

**Vassar Student Association Council**  
**Agenda for April 4, 2010**

*Time: 7:00pm*

*Location: College Center 223*

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort. —Franklin D. Roosevelt

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
Operations
3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of the Minutes from 3/28
  - b. \$430 from Council Discretionary to Ballroom Dancing
  - c. \$300 from Collaboration to Investment Club
4. Special Guest
  - a. Leslie Williams, Education Outreach Coordinator
5. Special Guest
  - a. Peter Denny, Vice
6. Allocation of \$664.96 from Capital Contingency to Filmmakers \_\_\_\_\_ Finance
7. Allocation of \$3000 from Conference to Frisbee \_\_\_\_\_ Finance
8. Open Discussion \_\_\_\_\_ Anyone
9. Adjourn

**Fund Being Applied For: Council Discretionary**

VSA Organization: Ballroom Dance Club

Name of Applicant: Elizabeth Boateng

Applicant E-mail Address: [elboateng@vassar.edu](mailto:elboateng@vassar.edu)

Event Name: Dancing with the Professors (DWTP)

Location of Event: UpC

Date of Event: April 23

Description of Event:

This is our annual event where professors are paired up with ballroom members to perform a ballroom dance style.

Benefit to Students:

It was very popular last year. It is a great way to get students involved with the lives of professors outside of the classroom. Very good entertainment.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Music - We're renting a sound system \$200

Decorations - \$100 (includes lights)

Advertisement - \$30

Food - \$100

Total Cost of Event: \$430

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

We used most of our funds for our dance showcase in February. So we really can't fund this with our budget.

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

Open to the whole campus

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

None

Amount Requested: \$430

Finance rec: \$430

Exec rec: \$430

**Fund Being Applied For: Collaboration**

VSA Organization: Entrepreneurs Club with the Investment Club

Name of Applicant: William Grant Magruder

Applicant E-mail Address: [wimagruder@vassar.edu](mailto:wimagruder@vassar.edu)

Event Name: The Art of Mergers and Acquisitions

Location of Event: Sanders Auditorium

Date of Event: April 14, 2010 from 7PM-8PM

Description of Event:

"Mr. Stephen Blum, a seasoned veteran in mergers and acquisitions, and recently cited in court filings as an expert witness in the well followed SEC vs. Bank of America proceedings, will speak on Wednesday, April 14th about the "Art of M&A." In his lecture, Mr. Blum will discuss historical trends, how deals are conducted, and possible future structural changes in deal making of the M&A industry.

Mr. Blum currently serves as a Managing Director and a member of the Leadership Team at Burnham Securities, Inc. Prior to Burnham, he was KPMG LLP's National Director of Corporate Finance. For almost 30 years, he has led, and he continues to lead, all KPMG-sponsored, M&A seminars for corporate executives. He is also a past member of the American Arbitration Association and has arbitrated or served as key expert witness in numerous disputes. Mr. Blum holds a BA in Economics with honors from Yale University and a Masters degree from the Stern School of Business. Mr. Blum's mother, Barbara Blum, is a Vassar grad ('51) and a past Trustee of the college."

Benefit to Students:

This event will teach our members about mergers and acquisitions from an individual from a small boutique investment bank that is interested in entrepreneurial ventures. I have already confirmed this speaker and made posters and spoken to Vassar CDO to forward this event to individuals who applied to Vassar Wall Street Immersion.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

\$50-refreshments

\$250-post-speech dinner with Mr. Blum and members of the Entrepreneurs Club and Investment Club's executive committees.

Total Cost of Event: \$300

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

We will be holding a brownie baking/delivery fundraising event during mid-April to help pay for the event along with using club funds.

