Vassar Student Association Council

Agenda for February 21, 2010

Time: 7:00pm

“Sunday nights that you wanna…Reach out you point a finger And touch the globe Spin around and where it stops You've got to pack your bags and go…”—Cold War Kids

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
   Operations
3. Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of the Minutes from 2/14
   b. $250 from Speakers, Lecturers to Filmmakers
4. Announcement
   a. Faculty-Student Basketball Game
5. Special Guest
   a. Bret Ingerman, Vice President for Computing and Information Services
6. Judicial Board Report
   a. Dan Salton ’10, Chair of the Judicial Board
7. Executive Board Reports
   a. Activities
   b. Finance
8. Transfer of Funds
   Finance
9. Allocation of $1000 from Council Discretionary to Pro-Health
10. Allocation of $1000 from Hosting to VPI
11. Allocation of $1000 from Council Discretionary to Class of 2010
12. Open Discussion
   Anyone
13. Adjourn
Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund  
VSA Organization: ProHealth  
Name of Applicant: Clare Cene-Kush  
Applicant E-mail Address: ccenekush@vassar.edu  
Event Name: Relay for Life  
Location of Event: Noyes Circle  
Date of Event: 4/24/10  
Description of Event:  
Relay for Life is a nation-wide, American Cancer Society-sponsored event that raises money for cancer research and awareness. It also celebrates cancer survivors and remembers those lost to cancer. It brings together teams from Vassar and the surrounding community who work to raise funds leading up to and during the event. This is Vassar's 2nd Relay event. Last year we raised $15,000. This year our goal is $30,000.  
Benefit to Students: Every Vassar student has been affected by cancer, whether directly or indirectly. Relay for Life provides an opportunity for our campus and local community to come together around an event that fosters hope, remembrance, and a greater understanding of cancer as a disease. Relay allows any student or organization to get involved by simply forming or joining a team. The actual event itself will feature entertainment, food, and outdoor sports activities. Relay also serves as great alternative programming for a saturday night, as there is no alcohol permitted at the event.  
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):  
B&G fees- $300  
Advertising- $100  
Fire-watch- $200  
Security- $200  
Food- $500  
Entertainment- $600  
Misc Items- $100  
Total Cost of Event: $2000  
  
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):  
Any money we fundraise from tabling, team fundraising, or from donations at the event itself will go to the American Cancer Society. We received funding from the VSA last year and we're relying on VSA funding this year for the event to be successful.  
Prohealth Budget- $375.14  
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):  
Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:  
Amount Requested: $2000  
Finance recommendation: $1000  
Exec: $1000  
Justification: They received $1000 last year, we are paying for everything and $100 towards food and entertainment.  

Fund Being Applied For: Hosting Fund  
VSA Organization: The Vassar Prison Initiative (VPI)  
Name of Applicant: Hensleigh Crowell  
Applicant E-mail Address: hecrowell@vassar.edu  
Event Name: Vassar/Greenhaven/Otisville Prison Reunion  
Location of Event: Vassar College--the Aula  
Date of Event: April 3rd, 2010  
Description of Event:  
This fabulous day-long conference is an opportunity for current students, aluminx/i, professors, community members, and formerly incarcerated activists to get together to celebrate the success of the prison program, reconnect with one another, and hold forums to look toward the future of prison activism. Throughout the week leading up to the event there will be prison-related speakers and performers who will be contracted once we are assured that we can afford them. The keynote speakers at the reunion are the daughters of William Kunstler, a famous lawyer who fought for civil rights beside Martin Luther King, Jr., representing many activists and protesters in his career. His daughters are the co-directors of a documentary that we will be viewing entitled "William Kunstler: Disturbing the Universe." Emily Kunstler also attended Vassar for a year, which is neat.  
Benefit to Students:  
This event allows students engaged with the prison program to network with other students with interests in prison issues, to learn more about incarceration in America, and to enjoy lectures, music, art, and film that is of interest to them. For students interested in working with prison-related organizations after graduation, this reunion offers the opportunity for networking with alums and activists working in the field.  
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):  
Stipend for formerly incarcerated participants: $4000*  
Lunch: $2000  
Keynote speakers: $500  
Other speakers and performers during the preceding week: $500  
*This cost goes toward providing a stipend to all of the formerly incarcerated program alums and activists who have transportation costs and often miss work to attend this day-long event. The reunion planning committee is committed to offering this stipend for the attendees to thank them for the meaning and wisdom that they bring to our event and the sacrifices that they make to get to Poughkeepsie.  
Total Cost of Event: $7000  
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):  
Africana Studies and VPI are both contributing, and we have solicited donations from prison program alums. Although we will find some way to host this event regardless of whether or not the VSA can offer us financial support, we will be able to advertise the day better and provide a meal (for this day-long event) if we receive funding from the VSA.  
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):  
Hensleigh Crowell '10  
Erica Licht '10  
Shari Silver '10
Ryan Greenlee ’10
Jackson Kroopf ’10
Stephanie Damon-Moore ’11
Kevin Guckin ’11
Jake Berzoff-Cohen ’11
...and more, including all members of the fall and spring semester Prison Program classes, further members of the Vassar Prison Initiative, and all students interested in learning about and engaging with prison issues.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

VPI: $1500
Africana Studies: $3000
Support from program alums
Amount Requested: $2000
Finance recommendation: 1000
Exec rec: $1000

Just: VPI can contribute more from their budget, getting money from development

Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund

VSA Organization: Class of 2010
Name of Applicant: Brian Kim
Applicant E-mail Address: brkim@vassar.edu
Event Name: Daisy Chain Graduation Dresses
Location of Event: Campus
Date of Event: May 23, 2010
Description of Event: We need additional funding for the Daisy Chain Dresses.
Benefit to Students: It is a tradition that the school subsidizes the dresses for the Daisys.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):
31 Dresses * $20 per dress = $620
Alterations = $20 or $40 depending on type of alteration = $1180 (worst case scenario and rest will be given back to VSA)
Total Cost of Event: $1800

Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
- Activities Office Discretionary Fund for Daisy Dresses
- Daisy Chain will Fundraise.

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
Amount Requested: $1800
Finance recommendation: $600
Exec: $600

Justification: $527 plus a little for