

**Vassar Student Association Amendment 28-?**  
**An Amendment Concerning Executive Board Redistribution**  
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**SECTION 1:** Let Article V of the VSA Constitution be amended to read:

**SECTION 1: COMPOSITION**

The VSA Executive Board shall be chaired by the VSA President and additionally consist of the VSA Vice President for Operations, VSA Vice President for Student Life **and Diversity**, **VSA Vice President for Campus Resources**, VSA Vice President for Academics, VSA Vice President for ~~Activities~~ **Organizations**, **VSA Vice President for Programming**, and VSA Vice President for Finance.

**SECTION 2: POWER AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The powers and responsibilities of the Executive Board shall be to:

(A through C unchanged)

~~D.~~ **D.** The Vice President for Student Life **and Diversity** (VP for Student Life **and Diversity**) shall work to improve the quality of student life **for students of underrepresented and/or disadvantaged groups** and promote general student welfare at Vassar College.

**E.** ~~The Vice President for Activities~~ **The Vice President for Campus Resources (VP for Campus Resources) shall work with offices that significantly affect student life and work to promote general student welfare at Vassar College.**

~~E-F.~~ **F.** The Vice President for Academics (VP for Academics) shall represent the academic interests of the VSA.

~~F-G.~~ **G.** The Vice President for ~~Activities~~ **Organizations** (VP for ~~Activities~~ **Organizations**) shall oversee VSA organizations and events.

**H.** ~~The Vice President for Activities~~ **The Vice President for Programming (VP for Programming) shall oversee large-scale events on campus.**

~~G-I.~~ **I.** The Vice President for Finance (VP for Finance) shall be the chief financial officer of the VSA, overseeing all financial operations.

1. The VP for Finance shall have a term of office from July 1 to June 30.

~~H-J.~~ **J.** The VSA Executive Board shall perform their duties as set forth in Article I of the VSA Bylaws.

**SECTION 3: ELECTION**

The VSA President, VP for Operations, VP for Student Life **and Diversity**, **VP for Campus Resources**, VP for Academics, VP for ~~Activities~~ **Organizations**, **VP for Programming**, and VP For Finance shall each be elected from and by the Vassar student body at-large in the spring election.

**SECTION 4: SUCCESSION OF POWERS**

B. Should the VSA President be absent, incapacitated, or leave office, all duties, responsibilities, and powers of the VSA President shall be temporarily assumed by the ~~VP for Student Life~~, VP

for Operations, **VP for Student Life and Diversity**, **VP for Campus Resources**, VP for Academics, VP for Activities **Organizations**, **VP for Programming**, or VP for Finance, in that order.

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**SECTION 2:** Let Article VI, Section 1, Clause A be amended to read:

A. Voting members of the VSA Council shall be: ~~the VP for Student Life~~, the VP for Operations, **VP for Student Life and Diversity**, **the VP for Campus Resources**, the VP for Academics, the VP for Activities **Organizations**, **the VP for Programming** the VP for Finance, the Class Presidents, the House Presidents, the President of the Town Houses, the President of the Terrace Apartments, the President of the South Commons, the President of the Town Students, and a Representative of the Ferry House Cooperative.

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**SECTION 3:** Let Article I of the VSA Bylaws be amended as follows:

~~SECTION 2: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VP FOR STUDENT LIFE~~

- ~~A. Serve as primary liaison to the Dean of the College Division~~  
~~B. Provide support and guidance for House Teams and the Board of House Presidents, including coordinating House Officer training.~~

~~SECTION 3: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VP FOR OPERATIONS~~

**SECTION 3: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VP FOR STUDENT LIFE AND DIVERSITY**

- A. Serve as one of the liaisons to the Dean of the College division, and the primary liaison to the Campus Life and Diversity Office and the centers within this office.**  
**B. Be the primary liaison to the Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office.**  
**C. Work with Athletics and Physical Education.**