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

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

Amount Requested: \$300

Finance rec: \$300

Exec rec: \$300

**Fund Being Applied For: Capital Contingency**

VSA Organization: Vassar Filmmakers

Name of Applicant: Mike Wood

Applicant E-mail Address: [mike.wood.282@gmail.com](mailto:mike.wood.282@gmail.com)

Event Name: Canon XL-2 camera repair

Location of Event: n/a

Date of Event: n/a

Description of Event:

We are applying to the Capital Contingency Fund to cover the costs of repairs we had performed to our second Canon XL-2 camera. The repairs were urgent, so we originally paid for them from our regular budget; however, we were not budgeted to cover such an expensive repair. We are applying to recoup these costs, and are planning to use the money for our usual club purposes, including funding several short films we have in production that we would not be able to fund otherwise. We would greatly appreciate the Council's generosity in helping us cover the costs of our camera repairs.

Benefit to Students:

The repairs performed on our broken camera restored it to full working order, so that it will function reliably when we shoot our films. The repair also incorporated a cleaning and tune-up that our cameras need done every two years. With this repair, cleaning and tune-up, both of our Canon XL-2 cameras are now functioning properly, and will not need another cleaning or check until the fall of 2011.

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

Camera body repair, check and cleaning - \$459.53

Camera lens repair, check and cleaning - \$205.43

Total Cost of Event: \$664.96

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

We have already paid the listed costs to Canon, and are hoping to recoup these funds through the Capital Contingency Fund.

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

n/a

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

n/a

Amount Requested: \$664.96

Finance rec: \$664.96

Exec rec: \$664.96

**Fund Being Applied For: Conference**

VSA Organization: Ultimate Frisbee

Name of Applicant: Nate Mandel and Michael Abrahams

Applicant E-mail Address: [namandel@vassar.edu](mailto:namandel@vassar.edu)

Event Name: UPA Ultimate Spring College Series

Location of Event: Middletown, NY and Princeton, NJ

Date of Event: April 17-18 and May 1-2

Description of Event:

We are applying for money for our Spring college UPA series tournament in which both our men's and women's teams compete against other colleges and universities in our section and region.

Sectionals in Middletown, NY is the preliminary round of competition, followed by Division I Regionals in Princeton, NJ. We need additional funding because we have only about \$600 in our budget and we need money to fund two things: tournament fees and transportation.

Please contact us with any questions or comments and we'd be happy to come meet with the finance committee on Wednesday. It would help us greatly if this application could go to council as soon as possible, this coming Sunday would be ideal. Thank you.

Benefit to Students:

Our spring semester is our most important term and most competitive season. This money helps us to accomplish all the goals we set out at the beginning of the year, including:

-competing at the local and regional levels--competing against a variety of colleges and universities across the east coast including rivals such as Princeton, Rutgers, NYU, Columbia, Hofstra, and many others

-not requiring our members to use their own money for each tournament

-allow whoever wants to play ultimate for Vassar College to do so

Costs of the Event (Itemize and Be Specific):

This tournament series breaks down like this:

\$250 tournament fee (per team)

Mens A-team, Mens B-team, Womens A-Team, Womens B-team each have to pay tournament fee.

4 teams at \$250 each for two tournaments=

(\$2,000 for sectionals and regionals for whole team tournament fee)

Transportation (gas): Approx. \$50 per car, and we take 3 cars for each team (mens/womens A and B)--each car holds 5 people, there are 15 people on each team.

\$150 per team, 4 teams going to two tournaments in this series= \$600 per tournament...\$1,200 total transportation expense.

The total cost of our sectionals/regionals spring college series will be about \$3,200. Because we already have about \$600 in our budget and only want to ask for the \$3,000 we initially lost at the beginning of the year, our amount requested is \$3,000. After our early mistake last semester, we feel that we have demonstrated commendable behavior throughout the year and are deserving of this much-needed money to fund our most important, competitive, and meaningful tournament series.

Total Cost of Event: \$3,200

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

We will be tabling later this week to gain additional funds---by selling frisbees, t-shirts, stickers, and other items. If we find that we don't have enough money for other tournaments later in the spring, we have considered a car wash or bake sale to raise further funds. We are committed to doing the work required in order for us to attend tournaments this semester.

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

All members of the team

Collaborating Organizations and HOW they are contributing:

none

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Finance rec: \$2,600

Exec rec: \$3000