

# VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Agenda for April 19, 2015

*Time: 7:00pm*

*Location: College Center 223*

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- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Attendance ..... Operations

Absent: Town Students

Proxy: SoCos

- 3 Consensus Agenda
  - a. TAs (Discretionary) ..... \$180/\$180
  - b. HYPE (Speakers) ..... \$1350/\$4185.42
  - c. SoCos (Discretionary) ..... \$200/\$200
  - d. Hunger Action (Capital) ..... \$62.22/\$62.22
  - e. Hunger Action (Capital) ..... \$36.71/\$36.71
  - f. Vassar Haiti Project (Social Consciousness)..... \$135/\$135
  - g. ASA (Social Consciousness)..... \$200/\$100
  - h. Pianists (PreOrg)..... \$50/\$50
  - i. Strong House (Discretionary) ..... \$200/\$200
  - j. CBS (Speakers)..... \$1000/\$3500
  - k. VARC (Discretionary)..... \$350/\$350
  - l. VC Punx (Collaboration)..... \$400/\$400
  - m. Minutes From 4/12/15

Finance: Okay, so the TAs needed money for CPR training, which is a good use of money. HYPE was going to bring in a dance instructor, but that fell through, so now they are bringing in two different instructors. SoCos also are doing training for CPR. Hunger Action bought beverage coolers, since they need their own, and also a storage bin.

We tabled the Shiva, because they want to buy a new genie since theirs broke, so we will talk to them about that after annual budgeting. VHP needed money for "Schooling the World", a film screening, about Western education in the developing world. Strong is painting a mural in their basement.

Pianists are having a concert. ASA needed money for a conference. CBS needed money to bring in a speaker. VARC is having vegan bacon tasting. VC Punx is throwing a spring fling so they're bringing in a few bands. One is called Pottymouth, so that is very exciting.

President: Any questions or concerns? We will assume it is passed.

- 4 Forum With Art Rodriguez..... (45 min)

Rodriguez: Hello all. I am the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid here. I started this past August, and before that I spent fourteen years at Pomona, where I was the Director for Admissions. Prior to that I was at Carleton as the Director of Multicultural Affairs and I also graduated from there. So I went to grad school and then back to California.

Finance: There is a rumor that the admissions rate went up this year. Is this true?

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Rodriguez: Yes. this coming year, Early Decision data is what we are looking at. When selecting for ED, we brought down this number. Last year, we accepted 310 students ED, and this year 270. As a result, there was a larger Regular Decision acceptance rate, 25.6% versus last year, which after factoring in the waitlist, was 23.5%. The reason for that is with ED, 48% of our students were being admitted ED. That is a little too high for where we should be at, looking at colleges we overlap with. Their fraction is lower, and we should be more aligned with that. Discussion about that was triggered this year, and as we move forward, we need to pay attention to see what that looks like. We would like to be hovering around 43%, 44% ED. That would be a comfortable spot in the long term.

Student Life: I wanted to ask about the petition from MECHA and about supporting undocumented students. This obviously affects your office, since right now these students are looked at as international students, which, among other things, impacts their financial aid. Could you talk about that and maybe give an overview of the petition, and what the future looks like for this broader issue?

Rodriguez: Originally, when the college created the policy of enrolling undocumented students, there were concerns about the impact of the cost, and we were trying to make sure that as we were moving to need blind admissions, there was pressure on our college budget to meet the demands of financial aid, so we had to try to keep an eye on expenditures that might be for undocumented students that were admitted. That had been going on through last year. It was moved this year somewhat, all undocumented students, we considered and worked with our staff, and now they are considered outside of the international pool. We hope to get to a point where we can consider them as permanent residents, but in the end, while the issue matters greatly, there is the cost. In terms of any financial aid, that would all have to come from institutional funds, because these students won't have access to work on campus, so they we can't require them to fulfill student work, and any loans that they may have had access to through the federal government, we have to pay for that. So that is the impact. When the petition was forwarded to us, it asked to move undocumented students to the domestic pool, and the school is moving in that direction. It also asked Cappy to write a letter to the state assembly in support of the Dream Act in NY, so if students choose to come to Vassar or a public school, they should be able to receive additional funding for that. We met with MECHA, and Cappy mentioned she would write the letter in support of the bill coming forward. We will continue working with them deciding in what ways we can support undocumented students once they get to campus. One of the concerns, a profound one, is that once these students arrive they may need support to go through the immigration process. They might need support from lawyers, and they will need funding to do that. We don't think the college can be geared to provide that funding, but we can look for local resources to see who might be able to provide their work for students at our college, and connect these undocumented students with alumni and experts on immigration law to support them in that process as well. We need an investigation of local resources to connect students with. And in many cases it may not just be the student, but also their families, so we are trying to think more broadly. I think that we're moving

