

# VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Agenda for November 3, 2013

*Time: 7:00pm*

*Location: College Center 223*

This Council meeting is dedicated to the RED SOX: WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS 2013

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Attendance.....Operations
- 3 Consent Agenda
  - a. ACCESS – Collab.....(\$600/\$551.50)
  - b. Limit – Speakers.....(tabled)
  - c. Croquet Assoc. – Preorg.....(\$70/\$145)
  - d. GAAP – Conference.....(\$650/\$900)
  - e. Act Out – Conference.....(\$1,000/\$1175)
  - f. VCTV – Preorg.....(\$76/\$84.37)
  - g. Noyes – Speakers.....(\$3,250/\$3500)
  - h. CBS – Speakers.....(\$1,971/\$1,971)
  - i. Minstrels – Capital.....(\$845/\$845)
  - j. QCVC – Speakers.....(\$2,200/\$3000)
  - k. Speakers to Democracy Matters .....\$200
  - l. Collab to ProHealth.....\$370
  - m. Social Consciousness to Main House .....\$200

Finance – \$952 for Act Out change after consulting with the activities committee.

2016 abstains, so vote – consent agenda passes

- 4 Forum with Michael Cato, Chief Information Officer ..... Michael Cato (30 min)

As of today, second month at Vassar College. Spent 12 years in higher edu. 16 years in north Carolina but I grew up in Brooklyn. The title is new, was position for vice pres. Position before. Hopefully most of you have known the services that are offered by us. - most important thing to get a sense of student body. I’m hoping that this will be the first of many conversations between my office and the VSA. Simple 4 question survey – cell phones needed. First question – “over or under” survey regarding toilet paper via PollEv.com/mcato 19 over 6 under.

Next question, “Which technologies at Vassar do you find HELPFUL and how?” (particularly something computing and information services could be responsible for). Answers for this question vary from computers to printers, Wi-Fi etc.

“Which technologies are not helpful?” Answers also vary from printers to number of computers in dorms, plus other more comedic answers.

“What should we stop doing?” Answers vary from stop taking really long to answer work orders, ask banner, managing printer maintenance.

“What should Computing and Information Services START doing?” Answers – gmail events calendars, spam warning or phishing emails, wifi, printers in academic buildings, letting people

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know what services are available, Xbox live, loan out laptops, put add drop forms online, allow student developers to interact with CIS with blackboard buildings.

What I was hoping to do was to get feedback from you first before we begin a discussion about what you want. I can bring members of my team with me who can give you more detailed responses. My former institution made changes because our students gave us feedback. Open floor with that.

Jewett- one thing that's come up a lot is the removal of computers. A lot of people were questioning me why the computers we removed

Mr. Cato- I will remind you that today is my second month here but I do understand that the understanding was that most students have their own computers. We were going to allow you to use a computer to print, not as a computer lab. I am not defending it, but that is the understanding.

Jewett- Who can we go to talk about this?

Mr. Cato: Me. I got a piece of feedback about the printer in south commons - one of the things we're going as to how much the computers are being used will help us make a case as to whether you need the computers. I'm trying to analyze the usage of printers. That will hopefully give me the opportunity to see if we can undo what we did.

SoCo - Is there a reason that's not an option (to hook up gaming devices etc instead of cable)

Mr. Cato: I suspect it's a bandwidth issue, but I have been here only 2 months. We could set it up inside the lobby and construct it so students who live in soco can use it. 8-12 thousand dollar estimate - would have to build a false wall. Can set up in laundry (had concerns about humidity) 3-4 thousand dollars - would have to put in a compressor for humidity as well. Third option - moving it into the old security building, but the concern that I have, there's a potential that building would be repurposed in a few years. Is there a preference?

Soco - I think everyone would be happy with the laundry room

Alexandra - not speaking as part of misc, is there any place students can go to to save pc computers?

Mr. Cato: has anyone ever come to us with the pc?

Casey - they would often have to send it somewhere else.

Alex - They were like can't help you.

Mr. Cato: send me a note. Ultimately what we're trying to get to is to get some sort of help. There are predominantly macs here, but we should still be able to help you (with pcs).

