

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Council Minutes for April 14, 2013

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1 Call to Order

-The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2 AttendanceOperations

-THs and Town Students weren’t here.

3 Consent Agenda

- a. \$500 from Discretionary to VPI
 - b. \$675 from Discretionary to Hip Hop 101
 - c. \$220 from Collaboration to TONCA
 - d. \$368 from Discretionary to VHP
 - e. \$1000 from Discretionary to Drama Majors Committee
 - f. Minutes from 4/7 meeting
- All adopted

4 Executive Board Reports

a. Student Life(7 min)

-Last week in CCL the Smoking Ban was voted on and it was passed. Campus Climate has been in touch about writing a proposal about the Executive Board Stipend plan.

-Joss was wondering what she knows about the endorsements of candidates by orgs that might be in violation of the bylaws. They are talking about certain candidates for sure, but she’s unsure if they’re violating bylaws.

b. Academics(7 min)

-The Social Awareness Resolution went to CCP this week and they’ve agreed to go ahead with having conversations about this issue. She is working on writing another resolution about what the students are interested in for the April 24th meeting. Student Seminars are going really well. They are also trying to reinvigorate peer advising with the new class coming in.

5 CCL and START Update..... .President, Terrace Apartment (15 min)

-The resolution that passed of the Smoking Ban was amended to July of 2015. That resolution now goes to the President and she will move forward on it. Renee Pabst is forming a committee including student representatives to continue with the implementation of this proposal.

-2014 gave an update of what START highlighted and that CCL was very happy about the research they had done.

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-Joss pointed out that this was an egregious example of shared government. Since all the student representatives voted against it, but all the executive positions on the committee voted for it as did the assistant to the President. He thinks that they weren’t thinking about their responsibility to the students because they were clearly not in favor.

-President asked him to think about his implications and stated that a lot of thought went into his vote.

-TAs said that on behalf of START they are going to publish the memorandum and results from their committee to the campus community.

6 An Amendment Concerning VSA Policies..... Operations (15 min)

-They created these policies to explain how decisions were made. They each have a mission statement. They elaborate on the composition of committees. The policies themselves don’t need to be voted on by the whole Council; each committee will vote on them at the beginning of the year.

-2015 suggested that the language be more in line with the bylaws.

7 Open Discussion

-2013: 43 days until commencement. 50 Nights went really well. They had double the people, but five times fewer the problems than last year. The Chance liked everyone and they were out by 2:30. Senior week ticket sales are happening on May 8th; Seniors first half of the day and underclassmen second half in the Chapel. Seniors are finishing theses, congratulate them!

-Activities is encouraging people to apply for Programming Board. The application is out there, money, SARC, etc. There are multiple positions available.

-President gave a special thanks to START for the work that they did.

-Operations noted that voting starts tomorrow at noon. There will be a link sent out at noon. Wednesday night at midnight there will be a party in the Retreat. If there are ties then they have to bring them to Council to vote on a winner. They will be discussing this issue in Operations tomorrow.

-Joss brought up the hate speech incident and that Council should talk about it. They will be talking about it in Student Life. There will be a CLRT meeting tomorrow morning at 9 where they will be talking about it on an all college level.

-Activities noted that the meeting about ties is a very stressful one. He made a motion to adjourn.

-This meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.