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forward in a positive way, and we will continue to work with them, and see what we can do as the coming year comes. We did receive some funding that will help us support these students on campus, for financial aid or for potential internships. But that prize is a one-time prize, so it will cover four years of expenses, and after that we will have to find ways to continue. We are moving in the right direction, but there is still work to do.

2017: I believe the Education department wrote a letter to administration urging consideration of an SAT/ACT optional admissions policy. A lot of our peers either have been that way for a while or are moving towards that policy. I wanted to ask what discussions may have occurred surrounding this topic, and if the idea has been seriously considered.

Rodriguez: We haven't had a real discussion about making a change to our policy. Eventually, we will have to because the College Board has re-engineered those tests, so we will have to finalize a new plan with those changes in testing. But there has been no conversation yet about eliminating that factor or making our policy test optional. For me, the question is, what information do we gain through our advising process by having some of of this information in hand. We've had conversations with faculty advisors, and that is an important step to consider and discuss before creating any plan of shifting policy. I don't know about historically, but my take on testing is that it is one point of reference to gage what grades mean in the process, but I'd be willing to push those aside and see what other elements are in the application that show a potential for success. We can still ask for test scores for information purposes like advising, but it doesn't have to loom large in the selection process. We have, for the most part, a fairly self-selective group of applicants. We are not seeing huge discrepancies in terms of test scores in our applicants. So in some ways, a test score isn't going to be the triggering point. Other things are, grades are more important, and the types of courses taken overall. But to get at your question, there may be a conversation, but there are different pieces to consider.

Finance: Is there any conversation about moving to need blind admissions for international students?

Rodriguez: There's a hope, but unfortunately it would cost a lot more money. We spent \$60 million on financial aid, and to move entirely to need blind would push us to \$70 million, and we just can't afford that as a college to be completely honest. We are already challenged to meet the demand of \$60 million. It is a balancing act, and we have, being able to be need aware, we can admit students knowing that some are not going to come and that we are not going to overspend. Every college wants a consistent policy for all students, and as a long term goal, if we can get there, great, but in the short term I don't think it is realistic. We would need a substantial amount of money to endow for financial aid on top of what was already committed through our last campaign. Some schools, Bowdoin for example, are making an effort to raise \$100 million for financial aid. The president, before deciding to retire, wanted to move in that direction. Schools are raising money to get to a place where they know that such a policy can be maintained and that there is a potential to grow it so they are not having to pay so close attention to the funds year after year.

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At-Large: In terms of the financial aid budget as part of the overall budget, how has that changed over the last four years? Perhaps you know how we compare to peers in terms of financial aid spending.

Because if we are doing better than four years ago, that opens up some breathing room.

Rodriguez: I don't have the hard figures here. Within the last five years, we've doubled our spending in financial aid. In 2008 or 2009 it was \$30 million, and now it is about \$60 million. Next year we have over \$61 million set aside for aid. As a percentage, that has also grown, because the most growth in our annual budget is for financial aid. I believe, and I may be misquoting, but I think the annual budget is \$160 million, so \$60 million of that is for financial aid. That is a large portion being spent. How we compare to peers? That depends on the schools and the endowments. The larger the endowment, the larger draw a school can have. We want to be at 5%, and other schools are at 5% but have two billion dollars set aside. In that respect, that is a smaller fraction of overall costs. There might be less of a competition for expenditure. At the moment, for example, our budget at Pomona was \$1.7 million when I was there. There was a 4.9% draw annually. But the budget there was higher than here, \$165 million, and there they only have 1600 students, while here we have 2400. So they were spending \$40 million on financial aid, which is a much smaller fraction. So those resources were being spent on other programs. Here, \$60 million of \$160 million, that is a larger percentage, so an ability for us to use extra money for other things, that is something we just don't have. It reduces the programs that the college may have potentially decided to support, as opposed to spending money on financial aid. From my understanding, we are committed to maintaining our need blind policy, but we know that that comes at some cost across the board. I think that continually, people ask us how we can reduce costs, and how we can make sure we cap financial aid. The thing with financial aid is that it is not, well, we can't fully control the actual costs. We can say we want, for example, in 2019 \$14.5 million set aside for financial aid. My hope is that we come under that number, but there is always the potential that we hit \$15 million. And then, all of the sudden, we have an extra \$5 million to cover. So we might reduce budgets elsewhere, or use revenues from the annual fund to help us. Every year, we must look closely for overspending. We won't know until we are closer to May 1st with the class we just admitted. My goal would be to try to be just under \$14.5 million, maybe \$14.3 million, and then have a little room for any changes in financial aid. Because we are not only supporting first years, we have all four years to account for changes for. If something changes for several students, it might increase cost. If we have wiggle room, we can be more flexible than we are right now.