**SECTION 4: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VP FOR CAMPUS RESOURCES**

- A. Serve as one of the liaisons to the Dean of the College Division, and the primary liaison to Admissions and Financial Aid.**  
**B. Provide support and guidance for House Teams and the Board of House Presidents, including coordinating House Officer training with the VP for Operations and the Residential Life Office.**

~~SECTION 4 5: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VP FOR ACADEMICS~~

~~SECTION 5 6: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VP FOR ACTIVITIES~~

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

- A. Receive, investigate, and present to VSA Council all applications for certification and decertification of organizations.
- B. Maintain records and documents of VSA organizations.
- C. Provide support and guidance for VSA organizations, including designing and coordinating VSA conferences for organizations.
- ~~D. Work with the Office of Campus Activities, including the Student Activities Resource Center, on programming and approving all events sponsored by VSA organizations.~~
- ~~E. Serve as the primary liaison between the VSA and the local community.~~
- F **D.** Be responsible for an annual budgeting of organizations, in conjunction with the Vice President for Finance.

## **SECTION 7: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VP FOR PROGRAMMING**

- A. Work with the Office of Campus Activities, including the Student Activities Resource Center, on programming and approving all events sponsored by VSA organizations.**
- B. Be the primary coordinator for VSA-sponsored events, including the Saturday Shuttle and Tasty Tuesday.**
- C. Shall oversee the activities of Vassar College Entertainment (ViCE) and request monthly reports from their Director.**

## SECTION ~~6~~ **8**: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VP FOR FINANCE

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**SECTION 4:** Let Article III of the VSA Bylaws be amended to read:

### SECTION 1: COMMITTEES OF THE VSA COUNCIL

A. The VSA Council shall have the following standing committees: Operations, ***Student Life and Diversity, Campus Resources, Academics, Activities Organizations, Programming,*** and Finance.

### SECTION ~~3~~ **2**: OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Operations Committee shall:

- A. Be chaired by the VP for Operations, and membership shall be open to all members of the VSA.
- ~~B. Make recommendations to VSA Council regarding the appointment of individuals to vacant positions:~~
  - ~~1. The committee shall rank applicants in order of preference, providing rationale for their selections.~~
  - ~~2. All applications will be made available to VSA Council members to review privately upon request.~~
  - ~~3. After reviewing the rationale of the Operations Committee, VSA Council will vote on the final appointment.~~

**E.B.** Review the governing documents of the VSA to ensure that these documents reflect current and best practices, and make recommendations for changes to VSA Council.

**D.C.** In the event that a Board of Elections is not chosen, the responsibility for running elections will fall to the Operation Committee.

1. Committee members with a significant conflict of interest in the election, including the VP for Operations, will recuse themselves from all election proceedings.

2. Should the VP for Operations have a conflict, the remainder of the committee will select a new chair.

***D. In the event that a conflict of interest arises regarding an appointment by the Board of Elections and Appointments, the responsibility of that appointment will fall to the Operations Committee.***

### SECTION 2 3: STUDENT LIFE **AND DIVERSITY** COMMITTEE

The Student Life Committee shall:

A. Be chaired by the VP for Student Life **and Diversity**, and membership shall be open to all members of the VSA.

B. Consider issues pertaining to the quality of student life **for students that are traditionally underrepresented and/or disadvantaged at Vassar and in the world outside of Vassar.** and relevant administrative offices.

***C. Work with the centers and offices that work with the above-mentioned groups of students.***

### SECTION 4: **CAMPUS RESOURCES** COMMITTEE

***The Campus Resources Committee shall:***

***A. Be chaired by the VP for Campus Resources, and membership shall be open to all members of the VSA.***

***B. Consider issues pertaining to college divisions and offices not otherwise covered by other VSA standing committees that directly and significantly affect students.***

### SECTION 4 5: ACADEMICS COMMITTEE

### SECTION 5 6: ACTIVITIES **ORGANIZATIONS** COMMITTEE

The ~~Activities~~ **Organizations** Committee shall:

A. Be chaired by the VP for ~~Activities~~ **Organizations**, and membership shall be open to all members of the VSA.

1. Some meetings of the ~~Activities~~ **Organizations** Committee may be closed, at the discretion of the VP for ~~Activities~~ **Organizations**.

