

# VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Agenda for Mar. 27, 2011

*Time: 7:00pm*

*Location: College Center 223*

*"Be an opener of doors for such as come after thee."  
-Ralph Waldo Emmerson*

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Attendance .....Operations
- 3 Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes from 3/20
  - b. Allocation of \$330 to French Club from Community Fund
  - c. Allocation of \$138.90 to VJU from
  - d. Allocation of \$450 to Poder Latino from
  - e. Allocation of \$325 to VARC from
  - f. Allocation of \$500 to Act Out from
  - g. Allocation of \$400 to Phil from
- 4 Allocation of \$1,500 to Run Vassar from Speakers & Lecturers ..... Finance
- 5 Allocation of \$6,000 to ViCE from Community Fund ..... Finance
- 6 Constitutional Amendments .....Operations
- 7 Open Discussion ..... Anyone

## 1. Fund Being Applied For: Community Fund

VSA Organization: French Club (And Ballroom Club)

Name of Applicant: Rose Hendricks

Applicant E-mail Address: rohendricks@vassar.edu

Event Name: French Gypsy Jazz Swing Night

Location of Event: Aula

Date of Event: April 6

Description of Event:

The French club and Ballroom club will be co-hosting a swing night in which we bring a French Gypsy Jazz band to Vassar to provide live entertainment. French refreshments will also be served.

Benefit to Students:

Students will be able to experience a Po-Town swing night that is different from every other one, and will be exposed to a new aspect of French culture.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

band \$300

refreshments \$30

Total Cost of Event: \$330

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

Neither group has the funding to pay for this event because of other events that are already planned, but if necessary we will fund raise.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

French Club, Ballroom Club

Amount Requested: \$330

## 2. Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund

VSA Organization: Vassar Jewish Union

Name of Applicant: Naomi Dann

Applicant E-mail Address: nadann@vassar.edu

Event Name: A Refugee's Journey: A Quest for Freedom and Identity

Location of Event: Rockefeller Hall, Room 200

Date of Event: April 10, 2011; 5-7pm

Description of Event:

Nyuol Tong, a refugee from Southern Sudan, will share his story and discuss the current situation in Sudan. In 2003 Nyuol's family fled from Khartoum to Cairo, Egypt. There, through his

determined quest for education and with the help of an American professor at the American University in Cairo, he was granted a student visa to the United States and admission to Dunn School in California, in the fall of 2006. Nyuol shares his vision that education is the only way Southern Sudan can be liberated from the legacy of war with communities, churches, schools and universities throughout the U.S. Nyuol is currently a student at Duke University.

#### Benefit to Students:

The Vassar student body will benefit from being educated about global issues of conflict and education. The lecture will allow Vassar students to listen to a first hand account from one of our peers of escape from violence and poverty in a conflicted area of the world. This lecture will broaden student's minds and encourage them to pay attention to events outside of the "Vassar bubble."

#### Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Airfare: \$211.40

Metro-North, Roundtrip, Off-peak Ticket: \$31.50

Taxi fare to and from Poughkeepsie train station: \$16

Subway/bus fare between GCT and airport: \$5

Total Cost of Event: \$263.90

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

We are currently planning on paying from the VJU's budget, supplemented by our general fundraiser (a bake-sale) taking place in late March). Also, we have collaboration from a number of departments, as listed below.

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

The VJU board, Vassar students, community members, students from collaborating orgs such as Amnesty International, UNICEF, and others, professors in Africana Studies, the Education department and others.

#### Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Department of Education - \$25

Africana Studies Program - \$25

Department of Earth Science and Geography- \$25

International Studies Program - \$25

Amnesty International - \$25

Amount Requested: \$138.90

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### 3. Fund Being Applied For: Community Fund

VSA Organization: Poder Latino

Name of Applicant: Patricia Cruz

Applicant E-mail Address: pacruz@vassar.edu

Event Name: Family Dinner

Location of Event: Villard Room

Date of Event: April 14, 2011

Description of Event:

A dinner celebration of the Latino tradition of coming together as a family (regardless of bloodlines) over food and music. We are extending (discounted) tickets to the Poughkeepsie community, mainly the students from the Poughkeepsie Middle School and their families.

