

Vassar Student Association Resolution 27-
A Resolution Urging Increased Support for Students of Lower Socioeconomic Backgrounds
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WHEREAS, students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds face unique challenges to succeeding at Vassar.

WHEREAS, in addition to the approximately 60% of students on financial aid, the proportion of first-generation students is growing.

WHEREAS, the current campus climate and bias incidents that have taken place this semester reflect the need for the College to take responsibility for ensuring that: all students are made to feel represented; all students have a safe space on campus; and that there is campus dialogue about all Vassar students' unique backgrounds and their impact on our campus community.

WHEREAS, the Transitions Program can only provide support to a limited number of students.

WHEREAS, there is a current vacancy for the former Assistant Director for Campus Life/ALANA Programs position.

WHEREAS, the current vacancy provides an opportunity to broaden the position to include adequate support for both ALANA students and students of lower socioeconomic backgrounds.
AND WHEREAS, there is often a significant intersection between these two groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vassar Student Association Council (the "Council") in accordance with its Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, and/or other governing documents strongly urges Vassar College to expand the institutional support for students of lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council proposes that institutional support should include efforts such as the expansion of the vacant position to an academic-year full-time hire supporting both ALANA students and students of lower socioeconomic backgrounds and/or the creation of a new center for students of lower socioeconomic backgrounds.