

**VSA Council Minutes**  
*March 23, 2008*

**I. Call to Order**

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

**2. Attendance**

Proxies: 2008, 2009.

Guests: Chris Beach (Class Issues Alliance), Andrew Bennett, Hensleigh Crowell (Class Issues Alliance), Brian Farkas (Miscellany News), Eleanor Fort (G.A., Prison Committee), Vanessa Kritzer (Night Owls), Acacia O'Connor (Miscellany News), Rebecca Rose (Night Owls), Sam Rosen-Amy (Miscellany News), Betsy Wieand (CHOICE).

**3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes from March 2**

No objections were made, and the consent agenda was adopted as presented.

**4. Reports**

**a. Arlington and Juliet Report**

Andrew Bennett reported that he has been present in the planning for the relevant renovations because they fall under the Master Planning purview. The Trustees formed a special committee for the Juliet renovation, and Andrew is serving on the committee to represent the student body. The renovation has been kept out of the public realm because real estate deals can become very complicated, and publicizing deals too early can be unprofessional.

The renovation will consist of moving the College Bookstore to the Juliet building across the street. The renovations will begin around January 2009, and will hopefully be ready by Fall of 2009. There will also be physical renovations made to bring a new bookstore into the current store's location. As part of the Juliet renovation, the businesses across the street from Juliet, including Romeo, Delforno, and Griff's, will also have their appearance updated to match the new look of Juliet. Andrew also reported that Vassar has signed a lease for all of the businesses in that area for the 49 years.

**5. Allocation of \$2200 from Hosting Fund to Class Issues Alliance**

Finances moved to allocate \$2200 from the Hosting Fund to Class Issues Alliance. All of Council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

President later moved to reconsider the allocation, because of a misunderstanding with the allocation and certain fund requirements. All of Council voted in favor of reconsidering the allocation. President then asked for unanimous consent to amend the allocation to come from the Special Events Fund. No objections were made, and the amendment was accepted.

Finances, on behalf of Exec, moved to transfer \$1272.50 from the Great Works Fund to Special Events. All of Council voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Finances then moved to allocate \$2200 from the Special Events Fund to CIA. All of Council voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**6. Allocation of \$2150 from Speaker's Fund to CHOICE**

Finances moved to allocate \$2150 from the Speaker's Fund to CHOICE. All of Council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

### **7. Allocation of \$1500 from Collaboration to BSU, PL, and MEChA**

Finances moved to allocate \$1500 from the Collaboration Fund to BSU, Poder Latina, and MEChA. All of Council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

Finances later moved to rescind the allocation, because BSU, Poder Latina, and MEChA are not actually hosting the event. The organizations will have the opportunity to re-apply for the funds from the correct fund at a later date. All of Council voted in favor, and the allocation was rescinded.

### **8. Allocation of \$1000 from Speaker's Fund to Catalyst**

Finances moved to allocate \$1000 from the Speaker's Fund to Catalyst.

2010 moved to amend the allocation to \$1750. Seeing no objection, the amendment was unanimously accepted.

All of Council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

### **9. Allocation of \$787.50 from Collaboration to Raymond**

Finances moved to allocate \$787.50 from the Collaboration Fund to Raymond. All of Council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

### **10. Allocation of \$423.50 from Speaker's Fund to ACT OUT**

Finances moved to allocate \$423.50 from the Speaker's Fund to ACT OUT. TH abstained from the vote, all else of Council voted in favor of the allocation, and the motion passed.

### **11. Allocation of \$284.70 from Media Publishing to Night Owls**

Finances moved to allocate \$284.70 from the Media Publishing Fund to Night Owls. The allocation is for the purpose of making CDs of the group's music, to be sold over a long period of time. The group will be making a profit from selling the CDs. Council discussed whether the financial rules should be different for acappella groups from other organizations, because they routinely make CDs for sale over time.

Ferry moved to table the motion. Council engaged in a discussion about whether or not to allocate the money to the Night Owls. TA moved to call to question the motion to table. Only Noyes voted not in favor, the motion passed.

#### **Vote to Table the Allocation Indefinitely:**

*Abstentions:* None.

*Not in Favor:* Main, Noyes, TH, TA, Activities, Operations, Jewett, Davison.

*In favor:* Ferry, Strong, Raymond, Town Students, Academics, Student Life, SoCo, 2010, Finances, Cushing, Joss, 2009, 2008.

**Result:** By a vote of 12-8, the motion passed.

The motion to table passed, and the allocation was postponed indefinitely.

### **12. Decertification of Vassar Swing**

Activities moved to decertify Vassar Swing. All of Council voted in favor of decertification, and the motion passed.

### **13. Decertification of Yafeyfayah**

Activities moved to decertify Yafeyfiah. All of Council voted in favor of decertification, and the motion passed.

**14. Decertification of Troupe**

Activities moved to decertify Troupe. All of Council voted in favor of decertification, and the motion passed.

**15. Declaration of Open Position**

Operations moved to declare open and up for appointment the position of Raymond Secretary. All of Council voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**16. Amendment to Article III of VSA Bylaws**

Operations moved to amend Article III, Section 15-E, of the VSA Bylaws.

Student Life moved to amend the amendment, to read: "...before the VSA Council meeting at which they will be considered." All of Council voted in favor of the secondary amendment, and the motion passed.

All of Council voted in favor of the amendment, and the motion passed.

**17. Introduction of Amendment to Article II of the VSA Bylaws**

Operations introduced an amendment to Article II, Section 6-H of the VSA Bylaws. The proposed amendment will be voted on next week.

**18. Open Discussion**

- 2008 announced that 63 days remain until commencement.
- Activities announced that Operation Donation would be bringing Jeffrey Sacks to Vassar on April 24.
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**19. Adjourn**

The meeting concluded at 8:28pm.