Strong: So this is kind of weird, and I don't know if I have my facts right, but there has been discontent expressed within my constituency of all women that the numbers don't add up in terms of how many women apply versus men and who is admitted. Could you talk about how gender affects who is admitted?

Rodriguez: Yea, so we do have a skew. 68% of the applicant pool is female, and the remaining are male. So the college is interested in having, maybe not 50-50, but some balance, so that will mean having to

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either deny or waitlist more women to have that roughly close balance. We'll see in the first year class, 55-57% female, and remaining the remaining percentage are men. Basically that means that for every space we have, there is a lot more competition for females to fill that space.

Strong: But do you know why that 50-50 point is a school priority?

Rodriguez: It is for variety, probably. I don't know what conversations have taken place to be completely honest. Some of it, of course, does come back to what students are looking for in a college. I don't think we need to be perfectly balanced, but if we are too far in one direction, students may not even consider applying here at that point. I have never seen any information to suggest that that would be the case, but when it gets closer to 65% female, it is far more challenging for some students to consider applying because they hope to have a different environment than that. Nothing has come across my desk recently to have a sense of why we want a strong interest in balance. Traditionally, since we became co-ed, we want to be close.

2016: So, you talked about what would happen if we went over our financial aid allocation. What happens if we go under. Would that rollover?

Rodriguez: So, if we went under, that means we can take students who were waitlisted and require aid. Because if we go over by the time we get to the waitlist, we'll have to take only students without need of aid.

President: To be clear, waitlist is not need blind.

Rodriguez: That is correct. The first selection, ED and RD, that is completely need blind, but when it comes to waitlist, aid is factored into the conversation. It depends where we're at financially at that time.

President: I heard there was a lower application rate this year. Is that true, and if it is, is that just a fluke or something we should be concerned about?

Rodriguez: Yes, we did see 200 fewer applicants than last year. We pay attention to try and figure out why did that happen compared to last year. When we look at everything compared to last year in terms of states, international students, etc, we ask, where is the drop? One area was with Quest Bridge students. Last year we had 1000 applicants from there, and this year only 800. So that is basically the impact. Certainly, most colleges want to move in the direction of getting more applicants, not to have more applicants just for the sake of having more, but to have more students within pools that we don't have a fair share of students from right now. So students of certain backgrounds, we want to see growth in those groups. So it is not just getting more for more, but to make sure that strategically, we're seeing growth in pools so that we have more variety in applicants, and more choices when selecting.

At-Large: Can you elaborate on our yield rate. We admit a lot of students, and we expect a certain percentage to sign the deposit. How has that been changing? Especially since there has been a change in searching for colleges, with the internet. I am also curious about what our student population

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actually is. We hear through reslife that it is 2400 students, that is what is advertised, but what are we really?

