

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Agenda for November 10, 2013

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

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- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Attendance.....Operations
- 3 Consent Agenda
 - a. Challah – Collab (\$80/\$115)
 - b. Monkeys – Speakers(\$1600/\$2050)*
 - c. SJIP – Preorg (\$30/\$30)*
 - d. Limit – Speakers..... (\$2750/\$3000)
 - e. Helicon – Speakers.....(\$2000/\$3625)*
 - f. Capital to CSA.....\$50Finance- Add 50\$ to quest scholars pre org
- 4 Executive Board Reports
 - a. President.....(7 min)

Mostly geared at council. Next week there’s another pre-council dinner, not a potluck. Prior to that as preparation, we want to have a conversation about concerns peoples have had with council, either along the lines of respect or committee – will also be anonymous survey.

Finance- if somebody as thoughts on what we should get, come see me.
 - b. Operations.....(7 min)

My committee is maybe the greatest thing that was ever invented. To everyone who has helped in the appointment processes, thank you so much. We are still working on some reforms to the appointment process in general. Last week we had a conversation about how that is one of our priorities. We’re starting some research on past demographics, who votes who doesn’t vote for council. We’re looking at why there used to be an appointments committee and op. committee, and now it is just ops. At the beginning of the year, last year, we passed the charter saying we wanted to audit ops committee. We want to look critically at ourselves. What is council doing great or wrong? I had a meeting, Genesis and I, with Chris – and he is agreed to pay for half of auditing process. We have a big responsibility to follow through with our commitments. I need more people to be volunteering to be involved. I’ll start sending emails to you. I need you and your friends to come. This needs to be a collaborative process. Please step up to this commitment as log as this is something that is still important to you

TAs, what is the status of VSARC committee as of now?

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A; it's a committee with not that many members. It's in transition now that it's an ops and student life project. It's something we'll discuss Monday at ops. We are currently looking for external auditors. Progress is being made.

2014, when substantive developments happen will you send us blurbs so we may be more involved?

A; yes that's a really good idea, I will do that.

5 Amendment re Elections Appeals.....Operations (10 min)

Josh T. is the primary author of this amendment, also Maggie who is our fantastic sophomore rep to our committee, and Max, and Abby.

Max: essentially it amends the bylaws so what we do now, after elections, the results are emailed out including voting breakdown. What ops committee thought would be better was instead of emailing out results, you request them. It sort of acts as shaming and it's unnecessary to show that. They are still available upon request. The appeals time line is 24 hours, we thought it'd be better to change it to 72 hours. 24 hours is kind of short for anything.

2015- I was going to ask ops if the results were actually emailed out or if they were briefly posted

Ops, the results last year were emailed out, this year they were posted to the website then I asked that they be taken from the websites because I started getting complaints. That's how we started to review this.

Finance - I think that this accomplishes both having info available but also respecting students. I want to applaud the people who are not members of council and participated in this.

Noyse- if you email board of elections co chair or vp for ops do you need to be specific?

Ali; this amendment purposely leaves discretion. My policy I'm working on is if you want to see them you can come physically, but I will not send them so that they are not circulating.

That is my policy. I don't think that necessarily needs to be defined in the bylaws

TA can you speak to what complaints you were receiving?

Ops; we get complaints about everything every year, but this is something we can actually fix.

So basically, there were two varieties. There are people who say I would not run for an election knowing I would be publicly shamed and then there are the people who did run and they felt bullied. That's a big problem because we want everyone to feel comfortable.

Finance - I was wondering if the misc had any thoughts.

Beth- I can speak as an individual, I personally as Beth think it's a really good idea. As a person who deals with publications, you really need to be sensitive.

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Strong- just to clarify, would the winners still be posted? When I get bored at the library I like to look at past election results. I would not like that taken away from me.

Ops, this says the winner, percentage of winners out of the voters that it took for the person to win. It would only say position, name.

2017, just to specify, this will not say percentage of votes received by the winner. That is something that can potentially be discussed.

Ops-

Noyse- can you ask at any point?

Ops., yes, I realized this year there are circulating copies, but hopefully not in the future. They can look at it on my computer; they just can't take it with them

Casey - I was wondering if you can speak to private docs we have.

