

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Agenda for Feb. 6, 2011

Time: 6:00pm

Location: College Center 223

"Some people think football is a matter of life or death. I assure you, it's much more serious than that."
—Bill Shankly

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 AttendanceOperations
- 3 Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from 1/30
 - b. Allocation of \$200 to Iced Brew from Council Discretionary
 - c. Allocation of \$405 to Hunger Action from Collaboration Fund
 - d. Allocation of \$150 to Ballroom from Collaboration Fund
 - e. Allocation of \$150 to VARC from Conference Fund
- 4 Executive Board Reports
 - a. Student Life
 - b. Academics
- 5 Allocation of \$3,250 to The Limit from Speakers & Lecturers..... Finance
- 6 Allocation of \$950 to Squirm from Conference Fund Finance
- 7 Open Discussion Anyone

1. Fund Being Applied For: Community Fund

VSA Organization: Synchronize Ice Skating

Name of Applicant: Gerald Gilligan

Applicant E-mail Address: gegilligan@vassar.edu

Event Name: Friday Night Skating

Location of Event: Poughkeepsie Civic Center

Date of Event: 2/25/11

Description of Event: Friday Night Skating

Benefit to Students: Provides awesome ice skating.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Transportation 200.00

Total Cost of Event: \$200.00

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

We do fundraising during the week but we have mostly been responsible for the group discount the rink gives us. That saves probably 2\$ a person, which saves a lot at 60 people.

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

The 20 or so members of Iced Brew + friends and other students. Roughly 60 people give or take.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$200.00

2. Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund

VSA Organization: Hunger Action/Operation Donation

Name of Applicant: Stephanie Mischell

Applicant E-mail Address: stmischell@vassar.edu

Event Name: Hunger Banquet

Location of Event: Aula

Date of Event: February 24

Description of Event:

The Oxfam Hunger Banquet is an educational and provocative event featuring a dinner, speakers, and conversation regarding hunger. Guests are served a meal, with food being distributed as it is across the world: 15 percent receiving a fancy three-course meal, 35 percent in the middle receiving a portion of rice and beans, and the rest receiving only a small portion of rice and water. Using this disparity as a visual aid the program facilitates conversation about global issues of hunger and

poverty. Our event will feature speakers from nonprofits in Poughkeepsie, adding a local perspective.

Benefit to Students:

The event is one of the more fun methods of discussing the serious issues of hunger and poverty.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Food-\$400

rice and beans-\$70

pasta dinner-\$30

catered dinner for after-\$300

Decorations-\$50

Bandanas for visual aid-\$30

Advertising (four big posters, little posters, things for tables)-\$60

Printing letters, envelopes, stamps-\$40

Scavenger hunt prizes-\$30

Total Cost of Event: \$540

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

We will charge \$1 for dinner, and sell Hunger Action/OpDon merchandise.

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

Members of Hunger Action and Operation Donation as well as general members of the Vassar community.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Hunger Action and Operation Donation have a true collaboration, working together to plan the food, advertising and decorations. OpDon has focused more on the OxFam aspect, whereas Hunger Action has been more involved in the local aspect. However, all decisions are made with members of both group involved.

Amount Requested: \$405

3. Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration Fund

VSA Organization: Ballroom Club

Name of Applicant: Alexandra Evans

Applicant E-mail Address: alevans@vassar.edu

Event Name: Valentine Social

Location of Event: Aula

Date of Event: Feb. 14, 2011

Description of Event:

Vassar Ballroom Club and SQUIRM present a tasty and romantic evening with a fun Valentine's Day date atmosphere, sultry performances by the Vassar Ballroom Club, Free dance lessons, social dancing and delightful desserts and hot chocolate.

Benefit to Students:

Students would have an opportunity to learn Rumba, and then dance with their partners. They will also be able to enjoy performances, desserts and hot chocolate in a beautifully decorated environment.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Decorations:

Squirm red fabric (\$0).

Squirm Photo shoot posters x12 (\$150).

Red table cloth x 10 (\$20) + \$7.00 (shipping/tax).

Fake red rose petals x3 (\$18 + \$4shipping/tax).

Glass candle holders for flameless candles x10 (\$10.00 +\$2 tax).

Ribbons \$2. Balloons x4 (\$4).

Squirm lights (\$0)

Food: Hot water

air vac (\$0)

hot chocolate mix (\$6+\$1tax)

Tea (\$5+\$1tax)

sugar (\$0)

Stirrers (\$2)

hot cups(\$5+\$1tax)

Cold water

air vac (\$0)

cold cups(\$5+\$1tax)

Cake x 3

\$45+\$4tax

Tabling

Bake sale:

Cookie cutter (\$10)

Confectionary Sugar (\$3)

Food coloring (\$3)

Sprinkles (\$3)

Poster Raffle Sale/Poster Sale

Raffle tickets (\$5)

Total Cost of Event: \$\$317

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

We are planning to sell baked heart shaped cookies, as well as raffling and selling the decoration posters that SQUIRM would make.

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

SQUIRM. They are contributing their expertise as well as resources for decoration, such as lights and fabrics. Squirm will be contributing man/woman-power for setting up, and tabling. They will be in charge of making the posters for decoration, that we will raffle/sell to raise funds. They are also contributing some of the materials needed to make baked goods.

4. Fund Being Applied For: Conference Fund

VSA Organization: VARC

Name of Applicant: Mollie Flannery

Applicant E-mail Address: maflannery@vassar.edu

Event Name: Sex, Gender, and Species Conference

Location of Event: Wesleyan University

Date of Event: February 25th and 26th, 2011

Description of Event:

The growing field of animal studies has turned critical attention to the real conditions and stakes of human-animal relations. It has also become a new and important focus for debates over identity and difference that have embroiled academic theory over the past quarter century. Recent scholarship on animal otherness as well as discussions of how to traverse boundaries of difference often draws upon a history of feminist theory and practice even as this borrowing remains unacknowledged. The purpose of this conference is to bring to the foreground the relations between feminist and animal studies and to examine the real and theoretical problems that are central to both fields of inquiry.

