

Vassar Student Association Council

Agenda for March 21, 2010

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

“There will be little rubs and disappointments everywhere, and we are all apt to expect too much, but then, if one scheme of happiness fails, human nature turns to another, if the first calculation is wrong, we make a second better; we find comfort somewhere.”
 --Jane Austen, Mansfield Park

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance _____
Operations
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of the Minutes from 2/28
4. Announcements
 - a. Election Dates
 - b. Brewer Bash
5. Allocation of \$1600 from Conference to Act Out _____ Finance
6. Allocation of \$2000 from Collaboration to Fem Alliance _____ Finance
7. Allocation of \$2000 from Speakers, Lecturers to Forum Political Thought _____ Finance
8. Allocation of \$4000 from Speakers, Lecturers to ASA _____ Finance
9. Allocation of \$4000 from Hosting to Squirm _____ Finance
10. Amendment to Section 5 of the VSA Bylaws _____ Operations
11. Open Discussion _____ Anyone
12. Adjourn

Fund Being Applied For: Conference

VSA Organization: Act Out!

Name of Applicant: Christopher Ewing

Applicant E-mail Address: chewing@vassar.edu

Event Name: Act Out! Lobby Day Conference 2010

Location of Event: Washington, D.C.

Date of Event: 4/9/10

Description of Event:

We intend to take approximately 50 Vassar students to Washington, D.C., meet up with students from George Washington University, and lobby our representatives for LGBTQ rights. The issues we will focus on are the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, the Safe Schools Act, and the Employment Non-discrimination Act. We will meet with our representatives over the course of approximately 4 hours. This is an all-day event, so we would be leaving Vassar at 5am and returning at 11pm.

Benefit to Students:

Through this event, we hope to get students involved in the legislative process by talking about issues they care about with their representatives. Not only would this provide an opportunity for students to learn more about these issues and the legislative process overall, but it would help build skills in lobbying and interviewing, which is applicable well outside the political sphere. This event also gives students the opportunity to support Vassar ideals of political involvement and social justice.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

\$3050 for the rental of a bus to take us to and from Washington, D.C.

Total Cost of Event: \$3050

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

We hope to pay for the majority with funding received from the VSA. We then plan to make up the difference with money from our own budget, and, failing full VSA funding, we would raise money through a series of bake sales. We will also charge the participants depending on how much money we need to make up and how much interest we have.

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

11 members of the Act Out executive board, along with members of our general body, QCVC, the Vassar Democrats, and the general student body.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$2800

Finance Rec :1600

500 from budget, 300 from fundraising, 360 payments

Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund

VSA Organization: Feminist Alliance (FMLA)

Name of Applicant: Irene Beauregard

Applicant E-mail Address: irbeauregard@vassar.edu

Event Name: Women of Word

Location of Event: The Aula

Date of Event: April 29-30

Description of Event:

Feminist Alliance's annual Women of Word brings feminist artists together to perform for the Vassar community. This year, Feminist Alliance is bringing Sister Spit, a feminist spoken word/multimedia performance art troupe. On Thursday and Friday, the performers will each be sharing their knowledge and specialties with the Vassar community through individual workshops (seven total) and Friday night there will be a final performance--a showcase of all the performers on one stage.

Benefit to Students:

Sister Spit is a group of individuals who encompass a range of racial, gender, and political identities. Their talents will engage numerous groups of the Vassar community. Workshops will provoke further discussion with topics such as "Trans 101," "Radical Voice and Movement," "Personal Narrative Writing," and "Zines and Feminism." Theatre organizations, queer advocacy groups, writing communities are all acknowledged and spoken to through these workshops. Sister Spit also opens dialogue with the political queer community, which is a sizable part of Vassar's campus in need of support.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Performance and Workshops Honorarium: \$3000

Overnight Accommodations for Performers and Staff: \$800

Food for Performers In Between Workshops/Performance: \$400

Total Cost of Event: \$4200

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

We have sought money from about 15 different VSA organizations and academic departments and have actually received money from the Women's Studies, Sociology, and English department. We have raised \$1200 total so far. Feminist Alliance will continue to make money by selling T-shirts, baked goods, and buttons.

