

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Agenda for Mar. 20, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

"My fellow citizens, at this hour American and coalition forces are in the early stages of military operations to disarm Iraq, to free its people and to defend the world from grave danger."

-George W. Bush, March 20th 2003

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Attendance Operations
- 3 Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from 2/27
 - b. Allocation of \$200 to Phil from Speakers & Lecturers
 - c. Allocation of \$500 to Idlewild from Council Discretionary
- 4 Focus: Admissions Multicultural Interns
Ann-Marie Alcantara '13, Shane Trujillo '13, Kleaver Cruz '11
- 5 Allocation of \$2,600 to Pro Health from Council Discretionary..... Finance
- 6 Allocation of \$500 to VPI from Community Fund..... Finance
- 7 Allocation of \$500 to Phil from Council Discretionary Finance
- 8 Executive Board Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Operations
- 9 Constitutional Revisions Operations
- 10 Open Discussion Anyone

1. Fund Being Applied For: Community Fund

VSA Organization: Philaetheis

Name of Applicant: Dominick Trotta

Applicant E-mail Address: dotrotta@vassar.edu

Event Name: Harm's Way

Location of Event: 15 College View Ave.

Date of Event: March 31-April 2

Description of Event:

The production of the play Harm's Way by Mac Wellman. It is meant to be an experiment in theater-making to be enjoyed by the Vassar and Poughkeepsie community. We have specifically chosen this space to reflect our desire to be close to Vassar yet reach out to the world around us.

Benefit to Students:

We are planning to put up a play created with the skills and shared vocabulary of the Vassar Drama Department. We draw from an assortment of theatrical techniques that will challenge the viewer to be critical and reflective on their own experiences. Theater is a tremendous opportunity to share an experience of art with a complete stranger, be they Vassarian or not.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Props: \$200

Costumes: \$300

Publicity: \$200

Space: \$750

Insurance: \$300

The way we work in Philaetheis is to have designers propose budgets. These are the lowest estimates of budgets to properly costume and furnish the space. The space and publicity are covered by our Philaetheis budget.

Total Cost of Event: \$1,750

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

We have a budget through Philaetheis with which we are paying for the off campus space. What would be left of those funds we would like to use for publicity. But it leaves no funds for costumes or props. This is where we would like to supplement ourselves with this fund.

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

The attendees will show up as audience members to the shows. There is no way to determine who will arrive. However. We have designated part of our publicity fund to a campaign for the local community. We plan to designate certain seating for Poughkeepsie community attendees.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

None.

Amount Requested: \$500

2. Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund

VSA Organization: ProHealth

Name of Applicant: Steven Montera

Applicant E-mail Address: stmontera@vassar.edu

Event Name: Relay For Life

Location of Event: Noyes Circle

Date of Event: Saturday, April 23, 2011

Description of Event:

Relay for Life is a huge all-campus event held in the spring during which students and community members come together to stand in solidarity against cancer. In addition to raising awareness and supporting the cancer survivors on our campus, the proceeds from the 12-hour walk support the American Cancer Society in their search to find a cure for cancer. Participants form teams to raise money individually and as a group. There will be entertainment from the Hudson Valley and Vassar will perform and local vendors will sell food throughout the day. The relay will have an opening ceremony, activities such as sports games and competitions between teams, a luminaria ceremony to honor all those who have fought cancer and the memory of those we have lost to cancer, and a closing ceremony before students head to the ViCE concert. Last year we raised about \$20,000 in the fight against cancer and this year we hope to do the same.

Benefit to Students:

Relay for life gives students an opportunity to take some time out of their busy semesters to fight for a cure, for loved ones who have been affected by cancer, and for all the loved ones we have lost to cancer. Participants from the community and the campus can support one another in working together to raise money and actively work towards making a difference in the fight against cancer. Relay for Life is also a great way to educate students about the current status of cancer therapy and treatment. It is also a great way to foster community and bring students together to stand against cancer. It gives students the opportunity to meet others who are passionate about finding a cure and fighting this disease.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Item	Cost
B&G	\$450
Security/Fire Watch	\$600
Lights	\$200

Food	\$500
Tents	\$600
Decorations	\$100
Materials	\$75
Entertainment Travel Stipends	\$75
Total	\$2600

Total Cost of Event: \$2600

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

Relay for Life is three times our allocated budget from the VSA but each year for the past three years we have managed to hold this event through donations from campus organizations and offices, student groups, fundraising, and funding from to the VSA. In the past, the American Cancer Society has subsidized the costs for equipment such as lights and tents but due to budget cuts, they can no longer assist schools that make less than \$35,000 per Relay. All money raised by students and community members goes to the American Cancer Society and does not support the costs of the event.