Rodriguez: So when it comes to yield, I am going to pull ED students out of that number, because it is presumed that their yield rate will be 100%. Of course, it is always a little less because some students tell us they can't afford their package once accepted, so it might be 96% or 97%. As for RD, the yield has slowly been dropping. Four years ago, it was closer to 28%, but in the last few years it has been in the 26%, 25%, 24% area. That is a concern for me. When we think about students being admitted, that means one out of every four admitted students are deciding to enroll. We want to turn that around. We want more students to want to enroll at Vassar once they have been admitted to RD. We want to shift to up to 28-29%, so that one out of every three might decide to enroll. That would put us more in line with schools we overlap with, at a 1/3 yield. So we are trying to do things a little differently, and we are reaching out more. We have revamped some of the information that is sent out to admitted students. The website has been revamped, and the admittance packet has been redesigned. We want to make them more exciting for students. We are reaching out through departments and through faculty. Members of our staff and admissions officers are working on getting personal postcards written to admitted students. That personal contact plays well with students considering different college options. Is that enough? It is hard to know. We want to move further and reach out more directly. We hope that next spring, we will have admitted students receptions in different parts of the country. We want to send individuals to different places, so that admissions officers, alums, and parents can share with prospective and admitted students why they chose Vassar. In some way we need to make a much stronger pitch on "why Vassar?". That will help us to some degree. In the end, students have to find that Vassar is the right place for them. In addition to thinking what to do to get more students to accept the offer, we also have to look at what we are doing in the selection process. How we determine fit. That is something I've been trying to understand, what things that students, faculty, and administration say truly represent what Vassar is, and do we find these traits in the students that are applying. For some, they might consider us their safety school, thinking, "If I don't get into an Ivy, maybe I could go there." And that happens no matter what, but we want to get to a point where we are actually engaging students through recruitment and selection so at that moment of yield, we can begin to see a turnaround.

Finance: I have a couple questions. You mentioned that the RD rate went up. What is that number?

Rodriguez: 1635 RD applicants were admitted. So that is like 22% or 24%.

Finance: Do you think that the higher RD acceptance rate will have a lot of effect on yield?

Rodriguez: Yes. With not as many ED acceptances, that means the potential for more variability.

Finance: Do you think the yield will ever drop below 20%?

Rodriguez: I hope not! We are trying everything we can to turn that around, and I hope that it does move upward. We will have to wait and see and reevaluate. It is an ongoing thing. We will have to

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study this for years to see a trend. If our efforts are not working, we must reassess, and decide what we might do at that point.

Finance: Do you have the number, the percentage, of admitted students that are taken from the waitlist from the past year?

Rodriguez: Well, last year, it was 55 students in the class.

Finance: Do you think that number will go up because of yield?

Rodriguez: It all depends on where we land on May 1st with financial aid. If we are way under, by \$500,000 let's say, that gives us room to admit students without having to factor in financial aid. If we are \$500,000 over, the focus will have to be on full-pay students.

TAs: There was a rumor about ports teams, and about going to a slot system and not flagging. Is that true?

Rodriguez: That is currently in flux. There is a process by which athletes can get an early read, and that is factored into discussions for selection. I am more interested in waiting to see and have conversations with the new Athletic Director, and what processes they have used at other schools, and what works for us in the long term in supporting teams on campus. So that is on hold until we can get someone here where we can have a long term conversation about the right direction for us.

President: Any last questions? Thank you so much for coming in.

5 Constituent Concerns..... (20 min)

President: Does anyone have anything? No? That's fine. If something comes up later, feel free to express it.

6 Executive Board Reports

a. Finance.....(7 min)

Finance: So, the Annual Budget Application closes tonight at 11:59 PM, so if you haven't done that yet, you should start very soon. The committee will be meeting all this week to have a draft of the budget by next Sunday. That will give everyone enough time to see and then vote the following Sunday. We want enough time to talk about it, and so that you can email questions or concerns before finalizing the budget. This has never been the process before, but I figured it is the most appropriate way. Because otherwise we don't have enough time for constructive criticism. As for the budget, the way we are doing applications is that all orgs are broken into groups, and each group has readers. In exec we decided that each person on finance committee is responsible for a certain number of orgs, and then they will make proposals to the committee as a whole, and then we will make a draft as a whole. Also, the last day to submit fund apps is the 26th of April. Emails have been sent out to Treasurers two and a half weeks ago, but I will send another reminding them. So if you plan on having any programming after the 26th, you have to still submit an application now. A lot of house treasurers are asking for suggestions for how to spend the rest of their money. A couple of houses are doing film

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screenings. That is a popular thing to do. Don't waste money though, because it will rollover and we can do other things with it.

b. President.....(7 min)

President: I don't have much. Voting is happening tomorrow, so that is exciting. If you are not running, you have to table to help with elections. If you are signed up, you need to show up to your shift.

BOEA: Thanks for all you've done to help thus far. I want to remind you, it may feel frustrating to table, but it was in the audit to go forth and do that, and Ramy has "I Voted" stickers. As for the times I need to fill... Tuesday from 1-2pm. Is anyone available then?

Raymond: Me.

BOEA: Okay, 3-4pm?

Noyes: I can.

