

# VASSAR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Council Minutes for April 22, 2012

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- 1 Call to Order
  - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- 2 Attendance ..... Operations
  - All here.
- 3 Consent Agenda
  - a. \$300 from the Council Discretionary Fund to Vassar Greens
  - b. \$1300 from the Council Discretionary Fund to P.E.A.C.E.
  - c. \$50 from the Council Discretionary Fund to Ballroom Dancing
  - d. \$1600 from the Collaboration Fund to ViCE
  - e. \$1000 from the Conference Fund to Vassar Aikido Club
  - f. \$225 from the Council Discretionary Fund to Class of 2013
  - All adopted.
- 4 Executive Board Reports
  - a. Student Life (7 minutes)
    - The College Review Board came to a close and submitted a comprehensive report. Student Life had its last meeting on Friday. They are making inclusive webpages for ATF and CDRC so that the information will be available to next years' Council.
    - CCL had its final meeting of the year; just a few minor changes were made. The total number of guests that can now be signed in is two instead of three.
    - CLRG had its final Conversation dinner of the year talking about issues related to the Trayvon Martin case; thank you to students who came to that.
    - 2012 asked about Tap That. They are starting to implement this, but we're phasing it in slowly so that dining and other administrative orgs have time. He wants Council to think about their decisions and will carry out the actions that are consequences of these decisions.
  - b. Academics (7 minutes)
    - The student seminars just finished and they've sent out a survey about how to improve them.
    - The survey about freshmen writing seminars went out and they're getting a lot of interesting feedback.
    - Academics has been talking about the CCQs and changing them to have an agreement scale with a space for comments for each question. She'll continue to sit on this committee next year to help finalize different aspects.
- 5 Annual Budgeting Report .....Finance (15 min)

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-Annual budgeting happened this weekend. Council had a \$700,000 budget to allocate. They allocated it out today. The new and old exec boards will meet to discuss this budgeting activity. Then there is 24 hours to petition the allocations and then both exec boards reconvene and talk about what they decided. He feels very disappointed with Council for the lack of attendance to annual budgeting because they spent 15 hours in a room and many people weren't there. The decisions they make now will have a huge impact on next year's Council and students so he was hurt people didn't show. President seconded what he said.

### 6 For Adoption: Student Programming Board.....Activities (30 min)

-The programming decision will be made by students, not faculty. There will be one administrator who sits on the board.

-Student Life talked about language changes. It reads more like a subcommittee of VSA. He warned that this is a big commitment, but nothing drastic in terms of administrative involvement or any amount of money that VSA doesn't normally spend.

-Davison asked how the other members would be selected. The co-chairs would be the only members appointed and the rest is a general board that is appointed. People can join throughout the year. There's also a footnote on the first page.

### 7 Open discussion

-2012: 27 days until graduation

-President reminded everyone to write something up for their successors for next year.

-New Student Orientation had its last meeting this weekend. In two years they're starting a Pilot Program with Posse, which is similar to Questbridge, except it's for veterans. Posse will pick 20 strong candidates and Vassar will select 10 of these. They are going to have a breakfast with Buildings and Grounds during Orientation. They are also thinking of having an open forum for first year students with safety and security after the first 2 weeks of school.

-Socos is pleased that voting will be over in 16 hours and there will be a party tomorrow at midnight in the Retreat to announce the winners.

-Davison commended the Womens' Rugby Team and they won one day and lost the second day.

-Operations appreciated 2015's update. Operations will be having a few more meetings.

-Noyes thanked all the orgs who came in to annual budgeting.

-2013: Convocation is at 3:30 on Wednesdays in the Chapel. The bell ringing schedule is very strict right now.

-Student Life commended Operations and Socos on what they're doing for Elections.

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- 2012 talked about exec board debates and how there weren't many people at them. The one thing she wants to pass onto next year's Council is that everyone needs to talk about what happens here outside of this room and she's so sad that people aren't more involved.
- 2014 thinks it might be helpful to move next years' exec debates to a different time and put them on the Elections Schedule that is sent out to everyone.
- Activities: Founder's Day is Saturday!
- Operations thanked 2012 for saying something and noted that they've been talking about moving the whole elections period earlier in the year to avoid this lack of involvement on behalf of the student body.
- Davison made a motion to adjourn. Only 2012 opposed. The meeting was adjourned somewhere around 8 p.m.