

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Agenda for November 24, 2013

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

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- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Attendance.....Operations
- 3 Consent Agenda
 - a. Business Club – Discretionary (\$400/\$500)
 - b. SEASA – Discretionary (\$800/\$1635)
 - c. CHOICE – Speakers..... (\$1000/\$1000)
 - d. Capital to NSO\$30

- 4 Forum with Wendy Freedman, Director of Counseling Services Wendy Freedman (30 min)

Wendy- thank you for inviting me. Clinical psychologist, started working at Vassar ten years ago, moved into assistant director role 7 years ago, just hired for director. I'm most interested in hearing anything interesting to you. I want to focus this conversation on what is interesting to you. About half of students come for both individual counseling (primarily short term) and group counseling. Individual counseling is primarily short term because there are only 5 in the office. Some students, because of circumstances, can't go off campus with for this, so we try our best. Therapy groups run. They change from semester to semester, on website. It will be updated in the spring. Some are more topical in nature; for example, anxiety, body condition, and some are more general. It's an amazing opportunity to be with students in an open and honest way. Feel free to check it out and refer people. If someone is interested in a group, we ask that they come meet with the group therapist for a match. Prevention and outreach is another thing. We've had so many students come in, that we've had to be responsive. We want to be getting out on campus. We think one of the most important things is de-stigmatizing. We want them to realize that we are allies for our students. You probably see us a lot at the Alana center, etc. We have partnerships, particularly for students who come for marginalized groups. We are consultants on campus, so just about anybody can contact us for ideas on anything. We like to brainstorm with people. That can be faculty or students. Part of what we can do is help people think through things. We are often called to do dialogues, as facilitators. That doesn't mean we're perfect, but we do our best at that. We have a counselor on call twenty-four seven as long as res life is open. [They don't meet] for a full hour, but there is an emergency counselor to talk to [at times in the day]. There's CARES, TLC, and counselors on call – professional staff. TLC and sometimes CARES refers students to us when it reaches a threshold. We do emergency work with students sometimes. Sometimes if someone is at an immediate risk, we have to take additional steps to make sure everyone is safe. I sit on the student support network and BIRT in my role as director, if you have any questions about that, I'm pretty new, but I can tell you about my experience with that. I mentioned the outreach prevention, that's been a big part of what I've been putting as my priority. It's been a

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bit of a rocky semester and we've wanted to be a resource. We're building on making a training program, next fall so we can be more accessible for students. A post-doctoral fellow is something we would need funding for. That's a summary, I'd love to open it up to any questions you may have.

Main - what's the college's policies on students we see that have suicidal tendencies?

W - usually, we come up with a plan, call it a safety plan, and talk about what we would do if things got worse. [We] assess to see what level of risk they're in. if something has a plan, or intent, then we need to act to keep someone safe. We try to keep it in the counseling service, but if it gets worse, we have to transport them to keep them safe. St Francis has a psychiatric emergency room, so we can keep them stabilized. In terms of self-harm, we also have a lot of students who come in with that. Same thing, we come up with a safety plan and what resources they need to keep them safe. When someone self injures, we need to have the injury checked out by medical professionals. It's something we have to do to make sure.

Ops - I have a question about the student support network. Are students notified of that status?

W - we're fairly new so we're still trying to figure it out- it's been evolving. What I'm seeing is that information that will come from somewhere that someone is struggling emotionally, then the team comes together (every Tuesday) and we look at the situation and say "what does that student need" and "who is the person who can reach out to that person". Usually the person reaches out to the person [who is struggling emotionally], and depending on the issue, they get different resources. It takes a while to get clear protocols.

Pres. - for the group therapy counseling session, how do you pick the times for those? How does that work?

W - it's something we struggle with every semester. Some groups we end up setting for: 1. When the counselor is available and 2, when we have a room. Sometimes we try to meet outside of counseling service, but we try to be mindful of that - because of privacy. For the topical groups targeted for specific students, it often says TBA; we see if we can find a time that works for everyone. We usually at least can accommodate most of the students. That's a concern we've had almost every semester. A lot of our groups are on Wednesday; often that's our best bet.

Pres. - as student leaders, you said one of your main priorities was prevention, what can we do to help with that?