President: Great, so that is all settled. Second of all, I am going to say this now, since we have only two meetings left. The Spring trustee meeting is at the end of May. Unfortunately, I do still have to go. If things come up that you want me to brought up, let me know. I will tell them. Lastly, Convocation is on May 6th, the Wednesday before Founder's Day. I haven't written a speech, so that will probably be a nightmare. This is also the day where you all officially leave your positions. 2015 will be accepting a large banner, and it is great.

Davison: Where is tabling?

BOEA: I am going to send out an email tonight.

2016: Do we have to bring our own computers?

BOEA: You can get some from the VSA office.

### 2 Council Updates

a. Ferry.....(7 min)

Ferry: Ferry does its own thing. We are getting bins so bugs will not go into our food. We are probably going to have events. I know we have "Do it in the Dark" coming up, which will be in our living room. That is a Greens event. There will be vegan food and no lights. That's about it.

b. Cushing.....(7 min)

Cushing: I am kind of sick, sorry. On May 1st we are planning an outdoors movie event in the CDF quad. We will be showing Spirited Away. There will be a popcorn machine and a huge inflatable screen, 12 ft or something. We had an all-campus event last semester and it was really exhausting, so we didn't want to do that again. But then we realized changing this event from a house to all-campus event would not make a big difference in effort, so now it is an all-campus event. We are collabing with ViCE Film, hopefully, I don't know what exactly we're doing. They will get us the copyright. And then, I found out 2017 Class Council wanted to do a similar event, so now we are collabing with them. So come, it is going to be cool.

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c. SoCos.....(7 min)

President: So, since the SoCos sent a proxy, we can wait until next week.

Proxy: I actually have updates, I asked SoCos ahead of time. She is planning a series of surprise study breaks. And there was something about bagels for Founders Day. There is also going to be a potluck in May. It will be fun. She was also very excited about funding for CPR training. I personally am also very excited. I really recommend everyone get certified.

President: Okay, any questions for SoCos? No? Great.

7 Traditions Amendment..... Operations (20 min)

Operations: This is on the last page of your packet. So two weeks ago we met with Adit, one of the Traditions Committee co-chairs. Basically, this is the first year we have had them. We are trying to formalize the committee for the future with this amendment. Basically, if it passes next week, the committee will consist of two co-chairs, staggered in two-year terms, with one co-chair being in their first year on the committee and one in their second year, so that there is institutional memory. There will also be a Treasurer, and their own budget will be starting next year. Additional members will be appointed by the co-chairs. There will also be a Freshman representative elected in the Fall. They throw all of our traditional events, including Meet Me in Poughkeepsie, Nightlights, Founder's Day, Halloween, and Serenading. Any questions?

Strong: Why is the Treasurer appointed and not elected?

Operations: Everyone will be appointed.

Strong: Well, why is that?

Finance: This is something we did because last year after Halloween, 2015 said it was ridiculous that the Senior Class had to plan these events. So we decided it would all be done independently. The model followed is the same as Founder's Day. There used to be a council-appointed group of Founder's Day Chairs. We decided that since we liked way that that works, since they still had accountability and we could always make sure that we selected responsible chairs, that we would follow that model. We never discussed having elections, but we can discuss that if people think that would be better.

BOEA: In terms of appointments, I have no strong opinion, but while there is still a BOEA chair, the Traditions committee shouldn't be appointing their own members. On that note, Finance Committee also did that this semester. If a body is to appoint people, BOEA should be the ones doing that.

Finance: I agree. This was a trial period for Finance Committee.

SoCos: I guess I have two different question. The first one, it says additional members will be appointed by co-chairs but the Freshman Representative will be elected. Why? That seems like a weird relationship between that position and the rest of the committee. And also, maybe it would be prudent to strike Nightlights if there is a conflict if we should be doing it. If it was someone's art

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project, they probably deserve ownership of it. Maybe, instead, we should add a new event as decided by the committee, instead of stealing someone's intellectual property.

Joss: I wasn't going to weigh in, but I realized I have strong opinions about this. I do it is important to realize that that is intellectual property, and if the department that the student created this project through wasn't into it, we should probably end it.

President: I have two questions. This year, the Traditions Co-Chairs kind of just happened. How?

Operations: What they did this year, is we appointed members, four, and two co-chairs. Each co-chair was responsible for an event. It was kind of up to them in the future to decide how to do that.

