

Vassar Student Association
Charter of the Vassar Student Association Review Committee

1. Structure & Definition

This committee shall be an ad hoc committee of the Vassar Student Association (the "VSA") established for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year and the entirety of the 2013-2014 school year, and shall be called the Vassar Student Association Review Committee (the "Committee").

2. Purpose

The VSA's Statement of Purpose (Article II of the VSA Constitution) states: "The VSA shall serve, represent, and promote the interests and welfare of the students of Vassar College. It shall encourage student representation and involvement in college decision making and shall strive to enhance the quality of life and education for the students of Vassar College. The VSA shall represent the opinions of the student body, serving as a communications conduit to the Faculty, Administration, Trustees, Alumnae/i, the local community, and beyond. The VSA shall also sponsor, support, and be responsible for student organizations."

The Constitution was ratified in 2006, with many amendments made over the years to continually improve the VSA to achieve these goals.

From time to time, the VSA must re-evaluate its progress in meeting its Statement of Purpose by taking a thorough look at the procedures in place. The Committee will examine the VSA's main conduits for student involvement: the VSA Council, the VSA Standing Committees, the Joint Committees, the Judicial Board, the VSA Organizations, Class Councils, House Teams, and the Majors Committees.

The goal of the Committee will be to examine these structures and determine how effective they are in achieving their purpose statements, how effective they are in informing College policy and the VSA at large, and what support structures must be in place to allow these conduits for student involvement to better suit the needs of the student body.

3. Construction

The Committee shall be open to all VSA members. Any VSA member who wishes to sit on the Committee shall contact the VP for Operations by October 11, 2013.

The Committee shall have two Co-Chairs, one shall be the VP for Operations of the 2013-2014 academic year, and one shall be open to any member of the VSA in the 2013-2014 academic year and shall be appointed by the VSA Council. After, October 11, 2013, new members may only be added to the Committee at the discretion of the

Chairs. Guests may attend meetings, and shall be considered non-voting members. Meetings may be closed at discretion of the Chairs. The Chairs shall be responsible for the routine maintenance of the Committee, including organizing and arranging meetings, and setting the agenda.

The Committee shall organize and conduct interviews with students who are active participants one of the VSA's conduits for student involvement, and shall survey the VSA at large. To achieve efficient communication, the Committee shall be granted a Vassar email address, and access to the students@vassar.edu email list.

The Committee shall meet regularly, at the discretion of the Chairs, but in no event less than once a month while classes are in session.

4. Reporting

The Committee is to provide a report of its progress to the VSA Council at least once per month, or more often, as the VSA Council requests. In addition, the Committee may, from time to time, approach the VSA Council, the Dean of Students Division, 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.

The Committee shall report its findings to the VSA Council at the completion of their research and publish a report that will be available to the entire student body. A final report must be presented to the VSA Council, published on the VSA website, and widely publicized to the student body no later than the last council meeting before December Break.

5. Funding

The Committee shall not have a designated budget of its own. The Committee may solicit funds from the VSA Operating Funds or Special Purpose Funds to cover any and all expenses.

6. Adoption

Adopted May __, 2013 by the VSA Council in accordance with its governing documents.