

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes for Oct. 31, 2010

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2 AttendanceOperations

All here except 2011 who had a substitute and showed up later.

3 Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes from 10/24
 - b. \$400 to the THs from Council Discretionary
 - c. \$300 to QCVC from Collaboration Fund
 - d. \$500 to MICA from Council Discretionary
- all adopted

4 Announcements

- a. Declaration of Open PositionsOperations

5 Executive Board Reports

- a. President- CCL net has been adopted. We're happy how Halloween went!
- b. Operations- Focusing on cleaning up the Government structure with a committee made up of trustees, administrators, and two students. They will be drafting a new document, especially focusing on reducing the redundancy of committees. Sesquicentennial planning is moving along; they are thinking of adding a sesquicentennial section to the yearbook. They are talking with admissions and communications to get prospective students excited about it as well. Tasty Tuesdays going on again, potentially Reggae Boy or some bakery for open spot. AVC board met and talking about revising Vnet. Ideas are welcome to help with this, make suggestions. Bus project is looking great, informal promise that that's happening.

6 Halloween Debrief

- a. EMS- last year 16 calls, all intoxicated; other hospital had to handle a few. 12 calls this year, Transcare ALS 9-2:30, 6 people taken to the hospital, 4 intoxicated, 2 trauma related. All intoxicated students could talk; CRC handled every call because they were running 4 squads. The number of calls was still higher than any other night all year, but down from last year.
-2014: pizza really good timing, fun activities, well planned, party in ferry=amazing, small complaints about waiting to get into the dance, bewildered by strangers in dance
-Joss: all events packed and well received.
Strong: low key event went on all night till like 2:30, people stayed in the MPR. Pizza was late arriving at 8:20, people were waiting, may not have eaten it.
-Lathrop: photo shoot went well, pizza also late. Maybe almost too much programming; could have been moved around or moved to a different weekend.

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- TAs: trick o' treating didn't go well, but there were a few
- Raymond: all well in haunted house, one mummy on fire. Joint programming with Strong. Pumpkin patch picking great!
- Jewett: went well, she had one freshman who said there weren't that many houses to trick o' treat at.
- THs: over programming, maybe a Halloween committee could be formed to plan this weekend in future years.
- 2011: very happy about how things went, variety of options helped with Halloween success. Thank you!!
- Activities: everything great, success due to dorms individual planning.
- 2014: dance so popular because it was run by a class, making it more "legitimate". It didn't give the impression of forceful alternative programming.
- costume contest went well!
- Pres: overall very successful Halloween.

7 ViCE Report

- Extensive power point shown; viewing upon request.
- The suggestion was made that the executive retreat could possibly be held on campus before school starts, the alumni house is sometimes open.
- Questions were asked about what the supplementary fund is used for and why not more often, and the answer was that they use it mostly for the music committee and to wait for Spring semester because it's bigger, but yes, they will emphasize it more to their constituents as an option.
- TAs: fundraising is selling tickets at the concert, once in spring, once in fall. They want to keep everything free.
- Noyes: website? coming up!
- Town Students: They should make sure the dates of meetings are on the website so that students can attend. They also put updates on door.
- budgeting doesn't include general body because it's done at the end of the year; incoming freshmen are a huge part of which band is chosen etc.
- Lathrop: include student body more in decision making process for big band that comes; there is a system in place, people can go to their meetings, take place in processes if they want to.
- Town students- You can open it up, send campus wide email letting people know that picking process is about to begin; the people that put in the work get a say in the decision making process.
- Activities: frequency of events? As frequent as they can get good attendance.
- email ViCE at vice.edu

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-motion to recess for 5 min, everyone opposed

8. MICA asking for funding to start a new publication creating more discourse on campus, so that not everyone is liberal and no one learns anything; they say they have the experience and willingness to do it, even though it is a huge undertaking.

-Finance: trial run (pilot paper) decided on by committee.

-Jewett: 300 copies for trial publication, tabloid style, black and white w/ color cover.

Putting momentous effort into this.

-Town Students- consider changing name? negative image from bad article in 2005?

Reorganization, 'the Chronicle' is a historic name that they want to keep, 'the Imperialist' is the name they want to forget. They want to raise standard of journalism and discourse on this campus.

-There was a huge amount of discussion regarding this issue. The main questions were related to competition with the Misc, starting another publication on the Vassar campus, finding sufficient writers and readers, measurement of success, and issues that will be addressed in the publication. They basically just want a voice for everyone on campus, a safe place for people to express themselves, specifically people of minority views. They think this is a positive way of responding to the CIE report and increasing the standards of journalism and discourse on this campus. They want to differentiate themselves by being open to many different forms of articles, long and short, book reviews, culture section etc. There were concerns addressed about taking so little time to decide to jumpstart an entire new publication because it will always be recorded and there's a history of failed publications. There were suggestions made about putting the pilot issue online first as well.

-Motion to move to voting. All in favor.

-18-6 allocation passes.

-Motion to 5 min recess, all in favor.

9. Endorsement of CEQ Report.....Academics

-would it say anonymous? Yes.

-a total reevaluation of grading system, not going to be an online version.

-all in favor, endorsed.

10. Allocation of \$1,300 to Ballroom from Collaboration Fund..... Finance

-Mecha and other organizations are helping with this event; many different kinds of dancing.

-Lathrop: Why this DJ? He's from the city and incredibly successful and focuses on Latin Music; he's also bringing lighting, speakers, and everything.

-They already cut from this proposal because they wanted costumes, so this money allocation seems appropriate.

-\$12,000 left in fund

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-all in favor, motion passed.

11. Allocation of \$1,500 to Transmission from Speakers, Lecturers Fund Finance

-Alumni house is the cheapest option.

-all in favor, motion passes.

- motion to allocate some amount of money to something to support Valentine; they want to give more money so that Valentine can be fixed.

-Town Students: better to pay a student? No, because tax issues.

-amendment to \$1100 instead of \$300 passes

-main motion, all in favor, passed.

12. Open Discussion..... Anyone

-Finance: Council needs to question things, but we can't attack people, especially for such a small fund as \$800.

-Joss: really well done everyone on Halloween!

-Strong: We shouldn't be looking at content of an org, but more of what they're going to do with their money.

-President: less note-passing! Very distracting, especially during visitor presentations.

-Main: We need to be cautious about getting easily impressed. We need to not have side conversations and eye-rolling even though a topic goes on for hours; this is our job.

-Lathrop: Trying to speak for constituents, willing to continue conversations if they're relevant although long.

-Finance: We should grill everyone

-Joss: productive meeting today; lots of dialogue. Respect is always important.

-Academics: peer advising session soon!

-Joss: motion to adjourn; all in favor☺