

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Minutes for February 3rd, 2013

- 1 Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.
- 2 Attendance Operations
 - All here; Lathrop and 2015 were late.
- 3 Consent Agenda
 - a. \$10,000 from Discretionary to Hip Hop 101
 - b. \$5,000 from Speakers to NSO
 - c. \$1,500 from Collaboration to Punx/Sound System
 - d. \$1,650 from Discretionary to Habitat for Humanity
 - e. \$1,500 from Community to Barefoot Monkeys
 - f. \$2,169 from from Discretionary to Debate
 - g. \$300 from Conference to Democracy Matters
 - a. \$390 from Conference to GAAP
 - All adopted.
- 4 Executive Board Reports
 - a. Activities..... (7 min)
 - The pre-organization system is happening and the UpC thing. Meet Me In Manhattan won't be happening this semester because there isn't enough funding.
 - Jewett asked how to apply to be a pre-organization. He's sent out emails to the ones he's been in contact with, will send a blurb to house presidents, and new organizations can also find the application under 'Activities' on the website.
 - b. Finance..... (7 min)
 - Speakers fund is still on the low side but they have some extra in the Discretionary fund so it'll work out.
- 6 Declaration of Open Positions Operations (10 min)
 - They need to fill two 2014 Judicial Board positions because two people went abroad. On Monday they will be talking about VP for Activities. Wednesday at 5 they will be talking about Junior Fun Day—all of those positions.
- 7 Appointment of Vice President for Student Life Operations (20 min)
 - This week Operations met with 7 applicants. They had a 2 hour meeting on Wednesday and another meeting on Thursday. They are recommending Dallas Robinson for VP for Student Life. She's very dedicated to VSA's relationship with students. She attended a meeting earlier in the year to talk about how Council deals with diversity. They thought it would be a seamless transition because she's been on Council before. She focused on the positive and is excited about continuing initiatives as well as starting some of her own.
 - 2013 added that she's an athlete which is part of Student Life.

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-Ferry asked about how Dallas talked about changing relationships with the Alana Center and VSA. She didn't have too many specific ideas, but she is very dedicated to dialogue and social consciousness.

-TAs wanted to note that Dallas came to him to talk about the position. They discussed at length opening up communication on VSA and she's excited to reach out to at large members and others outside Council.

-Operations noted that it wasn't a unanimous decision. Dave asked how the vote was split. Dallas had 5, another candidate 1.5, and another .5 out of 7. They had a lot of qualified candidates and it was a hard decision. The motion to appoint Dallas to VP for Student Life passed with all in favor.

8 Open Discussion

-2013: 111 days until Commencement. Last Friday at 3 p.m. the memorial to Andri Buryachenko took place in the Chapel. 2013 made comments and they changed the name of the student gift to be the Andri Buryachenko Memorial Fund. They felt a lot of support and the family was touched. Senior week events information is going out this week to heads of orgs. Senior Class Council is excited to see what events people will be planning. 50 Nights is going to be at the Chance again in April.

-Operations: Come this Thursday at 4:30, next Monday at 6:30 or next Wednesday on the quad to learn a dance for SAVP to stand up against gender based violence. The actual event will be on Valentine's Day. She went to an event at Barnard about the Seven Sisters with 2015 and Cushing. They are trying to figure out ways in which to make each individual school stronger as well as working on initiatives that could carry more weight since they would all be supporting it. They are also thinking about programming but a lot further down the line.

-President: Social Justice Dialogues are happening next week.

-2015 wanted to thank Vince for speaking so well on Friday and made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.