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Raymond – a lot of the feedback was about printers in academic buildings. Why don't we have them there?

Mr. Cato: how useful would it be and which buildings?

Raymond – I feel like in general one per building would work.

2015- I was wondering if you are able to talk about student network usage and describe our research growth in terms of years.

Mr. Cato: I will bring it back to this group or send you the actual data. I don't know the specifics of it. Our bandwidth consumption is 600 megs in internet – 10 or 15 times more than we had about 5 years ago. I think that has been the challenge. We are only limited by the equipment There's a limited capacity to serve the whole campus.

2015 – is it expensive for campus to increase more than 600 megs?

Mr. Cato: My goal is to get more worth for what we're spending. One of my observations- I'm in faculty housing right now and I live across the street from the library. My bandwidth at home is about 8 or 9 times more than what I have in my office, and that's in a Vassar facility.

Jewett- what's bandwidth?

Mr. Cato: think of it as a pipe, the bigger the pipe, and the more information you can put through. My apologies.

Ops – thank you for coming in and having the most fun interactive activity. We've had this year. #2, CIS is extremely helpful to us in terms of running elections and they're incredibly supportive. Thank you so much for the support.

Royal – wondering about the vpn. Is that something only certain people can download? It wasn't working on my personal computer.

Mr. Cato: I'll found Virtual private network – if you're traveling or at home, we'll treat your computer as if it were on campus. If it hasn't worked have we been giving you some help?

[Michael.cato@vassar.edu](mailto:Michael.cato@vassar.edu)

Joss – thanks for coming in. my question is who do I go to about getting another card reader in a dorm – on the west side of joss.

Mr. Cato: That would be us, as well. If you can send me an email, we can understand what's possible.

Finance – the thing I heard about that reader is that admin thought it was unsafe to have a reader that close to off campus.

2016 – I have two questions. And also thank you for coming. I had a couple students ask me if they can download the driver for printers to their phones. Would it be possible for that to be a thing?

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Mr. Cato: yes you will be able to do it. We have an upgrade coming to the system that includes mobile printing. We're not sure how long that would take

2016 can you speak to as to who maintains the printers? Printer never works at main.

Mr. Cato: we are the group that's responsible for it. My understanding is that we're leasing those. If they're not working we're wasting money - notes that 3<sup>rd</sup> floor main doesn't work.

President - follow up to mobile printing - what things are not mobile that could be mobile?

Banner is one thing I was wondering about. I don't know if you could control banner. And the course schedule would be nice if that was accessible on your mobile device. How feasible would it be to combine our events calendar with our gmail account? (campus calendar)

Mr. Cato: It is something I'm very much interested in and do not have the answer for you yet, President - that is something that's a consistent problem across other schools

THs just thank you and Tam Anderson because I think you guys do a lot and we really appreciate it.

Ops: there are definitely some areas that people frequently repeated.

Mr. Cato- not planning on changing anything but just want to see how things are utilized.

Ops - says can email each other back and forth. I will email you after this with more information.

Mr. Cato- thank you all very much for the time.

### 5 Misc Report ..... Bethany Johnson, EIC (10 min)

Beth - I know this is probably new to you all but technically part of the bylaws was to provide a report to VSA (monthly) about what we're doing. What you have is a summary of September and October that talks about everything we've published and the number of students that work with the misc in various capacities. The last section is about our goals. We have more people than we've ever had. We have some extra money we're looking to see how we could use in interesting ways.

President- thank you for doing this

Finance - this is great, I think you have done a great job. Do you have any plans to maybe do some more research about people are reading the paper?

We have a section in the paper (contributing editors) that's preparing a survey for the school asks about both print or non print paper. As more people are reading our online edition, there will be a shift as to how many people read. We want to be environmentally friendly as well.

Finance - I know you mentioned that there were some donations and ads were going well. I would just encourage you to use the capital funds. Dave and I have been talking about what is

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appropriate taking money from capital – it does roll over. We would just want to make sure we're not crippling someone else's capabilities.

TA – I thought it was a great idea (that there were misc issues in the laundry rooms).

Ops – I was really excited to see a semi pro VSA editorial a couple of weeks ago. Also I think the report that you gave us very informative and great – it helps our relationship.

