Vassar Student Association Council
Agenda for January 31, 2010

Time: 7:00pm
Location: College Center 223

"Courage is grace under pressure."
--Ernest Hemingway

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance_____Operations
3. Consent Agenda
    a. Approval of the Minutes from 1/24
    b. $500 from Council Discretionary to Class of 2012
    c. $370 from Conference Fund to Happily Ever Laughter
4. Announcements
    a. Fines
5. Executive Board Reports
    a. Activities
    b. Finance
6. Allocation of $800 from Conference Fund to Polo Team_____Finance
7. Allocation of $2500 from Conference Fund to African Students Union_____Finance
8. Allocation of $8000 from Speakers, Lectures to Black Students Union_____Finance
9. Allocation of $5000 from Council Discretionary to Vice_____Finance
10. Allocation of $5000 to Council Discretionary to Shuttle_____Finance
11. Amendment to Article VI, Section 3, Part of the VSA Constitution
    Operations
12. Amendment to Article I: Section 12_____Operations
13. Strike Article V: Section 8, Article VI: A11 of the VSA Bylaws_____Operations
14. Open Discussion_____Anyone
15. Adjourn

Fund Being Applied For: Conference
VSA Organization: Happily Ever Laughter
Name of Applicant: Elana Schulman
Applicant E-mail Address: elschulman@vassar.edu
Event Name: National College Comedy Festival @ Skidmore College
Location of Event: Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
Date of Event: February 12-13, 2010
Description of Event:
Founded in 1990, NCCF (National College Comedy Festival) is an annual gathering of both college and professional comedy groups for a weekend of performances and workshops at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. The event is put on by Skidmore's improv group, The Ad-Liberal Artists. Each college group gets fifteen minutes to perform during one of the two nights. Professional groups perform and teach workshops to each participating group. College groups stay with Skidmore students and watch all the shows for free.
Benefit to Students:
The amazing thing about this event is that in addition to a performance aspect education is an important factor. Each group performs a 15 minute show and is able to attend workshops with professional comedians. As students of comedy we will be able to work on our craft while simultaneously meeting sketch comedy and improv groups from all over the country and representing Vassar as a great place for comedy on the college scene.
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):
$35 per person*7=$245
$75 general fee
$50 gas
Total Cost of Event: $370
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
two bake sales during study week and beginning of spring semester
-One has taken place ($87.35) earned
Faculty babysit night-an event where we watch Faculty's children for a night and charge an hourly fee
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
Carley Moseley 2010
Hugh Connor Boylan 2010
Madeleine Joyce 2010
Devin Schiff 2011
Andrew Massey 2012
Elana Schulman 2012
Daniel Lempert 2013
Amount Requested: $370
Finance Recommendation: $370
Amount left in fund: $23,559.88

Fund Being Applied For: Conference
VSA Organization: Vassar Polo Team
Name of Applicant: Kaylin Myers
Applicant E-mail Address: kamyers@vassar.edu
Event Name: NE Intercollegiate Preliminary Tournament
Location of Event: University of Conneticut
Date of Event: Feb 19th-Feb 21st.
Description of Event:
This tournament is the preliminary tournament in order to get to the Intercollegiate Polo Regionals in March. Intercollegiate polo teams attend this tournament in order to decide their eligibility and rankings for Regionals.
Benefit to Students:
Attending this conference ensures that our team will be able to play in Regionals. Our team was extremely proud and excited to be eligible for this tournament, because we were not last year. Our goal for this fall semester was to become eligible for this conference, and it was an honor when we were selected out of the many intercollegiate teams.
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):
In order to attend this conference, there is an Intercollegiate Tournament entry fee of 600 dollars, and an Intercollegiate Program entry fee of 200 dollars. Because housing is not provided, we also need to rent a hotel for two nights. The cheapest hotel we could find that would house all of us would be a total of $500.00 for both nights. We also need money for gas, which would come to about $150.00.
Total Cost of Event: $1450.00
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
Because our polo team is a little crunched for funds this year, we are hoping to pay for this event with the Conference Fund. We are planning a fundraiser for this event as well, but we only expect to raise a couple hundred dollars by the time our entry fees need to be submitted. Normally, we would focus more upon only paying our coacing fees, but because this is such a rare opportunity, we would love to take advantage of it. If we were able to attend this event, it would be a huge step forward for our team and its future.
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
Kaylin Myers-2011
Laurel Walker- 2011
Marina Wambold- 2011
Sarina Appelgren- 2011
Sarah Leung- 2012
Sophie Kim- 2012
Amount Requested: $1250.00
Finance Recommendation: $500

