

VSA Council Minutes

March 21, 2010

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

2. Attendance

Proxy: Lathrop, Main, TA, TH

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the Minutes from 2/28

4. Announcements

a. Election Dates

Tentative at the moment, April 14th, start of filing, results will be April 23rd, convocation is the following Wednesday, at which point everyone becomes unemployed.

b. Brewer Bash

Will be coming up soon! As like last year, this will be really epic. There will be a lot of food and lots of activities--including free ice cream. It will take place on the 9th, 10th and 11th of April.

5. Allocation of \$1,600 from Conference to Act Out

Finance moved to allocate money to act out. They would be going down to D.C. and lobbying for gay rights. Finance moved to amend the allocation to \$800. Act Out was totally fine with this, as less people were going. All were in favor.

6. Allocation of \$2,000 from Collaboration to Feminist Alliance.

The Feminist Alliance was looking to bring a spoken word group for their annual Women of the Word event. They needed \$2,000 to supplement the cost and pay for hotel rooms. All were in favor.

7. Allocation of \$2,000 from Speakers Lecturers and Panels to Forum on Political Thought

Finance moved to allocate \$2,000 for a speaker on political expression, color and soul. 2011 pondered about how much money was left in the account. The answer to that ponder was \$9,000. All were in favor.

8. Allocation of \$4000 from Speakers Lecturers to ASA

This event would be about Asians in America. They would be bringing in five people for a two day event, the largest of the year. They were able to cut costs by removing one of their speakers. All were in favor.

9. Allocation of \$4000 from Hosting to Squirm

Finance moved to allocate \$4000 from Hosting to Squirm for their 10th anniversary as the first campus erotica magazine in the nation. They would be bringing in peer alums and some people from Brown who want to start their own erotica magazine. The presentation was accompanied by a strip-tease.
All were very much in favor.

10. Decertification of BBIP

Activities moved to decertify BBIP. Having met with a co-President, he was given permission to decertify, since they will just be working in the Office of Health Education from now on.

2010 wondered about the reasoning. She was informed that their membership was 4 and that they didn't use any Vassar resources.

Jewett remembered that a few years ago, there had been a lot of them, but that had pretty much died away.

All were in favor.

11. Amendment to Section 5 of the VSA Bylaws

Operations moved to amend the election bylaws. This included giving people the internet, taking away the posting of flyers. They were simplifying everything, but they did not want people to send out mass emails.

Activities wondered if there was somewhere preventing people from sending out messages during the voting period. There was not. It was amended.

Academics moved to amend f2 to "printed materials." 2012 agreed. Noyes felt that this should not be a long list of "no, you can't's"

2010 wanted to know if people could make t-shirts.

Operations noted that people could not draw on the ground.

Activities felt that people should not give out cookies. Cushing felt that cookies were bribes. The notetaker slipped her a cookie and she changed her mind. Mat Leonard felt that a ban on posting flyers should be left in, since leaving it out would, in theory, let them flyer to their heart's content.

All were in favor.

12. Open Discussion

62 days until graduation. 50 nights was this upcoming Friday, don't worry about the Math. Activities promoted tickets for The Flaming Lips.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30