

VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

VSA Council Minutes for April 17, 2011

1 Call to Order

-The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2 AttendanceOperations

-All here, with many proxies.

3 Consent Agenda

a. Allocation of \$479 to Town Students from Council Discretionary

b. Allocation of \$330 to Merely Players from Council Discretionary

-All adopted

4 Announcements:

a. Updates.....Operations

-She explained the Exec Board's appeal of the Judicial Board decision as them taking a moral stance on the issue because they felt that so many students had put so much time into this. These conversations are valuable and will continue into next year.

She stresses the amount of student involvement, discussion of issues, and acknowledgment of the VSA's role on campus as positive outcomes that we can take away from this whole experience. She thanks everyone for their support.

-Mathew's Follies is the Friday before Founder's day; Founder's Day will always remain the same on a Saturday. However, this year Friday will be an event for everyone (students and faculty) with many entertaining acts including: student groups, rugby Glee-style dance, a capella groups singing old school Vassar songs (Night Owls woot!), Chris Roelke with a song that apparently needs editing, and Terry Quinn performing. It should be a lot of fun, but needs more publicizing. It will start at 5:30, then dinner from ACDC in the Chapel. Half of the merchandise has come in and it's really cool; it's in the bookstore.

-The Poughkeepsie bus is officially going to serve Vassar and will hopefully go into effect soon. They've signed a contract. The VSA will continue to provide service to the mall and train station on weekends. They still want to include Marist in this loop. They have been pumping up efforts with the all school gift; tabling helps remind people, as do emails.

-The Board of Elections are doing a great job. Names of candidates are going up live on the VSA website! It has a list of all the governance committees, there's a limited amount.

-Lathrop asked for a blurb about the new bus route. She was told that this would come at a later date.

-Cushing asked if Mathew's Follies was ticketing and they're unclear right now. They will give an update next week. Roughly, there will be 6 student groups, 3 faculty, and 3 admin.

-Jewett suggested publicizing which class is winning the dorm challenge, it ends today. They're getting toward 1861!

- 5 Allocation of \$1200 to VISA from Council Discretionary..... Finance
 -The finance committee felt that they've cut costs sufficiently to make things work. The representative talked about how they contacted alums and everyone said how important this event is to the international community. They also researched having a catered event here, but found that it wouldn't really reduce costs.
 -2014 asked about the changes and Finance clarified that VISA will not go into debt next year.
 -This allocation passed with all in favor.
- 6 Transfer of \$1,980 to Founder Day Committee Finance
 -This money is going to staff t-shirts and food for strike and set-up.
 -Davison asked about Mary Poppins and in case of rain it will happen in UpC.
 -There was some confusion about the amount being allocated.
 -The allocation was amended from \$1,800 to \$1,980 with all in favor.
 -Davison asked about current amounts and there is \$3,400 in Discretionary now.
 -The allocation passed with all in favor and one abstention.
- 7 Open Discussion..... Anyone
 -2011: 35 days until graduation
 -Activities asked everyone to please publicize Filing because there are a lot of uncontested positions.
 -Lathrop had an info session for interested house team future members and it was really helpful, many are here tonight.
 -2014 did the same and it's his Birthday! ☺
 -THs made a motion to adjourn and it passed with all in favor at 8:36 p.m.