Exec recommendation: $800
Rationale: Entry fees
Amount left in fund: $23,559.88
Fund Being Applied For: Conference
VSA Organization: African Students Union
Name of Applicant: Aya Fanny
Applicant E-mail Address: ayfanny@vassar.edu
Event Name: " Placing an African Face on African Development" National African Students Association Conference
Location of Event: Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Date of Event: March 19th-21st
Description of Event:
The National African Students Association seeks to empower and unite its members while creating service opportunities to foster progress on the African continent. This conference will allow attendees to network and collaborate with other African Students, learn more about current African issues and the ways in which they can make a difference on their respective campuses through a series of workshops and networking events.
Benefit to Students:
Attending this conference will allow Vassar ASU students to establish new collaborative relationships with other African students in the US. It will also present an opportunity for the ASU to broaden its horizons and be more proactive on campus and in the greater community.
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):
-2 hotel rooms for 2 nights: 74*2*2= $296
-8 round trip flights from NYC to Atlanta: 288*8= $2304
-Conference registration fee for 8 people: 45*8= $360
Total Cost of Event: $2960
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
We currently have insufficient funds to cover the costs of this event. We have a total budget of $2409 for the semester, of which the great majority has been allocated to our annual dinner happening in April. We are planning on selling sweatshirts making a benefit of $100 that would go towards the conference.
ASU will be able to disburse a total of $500 towards the conference and members would pay for their own transportation from Poughkeepsie to the airport and back.
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
Amount Requested: $2500
Finance Recommendation: $2500
Exec recommendation: $2500
Amount left in fund: $23,559.88
Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund
VSA Organization: Class of 2012
Name of Applicant: Joe Schiavo
Applicant E-mail Address: joschiavo@vassar.edu
Event Name: Sophomore After Dark Hangout
Location of Event: UpC
Date of Event: Feb. 5, 2010
Description of Event:
The Class of 2012 brings you the Sophomore After Dark Hangout, an opportunity to bond with your class and have a little good old-fashioned fun! Class Council wants 2012 to beat the sophomore slump with games and a movie screening, sumo suits, rock band, a photo booth, and lots of candy and pizza. It's a fun time for other years, and a free event to celebrate being a sophomore.
Benefit to Students:
This type of event provides an alternative environment for all kinds of students and some enjoyable good, clean fun for everyone. Making the event free to sophomores also stimulates class pride and gives everyone something fun to do on a Friday night that doesn't involve a DJ or a sweaty dance floor.
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):
Sumo suit rental... 375.00
Polaroid film for photo booth... 150.00
Pizza... 200.00
Candy... 150.00
Paper goods/decorations... 100.00
Total Cost of Event: $975.00
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
Class of 2012 budget, including fundraising revenue
Admission charge of 3.00 for non-class of 2012 participants
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
Class of 2012, all-campus
Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
Amount Requested: $500.00 (for sumo suit rental and Polaroid film)
Finance Recommendation: $500
Exec recommendation: $500
Amount left in fund: $14,491.00
Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund
VSA Organization: Black Student's Union
Name of Applicant: Leona Brannon
Applicant E-mail Address: lebrannon@vassar.edu
Event Name: BSU presents: The Black Conference~ Black Sexuality
Location of Event: Vassar Campus~Villard Room
Date of Event: April 23, 2010
Description of Event:
Janelle Monae will be joining the conference addressing black sexuality including panels on interracial relationships, prison sexuality, and the