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

ViCE - the spring concert ViCE puts together will act as a benefit concert to relay for life. ViCE will help advertise for relay, and in addition, a portion of ticket proceeds will go towards Relay For Life.

Baldwin - In the past, Baldwin has been a huge help in coordinating logistics and has been able to donate some money to the event.

The Office of Health Education - The Office of Health Ed is integral in publicity and educational components of the event.

Amount Requested: \$2600

3. Fund Being Applied For: Community Fund

VSA Organization: Vassar Prison Initiative

Name of Applicant: Jake Berzoff-Cohen

Applicant E-mail Address: jaberzoffcohen@vassar.edu

Event Name: Training and lecture with Community Organizer Rob English

Location of Event: Rocky 203 and Rocky 300

Date of Event: April 13

Description of Event:

Rob English is the lead organizer for BUILD (Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development) a

broadbased community organization committed to improving the quality of life for citizens of Baltimore. It is a nonpartisan, multiracial, multiethnic organization, part of the national community-building group the Industrial Areas Foundation. English has been an organizer for the past 14 years, and will be speaking and giving a training on community organizing principles at Vassar this spring. The training will be for several hours during the day and will be open to dedicated students and community members interested in learning the skills and methods of IAF organizing.

Benefit to Students:

Students interested in social justice, community organizing, and the use of power for social change will benefit significantly from this event. English is a seasoned organizer, and will not only lecture in the evening to a broad audience, he will also provide a hands-on training during the day. Students will learn skills and strategies which are universally applicable, as well as learn more about the application of power for a greater quality of life.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

The IAF charges \$1,000 for speakers. During the training there will need to be snacks and drinks, which should cost no more than \$50.

Total Cost of Event: \$\$1,050

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

I have raised \$500 from the sociology department for this event. I will hopefully raise another \$100 from the religion department and field work office. The Vassar Prison Initiative's budget is very low due to the number of speakers we are bringing to campus this semester, making it difficult for VPI to take from its budget for this event.

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Sociology: \$500

Religion: Potential \$50-100

Field Work: Potential \$50

Amount Requested: \$500

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

VSA Organization: Philaletheis

Name of Applicant: Violet Edelman

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Event Name: With Love, From Vassar

Location of Event: The Rose Parlor

Date of Event: April 14-16

Description of Event:

This is a collaborative theater project consisting of a performance of letters written by old-time Vassar students (from c. [1869-1939](#)) organized into a narrative with the goal of bringing Vassar's beautiful history to life theatrically. Members of the ensemble are currently doing research in special collections to create a script out of letters from 5 individual Vassar students. IN March, we will start rehearsing collaboratively to stage the piece as we each take on the role of one letter writer.

Designers are also working to create costumes, props and lights which best emulate Vassar from the given variety of time periods. The goal of the whole piece is to honor our magnificent history as a pioneering institution for women's education and the individuals who have been integral to creating the fabric of that history.

Benefit to Students:

This will help its participants and audience members to imagine more vividly the history of the college, and to experience what it meant to be a student here in other time periods which came with very different challenges. It brings out both what has transformed and what remains unchanging throughout the history of the college, and in this way will be both delightful and educational for the student body. It will also be the only event

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Costs of Event:

Costumes: \$500

Props: \$200

Lighting: \$50

Total Cost of Event: \$750

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

Philaetheis can pay the routine costs (publicity, program printing, etc.) and after they have allocated their full-length budgets for the semester, may have money left in their budget to help pay for the other elements of the piece.

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

Cast

Violet Edelman '12

Rose Connelly '13

Siobhan Reddy-Best '13

Lyla Porter-Follows '14
Catherine Buxton '12

Production Team

Faren Tang '13

Yannick Godts '13

Emily Wicheloe '14

Corinne Hastings '14

Hannah Schenk '14

Collaborating Organizations and *HOW* they are contributing:
The Sesquicentennial Student Planning Committee

This is a sesquicentennial event, designed to honor the college's history on its anniversary. The planning committee is cosponsoring the event with phil to help facilitate the college's oldest student organization to create and produce a piece specifically for the sesquicentennial event.

Amount Requested: \$600