
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
Phil will provide what money they can. Otherwise, a bakesale or two.  
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
Open to all interested Vassar students, especially those involved with student theater.  
Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
Phil is sponsoring the event. They will help will the budget and the publicity.  
Amount Requested: $530  
Finance Recommendation: $530  
Exec recommendation: $530  
Amount left in fund: $23,965

Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund  
VSA Organization: Vassar Filmmakers  
Name of Applicant: Mike Wood  
Applicant E-mail Address: mike.wood.282@gmail.com  
Event Name: Legal Workshop with Jaia Thomas, Entertainment Lawyer  
Location of Event: Center for Drama and Film, Room 305  
Date of Event: February 26th, 2010  
Description of Event:
Practicing entertainment industry lawyer Jaia Thomas will come to campus and conduct a workshop on various topics of interest to young filmmakers and screenwriters. The focus will be on information young artists need to know to navigate the professional world of film successfully.  
Benefit to Students:
Students interested in pursuing a career in the entertainment industry will learn many of the basics of navigating the legal aspects of the industry in a short space of time, and will be able to bring questions on these topics to ask Ms. Thomas. This may not only help students preparing to enter the industry, but may help illuminate different possible career paths.  
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):
$350 as an honorarium for Ms. Thomas, plus an undetermined amount for expenses such as food and transportation. Ms. Thomas is based in New York City, so travel expenses should not be excessive.  
Total Cost of Event: $350 + expenses  
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
The Vassar Filmmakers are planning to pay for Ms. Thomas's transportation expenses, plus any other expenses that come up, such as food. We can also contribute $100 towards the cost of her honorarium. This is our second and final Speaker Fund application of the 2009/10 academic year.  
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
n/a  
Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
n/a  
Amount Requested: $250  
Finance Recommendation: $250  
Exec recommendation: $250  
Amount left in fund: $23,965