W - one of the major issues we're seeing is with emotional regulation and distress tolerance skills - we learn when we grow up on how to manage our distress. What do we do with those emotions? That's tricky. What we found is that some students have come in not having known

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that, not to their fault at all. It's not the only thing but it's one of the things we see. As a prevention piece, we're trying to brainstorm. We're not quite sure how to get that information out there. I know this is a catch phrase, but self-care is so important and that's something that's not being modeled. We know when people are struggling with depression and not sleeping it is the worst thing. We're trying to promote self-care as a campus. I'd be really curious to hear any ideas or additional perspectives you may have. We've noticed a huge increase in the crises calls and I think that has to do with some things I've said. I'd really love to hear any feedback

2014- I think one of the most common criticisms is that you guys don't have enough counselors. Could you speak to how we rank compared to our peer institutions?

W - if we were at the same level, we would only have 2 [we have 5]. But we're also much more utilized. When we look at the numbers of students coming in however, our ethical code would say we need more, but it's difficult. I'm trying to be as transparent as possible about the numbers and the risks we're seeing. Three years ago, the discussion of having a post-doc was not on the table, and right now it's being discussed pretty seriously.

TH - I was wondering if you had any tips for students or Vassar specific ways of dealing with stress.

W - I think it's hard to say no to things because you wouldn't be in this position unless you were really committed to serving people. (Using vsa positions as an example) The problem is you could be talented, good at multitasking, the most resilient person but at some point you reach a breaking point. Finals time is like the perfect storm. During this time, I work on how to set limits and say no with students. It's really hard to do, but that's one of the most important things. “What are the priorities?” “I need to say no so I can sleep.” With sleep people learn better, the research is clear. As a college student, I didn't get a lot of sleep. Then I slept in grad school; it's amazing how quickly you can pick things up. If there's a way to get enough sleep and maintain a sleep schedule, it's huge, for managing stress. Say no and getting a lot of sleep are some of the big ones.

Cushing -during house team orientation and training, my house team expressed a concern that there weren't counseling there for us. Can we get that for next year?

W - right now it's us being on call when the res. is opened. It's been happening more and more that we do have people come in for crisis visits. I can talk to the administration about that.

Noyes - in terms of psychiatrists, how are we compared to other schools?

W - we're significantly under schools in terms of what they do with psychiatry. We talk about it every year and share the data every year. They're talking about moving towards integrated health service. We've talked a bit about how to be collaborative with the health service. We've been kicking around some ideas. The major issue is there are high hiring fees. Post doc is easier

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because it's a temp position. Long term is different. It's just a really challenging time economically. We're working on it.

2015- I was curious about the integrated health service. What is the timeline for that?

W - I wish I could tell you timeline. I think the college has decided that in the perfect world, they would have a wellness building, with education and services, working together on campus. There are about a thousand ways for that to look. In terms of making people move or having funding, there's a whole lot to make it work. The health services group and others have been meeting once a week to see how we can work more collaboratively. We're talking about common issues, for example substance abuse. We're taking the bull by the horns ourselves, to see what we can do. It's been kind of nice working with the other offices. In terms of what the college is going to do and the timeline, I'm not sure about that.

Ops- last week we talked about (in our meeting) the smoking cessation and someone brought up the idea on why there is a smoking culture and how that has a lot to do with stress, probably in a lot of ways.

W - for a long time we felt like there is a sort of level abuse that we think is somewhat self-medicating. It's something we've been very interested about. This is something I'd be interested to hear what you have to say. Part of our challenge is that if we create something, it's hard to get people to come. It's easier to join something that already exists. We would be curious to hear any ideas students have on how to get this training out to a wider group of people. We often find student leader training is one of these opportunities. We've been thinking about more effective ways that we can do orientation and health events. One of the challenges is that when we're so strapped for time, we'll put hours into training and then we only get three or four people coming.

Ops- speaking as EMS now, we really appreciate all of your help and training. We deal with a whole lot of issues.

W - I have a lot of respect for ems especially as students. We would be happy to speak in groups. There have been groups who have asked us to talk in and we're really happy to do that. Pres.- one thing I thought of when you spoke about going into pre-existing things- what about dorm [things like study breaks]?

W - absolutely, we are happy to do that. We just ask that when we do, the house works to get people to come.

TS - could you briefly talk about your policies with confidentiality and what terms of data collection you do?