Ops - to pass along with this amendment it would be helpful to simultaneously passed something on how results are maintained and stored.

Pres.- this is going to be tabled to ops committee since it seems there is more to add.

6 Appointment of Davison Vice PresidentOperations (10 min)

Ops - everybody should have a copy of this in their agenda. Basically, people requested copies of the applications. In order to give people copies of them you have apps that are redacted of all personal information. So the person ops recommends is applicant number 2, Luke C. in interviewing with him we thought he did a fantastic job, he's currently the junior rep. they're really hurting without a vp. He has extraordinary leadership and organizational skills. With that, I move to appoint Luke to be Davison VP. Motion passes.

7 Appointment of 2014 Class Secretary.....Operations (10 min)

Ops - we had two and a half hours of interviewing candidates for this position today. There were five applicants. They all were phenomenal. All of them were the best, so it was very hard. After a long deliberation we want to appoint Katie Adrian. There were some members from the senior council and they said they wanted a person who could come in, have a leadership presence, comfortable coming to for answers and had the answered, very tuned in. we felt she would have the time and she was motivated. She had good ideas for somethings she wanted to do with senior week. She talked for example about having more dry events, which was an interesting idea. I move to appoint Katie for 2014 class secretary. Motion passes.

8 Appointment of Noyes Junior Representative.....Operations (10 min)

Ops - we have two applicants, essentially at this point. One of the applicants is abroad and one is here. We tried to set up an interview time with the applicant who isn't here to no avail. I

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asked her questions over email. The other applicant skyped in from London to have an interview. He will not be back until the spring whereas the applicant could theoretically start now. So we came to two decisions, we felt that app 1 in London was a more qualified applicant – extremely involved in house activities, had been in house team, and had been a fantastic leader and spirit – presence- Dan Kilian(sp). So we’ve decided to recommend him for the spring. We came to the decision to leave the position over for a month; it didn’t make sense to appoint someone for the rest of the semester when we are coming close to the end.

Finance- how does this fit with the bylaws for having an open position?

Ops essentially what we’re doing is extending the timeline for the position for fall until the spring. Motion passes for Dan to be Junior Noyes rep.

Socos Programming Director

Ops - We met with them today, Hilary F, she seemed fantastic. Had great ideas about programming in the socos. She had a desire to bring people to the socos. She also talked about how she really wanted to do an outdoor video and board game competition and that would draw a bunch of people to the socos to use the space. She’s also the only applicant.

I move to motion Hilary F as the socos programming director. Motion passes

9 Open Discussion

10 2014 – I forgot to do a thing. I just wanted to thank all the people both on and off ops to get the appointments together. And yes, that is it.

11 Jewett- dormal formal is this Saturday in the rose parlor and in the Villard room (from 10-2). I’ll resend it out to you guys. you don’t have to be dressed formal, but it is called dormal formal.

12 2016, this week there were some more stuff happening with the restructuring. Maggie is one of our committee reps. This was the first meeting where we had our international student rep. Josh met with the Alana leadership about having an Alana rep.

13 Finance- finance met this week to talk more about our policies. Something that is our list of concern is council members’ presenting fund apps. We’re making structural changes. Along with that, we will have p card audits are happening. Tell your treasurers. We (finance) will be meeting the Wednesday before and after thanksgiving. If there is something that you anticipate taking off the consent agenda please let me know that way we can inform them in a timely manner.

14 Ops – to finance, what if you are the treasurer for another org?

15 Finance- we’re still trying to hash out our policy, my recommendation would be to find someone else to present the fund ap.

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- 16 Ops- I wanted to congratulate Noyse and Cushing and VC sound system and Davison for DDR we had a great time.
- 17 2015- I was going to say that.
Finance - first I want to thank my committee for all the work we did this week.
Pres- it would be great if we could refrain from playing practical jokes on committee. Be conscious of whose time it is and give Mike his mousse/moose? Back.
2014 - congrats to you academics for the peer advising, it went very well.
Main - I think everyone on exec is doing a great job.

*denotes non-unanimous decisions