

VSA Council Minutes

January 25, 2009

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

2. Attendance

Proxies: Noyes, 2010.

Guests: Andrew Bennett (Student Asst. to the President), Matthew Brock (Misc), Brian Farkas (Misc), Julianne Herts (Misc), Emma Mitchell (Misc), Molly Turpin (Misc), Rudy Martinez (ViCE), Eric Estes (Misc), Marie Dugo (CASA).

3. Announcements

The VP for Finance announced that Cushing, Jewett, Main, VPI and MEChA had been fined \$10 for failure to submit their Org Reports on time. He also noted that Catalyst, Ceramics Club, Democracy Matters, EMS, Investment Club, NARSAD, Contrast and SAU had each been fined \$25 for failure to submit Org Reports.

3. Reports

a. Committee Report – CASA

Thus far, CASA has provided Vassar Devils for the freshmen and has participated in the “View Weekend” for volunteers. Marie Dugo, CASA representative, announced that the committee has been working on its “Mind the Gap” event, scheduled for February 7th. She explained that, by presenting this date as the point when gifts begin accounting “for the cost of being here”, the group is trying to market the event differently than in years past. Marie noted that there is usually about 50% attendance at CASA meetings, and that the committee will coordinate more events as the year progresses and alumni come to campus.

4. Allocation of \$5000 from Council Discretionary Fund to ViCE

The VP for Finance moved to allocate \$5000 from Council Discretionary to ViCE for the BEIRUT concert on January 31st. Rudy Martinez explained that the show will be held in the chapel, and that ViCE is hoping to sell all 1100 tickets. He added that this is a particularly special concert, as the Vassar Orchestra will be collaborating with the group, and as the event is a reunion for BEIRUT’s members. All were in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

5. Allocation of \$2586 from Council Discretionary to Joseph Redwood-Martinez

The VP for Finance moved to allocate \$2586 from Council Discretionary to VPAC. Joseph Redwood-Martinez, VPAC President, explained that the allocation would support “Audiofile”, a sound art show set to open February 11th in the Palmer Gallery. He added that he has been working with Teri Quinn to organize the show since last year; both Cushing and Strong spoke in favor of the application. 2011 abstained, though all others were in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

6. Appointment of Stephen McCarthy to Bookstore Advisory

The VP for Operations moved to appoint Stephen McCarthy to the Bookstore Advisory Committee. Stephen was not present at the meeting, so Operations spoke in favor of his

appointment, explaining that he is looking get involved with issues like stocking, as well as the Bookstore of the Future. Cushing and Student Life voiced concern about appointing students to positions when they absent from the Council meetings at which their applications are considered. Operations thus rescinded her motion.

7. Declaration of Open Positions

The VP for Operations moved to declare the following positions open and up for appointment: Student Representative to the Dean of Studies Search Committee, Student Representative to the Long Range Planning Group for Technology. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

The VP for Activities reminded Council that the position of Founders Day Committee Co-Chair, previously declared open and up for appointment, needs to be filled as soon as possible.

7. Freeze Democracy Matters

The VP for Activities moved to freeze Democracy Matters for its violation of Article IV, Section 5b, c, d, e and g of the VSA Bylaws. She explained that the org's previous president recently stepped down, and that the group has failed to provide updated contact information since October. Activities has finally gotten in contact with their new president, and will be meeting with her this coming week; if all goes well, the group will eventually be unfrozen. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

8. Decertification of NARSAD

The VP for Activities moved to decertify NARSAD for violation of Article IV, Section 5c, d, e, f and g of the VSA Bylaws. The group failed to turn in its Org Review in October, was frozen on November 23rd, and failed to submit its Org Review in December. Activities explained that she had sent the group three emails within the past two weeks, but had received no response. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

9. Open Discussion

- 2009 announced that 119 days remained until graduation.
- 2009 noted that he had heard many complaints from seniors in the Town Houses about their parking spots being taken up by juniors living in the new co-op housing. Student Life responded that he would look into this issue.

13. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 7:21 PM.