W- we're bound by legal and ethical codes that we're not allowed to tell anyone outside the counseling service that anyone has even come to us, unless it's serious. We do collect data-

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students will fill out forms. We make sure we never give any identifying details. If there's a small number in our data, in fact, we don't share that information, so we don't let that out. We don't share any information unless there's a signed release. Without a release, we must say, "I cannot confirm or deny that that student has been here." In the student support network, we don't reveal anything about them. We don't reveal that we know them or anything. We serve as a consultant role. For example we'd say things like, "based on what you're saying, this is a student you could refer to us." I know this student would benefit from this, but I don't say I know this because they are a client of ours. It's like a delicate dance, but we're very careful to not let anything go. Within the counseling center, we do share certain information to help one another.

Pres. - thank you so much for coming in and all your work.

A- we do our best to brainstorm, but having student perspectives means everything to us.

5 Executive Board Reports

a. Activities(7 min)

Activities - been working with campus activities in discussing concerns of academic uses of spaces. I ask that people be respectful of spaces. Founder's day is in the works with one of our co chairs here. Applications for committee chair positions are due December 3rd. The second survey will be coming out for theme choices. The storage space project is still under way. We will be meeting with the Rock next week to look over the spaces we allocated to the orgs. Those orgs who requested spaces, we have spaces for them, it's just about making sure everything good. We've been working on pre dashboard [projects]. Next semester, the activities committee will be planning a second activities fair and a kind of spring leadership conference. That's pretty much what we have right now.

Someone says "good job!"

b. Finance(7 min)

I will email you the blurb that I typed up. Some updates- we are ordering new vcash machines, they should hopefully be in service by the beginning of next semester. We are meeting this Wednesday. In terms of fund levels, we are a bit ahead of schedule. We are spending money a little bit to quickly but I'm not really worried about it; we just need to be a little more diligent.

6 Discussion of Campus Communication President.....(20 min)

Pres. - I don't know about you all, but this week I have gotten a lot of emails and people stopping me at parties and calls at night about various forms of communication on campus. For

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instance the email that Cathy sent out on Tuesday. I know a lot of people were a little upset about that. There's not much we can do about something that already happened. But I wanted to have a discussion to see if any of you are getting any feedback from your constituents. Also, the email that came out regarding the smoke free campus, we got a lot of feedback. I don't know if y'all got the anonymous email that was also sent out.

2015 - my class council met today and we talked about this concept. Something we discussed was that communication as a whole coming as an email; people find it to be ineffective. We were kind of confused as to what the protocol is for instance, the result of an investigation, why that's appropriate or what policies there are for that.

Raymond - my house team had a very heated discussion. Basically, people's feeling was that Cathy's email was an odd level of vague- too vague that it caused gossiping, just vague enough that it seemed like the administration was trying to manipulate information that students have. My house team was very uncomfortable about that. People felt that administration was being a bit manipulating.

TH - I think it's great that we're having this discussion even though it's uncomfortable.

Something I heard was that it was sort of a lot for people's stress levels. As students, we have a lot going on. Even though the emails need to be sent, maybe waiting with various issues [could be an option].

Pres.- it sounds like the email messaging in general has mixed messages. Brainstorming at loud. For a lot of us, professors use things like Moodle. Maybe using something like that?

Finance - speaking personally I felt like all emails from administration have a sense of closure and finality, no opportunities for students to follow up, not recognizing that there will be reactions to this and that there should be outlets to express this.

2017- I think the past emails created a sort of confusion and it wasn't necessarily helpful. The emails didn't clarify; they more created questions.

Jewett- I know you suggested the Moodle site, speaking as me myself, I feel like the email way, was for me, most valuable, because that's the one thing that everybody is going to look at. They (administration) were being real with us and transparent. I thought it was very helpful. Several other people were confused but thought that they at least knew about it.

Pres. - that's a good point. They're being relatively transparent.

Joss. - I agree, but my only concern was that it was a low key stab on being transparent, but I feel like they should have been like “If you have any concerns about this, I'm Cathy, come to my office hours.” It was like “I'm Cathy and I'm from channel nine news.”

Pres. - people do have reactions to this and need outlets; that's a really good point.

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Finance- [we should] find some way to communicate this to house teams, so they can have resources available to the next study break and make opportunities for people to talk about it.

Pres. - I had a meeting last week where they brought in people to talk to [including Wendy].

Royal - to me, it made me uncomfortable. I felt it was like, something happened, and they took advantage of that opportunity to say, “look we’re doing things.”

