

VSA Council Minutes

February 7, 2010

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 (Yeah, that's right, Superbowl!)

2. Attendance

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the Minutes from 1/31

b. Allocation of \$95 from Collaboration to Ski Team

4. Committee Report

a. Committee on Curricular Policy (CCP)

The committee didn't actually show (I'm looking at you Joseph Redwood Martinez. You aren't fooling me, that isn't your real middle name) as it was the Superbowl! But Academics filled in council as to what was up. It seems that the Varsity athlete proposal passed through CCP and would hopefully be appearing soon. The TH's noted that there was an overlap of classes this semester, and she wondered if people were not paying attention. Strong announced that the CEQ's were now online for some classes, thus depriving students of that wonderful 15 minutes off the last class.

5. Exec Report

a. Academics

Currently Academics was working on a lot of things, such as the above mentioned CEQ's, class times and more. It was at this moment that the Honorable President Jimmy Kelly, Gentleman, stopped by to poke his head over the table and say hello. Everyone waved and said hi.

b. Student Life

Student Life reported once again, that the athletics proposal had made it through CCP and that it looks pretty good! Next, she announced that she was in conversation with Dean Rolke and they were working on an FAQ for security. In addition, they were practicing basketball. Lathrop wondered if people could see the updated athletics proposal, she was told that she could, but that the exact wording might change again/could be different/is not set in stone/is variable.

6. Summer Language Study Resolution

Academics proposed a resolution that was a short and sweet expression of our dedication to immersion based language programs. It is important that people think about these things, I mean really think about them.

TH's agreed that these programs are competitive.

Kickoff occurred at 6:25 with the Colts on Offensive and Saints Defending. And the game begins:

2010 started with an easy pass to academics, wondering if there were any alternatives for lower income students. Academics caught the pass and made it down 10 yards before responding that yes, they had fellowships and things. 2012 made a quick tackle, gaining control of the speaker's list to wonder if it was appropriate to add suggestions to the document. 2012 was quickly taken down by Academics who felt that it wouldn't work in this document. The SoCo's arrived from the rear to make an early game changing fix to the document, removing an inappropriate comma.

All were in favor: touchdown Academics!.

7. Allocation of \$3,800 from Council Discretionary to CBS

Finance gained control of the speakers list to announce a motion to give CBS money for dinner and baccalaureate. He passed the ball to 2012 who sought to bypass the naysayers by pointing out that the DC no longer allowed for people to point. Activities came out of nowhere to intercept 2012, reassuring that yes, you still can use guest meals. (In the real world, the Colt's score 3 points.) Activities passed the ball to Student Life who successfully blocked the opposition saying that Maureen King would provide enough food for the event. All were in favor: touchdown CBS!

8. Allocation of \$2458 from Conference Fund to ASA

Midway through the first quarter, the ASA took the field, to request money for their conference. They began with a brilliant opening play of listing a large amount of Freshmen that would be attending. All were inn favor: touchdown ASA!.

9. Allocation of \$1350 from Collaboration to FWA

FWA entered the field with a surprise move: working with Children. They are doing 2 performances this year, the first of which is the Putnum County Spelling Bee. They will be working with PEACE to bring some children to campus. Cushing! was all about this. All were in favor: Touchdown FWA!

10. Forum of Domestic Violence, Guests: Renee Papst, Dee Deporto, A Security Guard, Charlie Dobb (CARES)

Mrs. Papst, began the conversation saying that all too often it gets swept under the rug and goes underreported. This is not always physical violence.

A girl from CARES informed council what CARES was.

Charlie Dobb from cares reminded people the resources offered. He noted that the biggest problem was isolation.

The Security Guard reminded people of the lines to call, reminded council that they were victim centered.

Mrs. Deporto noted that relationship abuse is most often hidden, as it often involves the abuser isolating the victim. In Mrs. Deporto's opinion, abusers are obsessed with taking control of other people. Often the victim will refuse help. This often manifests in the form

of stalking where the victim has only a few hours away at any given time.

2010 wondered what could be done for a victim who denies treatment. Mrs. Deporto felt that it was best to just be present and be a friend, despite the tendency to end things with them. Also, she has an adorable puppy.

Lathrop wondered if people with abusive tendencies could be helped. In the opinion of Mrs. Deporto abusers are "soulless, horrible people who want to destroy the soul of another human being." This does slightly mitigate the psychological problems that these people experience and does simplify the problem, but then again what do I know?

Strong wondered if there was a way to get this info out to the house team, so that they could be aware. Unfortunately, Domestic Violence is an extreme of normal behavior and cannot be easily spotted.

TH's wondered what happened to the abusers. Usually they just graduate and move on, others are brought before a judicial system. As of right now, there is no abuse charge.

The forum ended at halftime with the Colts leading 10-3. (Gasp!)

11. Certification of Gentlemen's Sandwich Club (Sneak Peek: It doesn't happen.)

The Earl of Sandwich began with a pleasant introduction, splitting council into Friends and Activities. He began by dissuading people's concerns over the word "Gentlemen" in the title, by claiming that they were gender neutral. It seemed that despite his overwhelming distaste for democracy, a distaste shared by this notetaker, he was forced to move through these democratic confines. (Ugh.)

They felt that they should be certified because they promote nice things and they only need twenty dollars to provide sandwiches. Cushing countered that the VSA already provides a good amount of sandwiches to the population at large. The Earl countered that yes, that was all well and good, but they hold doors for people and say "good day;" it is after these upstanding deeds that they actually go eat a sandwich.

Jewett wanted them to explain the sauna that occurs in the handicapped bathroom, the Earl refused to address the questions of underlings. The THs thought it would be funny to call them club sandwich. We all giggled at that one. Cappy's assistant reported that Cappy thought that they were protesters...whoops. The notetaker wanted to start a Heuvos Rancheros Club; that would surely be delicious. Any takers?

It came to a vote, Raymond and 2011 in favor, all else opposed. Touchdown: VSA!

12. Open Discussion

104 days left till graduation.

Operations announced that he was selling tickets to the Faculty Student Basketball game.

Finance told the leaks in his council to stop leaking. It went something along the lines of "hey, leakers quit your leaking." (Note: it didn't actually sound like that at all, it just sounded funnier that way. In actuality he raised concerns about the privacy of information shared in committee meetings...but that isn't as good as "leaks, leaks and the leaking leakers

who leak them: a fair and balance look at the Finance committee.")

The President asked for someone to serve on SAVP. THs and 2012 were all over that.