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

Anyone. This event will be open to the Vassar community and the public.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Idlewild Theatre Ensemble and Wordsmiths will be collaborating. They will contribute by bringing their respective communities to the event and helping with publicity.

Amount Requested: \$3000

Finance rec: 2000

1450 so far from departments, have about 538, selling tshirts

Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund

VSA Organization: VC Forum for Political Thought

Name of Applicant: Quynh Pham

Applicant E-mail Address: qupham@vassar.edu

Event Name: Bao Phi: Asian American Spoken Word and Politics

Location of Event: RH200
 Date of Event: April 21, 2010
 Description of Event:

The event is a night of poetry and politics with spoken word artist Bao Phi. He will read poetry for the first part of the program and for the second part, he will engage the audience on questions of the experiences of the communities of color in the US, creative activism, writing, arts and politics, etc.

Benefit to Students:

Bao Phi has been involved with creating and maintaining spoken word and literary arts programs for artists and communities of color. He has twice won the Minnesota Grand Poetry Slam, and also won two poetry slams at the Nuyorican Poets Café in New York. The Forum for Political Thought believes that inviting Bao Phi will greatly enrich political discussions on our campus. He will not only stimulate conversations on issues of color, with which he deals extensively, but his work also demonstrates the various artistic forms of expression (drama, poetry, comedy...) that one can employ to create dialogue on relatively marginalized issues.

Listening and talking to Bao Phi will benefit Vassar students and faculty members from a variety of fields, such as Political Science, English, Sociology, American Culture, Asian Studies, Africana Studies, Art, Drama, Media Studies, and Education. The last lecture that the Forum organized attracted a very large audience and we are confident that Bao Phi's event will appeal to an even greater segment of the student body.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Air ticket: \$500

Ground Transportation (taxis, trains, buses): \$150

Honorarium: \$1,400

Accommodation for 1 night (preferably at Alumni House): \$150

Lunch for guest speaker: \$25

Dinner with students (after performance, for about 12 people): \$400

Total Cost of Event: \$2,625

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

VC Forum for Political Thought has very limited funding so we can only contribute \$100 and rely mainly on VSA funding to organize this event. We are very thankful for your understanding and support!

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

Guillermo Farias 2010

Mie Omori 2011

Quynh Pham 2010

Maria Jose Mendez 2010

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and everyone on campus who wants to attend the event.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

The Asian Student Alliance contributes \$100

The Asian Studies Program contributes \$25

Amount Requested: \$2400

Fin rec: 2000

Speakers, Lecturers and Panels Fund application

VSA organization: Asian Students Alliance

Name of applicant: Celine Teo Ying Zhen

Email Address: yiteo@vassar.edu

Event Name: ASA's conference: "The 'Me' in **Media**"

Location of Event: Vassar College (various locations)

Date of Event: 2-3rd April 2010

Description:

ASA plans an annual conference that brings in speakers and performers over a concentrated two-day period. Last year, we brought in Helen Zia, one of the leading Asian American legal activists in California, during the civil rights movement. That would only possible with the help of VSA funds. This year, we are bringing in Cathy Bao Bean, Yul Kwon, HereandNow, Jennifer Chung, Tadashi Nakamura and PK. We would be scheduling them for 1 talk on Friday afternoon (April 2nd), 2 talks on Saturday afternoon (April 3rd) and a concert on Saturday night (April 3rd). I

have attached the bios of the speakers and performers we will be bringing in. For just an overview, Cathy Bao Bean is a motivational speaker and author that talks about being a parent and bringing up her son. She touches upon the competing discourses about nurturing a child. Her talks are highly interactive with substantial audience input. Next, Yul Kwon was the winner of a season of Survivor. He is an activist for minority health problems and he is working for the Obama administration currently. (see bios are more information)

Benefit for students:

This yearly event is to raise Asian and Asian American awareness of campus. It highlights both the importance of racial issues on campus and in the world. The conferences that we've been attending at other colleges serve to equip our members with the skills and knowledge to interact intelligently with the speakers and performers. By bringing the issues close to home, we hope to educate the Vassar population about existing racial issues. Besides, the concert would be fun for everyone. Students could get to meet YouTube star, Jennifer Chung.