Strong – thank you for explaining the misc name change.

Beth – as soon as our domain name goes for auction, it goes quickly. But you have to have a connection to the name to have it legally. Right now, we're trying our best to get it back. It shouldn't affect our content. It's been my hardest challenge to figure out but we do have people that are working on it.

Raymond. On a personal note, Beth personally delivered me a newspaper, thank you for that. In your report, thank you for encouraging us to write for you.

Beth – we know that all VSA talks about is transparency. We just encourage as many VSA pieces as possible. We really encourage you to reach out to the student body.

Academics- I was wondering how people who don't have contact to you give you feedback.

Beth – there are a couple of different ways. We hold paper critiques ever Sunday at 9 o'clock.

Open to all – can voice concerns or questions. [Misc@vassar.edu](mailto:Misc@vassar.edu) is another source. Some people just email me personally, but my other goal is to make my goal more [physically present]. I make sure to reach out to student orgs o campus. It is important that people think that they can give feedback. I would encourage you to tell your constituents that they should be emailing me or the misc. email. I will not be here next semester.

Activities- from activities org standpoint, I appreciate everything you do and your overall efforts.

President – I appreciated this so much, because I read the misc all the time but know little about how [it works]. The misc is a valuable resource because all of the old miscs are online.

Beth –we have every edition from 1914. It's available through the library if you look up the miscellany news in your keyword search.

Jewett- how does advertising on the misc works?

Beth – the processes are a little different. You can email me or Dave or the generic misc.

because it is student related / on campus ad, it would be free. If you're a house team, we can give you free ad space. Quarter page is the standard. For an article, you would contact myself or if you go on the masthead, you would email the person in the features and say this is the event this is the date etc. we go through once a week and we discuss what articles we want to cover.

We can send a reporter. If you do want an event covered, I would strongly recommend that

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you encourage people to speak to the misc. If two people but not three people are comfortable talking about it.

Ferry – as part of ferry house, if you want controversy, we can be it.

2016 – I just wanted to speak to the database, which I think is amazing. Thanks so much for that. I'm on the smoke free implementation task force and I found out that in 1930s a poll was done by the news that asked students if they were for smoking ban in rooms and I think 9/10 were not in favor of that. Fun from misc.

### 6 Executive Board Reports

#### a. Activities .....(7 min)

We're going to be purchasing new vcash machines. We only have 4 that work with housing activities. The sound system vcash reservations will be moving to put them all in one place – campus activities and CIS. I've been working with ac. Committee on purchasing a storage space project. Now that we have the inventory, we can divide the spaces that we have in the dorm basements (mostly where they are). We still have to find some more. Updated constitutions admissions statements due tomorrow by midnight.

Jewett – are Vcash going to be used outside of the college center?

A: we are looking for them to be wireless. I don't know how many vendors there are every tasty Tuesdays, but our hope is that we'll have enough.

President- clarification – it's a choice for them to use. When you use them, some money goes to Vassar, so they may not use

Finance – the wireless ones are 3000 a piece, other ones about 2200. Question – whether student groups are using them vs. tasty Tuesdays. Who's getting the most benefits from this?

#### b. Finance .....(7 min)

Finance - Fund apps, lots of them. Procedural thing – doing our best to help folks set up the best fund apps they can. We want as much as we can to make these things successful for people. We are well on track of spending what we should be spending.

Goes on to list current spending. Discretionary is never a number that is exact. Meeting with the spectrum leaders this week to talk about how the VSA fits in. I'm also meeting with the Alana orgs on Friday. There's also a lovely poster that outlines the entire VSA budget, but there is a slight error. 750,000 budget, not 1 million.

TAs – for the budget counts you were talking about, are we on track semester wise?

Finance- I think we are slightly ahead, but I would say we are fine.

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2017 - when's the next round for the apps for social justice etc?

Student life - Nov. 1 deadline, I believe there were 15 apps. Depending on how many funds we have left, next semester, we'll send something else out to the students and you can apply.