Benefit to Students:

Vassar students will have the chance to spend some time with people from the Poughkeepsie community. All proceeds (from selling tickets) are going to May Day, organized by MEChA.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

\$1400 Band

\$250 Security

\$300 Equipment

\$500 Food

Total Cost of Event: \$2,450

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

We have \$2,000 available from our budget

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$500

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### 4. Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund

VSA Organization: Vassar Animal Rights Coalition

Name of Applicant: Lauren O'Laughlin

Applicant E-mail Address: laolaughlin@vassar.edu

Event Name: Plant-Based Eating Lecture and Cooking Demonstration

Location of Event: College Center MPR

Date of Event: 04/08/2011

Description of Event:

Chef Seth Davis has been working in professional kitchens for 30 years, specializing for the past 15 in allergy-sensitive vegan-vegetarian baked goods, meals and living-raw foods. A long time vegetarian himself, he and his partner, Jenn have made it their mission to show that we can all eat a healthy, compassionate and varied diet without ever feeling deprived or bored. Chef Seth worked as pastry chef at the world-renowned Angelica Kitchen, has taught cooking in dozens of classes and workshops, and is co-founder/owner of Karma Road in New Paltz.

Chef Seth Davis will speak about conscious eating, compassion and making the easier leap to a healthy lifestyle. To demonstrate healthy dishes, he will be making his famous kalecado salads and whole fruit smoothies with leafy greens & hemp seeds.

#### Benefit to Students:

With a large vegetarian population on campus as well as curious students, this lecture would be highly beneficial to students. In conjunction with the growing food discussion on campus, via VARC, Wholistic, SlowFoodVassar, and the Greens, we believe that this event will be helpful and propel the conversation forward. Additionally, students who attend this event may be more likely to visit Karma Road in New Paltz, helping to connect our students to the off-campus community.

#### Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Compensation for Food and Transportation: \$75

Speaking Fee: Requested \$250\*

\*This would cover student entrance fees. If students were requested to pay \$7-\$12, the speaker fee would be greatly reduced, but in the interest of making the event accessible for all students, we ask to cover this fee in advance and make the event free of charge.

Total Cost of Event: \$\$325

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

The Vassar Animal Rights Coalition, though with a limited VSA budget, will fundraise through bake sales to help bring Chef Davis to campus.

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

Because we would not be able to host this event without the generous help of the Speaker's Fund, we have not yet created an attendee list. We expect a minimum of 30 attendees and potentially up to 75 attendees.

#### Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Wholistic and SlowFoodVassar have expressed interest in collaborating though they are unable to

provide funds at this time.

Amount Requested: \$325

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

VSA Organization: ACT OUT!

Name of Applicant: Katie Atkins

Applicant E-mail Address: caatkins@vassar.edu

Event Name: Conference on Social Justice and LGBTQ Rights

Location of Event: CC MPR, CC 235, CC 240

Date of Event: 4/23/11

Description of Event:

ACT OUT! will be holding a conference about issues of social justice and LGBTQ rights. We will have two speakers and we will hold several workshops and discussions throughout the day. We have invited groups from Marist, Bard, the CIA, Suny New Paltz and Suny Purchase. Our goal is to share ideas and build community both among students at Vassar and students from other schools.

Benefit to Students:

This conference will be an opportunity for LGBTQ students and allies to meet, share ideas, and build community. The students from these various schools do not get the opportunity to interact very often, and this is an opportunity for us to meet and form friendships, as well as build coalitions for futures events and actions.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Nick Cooney (speaker) - \$250

Victoria Ferrara (speaker) - \$250

Lunch for conference participants - \$300 (We plan to get food from the grocery store to make sandwiches, which will be cheaper than getting catered food).

Other expenses: \$50.00

Bottled water: \$12.00

Markers (3 packs): \$8.00

Large writing pads: \$30.00

For dinner we plan to use guest meals at ACDC, or we will request that participants bring money to buy their own dinner off campus, so dinner will not cost us anything.

Total Cost of Event: \$850

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

ACT OUT! currently has about \$650 dollars in our account. We plan to pay for the food and all

other costs with that money. However, we will not be able to pay for the speakers with that money because our budget will not cover the full amount. In addition, we will need to spend some of our budget on transportation costs for our other major event this semester, which is lobbying in Albany.

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

There is not a specific list of attendees, but we expect between 40 and 50 people to attend.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

None

Amount Requested: \$500

#### 6. Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund

VSA Organization: philaletheis

Name of Applicant: Sarah Rebell

Applicant E-mail Address: sarebell@vassar.edu

Event Name: Kait Kerrigan masterclass

Location of Event: Rose Parlor

Date of Event: April 24 2011

Description of Event:

In this all afternoon masterclass workshop Kait Kerrigan will watch students perform, work individually with some students, give them feedback, lead a discussion about her experiences as a working professional in contemporary musical theater and hold a q & a.