Cost of the event:

\$10 100

Total Cost of the event:

Speakers

1. Cathy Bao Bean (speaker/author)- \$850 all-inclusive
2. Yul Kwon(speaker) - \$ 2500 all-inclusive
3. Here and Now (theatre group) - \$3500 all-inclusive
4. Jennifer Chung (singer/songwriter) - \$350 + transport (\$500 est.) (Flight tickets from California)
5. Tadashi Nakamura (speaker) -\$500 fee + travel (\$500 est.) (Flight tickets from California)
6. PK (emcee/spoken word) -\$2000 inclusive-inclusive

Food - \$200 (Reception between talks)

Decorations - \$200 (Concert)

Total cost: \$11 100

Current Funding Plan:

We would be putting up \$4300 from own our budget and would be doing fundraising in addition to this.

List of Attendees:

Our General Body members will be helping out and attending the events, so that provides around 40~ in attendance. But we would be heavily marketing this event to anyone who has watched Survivor, is an English major, is a Asian studies major, does drama and is interested in social issues of injustice. This is a campus-wide event.

Collaborating Organizations:

NIL

Amount requested:

\$5800

ASA- 4300

ALANA center fund –bonsari fund (SASA)

Fin rec: 4000

Fund Being Applied For: Hosting Fund

VSA Organization: Squirm

Name of Applicant: Rebecca Levin

Applicant E-mail Address: squirm@vassar.edu

Event Name: Squirm Magazine 10th Anniversary Conference

Location of Event: Kenyon 216 & 217 (mostly)

Date of Event: April 16th-18th

Description of Event:

This celebration of the 10th year anniversary of Squirm magazine will function as a chance to open communication between the present board members, their predecessors, and the current and future boards of campus erotica magazines across the country. It will celebrate our history as the first campus based erotica magazine in the country, and promote a sharing of our mutual histories and ideas for the future. With many of our events open to the Vassar community, we offer a chance to strengthen our connection with that community and to foster pride, knowledge, and laughter within it. Our conference would include the following:

Numerous Panel Discussions:

SQUIRM roots : How and why the magazine was started, getting funded, run-ins with Vassar admin and other tales from the early days.

10 years of campus sex magazines: What other schools have started sex magazines? What does it mean to revive a magazine? What is the future of campus sex publications?

Current state of SQUIRM: Update from current Vassar students - where are we now?

Art, Sex, Porn and the Law: Keeping sex magazines on the right side of legal

Career Paths: What Alums have used SQUIRM or another magazine as a launching pad for a professional career? How viable is making a living out of sex, art and media?

Presentations/Workshops:

Massage Workshop: by alum. Christine Fawley, open to the Vassar community this wonderful intro to neck and shoulder massage is relaxing, pleasurable, and intensely useful for students. It serves as the perfect follow up to our career paths panel.

Peg-ass-us: As a wrap up to the event, this revolutionary sex-ed/burlesque/comedy duo would offer an entertaining and illuminating culmination to our celebration. Open to the Vassar community, Peg-ass-us represents a living version of everything we attempt with our magazine. It captures Squirm's quintessence by being witty, sexy, educational, and boundary pushing all at once.

Meals & Idea Sharing:

Open only to alum. of magazine boards, or those on current boards. Over one dinner and two lunches, attendees will be able to share ideas and make connections. Additionally, these meals will keep our guests refreshed and ready to continue our discussions.

