

VSA Council Minutes

November 8, 2009

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

2. Attendance

2011 was late.

TH proxy

3. Consent Agenda

a. approval of minutes from 11/1

4. Fines

There were no fines.

5. ViCE Report

Peter Denny, ViCE Chair reported that the Grizzly Bear show went really well. Everything was doing well, in fact. Even the unfortunate film league had struck a good deal with the copyright people to get films. Attendance has been good to shows and committees. Recently their Jazz Chair stepped down and their After-Hours Chair is going abroad, so they are searching for people. Currently there has been some problems with 80's night DJs, but those should be better soon.

The first big ViCE party is going to be on the 20th of November, with a huge focus on theme with a smaller focus on musicians. The theme is: big spotlights-fog-nightvision-surveillance-thing with the name ViCE Search Party. The name derives from the fact that it is a search...and a party...a search party if you will. That being said, there are still going to be awesome musicians.

This spring they are looking to do a concert in the Community Center with 3,000 people. There should be a discount ticket for Vassar Students.

6. Committee Report

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid (CAFA) reported that in the Freshmen class their had been a substantial increase in financial aid. The reasons were the economy, need-blind and active recruitment of various socio-political economic things. They will still be need blind for the class of 2014. Currently the college is considering several steps to cut down costs, currently looking at how a diverse community affects students at Vassar.

The Pres. wanted to know the numbers on financial aid for international students. She was told that it was 60% for all students, including 60% of internationals.

Raymond wondered about loans for international students. Operations told him that we needed to wait and that they probably wouldn't get changed.

Noyes felt that cutting financial aid for upperclassmen to help out freshmen wasn't cool. Academics agreed, but told her that that doesn't actually happen. Cappy had even looked into that rumor. Totally just a rumor.

7. Exec Report

a. Student Life

SL reported that the FAQs were almost done and that they would soon be going into the reslife guides. They had a meeting with Don about Security and Chris Rolke will be sending an email later about security updates.

They also had aramark look at a powerpoint that highlighted the differences between their performance and their requirements stated in the contract.

THs wondered where the FAQs were coming from. They are coming from Don.

Raymond, once again, asked if they could see them. He was told to wait until Wednesday for the SL committee.

b. Academics

Academics announced the upcoming Major's fair, mostly of interest to Freshmen and Sophomores. There are now 26 majors committees, meaning a few new ones have been formed.

Jon Chenette will be looking into majors committees soon and Academics even did a video update that you can watch.

They are still talking about cutting course release and all that jazz. They are talking about doing a survey with the benefits budget and maybe see what can be cut there.

Raymond wondered what was up with the Rowing Team. He was told that they were not consulted. The President also noted that with the high number of new rowers, they didn't really meet the qualifications for Varsity.

The SoCos noted that the next team that might have been cut was Rugby and with such a large turnover in rowing, it was the way to go. Also an across the board cut could just hurt everyone.

THs wondered if they could move it to the VSA. She was told by The President that they do NOT want that as they don't have the money. Currently they are phasing them out.

8. Allocation of \$1970 from Conference to Iced Brew

Finance made a motion to give them money for their major event, where they had a chance to compete and possibly medal. All were in favor.

9. Allocation of \$1,000 from Hosting to Quidditch

Finance made a motion to give Quidditch \$1,000 for their Butterbeer Classic. Currently there are 3 other colleges coming, 2 are still maybes. The minstrels want to sing. All were in favor.

10. Allocation of \$2980 from Speakers, Lecturers to Choice

Finance moved to allocate money to Choice to host Dorian Marshall, the people who did the I Heart Female Orgasm thing. All were in favor.

11. Open Discussion

2010 announced 195 days until graduation...maybe. She wasn't sure. Then she asked about Vassar Ball. According to Operations, it seems the Vassar alumni are not to excited about it, although the Yale guys LOVED it.

THs (as Nate Silver) said thanks for Clue.

SoCos announced an upcoming eargathon for 120 hours straight. They are hoping for \$10k.

Activities reminded everyone that the '03 system was free and that they should use it. He then apologized to 2011 for the crappy incident in the mug.

The President asked everyone to take the survey. Operations noted that initial responses implied that students didn't really care about the economy.

Strong wondered what happened on election day. The President explained that some students were challenged based on the fact that Vassar is on four districts. They filed an injuncture to stop Vassar students, it was overturned.

Main was challenged twice, she said it was scary. Dean Rolke was also scary when he tried to fight for her. According to her, they were being really intimidating and annoying. (This is why republicans shouldn't be allowed.)

12. Adjourn

7:43 pm.