- 7 Declaration of Open Positions.....Operations (5 min)  
Ops - 2 open positions are Senior Class secretary timeline if we choose appointment apps due Tuesday noon (position was publicized last Tuesday). Other position - socos programming director. Tentative timeline - app due this Thursday noon, if no one applies, it will be open until someone applies. Once someone applies, we will give a week for another person to apply. Moves to fill the position of senior class pres. -by appointment with the timeline of Tuesday. Motion passes. Moves to fill the pos. of socos programming director via special appointment with the timeline that was just mentioned. Motion passes.
- 8 Amendment.....Operations (10 min)  
Ops- last page of everyone's agenda. I'm really passionate about this amendment. Right now we have a barrier - that in order to make a motion, that motion must be seconded by someone on council (motion by at large). That means they have to go through us, and I think in reality there's no need for this ... people should feel like they have a voice. 2015 generously wrote this amendment. Replaces "all matriculated students at Vassar College have the right to make a motion - no need for a second" special meeting rules ... can vote on it now. Moves to accept the amendment. Motion passes.
- 9 Open Discussion  
2014- average Connor, if he were to eat candy corn bags, would eat 101 till grad.  
Raymond -last week 2016 talked about talking to res life about damages etc. VHP Cochairs going to be meeting.  
Noyse- Noyse and Cushing hosting an event from 10-2 Villard room  
TA's - results Halloween trick or treating and strong made it on top.  
Ops - I was hoping that there could be some doc writing. I would love to meet with VHP co-chairs and be as helpful as I can.  
Academics - come to the event on Tuesday. For the highest freshman percentage 75 points, highest sophomores 75 points, most people 100 points. 5:30 Tuesday aula.  
President - wanted to thank everyone who came to the conference. I hope you all got something out of it  
Beth - if any of you want to know what the misc looks like in production Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> floor by nights at 6pm until 3:30 am. We always have food and drinks to come say hi see what we do. We're all in the office at that point.

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Ops – Deb just did an incredible job in a complicated conference and also for benedict. –things cannot be heard due to knocking

2016 – moves to motion for close session.

President - Tweeting and blogging thing that wouldn't happen – sensitive topic. 20 min. close session. Motion passes

20 minute closed session minutes redacted.

2016 – even though we've met with them four times, there's still a process. This has happened before, an emergency crunch. We should reevaluate the 14-day rule. I think it's unfair for us to not have them here when we're having this discussion. We're tracking their funding without giving them the chance to appeal. They have to have the change to speak their opinions.

President – brings misc back to speed. Reconsidering

2015, I think it's still valid to do this vote now, have discussion etc.

President – what you're saying is if we rescind the motion and do not give this funding, they still have the power to appeal in a dif. Format because now anyone can make a motion. So theoretically if they were here, they could make a motion.

2015- after we speak to them they can appeal to us afterwards.

2014 – is there any way to get them here right now?

President – everyone sit down. I want us to think about this for a moment. Going to pose a couple of questions. Is this something we would do for every org or do we have some personal information that changes it? Yes their mission statement is different, should they apply for a different fund? How much can we actually do without being bad people. There's a lot of miscommunication here.

Jewett – also, literally though, we just need to talk to them. I don't feel comfortable saying yes they lied to us without them being here asking them. It feels like we're being “is this fair”

Student life, I don't think it's particularly a secret that they're not showing up to spectrum.

They have not been present

Strong – I agree, I can say personally, that this seems to be suspicious because of what I heard from activities. I was asked last year to join act out because there was no one in it. I was confused, because before they had 5 members, now they say 15. I think those are important things to keep in mind.

President – raise your placard if you would be more comfortable having this conversation with these people in this room vs. not do that? ... motion to recess and call these individuals and bring them in as opposed to having this conversation.



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POI – I have a house officer meeting now, can I take them my cell to tell them I can't go?

Motion to recess and call people.

2016 – question, do we think it's ok to contact them now?

President – no I don't- this is something that clearly has to be worked between to them. This is clearly a personal issue. Four people in this room know what's going on

Ops- the reason that there are questions on whether it's a real org is because the president of the org has a very close relationship with the people that would attend the conference, the three of them. There's question whether someone was pressured by their friends that has nothing to do with the VSA or if it exists. Are we making the right decisions?

