

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes for Nov. 14, 2010

- 1 Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
- 2 AttendanceOperations
 - All here, except Socos were absent and 2011 had a proxy (Socos came at 7:04)
 - Guests: Molly Turpin-Misc
 - Marie Dugo- Misc
 - AngelaFiute- Misc
 - Aashim Msgaonkar- Misc
 - Matt Brock- Misc
 - Caitlin Clevenger- Misc
 - Carson Robinson- Drug/Alcohol Ed. Committee
 - Tracey Erbacher-Merely Players
 - April Levins- Merely Players
- 3 Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from 10/31
 - b. Allocation of \$100 to Iced Brew from Council Discretionary
 - all approved
- 4 Forum: Terry Quinn, Director of Campus Activities
 - Mike Bodnarik, Assistant Director of Campus Activities
 - Terry Quinn spoke about campus activities; she wanted to focus on what they do that's relevant to the student body. Campus Activities has many responsibilities, including the SARC and the calendar. The calendar is a big job, because every program has to filter through their office in order to make it onto the calendar. Mike supervises the SARC, starting from the initial meeting in his office, making the time available, and making sure all the necessary resources are available to the students. They mentioned that they will need help with the leadership conference this year, because they've had some changes in staff. Feedback is the most useful help, because the conference is for us, the students. They can help working with agents, contracts, etc. They are working on making the Mug different in terms of lighting and serving beverages. They are also working on the safe space opening in January. They aspire to be an advocate for students' orgs, and that's a big reason for us to be in constant contact with them.
 - Joss asked about the bar in the Mug and the response was that they might hire students to serve non-alcoholic beverages. He also suggested having an equipment manager for the Mug.
 - Operations asked about the presence of more orgs creating alternative planning due to the drinking. They think there has been especially planning events earlier in the

day/night and they've been encouraging this. She also asked about the calendar, and they said they're constantly trying to make it more efficient and easy to use.

-Main asked about alternative planning, and Terry responded that we need to define what exactly that means.

-Academics asked about mini-courses; the response was that if there's enough interest they could do it. The primary challenge is finding a space.

-Davison asked about new orgs and if they should go to the Activities Office to get help starting up. Mike expressed interest in getting some sort of list of the framework of how a new student org goes about getting certified, starting from the interest stage. There was discussion about the fact that this is stated in the constitution, but they want a more straightforward accessible document.

-Noyes wanted to know who she should talk to about the events emails and the response was that Emily Darrow is the person to talk to about that.

-Town Students asked about finding more spaces for student orgs to have events. There has been discussion about making Upc and the Aula available for this space.

-Lathrop made suggestions about making more common spaces in the dorms, improving treasurer training in the leadership conference, and asked about continuing to have the Aula available for alternative planning. She also wondered if they could find a better time to do it, but the consensus was that it would be hard to do it at another time because it would be hard on the office since they have so much going on at the end of the year. She also brought up an issue with having showed up to one of her leadership classes and the teacher wasn't there; the Terry responded that they could definitely use feedback on those events, because they didn't go very well this year.

-THs asked about B&G charges, making a time limit. The answer was that everyone has issues with this, but this is a bigger issue than the office can handle, but it's always worth contacting them if we have problems.

-Jewett asked about how the calendar is publicized, because currently she feels like not everyone knows about it. They will work on it.

-Student Life asked about the FDIC (food and dining implementation committee). Terry answered that they are currently trying to make changes, in relation to the physical space and making students feel comfortable there. There are open funds from Airmark, so they are working on figuring out what to use them for. They are also currently working on senior meal plans so that students can buy smaller blocks of meals.

-Noyes brought up storage issues, and they are being addressed.

-Academics made a motion to recess for 5 minutes, and it passed.

5 Executive Board Reports

a. Student Life

-They have a decent draft about changes to be made to V-cash charges. They are interested in looking at the hook-up culture at Vassar, and the diversity issue, so they want to peg down a feasible project that they can accomplish by the end of the year. They are also working on a social norming campaign. They are also working on campus dining constantly.

-Cushing discussed the relationship between security and students on campus and how they can improve it. Students have a misconception about what their rights are which causes problems.

b. Academics

-Majors fair went well, and the peer advising website is running well so far. They are also planning an Academics sponsored sesquicentennial event.

6 Drug and Alcohol Education Committee DEC Rep.

The representative just wanted to make sure that their committee is on everyone's radar. He also stressed that although Halloween was a big improvement this year, some of the EMS calls were bad and we can't celebrate too much. They appreciated that everyone is sending emails to their classes, but thought they could be more upfront about the drinking issue.

-2014 asked about changes they're making in terms of caffeinated beverages, and the answer is that they're still discussing it.

-They are having another meeting this coming Friday at 1:00 p.m.

-Town Students asked about where they stand on the prescription medication abuse problem and the answer was that they know it happens, but they don't have a specific stance on that.

7 Allocation of \$502 to Merely Players from Council Discretionary..... Finance

-VSA will be buying a soundboard which is very exciting.

-They are an entirely student run Shakespeare group. They are putting on Taming of the Shrew this semester and need this money for costumes and sets. They are planning to put on two yearly productions.

-Motion passes all in favor.

8 Allocation of \$880 to BSU from Council Discretionary Finance

-Finance: motion to table this fund app because further conversation with org is required.

Activities clarified that this is a performance event

-all in favor to table the motion

9 Open Discussion Anyone

-189 days until graduation

-Joss is really happy with how the Harvest Ball went; it was very unique, fun, sober, and attracted a lot of people.

-Activities wanted to let everyone know that Mike B. is always available for students on campus.

-Operations let us know that the sesquicentennial website will be launched this coming week.

-Joss: motion to adjourn, all in favor except for Joss and 2013. Meeting adjourned at 8:39.