Ops. - very much on the same train of thought, what bothered me and worries me about the follow up, as an individual and student leader, is maintaining a healthy dialogue around these issues. That doesn’t mean there are not other instances of biased on campus. I think that email put everything else going on aside and I took issue with that. I think the conversations we have about biased are extremely valuable.

Joss. - I also felt as if when Cathy mentioned that we’re handling it that it looked like if you don’t want these issues to happen, don’t do it. Like if you don’t want to get hurt, don’t write this. It doesn’t reach out to people who are hurt from these messages.

Pres. - I know Cathy and Chris were reaching out to vague concepts to community groups. We also have to recognize that not all students who identify with those groups will go to them [group meetings] for that.

2015- one other thing we discussed that people had a perception that town hall [that they seemed that they were linked]. There’s that infamous tweet of Chris’s regarding information and then the email came. I think that fits into distrust.

Danny - I was talking to Lewis/Louis and Noah about this the other; I was talking about the distrust and vagueness. He said we couldn’t give out many things because of legal issues. But he said the students responsible for this were removed. Like ops said, it sounds like “the problem was removed.” I’m worried that administration gave [this] to our house team and we weren’t given anything on what the administration is doing. It feels like it’s now back on the students. Chris was asking me if I feel like the campus has been lighter, he said he’s been noticing more smiles. I said it was the opposite.

Pres. - I think one of thing that came out of BIRT, I went for lack of a student life, and a thing we talked about was moving forward. And the thing that I and other admins relayed was that there’s a lot of talk from administration that they’re supporting various groups, but it doesn’t seem like there are a lot of actions. Things like projects, ex. gender-neutral bathrooms, things like that are very clear actions that administration can take and recognize as issues on campus. That’s something moving forward hopefully we can push for. That’s something I’m going to be working on for however long I’m here

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Socos – senior class council was talking today about how people are not just uncomfortable attending events but also that there’s information that goes into certain email lists. I think there needs to be other ways to access that information.

THs – I think personally, more dialogues need to happen, but I think there’s anything this past week has shown is, personally, there needs to be more communication between students and administration- it’s essential.

Raymond – I think it’s important to note that groups of students that make demands make demands because they want to be heard. It’s a matter of students feeling like they’re not.

Pres. – I want to communicate a lot of these points to administration they probably don’t realize they’re doing some things wrong. That’s why we give feedback I think there are specific ways that they listen and respond to things. Maybe greater awareness of that would be helpful

Ops – something we could be doing better is, I don’t think we necessarily need to mediate between students and administration, but just helping students get to the administration and communicate with them. I know people like to write out a list of demands. I personally would like to sit down with someone and make sure we get as much as student voices to accurately say what they want to say and communicate to administration in a way that they would respond
Jewett- can you also ask them what’s administration’s take on the student labor dialogue? I feel like a lot of people have forgotten about it.

Pres. – either next week or the next week after, Bob the new vp for finance for the college will be coming in, and he has kind of been a go to person for administration. That’s a really good point. Thank you all for being open and honest. It sounds like first of all, you all have a good grasp on what students are thinking or responding. It shows that you’re good leaders. And second, a lot of this is really productive feedback. If you have any ideas to share with me, do so. This conversation only ends now, because you know, we also have lives.

7 Discussion about Special Elections 2016 and BOE Co-chairs (20 min)

Ops – basically, we held an emergency council meeting, most of you were there and voted on a timeline for special elections. It’s on the back of your agenda. People have been bringing up concerns about it throughout the week. I know that especially 2016 has brought up some concerns.

2016 – everyone has the timeline we approved. The timeline says that any student who currently has [refer to timeline] position cannot run. So the first problem that I’ve had in particularly with this election, and also the procedure in the future is the inconsistencies. What we approved is different than the emails sent to us. The problem I have with this is that there wasn’t any discussion with the council and us. This is what we approved to happen and I don’t feel like the eligibility requirements were there. It’s not something brought to our attention.

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This is what we approved. I think the bylaw is section 6 and it says that certain members cannot have a position and run at the same time etc. [refer to section]. That's something confusing to me, because I was told that committee positions were not allowed to run. I hold a committee position as well. So I'm confused with the application of these rules.

Ops - for everyone's referencing, the bylaw that's generally questioned here is on page 30 of the governing documents. It is section 6 of article 10, eligibility and exclusivity, sub-point E. It came down to the fact that the bylaw here is fairly straight forward, which is you cannot run for another position if you already hold on. We're not telling people that they can't run for the position. If they were to resign their position, they would still be able to apply for that position. Chris - speaking as a judicial board member, we were called in for an emergency reviewing for the bylaws then we were told that a decision had been reached. There was an email sent out saying that a student fellow wanted to run for that position. I'm just a little confused.