President – right now I would really like if people could just speak to if this is something that should be rescinded. I want to stop talking about their relationships. That's not our place. Let's speak to what we can actually control rather than people's lives.

2016 – as everyone has said before, if they gave us false information, we need to reconsider.

Move to rescind the consent agenda.

Finance – stands by we've done our diligence.

Socos, I don't feel like a lot of this information was new.

Jewett- I feel like a lot of this info is new to us because we were pretty much lied to. Specifically, the time things, someone saying that there's a relationship within these people.

Ferry – I think as someone as activities and finance, they appeared to everyone that they were an org. I don't know when it fell apart. I don't think we should fund an org that isn't an org.

Motion to reconsider the consent agenda. Motion passes.

Talking about the consent agenda –

2016, would like the move the allocation to act out, would like to make it its own consent agenda. Motion passes.

2016 POI, thought we were going to recess and bring them here. I think that it would be weird to call them in now. I would be really uncomfortable to not have them here. I think that might be the best option (emergency meeting this Wednesday)

2014 – I would advise activities committee to solidify whether or not they exist.

2015- I think it's important to know that we did not make that time crunch and we did not have all of the information. This isn't exactly our fault. I don't think the time line argument is a good one.

Finance – strong, are you willing to speak to the deadline for funding

Strong- I got an app to apply for another conference, no deadline.

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Student life – just speaking about other funds, social justice and inclusion fund and it's something that fits perfectly with the mission statement, so that's another they could've applied to.

Jewett- I don't feel like this question is did we give money to an org, or to individuals for the conference. I feel like they pulled one over on us and I don't feel comfortable doing that.

2014 I just don't think that there is a way for this body to determine whether that is true. I think this should just inform our future meetings with this organization. At this point in time, I feel like that's all we can do.

Everyone stands up for a minute and stretches.

Ops – only making this motion because I think this is eventually where we're going to end up. Motion for multiple options to either allocate act out 0 dollars or 952\$.

Royal – what would happen if we gave them money, just not enough?

Finance – there's a personal contribution to this conference that they're doing which includes food and travel.

2016- problem that I have – as someone who's been on finance committee, there needs to be an appeals process. A lot of things have come up tonight. It's an unfair system to have this allocation without them here. I'm also extremely uncomfortable giving them money with this information. I understand we're all tired, but we should still give this weight.

2015- theoretically we could make a decision to continue this convo in other forum. We can fund something retrospectively; we could suspend the rules to make this happen. We can still do this later.

President- we can basically suspend many of our rules so we don't have to follow any of them. Raise your hand if you think having them present will change how you feel about this issue. If you think having a convo with them will change your decision. We might as well just call them.

### TEN-MINUTE RECESS

President – to fill you all in, we have a consent agenda. We have removed yours from the consent agenda.

Abby senior sociology

Yanee, also sociology major

Finance – we're doing this again because a couple members of council had a pretty serious allegations. Those allegations stem from the fact of act out not being an org. The answers that

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we received were misrepresented. We were talking about how act out does not attend spectrum, nor have we gotten a hold of leadership. It has less to do with Act out and more about them being personal projects. Finally, the timing of the fund app was brought up. Out of nowhere, the act out leadership materialized.

Ab.: I'm confused on the process here. I joined this year. But I don't understand why it's identity is being questioned in this setting. It seems to me like apparently act out got reapproved and got a budget. I feel like that was the process for when it's identity was going to be reapproved. Is this the usual process?

Activities- just coming in from activities, over the summer, there was somebody who had done what you've said collective leadership for last semester. I also was collecting leadership over the summer because I'm new to the position and I hadn't heard from act out till almost from mid September.

Finance - I think it's about questioning the legitimacy of this fun up regarding act out. All we know about it is that it applied for this fund. We don't always do this. The reason that we're doing this is because several members of council brought this to our attention

President - I think that the reason we wanted to put you in here was because we wanted to make sure we treated this fairly. There was significant information stated that you were not an org. we wanted to hear from you, please tell us about this org. what are you going to do when you come back. The legitimacy of that is being questioned. We want to give you his chance please.