Benefit to Students:

One of our members, Lauren O'Laughlin, is writing her thesis on the relationship between gender and animal issues. This conference will contribute to her research. The other students are deeply interested in this topic from an intellectual and ethical standpoint.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

1. Cost of gas (round trip) for 1 car: approximately \$60
2. Cost of hotel (Courtyard Marriot, Cromwell, CT): \$89 per room. We would like to request 2 rooms for 4 students, which will cost \$178.

Total Cost of Event: \$\$238

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

Our budget is extremely limited so we would greatly appreciate all the money we requested. We will pay for our own food while on the trip.

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

Kacey Kogachi

Alan Darer

Carolyn Soley

Lauren O'Laughlin

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

None.

Amount Requested: \$\$238

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

VSA Organization: The Limit

Name of Applicant: Daniel Files

Applicant E-mail Address: djfiles89@gmail.com

Event Name: UCB Improv Comedy

Location of Event: Villard Room

Date of Event: 2/26/11

Description of Event:

The Limit, with the collaboration of No Offense and Indecent Exposure, is planning on bringing NYC's most hilarious and respected improv comedy group, The Upright Citizen's Brigade, to Vassar for a night of shockingly good improv comedy. UCB is well known across the country for their sharp, unpredictable, and reliably quality comedy performances. The show will be 1.5 hours long and UCB will also teach an open workshop for comedians on campus.

More information about UCB can be found at their website:

<http://www.ucbtourco.com/>.

Benefit to Students:

UCB came to Vassar a few years ago and were quite successful, and since no major comedians have come to Vassar this year, we think the campus could use some lightening up in this unending winter. Besides the obvious amusement and laughter that UCB will doubtlessly bring to campus, they will help also fill a gap in Vassar's educational curriculum. For while Vassar offers a broad breadth of subjects, comedy is not one of them, to the disappointment of the many aspiring comedians on campus (with 5 official groups, you can see there are quite a lot.) The workshop that UCB provides will offer a rare opportunity for Vassar kids to be exposed to the kind of disciplined, challenging, and exciting comedy training that UCB is known for. For besides being great at comedy, UCB is known for having the best comedy school in New York City (having experienced it first hand, I can attest that this is not just hot air) and it would be very exciting to get their professional advice to bolster Vassar's homegrown comedy. Additionally, I think Vassar comedians and regular students will appreciate seeing the differences between campus comedy and professional comedy, and will benefit from having their 'Vassar bubbles slightly burst.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

\$3,000.00 Fee to the UCB group.

\$200.00(?) Cost of security.

\$50.00 Transportation and food for performers.

(Sorry, not having held an event of this size before, I do not know how much security will cost.)

Total Cost of Event: \$\$\$3,250.00

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

Unfortunately the Limit has a very small budget (right now we have \$200.00) and any contribution we could give would be negligible to the total cost. However, we will provide free services such as being ushers and setting up/taking down the event and driving performers to/from the train station if needed. Also, because I worked at UCB over the summer, they gave us a 40% discount. Their usual price is \$5,000.00. So in one sense, we've already contributed \$2,000.00.

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

There will be probably 200-400 kids in attendance.

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

No Offense and Indecent Exposure (sketch comedy groups). Both groups will help set up the chairs at the event, set up equipment, and provide snacks and water for the performers. All or one of these groups may also perform a 10-15 minute opener before the real show as well.

Amount Requested: \$\$\$3,250.00

6. Fund Being Applied For: Conference Fund

VSA Organization: Squirm

Name of Applicant: Rebecca Levin

Applicant E-mail Address: relevin@vassar.edu

Event Name: Fet Fair Flea

Location of Event: Providence, RI

Date of Event: Friday 2/11/11- Sunday 2/13/11

Description of Event:

The Fetish Fair Fleamarket is a conference put on by NELA, which seeks to educate others about various fetishes and safety concerns in their practice through a series of lectures, workshops, and demonstrations. Additionally, a number of vendors are present to make available the accessories of alternative lifestyles.

Benefit to Students:

Attendance of this event would benefit both Squirm and the larger Vassar community in the following ways: Those students attending would not only learn about safety and techniques for happy healthy alternative sexual practices; but might be able to conduct interviews or share in other formats the information which they have gathered. Including such information in Squirm Magazine not only helps to lend a sense of normalcy to those students participating in alternative lifestyles but also keeps such students informed of the risks and safety precautions associated with such lifestyle choices. In addition, interaction with vendors at the event would (hopefully) result in more donations to Squirm's auction; our main form of fundraising—which doubles as a chance to keep students informed on the proper uses of such items

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

\$149 per night, per person, [at the Westin Providence]

(2 nights, 5 individuals = \$1,490)

\$30 per person admissions fee

(5 individuals = \$150)

\$30 gas money

\$230 to assist in food costs for the extended weekend

Total Cost of Event: \$\$1,900

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

Given the cost of the hotel stay, we will not be able to attend this conference without substantial assistance. However, to help decrease the cost of attending, we will be driving a hybrid vehicle. In addition, our members are looking into having the admissions fee waived either as members of the press or through the donation of volunteer hours to the conference.

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

Definite

Rebecca Levin, 2011

Erin Clarke, 2011

Alan Kenney, 2013

To be determined (2 of the following)

Max Jaffee, 2011

Keira Weichecki, 2012

Julie Meade, 2012

Aaron Fagan, 2011

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

None

Amount Requested: \$\$1,870