

## VSA Council Minutes

October 7, 2007

### I. Call to Order

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

### 2. Attendance

Proxies: Raymond.

Guests: Evan Altshuler, Chris Beach (Class Issues Alliance, Catalyst), Michelle Cantos, Shira Collado, Brian Farkas (Miscellany News), Kyle Giunta, Jeanette Roach (Student Activist Union), Sam Rosen-Amy (Miscellany News), Abra Sussman, Lauren Sutherland (Miscellany News), Brooke Widman (Habitat for Humanity), Allyson Won (Founder's Day Co-Chair).

### 3. Consent Agenda

#### a. Approval of Minutes from September 30

#### b. Allocation of \$339 from Conference to FMLA

No objections were made, and the consent agenda was adopted as presented.

### 4. Reports

#### a. Finance Report

Finance presented Council with a budgeting sheet showing monthly balances for this month and last month, as well as the change from month-to-month.

#### b. Exec Report (Activities)

Activities reported that it has been a busy month, including leadership workshops and a fundraising workshop, with thirty to forty organizations still in the running for the financial incentive. He has been working with Megan Habermann in discussions on how best to integrate student leader training throughout the year, and is currently working on new models for next year. He has also met with Luis Inoa and Michelle Ransom on the very important issue of space, trying to find more spaces for organizations to meet. The organizations of the week for September were ViCE, QCVC, the Axes, and Visa. Organization Reports are due on Wednesday,

#### c. ViCE Report

Evan Altshuler, the president of ViCE, reported that the org is coming along, and that its second semester will be significantly bigger than the first. Future events for ViCE include throwing a party with the Class of 2010 on November 10, hosting an event with Hip Hop 101 for Hip Hop History Month, and screening the film Superbad. He announced that upon the Mug's reopening in October, ViCE will be there on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He also reported that the org might be adding a position for a general body member interested in getting more involved, and that he is still working to put on the Biggest Comedy Show Ever. Upon a question regarding their budget from Student Life, Evan reported that the org is working within its debt as best they can, and projected that they will not go in debt this year.

#### d. Student Wellness Advisory Committee

Nobody was present at the meeting from the Student Wellness Advisory Committee to give a report.

#### e. Committee on College Life

Student Life addressed Council on behalf of the Committee on College Life. He announced that the RFP for food services will go out soon, in which bidders will be brought to campus for students to provide feedback. The college is working diligently on

the Mug renovations, which will hopefully be available after October Break. Regarding residence hall renovations, the College is exploring ways to reduce the cost of the renovation of Davison, and CCL is engaged in such discussions. The construction of new Town House facilities is hopefully forthcoming, and must start before December Break if it is to be available by the start of next year. CCL will meet six times based on scheduling from the start of the year.

**f. Drug and Alcohol Education Committee**

Nobody was present at the meeting from the Drug and Alcohol Education Committee to give a report.

**g. Council Report (Cushing)**

Cushing has been busy over the past two weekends with the Dormal Formal and Scantly Clad, both of which were very well attended. They have been hosting Study Breaks and Spot o' Teas, which have also been well attended. They are currently working on merchandising ideas, which will include t-shirts and the dorm-sponsored scarves.

**h. Council Report (Jewett)**

Jewett has been very busy this year, offering a wide range of programming that includes Serenading, Pumps and Hoses, the Dormal Formal with mocktails sponsored by the Office of Health Education, and going apple picking in collaboration with other dorms. After October Break they will begin working on Seven Deadly Sins. They will also be selling t-shirts and shot glasses as fundraisers, in addition to the dorm-sponsored scarves. Some discussions going on within the House are being respectful of others' property, following Security's policies, and incorporating other orgs with their programming.

**i. Council Report (2009)**

2009 has only hosted one event this year, the Tea and Cupcakes, which was very well attended. One of the big issues discussed in Class Council is the controversy over returning Junior Year Abroad students finding desirable places of residence upon their return to campus. The Class of 2009 has passed off the Shared Bike Program, and it is now run by a committee separate from the class.

**j. Council Report (Town Students)**

Town Students reported that he has been in contact with as many of his constituents as possible, and is trying to plan a meeting before October Break. He has some ideas to plan events, and wants to promote a greater awareness of businesses in the surrounding area, most specifically the Cubbyhole.

**5. Allocation of \$1050 from Conference to SAU**

Finance moved to allocate \$1050 from the Conference Fund to the Student Activist Union. Jewett questioned whether Catalyst and SAU could possibly work together on transportation, and Finance responded that they already are. All of Council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

**6. Allocation of \$650 from Conference to Catalyst**

Finance moved to allocate \$650 from the Conference Fund to Catalyst. All of Council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

**7. Allocation of \$500 from Political Action to Catalyst**

Finance moved to allocate \$500 from the Political Action fund to Catalyst. Main asked Catalyst whether they would be engaging in civil disobedience, and if so how the monetary issues would be resolved. This question led Council into a discussion regarding the legality of

VSA funding the group's participation in its requested conference, as the conference entails specific political intents, and members of the group specifically intend to engage in civil disobedience. As a result of this discussion, Student Life moved to recess for five minutes to review the VSA bylaws; only 2010 was not in favor, and the motion passed.

Upon reconvening, Exec assured Council of the legality of VSA funding the organization. All of council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

### **8. Organization of the Month for September**

Activities moved to designate the Accidentals as the Organization of the Month for September. He explained that he meets with SARC weekly to determine Organizations of the Week, and that the Accidentals were chosen for being pivotal in putting on the A Cappella Preview Concert and A Cappella Till You Puke. All of Council voted in favor of the designation, and the motion passed.

### **9. Appointment of Brian Bacchi as Founder's Day Co-Chair**

Operations moved to appoint Brian Bacchi as Founder's Day Co-Chair. Town Students abstained from the vote, all else in Council voted in favor of the appointment, and the motion passed.

### **10. Appointment of Allyson Won as Founder's Day Co-Chair**

Operations moved to appoint Allyson Won as Founder's Day Co-Chair. All of Council voted in favor of the appointment, and the motion passed

### **11. Declaration of Open Positions**

Operations moved to declare open for appointment four 2011 positions on the Judicial Board. All of Council voted in favor of the declaration, and the motion passed.

### **12. Open Discussion**

- 2008 announced that 231 days remain until commencement.
- Finance moved to allocate \$70 from the Conference Fund to Habitat for Humanity. All of Council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.
- Student Life requested that house presidents remind their secretaries to email him Study Break and House Team Meeting times for him to schedule times to meet with House Teams, and for VSA Exec members to eventually meet with House Teams as well. He also announced that he would be meeting with Davison House tonight, along with Luis Inoa and Andrew Bennett, to engage in discussion regarding the renovation and the displacement of Davison residents.
- Activities announced that starting this week he will be giving weekly overviews of the pertinent events happening that week. Events for this week include: Coming Out Week, a No ViCE concert on Monday, the blood drive on Wednesday, another No ViCE concert on Thursday, and a movie screening by CHOICE.
- Operations announced the event Mapping Your Sophomore Year, which is happening on Wednesday at 5pm in Rocky 200. Any advice about what to tell the sophomores would be welcome.

### **13. Adjourn**

The meeting concluded at 8:00pm.