

Vassar Student Association Council
Agenda for February 7, 2010

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

“Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness, and the word happy would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness. It is far better to take things as they come along with patience and equanimity.”
--Carl Jung

Call to Order

Attendance _____ Operations

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from 1/31

Allocation \$95 from Collaboration to Ski Team

Forum on Domestic Violence- Special Guests:

Renee Papst, Director of Health Education

Dee Deporto, Assistant Director of Battered Women’s Services

Committee Report:

Committee on Curricular Policy (CCP)

Exec Reports:

Academics

Student Life

Summer Language Study Resolution _____ Academics

Allocation of \$3800 from Council Discretionary to CBS _____ Finance

Allocation of \$2458 from Conference to ASA _____ Finance

Allocation of \$1350 from Collaboration to FWA _____ Finance

Open Discussion _____ Anyone

Adjourn

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Council Resolution 24-2
Supporting Opportunities for Summer Language Study

WHEREAS, immersion experiences for study of a foreign language offer students the only avenue toward true fluency of a language.

WHEREAS, an understanding of multiple languages is an invaluable asset for a college graduate in this era of global citizenship.

WHEREAS experience outside of the United States is transformative for the depth and maturation of a student's personal and academic world view.

WHEREAS, circumstances such as curricular requirements, positions in student government, athletic seasons, etc. prevent many Vassar students from experiencing language immersion programs during the academic year.

WHEREAS, almost two-thirds of Vassar's student body receives financial aid and many of these students are unable to fund summer travel experiences independently.

WHEREAS, budgetary reductions have necessitated the cancellation of Vassar's summer language programs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE VSA STRONGLY SUPPORTS the availability of high quality, affordable summer opportunities for immersion-based language learning.

THE VSA URGES the senior officers and the language departments to develop cost-effective alternatives to the eliminated programs that enable students without financial means for independent travel.

THE VSA PROMOTES collaboration among departments and offices (including but not limited to the Fellowships Office, the Career Development Office, and the JYA Office) to create alternative opportunities for students to study language during the summer

Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary, Capital Contingency, Miscellaneous

VSA Organization: Council of Black Seniors

Name of Applicant: Elom Katakoto275*.75

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

Event Name: Baccalaureate Dinner

Location of Event: ACDC

Date of Event: May 22, 2010

Description of Event:

Part of Commencement weekend, a Post-baccalaureate dinner involving general body members and family members of the Council of Black Seniors as well as members of the Vassar community. This event will also commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Council of Black Seniors. At this event we also present the Jay Task award to a member of the Vassar Community that has been integral to the success of the Students of Color at Vassar

Benefit to Students:

It is a celebration of our accomplishments as well as an acknowledgment of our achievements over the past four years at Vassar.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Catering: three course meal for 275-->\$5500

Jay Task Award: plaque and gift-->\$250

Decorations: \$200

Baccalaureate Speaker gift: \$100

Faculty Speaker gift: :\$100

Violet Gift: \$300

Total Cost of Event: \$6450

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

For Baccalaureate overall, we are applying for the speakers fund and any money in our budget left over will go to this event.

We will also apply for other funding for other programming that we will put on over the rest of the year such as merchandise.

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

Council of Black Seniors Exec board

Council of Black Seniors General Body

Family Members

Administration

Faculty

Staff

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

none

Amount Requested: \$6450

Finance Recommendation: \$3800

Exec Recommendation: ~\$3800

Rationale: Reduce Can use own budget, can meal drive and work out deal with Aramark

Amount left in fund: \$3,991.32

Fund Being Applied For: Conference Fund

Organization: Asian Students Alliance

Name of Applicant: Celine Teo Ying Zhen

Applicant email address: HYPERLINK "mailto:yiteo@vassar.edu" yiteo@vassar.edu

Event Name: East Coast Asian American Students Union

Location of Event: University of Pennsylvania

Event date: March 4-6 2010

Description of Event: ECAASU is an organization whose core mission is to help Asian Americans eliminate discrimination and to include the societal promotion of all minorities. ECAASU plans an annual conference which brings Asians and Asian Americans together to discuss racial issues such as discrimination, representation and solutions. Famous Asian American personalities in the areas of political, social and media are invited to share their experiences. This is the largest Asian American conference on the East Coast.