Abby- so, I mean Rob's not here, so I don't really know about anything why it is not part of Spectrum. Yanee

Yanee - since last semester, act out was kind of falling apart. Rob was the only member that was consistently active. Me and him have been talking about his projections. This semester, he asked me to help me with this project. So I don't know where to start. A lot of the talk has been about reorganizing the org. so we've been trying to deliberate and figure out what orientation we want this to take. We like the point of using theater of performance as a means of using this.

Abb- it would be a really good skill to involve.

Y- part of this conference, within the realm of feminism, was going to be trying to reach a broader group, anti - racism, lgbtq etc. I think this conference was supposed to help us in our visualization. We do have a general body list. We have had meetings not so frequently, once a month. There have been informal meetings. As far as not being a part of spectrum, it's because we haven't been established.

2014- besides the conference, what other events or actions have you planned for the year.

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Abb- again, I only joined this semester, but I can talk about what I've been working on inspired by GAP. What we learned was about menstruation vaginas in public etc. We decided to do the vulva mirror project. We're having a vulva party on November 25 to discuss the experience of people who have vulvas and vaginas. Everyone is invited to come. I think there's also, the youth arts group meet up in Poughkeepsie every Friday night. I'm an intern for them, they pick three causes every year, but now they're going LGBTQ rights as their focus. They've come to Vassar a lot and they're coming to Vassar again this January.

Y - Rob is planning on bringing the NY forum, theater of the oppressed, also planning, they're kind of like flash mob dancing, but it's a performance. So different sorts of things.

Royal - you said that act out hadn't been established, but I thought it was older.

Y - it has, but it's been falling apart.

Student life - thank you for coming in. one of the questions I have regarding the spectrum participation. They have been a tradition since I was a freshman. Yes maybe y'all don't have set meeting times, and if act out is considering making a new mission statement, then you would be considered a pre org.

Y- I think the spectrum thing wasn't really committed to the org. also, we just found out Judy founded Act Out.

Student Life - Judy is there. I've had multiple conversations about where act out is. I think nit's great that you're talking about it, but I'm wondering what actions you've taken.

Y- there has been some limited outreach

Student Life - freshmen have showed up but there are no active leaders. When there is a meeting, than they're not be advertised to the rest of student body

Y- the meeting times have been sporadic.

President - I think you're making very good points on why these things having happened. What concerns me is that, these miscommunications are kind of an indication that giving a thousand dollars to three people might not be the best thing

Jewett- are you using this org just to go to this conference for personal gain. How does this affect act out, is this just for your personal gain? I don't feel like you guys should be using this money for a conference.

Abby - sorry activities and finance. The idea was that act out was clearly not in a good place.

Vassar has been known as a performance place, and so it seems like something that Vassar should have. This seems like something that would make sense for the space. It needs reworking. What we experienced with the end of last semester was that if you're a white gay man, then you get a lot of support. We want to advocate for others. At the women's studies conference where all the queer theorists, ok if we go to this, we can learn. It has a tremendous

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amount of women of color and has a lot of undergraduates running it. It is more inclusive and more intentional.

President- so, this is an opportunity for you to build your foundation, is that an accurate statement?

Abb.- to revitalize the structure and have a structure that is inclusive and sustainable finance- I think that the concern still is still based on some information that we've talked about is that the goal is to go to this conference and not necessarily bring Act Out back. There are these simple resources of using the LGBTQ center. There are things to do to get a body going. I think as a council we're in accordance that this is an exciting conference. I move to have this into the discretionary fund- could only fund one person, probably not a senior for \$500.

President- procedurally, to make this a multiple options thing so \$500 to discretionary or to Yenee or 952 from conference fund or no, as in continue the discussion. That is the motion on the table. And there's also the option of no.

Finance- Yenee whatever Yenee would need to fund - \$251.

Main - can students as individuals apply to discretionary fund? A: yes?

2016- yes they can, but it's highly unorthodox. Finance committee and the members act as the treasurer. It's our responsibility to use money in the way that it should be used. I have been working on a fund for this. The idea is that we fund things for the org that will have an impact on the community. There are other means where students can get funding. It sets a really weird precedent. We've had to make difficult decisions and its meant primarily used to for the students. I'm so sorry to say that It makes me very upset where students can't do what they do because of limited funds.

