

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 - deece 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 w new committees - monitoring progress
 - ii. Talking w 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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