VSA Senate Meeting Notes
10/4/2020

1. **Consensus Agenda - ALL PASSED**
   a. **Allocations**
      i. Climbing Club: $0/$450
         1. Off campus trip
      ii. Night Owls: $129.99/129.99
         1. Sound equipment
      iii. TA’s and TH’s: $271.50/$271.50
         1. Cookie baking
      iv. Sailing Team: $200/$200 (budget allocation)
   b. **Appointments**
      i. 2021 Senator
         1. Colin Croghan
      ii. Student Representatives on the Institute for the Liberal Arts Committee
         1. Mohtad Allawala
         2. Julián Aguilar
   c. **Pre-Org Confirmations**
      i. Vassar Leftist Union
         1. Previously vassar democratic socialists
      ii. Vassar Art Club

2. **Welcome Class of 2024 Senators!**
   a. Olivia Gross
   b. Lisberma Peralta Aquino
   c. Sehar Dey-Kohli

3. **Executive Board Updates (Executive Board)**
   a. **Equity and Inclusion**
      i. No updates
   b. **Residential Affairs**
      i. No updates
   c. **Health and Wellness**
      i. No updates
      ii. Committee newsletter will be released later this week
   d. **Organizations**
      i. Pre org confirmations
      ii. Reworking programming guidelines
   e. **Academics**
i. No updates

f. Finance
   i. Allocations
   ii. Coffee center

g. Programming and Traditions
   i. Virtual movie night this friday - seeee late night 7pm-closing
   ii. Halloween activities

h. Operations
   i. Fall elections
   ii. Assigned first year reps to committees
   iii. New email address for first year programs
   iv. Constructing bylaws about JYA and being on house team

i. VSA President
   i. Bring concerns to committee chairs

4. Committee Chair Updates (Committee Chairs)
   a. Environmental Action
      i. No updates
   
   b. Planning
      i. Working with new committees - monitoring progress
      ii. Talking with administrators about student representation
   
   c. First-Year Programs
      i. First meeting yesterday - Saturdays at 4pm
      ii. Fall photo thing - first year experience

5. Senator Updates (VSA Senators)
   a. Class of 2024
      i. Email list for first years
   
   b. Class of 2023
      i. No updates
   
   c. Class of 2022
      i. Sending out emails
   
   d. Class of 2021
      i. No updates
   
   e. College Planning
      i. Williams hall - becoming historical landmark so it’s preserved forever

6. Constituent Concerns
   a. None

7. Open Discussion
   a. Spring Opening
i. Open forum to discuss spring opening plan
ii. Town hall
b. Xan - clarifying if admin sent out a poll to students; agrees w town hall idea
c. Sehar - are we skipping a break? Do the last two options push back graduation?
   i. Spring break will be condensed and on campus
d. Julian and Eleanor- likes Plan A; why aren't we having a phase return like first semester? Prefer for any of the plans to have phases
   i. Eleanor - thinks C presents a lot of issues
e. Alistair - C is bad for summer jobs/internships
f. Alexa - thinks there will be some kind of phases but less/shorter than first semester
g. Mohtad - people with difficult situations should be able to come when convenient/safe for them (maybe combining A and B)
h. Jack/Saumya - concerns about when plan will be decided; international students need to figure out if they will be going home or not
i. Mohtad - if students need to stay on campus they should have better access to quality/variety of food than in past years.

8. Speaker’s List
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