Ab.- this is awkward, so like GAP just got money to send people to the conference. I can tell you the history of GAP was something that was struggling. I know that because I was the person who did that my freshmen year. Also, did you ask them what each and every one of them is going to do? I feel kind of stressed that I'm a Vassar student that fit my needs, I have skills and I could get involved, I'm just speaking for myself. I was like I can revitalize and help out - it's something I've done. I don't know why each person is being interrogated. I'm basically being told no Act Out is too screwed- it's too late to help Act Out. If that were the case, they shouldn't have gotten a budget.

President- I want to ask council not to personally attack the members at large. I don't think, I don't want to speak for everyone, but I think the larger concern isn't that we think that Act Out is screwed. The bigger concern is that it doesn't reflect the mission statement. The reason we have these processes is that we know that after we spend this money, after the conference, there's some sort of accountability, that there are underclassmen that will benefit. It's this level

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of accountability. It's not that we think you guys are bad people, it is nothing to do with that. Y - can you speak about the difference in mission statements?

Ops- the first s the comparison to gap, I want to kind of like, I'm not activities, but we really want orgs to succeed and thrive and that involves pre orgs where we give them a little bit of money for a chance. We fund orgs that are successful at a higher level. Now we're funding a conference (for gap), they are not a struggling org we can feel comfortable giving them money. That is a big difference. Right now you are at the stage of being a struggling org. that doesn't reflect on either of you. It really only reflects on the org. also, just to kind of also on a very different note, reflecting on the purpose of the discretionary fund. I do agree with the 2016. We want to fund things that are going to affect the entire school. Having a set plan is one of the ways that that can happen. What I would personally need is a clear explanation from you on how you're going to impact students. If you can do that, then the discretionary fund is good. I apologize. I understand council is an intimidating space, but if you think you have it in you now to how you can do that. We need to make this decision, we need to make it now.

Socos- I just think the idea is that if gap now as a general board that meets consistently, it seems that's a way you can disseminate info. When a board meets only a few times a month, I feel less comfortable about these allocations.

2015 - I wonder if you can answer how long you and Rob have been co-facilitators and what roles you've played.

Y- rob has been since designated since he was given. I have been since before October Break. He's known, he wanted to go himself, but after a discussion, we selected us three.

President- if we vote to continue the discussion, I will give it ten minutes. Motion does not pass- we're going to vote on this now. Same four options as before.

Ops - we are going to not operate in parliamentary procedure. This is a time where a conversation would be more helpful. First we need to figure out what the difference between the mission statement and the conference. Then we need to give you the opportunity to respond generally to how you're going to affect the campus and how it'll impact the community.

Act- Reads old mission, national campaign to end gay lesbian queer transgender transsexual discriminations, speaks of don't ask don't tell policies, etc.

Ops - we know what the conference is about. The mission statement doesn't talk about feminism and intersectionality. Second mission statement on the website is just a statement of what they do, so we're not sure what the mission is.

Student Life- my understanding is that one of the reasons is to connect theater with lgbtq activism to go the conference. Way back then it was don't ask don't tell. It needs to be updated, that means it would be a pre-org.

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Y- our intention was to use performance as a means to discuss.

Abby- at the end of the day, I really think I need to go to this conference. I don't understand why, if clearly the mission statement was outdated, so I don't understand why it's our fault that no one dealt with that.

2016, that's your responsibility was because you are the reps. You are responsible that the students know about the mission statement. Those questions need to be answered if you apply for a conference. You need to be able to speak to why that is not updated.

Y - speaking as myself, separate, I see this conference as multi faceted that touch on multiple things on my life. We're trying to provide student facilitators on topics about student identity. We're going to host a dialogue about topics that come from this. We're going to host workshops on big topics, sexism, racism, able-ism.

President- those are great reasons for the discretionary fund. Moving into voting, can vote no just to continue discussion. Same options as before. Motion that passes is - \$251 from discretionary to Yane.

Open Discussion - thank you for doing all of this. It'll be the same procedure if you're still free tomorrow.

Ops - motion to adjourn. Motion passes.

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