2014- there was confusion about legibility for student fellow board of elections met with Lewis/Louis and Noah and came to the conclusion.

Pres.- we don't have control over student fellows, so because of that we had to go through a different channel so I think that's why.

Finance- I was just curious, to see the minutes from the emergency meeting.

Josh - I had a question about how you mentioned earlier of how you have to resign for a position, if that only applies for council positions. Could you clarify is this is a special election protocol or a general thing that a person must resign?

Ops -the protocol is that you cannot run for more than one council position at the same time. The two positions here would have an overlapping term. In regular election filing period, if someone filed for two positions, we would tell them that they have to pick just one.

Pres. - because special elections are special, it's circumstantial. For vp for student life, it's an exec. position, it's case specific.

Jewett - can there be something written down for future references for special elections to have one set thing to go by in the future?

Finance - I'm looking at the minute, and I think that I mean, basically does this approving of the bylaw trump the bylaw? According to the meeting, we passed a motion. Is what's on the page trump the bylaw?

Pres. - there's no conflict.

Ops - it's like additionally true.

2015- I think an important note here is that the interpretation of this sub-point is the context in which we're applying it here is not the context we may be thinking about. It seems to imply to

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me that you can't run for two positions at the same time, but you may have both. I think that maybe should be rewritten.

Ops - first speaking to what Jowett said in terms of clarifying special elections, that's been an ongoing project in ops. We've had numerous examples and they've proven to be imperfect and in some cases flawed. I appreciate this conversation and talking about issues in procedure. We also appoint as a council board of elections co chairs. I as ops was elected by the campus at large to oversee elections. I understand the need for consistent feedback and collaboration. I ask people to remember that we had a surprise resignation; we had no foresight. We met that same night to make decisions. We've been meeting like everyday since that moment. Including 3 am phone calls to do this in the fairest ways. In some ways, we have been empowered to make decisions. I really appreciate feedback for the future, but I'm sorry if people aren't entirely thrilled. We did our best.

Raymond - I just want to thank ops 2014 Zack for making this happen, you did this on such short notice.

Pres. - this didn't happen in a vacuum, there were also feelings and friends. This was a very hard situation to put anyone through. I know you all had to deal with this too. Thank you and thank you for your feedback this is why we have policies so we can review them and look back.

2016- I'm still confused, and I think my confusion stems from the email and what we approved [they contradict].

2014- yes that is true, those contradict, but that is the way we have run this election. That email came out some days ago, but that information is coming to us late, last day of elections. Unless you suggest that we scrap this, I'm not entirely sure what you want

Ops - in terms of this document, I made a mistake. I looked at the bylaws quickly before writing to the best of my knowledge. After looking at it a couple hours later, I noticed that it was not true; I immediately consulted with others and we then sent out a corrections email as quickly as we could. We voted as a timeline. The rules at the bottom were there to clarify to everyone what the rules that existed were. I apologize.

Main - I have a similar question, at which point do we decide if it's a special election or not?

Pres - that's the think we voted on.

Finance - I would love to move this convo towards what we want our actions to be. I think there is some issue with what we voted on and all this, so can we motion this to table this to a committee to reevaluate this bylaw? Maybe the place to send this to is the board of elections. I would move to have ops rewrite this bylaw.

2016- I think it's important that this is reevaluated and discussed. My problem with this was not the rule, but more the procedure behind this. I felt we have a council here that is theoretically

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in control of what happened here and I felt that the board of elections told us that this was going to happen. Not all of us know the bylaws and I took this to be the truth. What was said in the email was different. I apologize if I came off as aggressive or making demands.

Pres. - I think that in the future when we have an emergency meeting, I'll try to provide more information on what's going on. You're right, it would've been great to have more people speak to that instead of just voting for it. People haven't reviewed the bylaws, so it's hard to speak to that. In the future, god forbid his happens again, I'll refer you to them.

SoCos. - I don't see the issue with it.

Pres. - as I understand it, it's the way it was phrased- "run for or hold" makes it unclear.

2014 - in addition to revisiting the bylaw is to codify a set protocol for special elections. We kind of were playing this one by ear. Looking forward to never do it again, but we'll be ready!

