

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Agenda for Nov. 21, 2010

Time: 7:00pm

Location: College Center 223

"Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby."

—Ruth E. Renkel

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 AttendanceOperations
- 3 Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from 11/14
- 4 Forum: Ed Pittman, Associate Dean of the College for Campus Life and Diversity
- 5 Executive Board Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Operations
- 6 Appointment of Founder's Day Co-ChairsOperations
- 7 Appointment of 2014 CCL RepresentativeOperations
- 8 Allocation of \$1030 to ASA from Conference Fund Finance
- 9 Allocation of \$800 to BSU from Collaboration Fund Finance
- 10 Allocation of \$1030 to ASA from Conference Fund Finance
- 11 Open Discussion Anyone

I. Fund Being Applied For: Conference Fund

VSA Organization: Asian Students Alliance

Name of Applicant: Isabelle Zee

Applicant E-mail Address: iszee@vassar.edu

Event Name: ECAASU 2011: BREAK

Location of Event: University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Date of Event: February 18-20, 2011

Description of Event:

ECAASU stands for East Coast Asian American Students Union. This year this organization will host a conference at UMass, with a theme involving the acronym, BREAK - bridging the past and the present, the new and the old; revitalizing the pursuit of progress; equality, which is our motivation; action, and knowledge. The two day long conference will include famous Asian American authors, artists, political speakers, who will share how they beat the odds and allowed their voices to be heard in the U.S. Also, there will be workshops during the conference that hone in on different issues involving Asian Americans (health disparities, economic/social disparities, Asian American politics/role in media, etc.).

Benefit to Students:

ECAASU's conference serves as an event that raises awareness of Asian American political, economical, and social issues to college students belonging to Asian American Organizations and/or interested in learning about such issues. In truth, many students (involved in ASA or any other SOC org) on campus are unaware of what issues about their race. Not only will this conference serve as a way for students to expose themselves to certain racial issues, but this may also be a chance for them to network with other students/political figures, to get more involved on/off campus, and/or to promote community-building and mutual understanding among Asian Americans with different nationalities and all people of color. Additionally, a large portion of ECAASU's mission is to advance the social equality of minorities by eliminating prejudice and discrimination, defending human and civil rights, and combating racism and hate crimes; and to promote voting/electoral processes.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

registration: \$50/person

hotel: (\$65 (11% tax)/night **2 days/2 nights = \$130 for one room during entire trip)x6 = \$865.80

food: \$100

If Vassar allows us to use the vans, then gas: \$280 (round trip w/ gas card)

- according to Dennis Cody

Total Cost of Event: \$2400

Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):

FUNDRAISING:

- curry cook off

- sponsorships

- dumpling/food sales

- asking that attendees pay

List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$2100

Recommendation: \$1030

II. Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund

VSA Organization: Black Students Union

Name of Applicant: Alitasha Younger

Applicant E-mail Address: alounger@vassar.edu

Event Name: Condom Couture

Location of Event: UpC

Date of Event: Thursday, December 2

Description of Event:

Condom Couture

Vassar's First-ever Condom Fashion Show

Since the dawn of the AIDS epidemic, AIDS activists have been raising awareness about the HIV/AIDS epidemic in style. Join us this year to continue the tradition on our own campus for Condom Couture on Thursday, December 2nd at 8:00pm in UpC. Featuring outfits made entirely out of condoms designed and modeled by Vassar students and judged by the audience and a celebrity panel. Get ready for MC Mitchell Gilburne and DJ Shark Attackz. Tickets on sale in the College Center for \$5, proceeds will go to a local HIV program and the Partners In Health HIV/AIDS Program in Rwanda. Dress to impress, glitter and feathers welcome.

Benefit to Students:

Each year, HIV testing and World AIDS Week Activities are held on our campus the first week of December but attendance is often low and students don't relate to the events. This year, we are trying a new way to reach more students on our campus and in the Poughkeepsie community to decrease stigma and increase awareness about HIV/AIDS on our campus - a condom fashion show. An educational aspect to the evening will provide education and awareness of the disease in a unique and creative way and the proceeds of the event will benefit our local community and an HIV-affected population in Rwanda, demonstrating student's commitment on a campus, local and global level.

The majority of condoms we've gotten are either expired or unable to be used for their intended purpose because of quality issues. We have tried to get all of the condoms this way but in the end we could not enough so the ones we did order that are new (less than half of the total) we will try to use still in the wrapper.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Condoms

\$800

Decorations

\$200

Advertising

\$75

Food

\$100

Security

\$100

Total

\$1275

Total Cost of Event: \$1275

Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):

Although we have many organizations on board for Condom Couture, none of us have very substantial budgets from which we can allocate money. Because of this, we are seeking funding from the VSA. In addition to this application, we are currently trying to get as many condoms and desserts donated to cut down on our costs. We will be tabling for the next two weekends in the College Center on Friday and Saturday nights from 10pm to 2am to sell pizza to fundraise. We are also asking departments, centers, and houses on campus for donations.

List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):
This event is open to the entire campus.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:
The Black Students Union - The BSU

ProHealth - The idea for Condom Couture came out of ProHealth's work with FACE AIDS and so ProHealth has taken the lead in the logistical planning and organization.

The Asian Students Union - The Asian Students Union is most involved in the educational aspect of the event. We are putting together an introduction to the evening with different takes and perspectives of HIV/AIDS in various communities on campus. The ASU will also advertise, set up and clean up the night of the event.

The LGBTQ Center - Steve Lavoie and the LGBTQ Center have been integral in identifying potential donors to the event as well as organizations to collaborate with and judges for the celebrity panel. The LGBTQ Center will be involved through a donation and advertising for the event.

Potential Collaboration:

We have also contacted Hype to perform at the event, QCVC and Act Out to come on board as integral players in designing the event as well as advertising. We have also reached out to the Black Culinary Society at the Culinary Institute of America to begin a relationship between our two schools. We've contacted the Department of health and they have donated condoms to us but do not have the capacity right now to take on any collaboration.

Amount Requested: \$880

Recommendation: \$800

III. Fund Being Applied For: Speakers, Lecturers, and Panels Fund

VSA Organization: CHOICE

Name of Applicant: Erika Noll

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Event Name: Oh Ohh OHHH! Female Sexual Pleasure, Desire and Orgasms!

Location of Event: UpC

Date of Event: December 8

Description of Event:

There is so much going on with a woman's sexual functioning, it's no wonder this is Oh Megan's most popular workshop on college campus's! From finding where the erogenous zones are, to learning what medications can interfere with a woman's sexual functioning, you'll learn quite a lot in this short period of time.

How many types of orgasms are there, and what's the difference? Where exactly is the A-spot? The G-spot?

Videos, vulva puppets and graphic discussion will be used to help you understand the ins and outs of female sexual functioning, pleasure, and desire.

Benefit to Students:

This event will make students think about their own sexuality and will hopefully put them on the road to a more confident, healthy relationship with their own bodies and those of the women they love. (We are looking for a corresponding speaker on male sexuality for the spring.)

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

\$1000, including travel and accommodation costs.

Total Cost of Event: \$1000

Current Funding Plan (How will you help PAY for this event):

We will be fundraising to help defray the costs.

List of Attendees (First name, Last name, Class year - when relevant):

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$1000

Recommendation: \$1000