B. Oversee all VSA organizations and organization partnerships.

C. Consider all applications for certification.

D. Recommend policy changes pertaining to organizations to the VSA Council.

E. Consider and recommend to VSA Council all disciplinary action relating to organizations.

### **SECTION 7: PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE:**

**The Programming Committee shall:**

- A. Be chaired by the VP for Programming, and membership shall be open to all members of the VSA.**
- B. Oversee and plan large-scale campus events and events associated with Vassar traditions.**
- C. Consider and approve requests by VSA organizations to host all-campus events.**
- D. Shall include subcommittees, as described in the VSA Bylaws and at the discretion of the VP for Programming.**

#### SECTION 6 8: FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**SECTION 5:** Let the following sections of Article IV of the VSA Bylaws be amended as follows:

#### SECTION 7: FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE (FDC)

The Founder's Day Committee shall:

- A. Be a subcommittee of the Programming Committee.**
- A B. Be composed of the Founder's Day Co-chairs, the VP for Activities Programming, one representative from each house (appointed by the house president), *one representative from each Class Council (appointed by the class president)* and other interested members of the VSA.**

#### SECTION 8: SERENADING COMMITTEE

**The Serenading Committee shall:**

- A. Be a subcommittee of the Programming Committee.**
- A B. Shall Be composed of the Vice President for Activities Programming, the four members of the Senior Class Executive Board, one representative from each house (appointed by the house president), *one representative from each Class Council (appointed by the class president)* and an administrator from the Campus Activities Office to act as an advisor.**

#### SECTION 9: HALLOWEEN COMMITTEE

**The Halloween Committee shall:**

- A. Be a subcommittee of the Programming Committee.**
- B. Be composed of the Vice President for Programming, the four members of the Senior Class Executive Board, one representative from each house (appointed by the house president), one representative from each Class Council (appointed by the class president) and an administrator from the Campus Activities Office to act as an advisor.**
- C. Require all members attend the VSA fall conference.**
- D. Submit a budget to the VSA Vice President for Finance by the first day of classes.**
- E. Meet with the VSA Executive Board before the event.**
- F. Coordinate and plan the Halloween event(s).**
- G. Report to the VSA Council upon completion of events.**

**SECTION 10: MEET ME IN POUGHKEEPSIE (MMiP) COMMITTEE**

***The Meet Me in Poughkeepsie Committee (MMiP) shall:***

***A. Be a subcommittee of the Programming Committee.***

***B. Be composed of the Meet Me in Poughkeepsie Co-chairs, the VP for Programming, one representative from each house (appointed by the house president), one representative from each Class Council (appointed by the class president) and other interested members of the VSA.***

***1. The Co-chairs shall be appointed by the outgoing VSA Council and the incoming VP for Programming, following Spring Elections.***

***2. The Co-chairs shall appoint a treasurer.***

***3. The Co-chairs shall appoint chairs of all sub-committees as deemed necessary.***

***C. Submit a budget to the VSA Executive Board at the start of the fall semester.***

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**SECTION 6:** Let all instances of “VP for Activities” or “Activities Committee” throughout the documents not otherwise changed in this amendment be changed to “VP for Organizations” and “Organizations Committee” respectively.

**ENACTMENT:** As is prescribed in Article XII Section 1 of the Constitution, this amendment shall be enacted by a two-thirds majority vote of the VSA Council. The new positions will be elected in the Spring 2014 elections. The VSA Governing Documents shall be shifted accordingly to reflect these changes.