Kait Kerrigan is a performer, lyricist, playwright and teacher who works with performers on how to approach material, especially from new musicals. She has taught all over the country, including at NYU Tisch's Cap 21, Stephen Sondheim's Young Playwrights Inc and Playwright's Horizons Theater. She recently released a cd (along with her collaborator Brian Lowdermilk) titled "Our First Mistake". Featured on the new disc are Tony nominee Kelli O'Hara (South Pacific, The Light In The Piazza) and recording artist Vienna Teng, plus Broadway favorites Michael Arden (Big River, The Times They Are A Changin'), Matt Doyle (Bye Bye Birdie, Spring Awakening), Meghann Fahy (Next To Normal), Jay Armstrong Johnson (Hair), Morgan Karr (Spring Awakening), Laura Osnes (South Pacific) and Natalie Weiss (Everyday Rapture). Her musicals and plays have been performed off Broadway and all over the country. She is the recipient of the Jonathan Larson award.

Benefit to Students:

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about musical theater, to receive feedback on their own performances and to learn about the process of participating in the development of new material. As seen by the large increase in the amount of student and drama department musicals in

recent years, musical theater is clearly something that many Vassar students are passionate about and want to learn more about.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

\$600 Honorarium for Kait Kerrigan (we will pay \$100...we are only asking for \$500)

\$30 transportation fee (we can cover this as well, if necessary)

Total Cost of Event: \$600

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

parents day fundraiser, bakesale etc

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

n/a

Amount Requested: \$500

#### 7. Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund

VSA Organization: RunVassar

Name of Applicant: Jon Erickson

Applicant E-mail Address: joerickson@vassar.edu

Event Name: Lecture by Kathrine Switzer

Location of Event: UPC

Date of Event: 4/12/2011

Description of Event:

Kathrine Switzer will speak about her role in promoting gender equality through her work in women's running. She was the first woman to run the Boston Marathon as a numbered entry and was tackled mid-race by the race organizers for doing so. She then began an eventually successful campaign for the inclusion of the women's marathon in the Olympic games. Her work showed the world that women were not fragile, but strong.

Benefit to Students:

The inner struggles Ms. Switzer faced during her career as a marathoner and the public struggles she faced while making the women's marathon a respected and popular race would, I feel, resonate strongly with the Vassar community. She will speak not only about athletics, but about women's rights - a topic close to the hearts of many Vassar students.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):



Speaker Cost: \$2,000

Refreshments: \$200

B&G Set-Up: \$200

Technician: \$200

Total Cost of Event: \$2,600

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

The Office of Health Education, the Women's Studies department and the Midhudson Road Runners Club have all agreed to contribute financially to make the event possible. We now have \$1,100 but would need the VSA's help to obtain the remaining amount.

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

The Office of Health Education, the Women's Studies department and the Midhudson Road Runners Club have all agreed to contribute by helping to publicize and fund the event.

Amount Requested: \$1,500

#### 8. Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund

VSA Organization: ViCE

Name of Applicant: Alejandro Calcaño

Applicant E-mail Address: [alcalcano@vassar.edu](mailto:alcalcano@vassar.edu)

Event Name: ViCE Presents: of Montreal feat. The Knocks

Location of Event: Walker Field Hoise

Date of Event: April 23rd 2011

Description of Event:

This is our annual Spring Concert! We have worked extremely hard to bring Of Montreal and supporting band The Knocks to campus. We have decided to bring the celebration to campus this year, and will be having the concert at Walker Field House. Our headliner this year is known for its innovative live shows and our opener is sure to make people jump and dance. We want to have as many people as possible participate in this event!

Benefit to Students:

Students will be able to experience first hand an amazing concert experience, with top-notch production and exciting live bands.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

of Montreal + Insurance \$41,000.00

The Knocks \$3,000.00

Production \$14,000.00  
Hospitality (Hotels, Food, etc) \$2,000.00  
Security, B&G, Cleaners \$8,000.00  
Middle Agent \$4,000.00  
Tix \$300.00  
Relay 4 Life \$2,000.00  
Others (Badges, Tshirts, food, fees, etc) \$2,500.00

Total Cost of Event: \$76,800 (Estimate!)

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

ViCE Music - ~\$18,000  
ViCE Funds - ~\$3,000  
Student Tickets - ~\$19,000  
Public Tickets - ~\$25,000  
Vassar Student A. - ~\$12,000

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

Many people!

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$12,000