

## 9/27/2020 VSA Senate Meeting Notes

### 1. Consensus Agenda

- a. Allocations -PASSED
  - i. NSO: \$186.88/\$186.88 -approved
  - ii. VSA Programming: \$56.89/\$56.89 -approved
  - iii. HYPE: \$106.98/\$106.98 -approved
  - iv. VCSS: \$1295.99/\$1295.99 -approved
  - v. HEL: \$265.48/\$265.48 -approved
- b. Pre-Org Confirmations -PASSED
  - i. Jews of Color
    - 1. Operated for past few years but now becoming vsa certified
  - ii. Gray Matters VC Journal -PASSED
    - 1. Neuroscience journal--open to all disciplines though
- c. Full Org Confirmation-
  - i. Vassar College Coffee Bar
    - 1. Needs access to special purpose funds
    - 2. Going to be in Lobe sculpture garden

### 2. Executive Board Updates (Executive Board)

- a. Equity and Inclusion
  - i. Time changed to fridays at 11am
  - ii. First meeting this week
    - 1. Supporting remote and first year students
    - 2. Future programming w alana center
- b. Residential Affairs
  - i. Dining committee
    - 1. Sustainability
    - 2. Water bottle filling stations, recycling, etc.
    - 3. Want house teams involved in sustainability
- c. Health and Wellness
  - i. Accessibility committee -applications closed
    - 1. Appointing student representatives next week
  - ii. Health and wellness committee
    - 1. Creating newsletter and official instagram
- d. Organizations
  - i. Pre org confirmations
  - ii. streamlining /clarifying org constitutions
  - iii. Clarification forms for orgs w non vassar employed advisor

1. Can come on campus for some events but must be approved
- e. Academics
  - i. Newsletter formed - coming soon
  - ii. Ways to support remote students
- f. Finance
  - i. Two applications and allocations
  - ii. Coffee shop
  - iii. Spending is picking up
- g. Programming and Traditions
  - i. Finalizing plans for halloweekend
  - ii. Movie night
  - iii. Snacks for community care day
- h. Operations
  - i. Working on website - please submit photo to web intern
  - ii. More websites-vassar.edu
  - iii. Fall elections ended today at noon-sending out results soon
  - iv. More defining role of programming and commissions
  - v. Finalizing list of everyone on all vsa committees
    1. Includes times, chair, and all members
- i. VSA President
  - i. Student room entry
    1. What happened w fire alarms should not have happened
      - a. PB and alamo will communicate to them
      - b. They are allowed to enter if you are not in your room
      - c. Only allowed to enter w/o permission if student is threat to themselves or community
  - ii. Food form
    1. Dining committee has made some changes
  - iii. Community Care Day
    1. Student growth and engagement reached out to VSA
    2. Can write appreciation cards to faculty/staff
    3. Chalk writing
  - iv. Student Representatives on the Institute for the Liberal Arts Committee
    1. Students will assist faculty--two planning senators (Mohtad and Julia) will sit on committee
    2. If planning senators decline, applications may be open to other senators

### **3. Committee Chair Updates (Committee Chairs)**

- a. Environmental Action
    - i. Working w sustainability
  - b. Planning
    - i. No updates
  - c. First-Year Programs
    - i. First year elections coming
- 4. Senator Updates (VSA Senators)**
- a. Class of 2023
    - i. No updates
  - b. Class of 2022
    - i. No updates
  - c. Class of 2021
    - i. No updates
  - d. College Planning
    - i. College/class senators should have an email list to their classes. Introduce yourselves to your class
- 5. Constituent Concerns**
- 6. Open Discussion**
- 7. Speaker's List**