

Vassar Student Association
Charter of the Smoking and Tobacco Action Research Team (S.T.A.R.T.)

1. Structure & Definition

This research team shall be a joint ad hoc committee of the Vassar Student Association (the "VSA") established for the 2012-2013 school year and called the Smoking and Tobacco Action Research Team (S.T.A.R.T.) (the "Committee").

2. Purpose

The Committee on College Life has been considering a resolution to ban smoking and tobacco on campus. The Committee shall examine the current policies of smoking and tobacco on campus, examine current smoking and tobacco culture, and disseminate all currently available information on the aforementioned issues to the Vassar community. The Committee shall engage community voices and gather qualitative and quantitative data about community feedback and ideas. Finally, the Committee shall widely disseminate the results of our research and advocate for our conclusions to the Committee on College Life to inform their consideration of the resolution.

3. Construction

The Committee shall be a closed committee, restricted to the following standing members:

- Devin Griffin, Terrace Apartments President
- Daniel Shaw, Class of 2014 President
- Alison Ehrlich, Class of 2015 President
- Maximilien Moran, Class of 2016 President
- Sasha Brown, Member at Large
- Faculty Member, TBD
- Administrator, TBD
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The Committee shall have two Co-Chairs, one student Co-Chair, Devin Griffin, and a faculty or administrator Co-Chair, TBD. Members may be added at the discretion of the Co-Chairs. Guests may attend meetings at the request and discretion of the Co-Chairs. The Co-Chairs shall be responsible for the routine maintenance of the Committee, including organizing and arranging meetings, and setting the agenda. The Committee shall meet regularly, at the discretion of the Co-Chairs.

4. Reporting

The Committee is to provide a report of its progress to the VSA Student Life Committee as the VP for Student Life requests. The Committee shall additionally report to VSA Council as the VSA Council requests. The Committee shall publish a final report summarizing its findings. A summary of that report is to be published in some manner readily accessible to the entire Vassar Community. Any regularly attending member of the Committee may prepare and/or present the report. In addition, the Committee may approach the VSA Council, Student Life Committee, the Committee on College Life, or any duly organized body of the college requesting advice or with policy proposals, which can be considered by the receiving body according to its governing documents.

5. Funding

The Committee shall not have a designated budget of its own. It may solicit funding from various sources, including, but not limited to, the VSA and the Office of the Dean of the College, in accordance with the documents governing the fund solicited.

6. Adoption

Adopted December 9, 2012, by the VSA Council in accordance with its governing documents.