Benefit to Students: Having attended ECAASU for the past few years, it has helped Vassar's ASA network with the other Asian Student organizations. The event offers our students a chance to listen and interact with Asian American leaders that we would have otherwise not been able too, with our limited budget. The scale of the event attracts leaders and students from all over the East Coast and this congregation of people fosters discussion on issues of race.

Cost of Event:

Early Registration \$50 x 24 = \$1200

Hotel (2 nights, 6 rooms) \$59 x 2 x 6 = \$708

Gas (2 vans) \$125 x 2 = \$250

Food (24 people) \$ 25 x 24 = \$600

Total Cost: \$2758

Current Funding Plan: ASA will be selling our merchandise and dumplings to fundraise for this event. We would be contributing \$300 to this event.

Collaborating Organizations: NIL

Amount Request: \$2458

Finance recommendation: \$2458

Exec recommendation: \$2458

Amount left in fund: \$17,789.88

Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund

VSA Organization: Future Waitstaff of America

Name of Applicant: Shannon Odell

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

Event Name: FWA presents The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Location of Event: Sanders Auditorium

Date of Event: 04/08-04/10

Description of Event:

The Future Waitstaff of America in collaboration with P.E.A.C.E. wishes to present a production of the musical The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

Benefit to Students:

This semester, FWA received an unprecedented five proposals for our spring season! Therefore in order to cater to the large influx of interest, FWA decided to sponsor two shows this semester.

We wish to collaborate specifically with P.E.A.C.E. since it is organization that works with children of the local community and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a play whose central characters are school-age children. Many students on Vassar campus remain unaware of this wonderful and important organization and, through this collaboration, we hope to bring more awareness of P.E.A.C.E. to the Vassar community. Furthermore, by working with P.E.A.C.E., an organization that has nothing to do with theater, we hope to bridge the gap between the student theater organizations with the other student organizations on campus.

Furthermore, through collaboration with the members of P.E.A.C.E. we hope to set up a special showing of performance for the children in the program. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a playful musical that would especially be enjoyed by young audiences. Holding a performance for these children would help to bring the student theater at Vassar out into the Poughkeepsie community and be a memorable experience for both the children and the actors.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Rights and Royalties to the Musical: \$1350

Sets and Costume: \$500

Batteries for Microphones: \$150

Total Cost of Event: \$2000

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

FWA raised over \$1,000 through fundraising last semester. In continuation with our efforts, this semester we are sponsoring our annual Dessert Cabaret, from which all proceeds go toward the funding of our musicals. In addition, we are collaborating with a photographer in our general body in selling headshots, and plan on having multiple bake sales. Unfortunately, due to the high price of royalties for musicals, we are unable to fund both shows with our current budget and the projected amount we will raise from both of these events.

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Aside for the publicity P.E.A.C.E. would receive through appearing on all posters and e-mails, P.E.A.C.E. would be able to table

before our performance, and spread awareness to a large portion of the student body who attends our shows (we have been sold out the past three semesters) about the importance of their program. In addition, we hope to set up a performance of the show specifically for the children involved in their program—an event that would need the input and help of P.E.A.C.E. members and the schools/children with whom they work—which would help foster the connections between Poughkeepsie and Vassar communities.

Amount Requested: \$1500

Finance recommendation: \$1350

Exec recommendation: \$1350

Amount left in fund: \$8,141.16

Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund

VSA Organization: Vassar Ski Team

Name of Applicant: Heili Lowman

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

Event Name: Olympic Opening Ceremonies Showing

Location of Event: UpC - 2nd floor, Students' Building

Date of Event: February 12, 2010

Description of Event:

A large-screen projection of the Olympic Opening Ceremonies in Vancouver, Canada.

Benefit to Students:

To raise awareness about the presence and involvement of students in winter sports on campus (ie skiing and skating) and to bring together the campus community to celebrate the Olympic competitions.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Large Printed Poster - \$15

Decorations - \$40

Food platters - \$40

Total Cost of Event: \$95

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

Fundraising (t-shirt/bag/popcorn sales during) with additional fundraising from Iced Brew

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

Vassar Ski Team Members & Captains Scott Pascal, Morgan Burns, Ben Crawford, Heili Lowman

Vassar Synchronized Skating Team Members & Captains Hannah Erdheim, Allison Smith, Jerry Gilligan, Rachel Eisen

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Vassar Synchronized Skating Team - Iced Brew: helping to design posters, helping with set-up, tabling & fundraising at the actual event

Amount Requested: \$95

Exec recommendation: \$95

Amount left in fund: \$8,141,16

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