

VSA Council Minutes
October 12, 2008

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

2. Attendance

Proxies: SoCo.

Guests: Andrew Bennett (Student Asst. to the President), Matthew Brock (Misc), Brian Farkas (Misc), Julianne Herts (Misc), Emma Mitchell (Misc), Molly Turpin (Misc),

3. Consent Agenda

The President presented Council with the consent agenda, which included the adoption of minutes from 10/5/08. No objections were made, and the consent agenda was adopted as presented.

4. Announcements

a. Meet Me in Poughkeepsie

The VP for Activities reported that events smoothly, 750 participants, positive feedback from all over the campus. Roaring success

b. Fines

The VP for Finance announced that the following organizations have been fined TH 25 for tardiness.

c. Gender Neutral Restrooms

The President announced that Council passed a resolution. Vp s Belinda jeff Julie silverstein weds to discuss. Rocky not yet, not feasible. All implementation for next semester. In line with work this year on housing.

5. Reports

a. Committee Report – Library

journals, getting new search engine – encore or aquabrowser dec vendors will come in and give presentations, decision will be made.

b. Committee Report – Food

met 3x so far. Focusing on policy tweaks operational aspects more flexibility in terms of what can be taken to go, now hot cups. Desserts. Better use of space. Have discussed potential “sections”. Have to discuss more with betsy eisenmeier (SL).

c. Committee Report - CLRG

conversation dinners. oct 14 ccmpr 5-7, finaid access and socioeconomic diversity at Vassar, new need-blind policy, how well Vassar has disseminated info. Also discussing admission of undocumented students. Soup & substance, trying to do it later in the day to accommodate more students and administrators.

d. Committee Report – DoC Search

decided to limit search to internal. Facs can nominate themselves or others. Deadline is oct 27. Interview & selection process. Met with vsa exec to ask about specific issues, what are they looking for: transparency, personable, accessible, experienced. Shared governance should be followed through with. Marrying academic and non-academic life is one of Cappy's central concerns. Communication among the divisions of the college.

e. Committee Report - CIE

Student life – if finances not in order, wont be able to pre reg for classes. Seems to be the same group of students every time.

f. Exec Report – Student Life

The VP for Student Life admin review comm discussing alternate plans with aramark, new plan for next year, though working on short term measures. Band rehearsal has been v popular, about 10 regular users. Gen neutral likely to happen, telling board as a courtesy as opposed to seeking approval. RLAC – intersession housing, exploring the cost of keeping dorms open. Coops and new ths, how draw will work. Working on students bill of rights and responsibilities. Has been meeting with chris roelke about rethinking the space at acdc.

g. Exec Report - President

The President reviewed the goals presented in sept. mmip huge success. Thanked cappy, c roelke for funds. Community shuttle usage is up. V-Card access for vendors in ccenter, trying to make it semipermanent. Trying to get vcard access for off campus vendors, farmer's mkt. campus issues forum, dorm town hall mtgs – cappy and chris roelke will be meeting. Vsa today is going out weekly. Endorsement of . need bind, will be meeting Tuesday, how intl and transfer pop might be changed. Cie is working on short and long term proposals for need blind. CIE endorsement recently. Leadership for change going well so far. Working on students bill of rights, 24 hr study space – fac commons st, bookstore lt. revamping ceqs to improve feedback. Sustainability moving forward, long term comm. To carbon neutrality. renovations – want lead certified davison, new science facility. Gen neutral housing will get signed off on by senior vp officers, will meet with chair of board enext wk and stress implementation asap. vsa survey go out soon. P & p committee. Balancing stress of hard economy with moving forward. Making sure that dorm renovations process improves with the other quad dorms.

6. Appointment of Riley Greene to Town Students Programming Director

The VP for Operations moved to appoint Riley Greene as Town Students Programming Director. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

7. Appointment of Emily Riehl-Bedford to Terrace Apartments Treasurer

The VP for Operations moved to appoint Riley Greene as Town Students Programming Director. TAs abstained, though all others were in favor, and the motion passed.

8. Appointment of Greg Shapiro to Residential Life Advisory Committee

The VP for Operations moved to appoint Riley Greene as Town Students Programming Director. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

9. Allocation of \$9100 from Great Works to WVKR

The VP for Finance moved to allocate \$9100 from Great Works to WVKR, imp step to keeping the station operational

9. Allocation of \$700 from Speakers/Lectures/Panels to ASA

The VP for Finance moved to allocate \$700 from the Speakers/Lectures/Panels to ASA. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

9. Discussion on how the economy is affecting Vassar

endowment invested primarily in markets

president – ideas of services or depts. That aren't as necessary.

TS- laundry

Soco – lights in buildings, energy saving costs

President poss combining areas like jya, cdo, fellowships

Julianna- repetitive

Student life – small things don't add up – should think more about offices we use or don't use.

Cushing – condensing house fellows, gratuitous funding for things like fireworks

2011- media cloisters ordering much electronic equip – media resources – studs, fac should get better access should expand its umbrella to limit excess spending

operations – potentially getting rid of Baldwin, noyes agreed because of issues of liability and excess expense

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Riley – efficiency and accountability related to student employment.

2011-concerned that this would increase number of students sent to hospital.

Julianne- thinks Baldwin v important, insurance issues at hospitals much more complicated, imp to have health services around, provide antibiotics. Provide disability.

Strong-thinks some of the student jobs don't really benefit the college, students getting paid to do hw

Noyes-maybe campus jobs that involve landscaping etc, perhaps *only* offer it to those with financial need – pres brought up union ramifications

John alaimo-flowers spending, though operations explained that there is a specific alum fund for that – maybe cut costs.

10. Open Discussion

- 2009 announced that 228 days remained until graduation.
- Noyes moved to allocate from council discretionary to Vassar filmmakers. 2011 said we should support this org, as its achievements and rep have been especially impressive so far. Finance – horrible precedent to use council discretionary for capital items. Need to budget for the rest of the year. More activities in the second semester. Moved to call to question. All in favor. A 10 ray noyes main act fin op st ac jew ts cush strong IF. 15-7.
- Vote to amend from 2259.95 to 3774.80 ta abstained, nif: 2009 10 ray noyes main 12 act fin op stu jew ts soco cush strong. NIF 11 th ferry joss lathrop IF. (16-6 fails).

- Vote to allocate ta soco absta. 10 09 main act finance jew ts cush strong if th 11 fer 12 joss lath noyes ray (12-7 fails)
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11. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 8:42PM.