media presentation of the black body.
Benefit to Students:
Not only does this conference spotlight topics addressed in Africana in a way that brings the conversation out of the classroom and into the larger campus, but by having Janelle Monae participate Vassar students will gain a better understanding of black sexuality and expression in 2010.
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):
Appearance Honorarium: $10,000
Green Room Accommodations (Including Dinner and Drinks): $1,000
Rhinebeck Rentals (lights and sound): $5,000
Total Cost of Event: $$16,000
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
Along with funding from the VSA, BSU is contributing from their budget and other orgs from the ALANA Center along with ViCE will be asked to contribute/collaborate.
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
Amount Requested: $$10,000
Finance Recommendation: $8000
Exec recommendation: $8000
Rationale: $8k is the actual performance
Amount left in fund: $32,965.00
Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund
VSA Organization: ViCE
Name of Applicant: Christine Yu
Applicant E-mail Address: ViCEMusic@vassar.edu
Event Name: ViCE Music Spring Concert
Location of Event: Hudson Valley Civic Center
Date of Event: April 17th, 2010
Description of Event:
ViCE presents the largest concert we have ever put on. It will be a well-known act in an off-campus venue. This has never been done before and will involve both Vassar and Hudson Valley communities.
Benefit to Students:
Students will be bussed to downtown Poughkeepsie where they can shop, have dinner, go to art galleries and more before the show. This is suppose to encourage students to go out into the community and also to help local businesses. This is the largest show that ViCE has ever done, and since it is in a large venue, everyone will be able to go.
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):
House Manager Overtime ($31.25/hr * 8hr) $(250.00)
Housekeeping $(400.00)
Fire Marshall ($33.55/hr*4hr) $(167.75)
Building Restoration Fee ($1.50/ticket * 3,000 tickets) $(4,500.00)
House Electrician $(1,500.00)
Security (10 to 12 guards = 1500) $(1,500.00)
Production $(10,000.00)
Buses ($100 per bus per hour) $(3,000.00)
Main Act $(62,500.00)
Supporting Acts $(18,000.00)
Hospitality $(3,000.00)
Middle Agent $(6,250.00)
Total Cost of Event: $115,317.75
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
ViCE will pay for part of the show, but mostly we will get funding from ticket sales.
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
Amount Requested: $5000.00
Finance Recommendation: $5000
Amount left in fund: $14,491.00
Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary Fund
VSA Organization: Executive Board
Name of Applicant: Scott Pascal
Applicant E-mail Address: vsafinance@vassar.edu
Event Name: Poughkeepsie Shuttle
Location of Event: Poughkeepsie
Date of Event: 2009-2010
Description of Event:
For the spring 09-10 semester, Vassar's free Poughkeepsie Shuttle bus service resumes on Wednesday, January 20, at 2:00pm, and continues through the final day of classes, Tuesday, May 4 (with the exception of the March break). Both the weekday and weekend shuttles are operated by the Leprechaun Lines company. Monday–Friday a white 10-passenger van runs on a half-hour loop, and Saturday–Sunday a white 29-passenger mini-bus runs on an hour loop. On campus, the shuttle continues to pick up and drop off riders alongside the Chapel lawn, across from Main Circle.
Monday–Friday the first stop on the loop continues to be a short walk to Poughkeepsie Middle School and Poughkeepsie High School, for people who tutor, student teach, and have other activities at the schools. The remaining downtown Poughkeepsie stops include the train station, and are an easy walking distance to a variety of organizations, programs, schools, and businesses, as well as to eateries, galleries, theaters, and other entertainment and arts venues.
Saturday–Sunday the loop begins with one central downtown stop at City Hall, followed by stops at the train station, the Poughkeepsie Galleria mall, and a large Stop & Shop supermarket on Route 9.
Benefit to Students:
The Poughkeepsie Shuttle enhances both the Vassar curriculum, by providing access to fieldwork opportunities, and the extracurricular lives of

students, by providing access to the myriad places of interest in the city.
Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific): --
Total Cost of Event: $5000
Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):
List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
Amount Requested: $5000
Amount left in fund: $14,491.00

Petitions: Constitution, Article VI, Section 3, Part K.

K. By a 60% majority vote, the VSA Council may endorse documents written by campus administrators, faculty, or students.
   a. Petitioners shall be invited to Council to introduce and discuss their document. The vote to endorse must take place at least one week after the introduction of the document.
   b. During the initial meeting, Council may offer suggestions and clarifications to the document.
      i. After this meeting, the document will be sent to the entire student body for comment. During the week, Council members can gather feedback from constituents.
   c. At the following week's meeting, the petitioner must make a motion for Council to endorse the document, which must be seconded by a member of Council.
      i. If Council votes to endorse the document, the signature should read, "The Vassar Student Association Council," and should not list the names of the individual Council members.
      ii. The endorsement of Council does not obligate individual members to speak on behalf of a particular viewpoint.

Combining the Appointments Committee and Constitutional Review Committee into the Operations Committee. (Eliminating Bylaws Article I, Section 12; Bylaws Article V, Section 8; Bylaws Article VI, All).

Article I, Sections 12:
The Operations Committee shall:

A. Be chaired by the VSA Vice President for Operations.
B. Conduct all VSA appointments, unless otherwise specified, reviewing applications for vacant positions and making recommendations to the VSA Executive Board and VSA Council.
   a.The committee shall rank the applicants in order of preference, providing rationale for their selections.
   b.All applications will be made available to VSA Council members to review privately upon request.
   c.After reviewing the rationale of the Appointments Committee, Council will vote on the final appointment.
C. Review the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies of the VSA to ensure that these governing documents reflect current and best practices.
   a.The committee will make recommendations to the Council, who will vote to enact any such changes.
D. Be responsible for maintaining a full inventory of all capital items possessed by all recognized VSA groups.
   a."Capital Items" shall be defined as any item that is anticipated to last no less than three years. Such inventory shall be kept on file with the VSA Vice President for Operations and updated no less than once per academic year.
   b.Any group not cooperating to the satisfaction of the Operations Committee may be subject to the freezing of their account, fines, and/or the punishments as laid out in the VSA Constitution.
   c.In the event of a conflict of interest between the organization being audited and the committee, the Judicial Board Chair shall form a special Audit Committee.
   d.Any member of the VSA may request that an audit be carried out. A written request for an audit shall be submitted to the VSA VP for Operations. The Operations Committee shall review all relevant documents and interview all involved parties.
   e.Decisions by the Operations Committee may result in further punitive action as outlined in Article X of the VSA Constitution.
E. In the event that an Elections Committee is not chosen, the responsibility for running elections will fall to the Operations Committee.
   a.If a committee member has a significant conflict of interest in the election, that member will recues him/herself from all election proceedings.
   b.Should the Vice President for Operations have a conflict, he/she will recues himself/herself from the all election proceedings. The remainder of the committee shall internally select a chair.