Noyes - maybe we should consider if not just amending it, but changing it as a whole? Because it does put people at a disadvantage in terms of what some people can or can't do.

Pres. - it didn't seem at least in my experience, I don't see why they need to be excluded from this. If we vote on this, it will be tabled to ops and boe (board of elections) to see how this works with all elections. All in favor of tabling this to ops and boe consultation- motion passes.

Pres. - thank you 2016 for bringing this up. This goes back to communication, just because we voted on something doesn't mean we have to stop talking about it.

8 Open Discussion

2014- I took a nap instead of figuring out the normal thing. There are 181 days 13 hours 26 minutes and 20 seconds until commencement 2014. Right on, question mark?

2016 - my class council met, one thing was talked about was the email sent out with a list of all biased incidences as opposed to doing it every time one happens. What my class council consensus was that there should be a way for the students to access this information that's easy.

It's naïve to assume that just because there's no email, there's nothing going on. That more gives way to gossip. Everyone has a right to know this information.

Pres. - I know you guys laughed about my Moodle idea, but when something happens on campus, how many of you check FB? That's part gossip. What if there was a place where people were putting this information.

Beth- like Chris said, my term is coming to an end because I'm going abroad. But if you have any questions or concerns, you can email either of us. You should also be getting an update for the November. I wanted to say thank you all. I live blogged only half of this. If you have questions, you can direct them to Chris or me. He is amazing and fantastic!!!

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Ops – move to declare position of 2016 secretary with the timeline of apps due December 2nd Monday at noon, appointment done by council vote on recommendation of committee on Sunday Dec. 8th at council. Date of interviews will be announced later.

2016 – working with Alessandra for the last year and a half was so wonderful. She does so many wonderful things and she wants to make sure that other people do things. Thank you so much!

Pres. – good example, back to Wendy, of how to prioritize. Motion passes.

2015 – so, as it turns out, say anything can be useful. There’s a concern that juniors who are abroad next semester, I want everyone to be aware that that’s being examined [people abroad voting].

Beth – I know you’re reviewing people who are coming back what about those leaving?

Ops – because it’s a position that will affect everyone on campus this week and next semester, I emailed the BOE, has emailed people to have people vote who can.

Raymond - VHP co-chairs and spoke to [a specific man] about dorm damage. So, I think we’re going to end up drafting a letter to res. life about spreading out dorm damage. In general, he’s not in favor of doing that. We’ll discuss it. That’s in the works. There’s going to be a feelings session for anyone affected by biased or hate speech. Tomorrow at 7pm in LGBTQ center, I forgot to tell you Deb, but hopefully we can talk about that now.

Jewett – I want to say that we have our VPs here so like if something is already happening that we can’t change, I feel like we should just say, “this is the thing, it’s happening. If you feel strongly about it, come to such meeting to talk about it.” It feels like the special elections discussion was never-ending and not efficient.

Main – since we all have feedback, I want to thank [people who dealt with the elections].

Danny - as the only student fellow running, I want to thank you. In regards to say anything, who ever on vsa backed me up because there was something about leaving my student fellow group. Who ever did that, thank you.

TH – I sent an email last week to my constituencies and out of 256 people, I got three responses. All three responses were negative. But I did want to address one issue – e cigarettes.

2015 – I sat on CCL, it wasn’t a part of that. But Cathy takes it and does what she wants with that.

Ops – from a current perspective, it said non FDA approved cigarettes specifically.

Beth – there aren’t any FDA approved cigarettes yet.

Ops – I’ll definitely bring that up next committee.

Academics – were trying to bring the NY Times to campus. We’ve brainstormed other sources to get to campus. We do most things flawlessly in academics. But we’d like your help. You can shout it out, crumple it up in a paper and throw it at me, email me.

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Council Agenda for November 24, 2013

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

“Fools talk, cowards are silent, wise men listen.”

-Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Strong – in line with my feedback of wanting to have to give more knocks to, first to Deb because you never get any knocks and you deserve so many. Shruti because you come every week. To Zack and Conner because you put this whole election together, you did better than I would've. Ali, you get a special one because you're the best and you always do so many things. Stephanie because I heard your recital was great. 2015 and 2017 way to put on an event inspired by Google and lastly to my house team, we put it all together [for blacklight ball].
Ops – and we can't forget to knock for the fantastic strong.
Raymond – it's been a stressful semester so I hope everyone enjoys their break. I would like to move to adjourn. Motion passes.