

# VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Agenda for April 5, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

"We have finished the job, what shall we do with the tools?"-Haile Selassie

### 1 Call to Order

Start: 7:08

### 2 Attendance.....Operations

Absent: Socos, Finance

Proxy: THs

### 3 Consensus Agenda

- a. CHOICE (Speakers).....\$2339/\$2339
- b. CHOICE (Discretionary).....\$2000/\$3000
- c. QCVC (Speakers).....\$2000/\$2000
- d. LiNK (PreOrg).....\$150/\$150
- e. Vassar Alliance of Women in Foreign Affairs (PreOrg).....\$90/\$90
- f. VHP (Capital)..... Partial Allocation (amount not specified in FC notes)/\$614.41
- g. ASA (Speakers).....\$4250/\$4500
- h. Miscellany News (Capital)..... \$907.74/\$907.74
- i. VC Punx (Capital)..... \$149.99/\$149.99
- j. VC Punx (Capital).....\$99.01/\$99.01
- k. VJU (Discretionary).....\$2250/\$2250
- l. ASU (Conference).....\$1200/\$1500
- m. Barefoot Monkeys (Discretionary).....\$3000/\$3000
- n. Transferring \$5000 From the Discretionary Fund into the Conference Fund
- o. Executive Board Member Removal From MBSA
- p. Disbanding of JUMPS
- q. Minutes From 4/29/15

President: Finance is not here because he went home for Easter. Does anyone have any specific questions on any fund app? Does anyone on Finance want to talk?

Strong: I can if anyone wants.

Joss: What did the Barefoot Monkeys need money for?

Raymond: For a conference. They bring a ton of people and do stuff in Walker.

President: They needed extra money because they usually feed people with guest swipes, but this year they could not.

2017: Can you talk about VHP and how we don't know how much we're giving them?

Strong: The reason why is that some of the stuff they were asking for was too high tech. They wanted stuff people working in administration don't even have, like a... scanner for their inventory. We decided that for what they needed to do, they could do it for cheaper, so we downgraded. We are not sure what the cost will be because we don't know the cost of things yet, but they are going to get what they need.

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Activities: Is there a reason you only gave \$ 2000 to CHOICE?

Strong: What they do is go by the month, so we told them to go until the end of the year, and if they need more for next year to come back towards the end of the year and do it then.

President: Anyone else have any questions? Okay.

Activities: So, for the org that spent a lot of money on alcohol. It's not like we don't know if anyone has been through training, because this person has been through two. You can't buy flowers, you can't buy alcohol, it's crazy. We told them we wouldn't disclose a lot of information, but the reasons were that they spent a lot of money inappropriately, and the person had gone through two trainings, so they have to be reprimanded. So the treasurer is being removed from the org. They can still participate, but they shouldn't be able to hold a leadership position if they are not prepared to do the things that are required of them. It hurt the org and things like that. As for the disbanding of JUMPS, we did a pre-org and org review, seeing if we can help anybody or if orgs need anything from us, and that's what we're working on right now. We emailed JUMPS since they haven't been active, and they were like, "we don't want to be an org anymore, can we just not send you the stuff you need?", and I said okay, I guess so, so they'll be disbanded.

President: Any questions?

2017: Is there a reason the treasurer was singled out to be removed? Is it just because of training?

Activities: Not all members went to this dinner, so we wouldn't reprimand those who weren't there, or people whose jobs it wasn't to use those funds.

Joss: What was JUMPS?

Activities: It was a veterans org.

President: Okay, so for item "n", this is something we do occasionally. All of our internal funds start at a certain level, and these are just estimates, and the Discretionary Fund holds all of the money that hasn't been allocated. So if, let's say, we have more speakers or conferences than expected, we can transfer that money to a place that needs it. In this case the Conference Fund was lower, so we transferred money into the conference fund. Basically it is moving money from one internal account to the other to support conferences and not run out of money. Does anyone object to anything on the consensus agenda? Then we will assume it is passed.

- 4 Forum With Jon Chenette, Dean of the Faculty ..... (40 min)
- 5 Constituent Concerns ..... (15 min)
- 6 Annual Budgeting Timeline ..... Finance (20 min)
- 7 Executive Board Reports
  - a. Operations.....(7 min)
  - b. Student Life.....(7 min)
- 8 Referendum Amendment ..... Operations (20 min)

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- 9 Referendum Language.....Operations (15 min)
- 10 Open Discussion