

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Minutes for October 21, 2012

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- 1 Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
- 2 Attendance.....Operations
 - All here with a few proxies.
- 3 Consent Agenda
 - a. \$2,628 from the Discretionary Fund to Debate
 - b. \$350 from the Discretionary Fund to On Tap
 - c. \$512 from the Conference Fund to VARC
 - d. \$674 from the Speakers, Lectures, and Panels Fund to VARC
 - e. \$1,580 from the Collaboration Fund to Fem Alliance
 - f. \$2,700 from the Speakers, Lectures, and Panels Fund to QCVC
 - g. \$800 from the Collaboration Fund to RunVassar
 - Finance notes a typo. The money to RunVassar comes from the Discretionary, not Collaboration fund.
 - President made a motion to pull item g. from the consent agenda to the normal agenda.
 - Items a.-f. adopted.
- 4 Forum with Jonathan Chenette, Dean of the Faculty.....(45 min)
 - Dean Chenette wasn't present so Council proceeded to the following items.
- 5 Executive Board Reports
 - a. Finance..... (7 min)
 - All funds are doing very well except for Speakers, but he's happy we've brought a lot of good speakers to campus and thinks we can move funds around to keep this fund going. They are working on a project to make applying for funds more accessible and transparent for orgs. All of the internal funds are doing well.
- 6 Campus Climate Update.....President (7 min)
 - Later tonight President will send out an email to publicize issues the VSA and internal committees are working on to the broader Vassar community.
 - Something that came out of the campus climate forum is that we respond individually to campus issues instead of as a community. He is launching a campus climate campaign. The first meeting will be at 2:30 on Friday.
 - Academics added that part of the problem is responding as a campus before things happen instead of after. We can make this campus what we want it to be.
 - Joss asked if this was a solely VSA sponsored initiative. He noted that the BHP has also talked a lot about this. President wants the whole Vassar community to get involved and will be broadcasting this soon.

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-The motion to amend item g. to Discretionary fund passed with all in favor. The motion to allocate \$800 to passed with all in favor.

7 Open Discussion

-2013: 222 days until commencement. On October 13th they had “A Day at Vassar”. It was really well attended, over 650 people. They had a lot of positive feedback. People from the community got to see what Vassar is all about and they had student workers who were awesome. The videos of the top 3 serenading songs have been posted to the senior page. Halloween ticketing starts this week. They encourage people to buy their tickets early: \$5 for seniors, \$6 for underclassmen, \$8 for people at the door for the Villard room party. Guests have to buy their tickets at the door. Everyone will get a pamphlet in their boxes by tomorrow.

-THs talked about the new event “Trick or Treating” from 8-10 on Friday night. They want to get attendance. They’re very excited about it and have spent a lot of time planning for it. Please announce it at House Team Meetings. Houses will be marked by orange pumpkins. They will be emailing all the people in senior housing to explain how to participate.

-Tewa thanked Finance Committee and all of VSA for sponsoring HYPE to go to the ML (Movement Lifestyle) conference the first weekend of break. She learned a lot and hopes to bring the inspirational knowledge and moves she gained back to Vassar.

-Academics noted that he can answer questions even though Dean Chenette isn’t here. President is going to contact him to see if he can come a different day.

-Ferry made a motion to adjourn. This passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.