Benefit to Students:

This conference provides the perfect opportunity to demystify Squirm and its history as we connect with the Vassar community. It offers a chance to dispel misconceptions and foster laughter, knowledge, and pride in our mutual history as the first college in the country to have its own erotica magazine. Students will have a chance to connect with peers from other institutions and work and learn together to celebrate campus sex and sexuality.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

*Housing 16-18 at the Poughkeepsie Days Inn (2 double bed rooms, w/2 ppl per room)

*with current discount (w/ prepay)- \$1,359.84-\$1,599.84

*without current discount- \$1,599.84-\$1,799.82

*includes breakfast, 2 blocks away (5 mi.)

- *Vassar Catered 1 Hot Buffet Dinner with Cold Drinks Assortment for 25-30 people (\$27.49 per person)
*\$687.25-\$824.70
- *Kismat Catered Lunch for 25-30 people: (1 entrée and 1 naan per person, \$7.20 per person)
*\$180-\$216
- *Sushi Village Catered Lunch Special for 25-30 people (Miso soup, salad, and Lunch Box: Hibachi/Teriyaki/Tempura or Maki Combo (2 rolls); \$7.50 per person)
*\$187.50-\$224
- *Promotional Posters/Decorations (1 per year of Squirrm=10, at \$15 per poster)
*\$150
- *Ending Performance-Peg-Ass-U's (Sex-Ed through burlesque, song, puppetry and, of course, mythical creatures!)

*Last quoted at \$1,500 and lodging (2 ppl, 2 double bed room, 1 night= \$84.99 or \$99.99)

Total Cost of Event: \$\$4,149.58-\$4,814.51 ----

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

We will:

- *Arrange for AirVacs instead of bottled water (we will do this either way)
- *Provide our own tea for guests (either way)
- *Provide a reception of meal swipecards purchased brownies and cookies (either way)
- *Christine Fawley will provide her workshop free of charge (either way)
- *We will ask Vassar groups to perform for us (ex. Barefoot Monkeys & Improv)
- *Ask as many attendees as are willing to pay for their own lodging or attempt to house them in the dorm rooms of Squirrm members. (cannot cover all guests)
- *Ask guests to provide for own meals or swipecard them into ACDC (We are already requesting this for Friday night, and Sunday evening)
- *If working with a smaller budget, we could substitute Fresco Tortillas Catering for the dinner catered by Vassar (as this is the most expensive meal)
- *Provide a slide show of old Squirrm instead of posters (though no decorations=depressing)
- *If we cannot provide for Peg-ass-us, we will rely on a campus group for our ending show

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

Definite:

- Rebecca Levin, Vassar 2011
- Sasha Albert, Vassar 2008
- Keira Wiechecki, Vassar 2011
- Max Jaffe, Vassar 2011
- Gretchen Heinel, Vassar 2013
- Ally Brill, Vassar 2010
- Erin Clarke, Vassar 2011
- Jason Fleetwood-Boldt, Vassar 2001
- Natalie Chomet, Vassar 2009
- Barnett Cohen, Vassar
- Alexander Panisch, Vassar 2013
- Christine Fawley, Vassar 2003 & partner
- Sarah Fraser, Vassar 2007
- Sophia Betz, Vassar 2005
- Sarah Zarrow, Vassar 2004 (veg)
- Cait Field, Vassar 2005
- Julian Mundy, Vassar 2013
- Zoe Watnik, Vassar 2011
- James Eversmeyer, Vassar 2008
- Martabel Wasserman, Harvard 2010
- C-spot (NYU/Columbia/Parson's) to bring 4-5
- Aida Manduley, Brown

Maybe:

- Faith Holland, Vassar 2007
- Ashlyn Oprescu, Vassar 2009
- Susannah White, Vassar 2008
- 12 additional possible Vassar alums

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

We are currently working on collaborating with the Barefoot Monkeys and Improv. We hope that they will help us provide entertainment for Squirrms 10th Anniversary Conference.