President: And my other question, for the two-year terms, what if someone is over eager, and in the second year, they decide they don't like it anymore and quit. I am worried that is going to happen a lot. Or if someone wants to go abroad. Two years is a lot of commitment. And then the whole point be would nullified.

Operations: I'll pass that feedback on.

SoCos: Have you considered, are there policies for this committee? That should be considered because all other committees have policies.

President: Okay, any other feedback?

At-Large: I am just wondering how will you decide what is tradition. How can we ensure that for years to come, that students will be responsible in upholding something?

### 8 Open Discussion

THs: Thank you 2015 for 50 Nights! There were a lot of obstacles in planning and many things had to be overcome. We appreciate all of your work. And the buses were all intact.

2015: Shout out to everyone who helped.

TAs: Same.

SL: So there is a super exciting event tomorrow night, at 8pm in the Jade Parlor, and I am going to ask you all to send out emails. Student Life and and Break the Silence are hosting a study break to encourage students to take the survey. So far we've had over 800 responses, and we are hoping to get to 1000. There will be food and CARES will be present. The response rate has been really low for men. I would appreciate if more men took the survey. There has been good distribution across class years. The distribution across sexual orientation, according to David, has been off, but I don't know where he is getting data about what the sexual orientations on campus are. It is very important that we get a lot of people to take this survey. From what has been preliminarily reviewed, those results are going to shock and upset some people. It would be better for everyone if we can point to a higher response rate and show that this really happens. Also, with a bigger sample size, surveys are always more accurate, generally. We want accurate information, so please encourage your male friends to take it, or your friends who don't give a fuck about the VSA. I am stressing that it is a big deal, and I am not just be

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being biased because I wrote it. I want as many people to take it as possible. I think it is a useful tool for people who would like to see things changed.

Joss: We are selling merch in the Retreat this week. Wednesday and Friday.

SoCos: I have some concerns about the referendum and how it is looking so far. I haven't seen anything sent out about the language. There has been a major lapse in the process, because people need to be informed voters and voting starts tomorrow. I am unhappy to see that it is not on the VSA website. Most people are unaware that it is even occurring. I do think you had time to write this and get it out, and I am quite unhappy, Speaking as Ali. I really urge that once the language is available, that you all send it to your constituencies immediately so that they have it, even if you don't like sending out emails. You need to tell them that it is important. It is important and everyone needs to read it. They are going to be making a big decision.

BOEA: When you log on to vote, in the intro page, the first sentence says that the referendum is there. In addition, I will be sending out an all-campus email, and I would be happy to send out that information in that as well. I just need someone to give it to me.

Cushing: Thanks for bringing this up. I didn't see it in any emails, which i thought was kind of weird. I appreciate Exec's attempts to go to study breaks, but from what I heard, most of the study breaks gave only an in-favor perspective instead of presenting the issue neutrally. Our house didn't want it because we didn't want it to just be like "oh we're very in favor!" That doesn't sound like something I'd like to have in my house. Even though I am in favor, in the future, when Exec comes to talk, they should be completely neutral.

President: I am sorry you had that experience. I don't know who did or didn't go, but we decided early on that this would not be political. I appreciate you bringing that up, because I really agree that it shouldn't be that way.

Student Life: The public debate went well. There was pizza. I do want to caution us not to go down the rabbit hole at attempted neutrality. Attempting to play to both sides, sometimes in my opinion, is low-key violent. It is sometimes code for, "you, the marginalized group", I guess in this case talking about in virtue of class and work-study status, "you need to make sure your oppressor gets the same amount of airtime as you." There are problems with the rhetoric of making sure all sides get the same amount of time. Sometimes neutrality is used as a tool for icky things.

Operations: I want to say that everyone has had the referendum language for two weeks. It was in an email. You voted on it here. The VSA has a communication issue, clearly, but it exists and I will have Abby send it out tonight.

BOEA: I will send it out.

SoCos: Everyone should send it.

Finance: SoCos, I think that that is a mischaracterization. Student Life and I ran the debate, and we've been promoting, and we went to every house team to talk about it, except for a few apparently. We

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consciously discussed as an Exec board how often we send out emails and the effect that has on how valid the emails seem when we send out a lot, so we have taken care to fix that.

2018: I sent it out to my class.

Operations: A lot of people asked me my opinion on the referendum, so I know they know it is happening.

Davison: Motion to adjourn.

End: 8:18