

## **VSA Council Minutes**

*November 15, 2009*

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

### **2. Attendance**

2012 was late, TAs sent a proxy.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of Minutes from 11/8**

**b. \$500 from Speakers, Lecturers to Greens**

**c. \$450 from Collaboration to On Tap.**

### **4. Committee Report**

The Committee on Alumni Student Advancement (CASA). Operations announced that they were doing well, gearing up towards the upcoming Campaign to Save Vassar: from what, God only knows. There were 200 alumni volunteers, right now they are preparing to roll out their big 150th anniversary stuff for 2011. It should be pretty epic, to say the least.

President noted that last year CASA was a joke, a rather unfunny one. They are looking to do the mind the gap thing again.

Operations was asked to give a preview for the anniversary plans. He responded "oh baby." Then he told everyone the theme "Vassar 150: World Changing." It reportedly "gave him chills." Everyone in the room was awestruck by the amazing theme. In the stunned silence, he also announced all sorts of fun things, such as an enhanced Founders Day and historical documents. Oh yes, there will be pride.

### **5. ViCE Report**

Mr. Denny was back for a second week to announce that collaborations have been good this year. After Hours is working with Challah for Hunger and Film is working with TONCA to have children selling popcorn at movies, aww. They will be doing a clothing drive with this search party thing and will be continuing it. They are trying to spread the word as most people don't know that the clothing drive is part of the par-tay.

Finally they have secured a date for the civic center show. He told people to get involved, encouraging them to come to meetings. Some council members shook their heads as if to say "I totally would if I had more time, but this council thing keeps me so busy."

### **6. Allocation of \$1280 from Speakers, Lecturers to Mecha**

Finance moved to allocate \$1280 to Mecha so that they could bring a filmmaker to campus. This filmmaker is a documentarian who gives cameras to random people and has them film stuff. Mostly he has them film globalization and US Mexico Trade as well as indigenous communities. The President noted that she had seen one of his film and it was pretty "awesome."

Academics also noted just how "awesome" this was and commended the recent string of

human rights lectures recently.

Cushing abstained, all else were in favor.

### **7. Allocation of \$4,000 from Council Discretionary to ViCE**

As said before, their big party is this upcoming Friday. They have finalized the DJs as E6O3 and some other guy that nobody has heard of. In addition, they will be having 2 80s night DJs. There should be fun lighting designs as the Villard Room sucks and they need to do what they can to make it a better space.

THs, wondered what the theme was. Mr. Denny told her that it was some form of surveillance light thing. It seemed that he was having trouble figuring it out for himself.

Operations wondered what the energy drinks were all about, he was told that the drinks wouldn't be real energy drinks, just drinks. The energy drinks would be given out when you gave clothing.

All were in favor.

### **8. Allocation of \$938 from Conference to ASA**

Finance moved to allocate money to ASA so that they could take students to NYC and go to the Asian Museum. There is a program at Columbia called Culture Shock and they were hoping to attend, but hoping to not be too shocked. All were in favor.

### **9. Allocation of \$1,000 from Collaboration to Ballroom Dance**

Finance moved to allocate \$1,000. It was for an end of the year party, latin style. (I assume this means South American and not the term for 15th century Catholics.) Finance told them to contact Poder Latino to work towards collaboration. All were in favor.

### **10. Allocation of \$3,000 from Collaboration to VISA**

Finance moved to allocate \$3,000 to VISA for their Kalidascope dinner. ACDC would be catering some, usually their is a flag ceremony.

Raymond wondered why it had been cut between the finance recommendation of \$4,000 to an exec recommendation of \$3,000. He was told it was because they had emailed him with a budget \$1,000 cheaper.

Cushing wondered why they were spending so much on food. Strong told her that it is a lot of food. 2012 agreed, it is a lot of food. Raymond clarified that they are mostly getting outside vendors for all of that food.

All were in favor.

### **11. Allocation of \$1,000 from Collaboration to Contrast**

Finance moved to allocate \$1,000 for a hip-hop fashion show that Contrast and Hip-Hop 101 were doing.

Noyes wondered why only \$1,000 was being allocated. It was for lighting, security, djs and sound.

Noyes then wondered why not for food? Activities said it was because of meal swipes being available.

Student Life asked: why so much for lighting? The Contrast woman didn't know.

Academics wondered how the graffiti would work. The President wondered how the whole thing would work. They were told that there would be various stages with different acts rotating in and out. The graffiti would actually just be paint.

Council felt very uncomfortable with the app, based on unanswered questions about sound and lighting costs. Finally Jay arrived and their fears were assuaged. 2012 moved to amend their allowance to \$1,650. This passed, with finance opposed.

The motion came to a vote, all were in favor.

## **12. Decertification of Water Polo**

Activities moved to Decertify Water Polo. He noted that they had not turned in an org report and that they were in debt. In addition, they had asked to be decertified. He said it was "sad to see them go, but the time had come." We suspect he was kidding. All were in favor.

## **13. Open Discussion**

2010 said that there are 188 days till graduation.

The SoCo's announced that the ergathon was still going on. SL liked that there was music in and outside the mug now. Operations thought it was nice to see students reacting proactively to cuts as opposed to hating Vassar and whining incessantly. 2011 was worried about them.

Joss announced Harvest Ball this Saturday.

## **14. Adjourn**

The meeting drew to a close at a sprightly 8:10 PM.