Amount Requested: \$\$4,814.51

Fin rec: 4000

REVISION of Section 5: Campaigning

- A. Campaigning shall consist of ~~general or public~~ solicitation of votes by a candidate or his/her representative, and the display of posters and other campaign materials promoting the candidacy of a VSA member. All campaigning shall occur within the period announced by the Board of Elections and/or the Operations Committee. All acceptable forms of campaigning initiatives are herein defined and must conform to College Regulations.
- B. All members of the VSA shall refrain from actions that might dishonestly or unfairly affect the election.
- C. ~~No VSA member shall use his/her positions, elected or appointed, to endorse any candidate other than him/herself.~~
- D. No VSA member shall use rights and privileges of his/her positions, elected or appointed, to promote any candidate including him/herself.
- E. Each candidate's campaign expenses for each position sought shall not exceed: \$45 for Executive Board positions; \$35 for campus wide positions; and \$25 for House positions.
 1. It is the responsibility of the candidate to account for all campaign expenses. If a candidate is unable to afford materials, the

VSA Vice President for Operations shall arrange for the funds to be provided.

- F. The following methods of communication are at the disposal of candidates:
1. Internet
 - a. The Board of Elections will provide a space for an online candidate statement. This statement, which will appear besides voting ballots, shall be the candidates' primary method for communicating their goals and ideas for the position sought.
 - b. Candidates may use the Internet to campaign, so long such solicitations adhere to all other regulations herein defined.
 - c. ~~No unsolicited campaign material may be distributed through the Internet.~~
 1. ~~Each election period the Board of Elections shall stipulate the acceptable electronic campaigning methods based on current publicly available technology.~~
 - d. General messages to remind people to vote, without reference to a specific candidate, may continue to be communicated electronically throughout the voting period.
 2. Posters
 - a. A poster is a fixed installation not to exceed 11" x 17" x 1" inches. No other hanging attachments may be distributed from posters. House Officer candidates may display two posters inside that residence, two posters in ACDC and two posters in the College Center for a total of six. All other candidates may display two posters in ACDC, two posters in the College Center, and two posters in each residence area. ~~Each poster may not exceed 11" x 17" x 1" inches, and a second poster may not exceed 11" x 17" x 1" inches, per location.~~
 3. Fliers
 - a. ~~A candidate may not print more fliers than half the number of the sought position's constituency, not to exceed five hundred pages.~~
- G. Excepting door-to-door campaigning, no form of mass unsolicited communication shall be allowed including, but not limited to, mass flyering and impersonal or recipient-suppressed electronic messages.
- H. No campaign shall make use of any stamped or unstamped mail, ~~e-mail, World Wide Web~~, radio, television, public address systems, or advertisements in publications. ~~No membership lists may be placed side out on a student's door or hallway.~~
- I. No unsubstantiated or misrepresentative claims, slander, libel, bribery, blackmail or profanity shall be allowed.
- J. After the campaigning period is over, no elections-related posters are permitted by anyone except the Board of Elections.
- K. Any candidate found to be in violation of the VSA Constitution or VSA Bylaws related to elections may be reprimanded or disqualified by the Board of Elections Chairs and/or the Operations Committee. A disqualified candidate shall not be considered a valid write-in candidate.
 1. A candidate who has been disqualified must remove all campaign materials within 24 hours of disqualification unless the candidate appeals the decision to the Judicial Board.
 2. If the Judicial Board affirms disqualification, the candidate must remove all campaigning materials within 24 hours of the Judicial Board ruling.
 3. The disqualification of a candidate may only be made public at the discretion of the candidate.
- L. ~~Any action in violation of the VSA Constitution or VSA Bylaws that, in the opinion of the Board of Elections Chairs irreparably interferes with an election may result in the disqualification of the candidate in whose favor the action irreparably interfered.~~