SGA Cabinet Agenda
Thursday, February 06, 2014
Room 204
7:02pm-9:00pm

Present: Augusta Gronquist, Ellen Kim, Leslie Hillsamer, Najwa Alsheikh, Meghna Purkayastha, Diana Li, Tamra Bates, Nahee Kwak, Catherine Aguilar, Corynn Stoltenberg, Frances Black, Shreeya Rajanarayana, Ellina Nektalova, Idia Irele

Tardy:

Regrets: Elizabeth Yun, Prina Patel

I. Call to order
   A. Augusta Gronquist calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm

II. Minutes
   B. Approve them as they are

III. Committee updates
   C. Catherine Aguilar- Recruiting for the Relay for Life event. Two SGA Cabinet members came to Senate. ORC Chair recruited a cabinet representative. Gavel Award nominations went well. Catherine Aguilar reminds SGA that they look at the schedule for introducing themselves to Senate
   D. Dawn Ginnetti- Nothing at this time
   E. Frances Black-
      1. Nominate teachers for a Faculty Teaching Award!
   F. Nahee Kwak
      1. Have pins for the seniors
      2. Working on a Rally Day playlist and selling class merchandise
      3. Working on Senior Week
      4. 50 Day Pub Crawl
      5. Senior Ball-April 26th
   G. Ellina Nektalova
      1. No updates
H. Shreeya Rajanarayana
  1. Have a new senator
  2. Went through funding requests of each club
I. Corynn Stotlenberg
  1. Had an all class meeting and sent our ada requests portion of the Smith demands to Dean Mahoney.
  2. Finalizing merchandize
  3. Preparing for Ada Wine and Cheese
J. Meghna Purkayastha
  1. Smith Sophian blurbs will be starting this semester
K. Idia Irele
  1. New SJE Representative. Have first meeting tomorrow
L. Leslie Hillsamer
  1. Beginning to work on the Smith Divestment Referendum
M. Diana Li
  1. Had the first first year class event, Fondue Night. Catering went well.
  2. Working on class apparel
  3. Two of the cabinet members are doing posters and banners for Rally Day
  4. Valentines Day Candy Grams
N. Najwa Alsheik
  1. Hoping to talk more about Smith Divest
  2. Hoping to set up a comment box for the Sustainability Committee.
  3. No February movie month, too expensive
  4. Organizing another dinner for Environment clubs on campus
  5. Earth Week April 13th. Week long event
O. Augusta Gronquist
  1. Ceci Gonzalez will no longer be apart of SGA Cabinet. Another HPA Chair Election will be held
  2. Working on Rally Day, etc
  3. Working on cabinet restructuring

IV. Visit from Marianne Staknis
  I. HP of Parson’s House coming to speak about the closing of Parson’s House
A. Hoping to keep first years in the house until they graduate before the house is supposed to close in Spring of 2015. 60 Total people that live in the house. There was a bigger first year class this year and the institution was forced to use Parson’s to house the first years.

B. Trying to meet with the Board of Trustees regarding money for the issue

C. Some administrators had to let Parson's residents know that they will get their first choice of housing after being asked to leave Parson’s. Thinking that this information is a little bit untrue.

D. Wondering why Parson’s house was not renovated and Cutter Ziskind was

E. What kind of action is Parson’s hoping to get from SGA?
   1. Raising awareness about Parsons House and get support to the student body
   2. Have first years not be allowed to live in the house next year
   3. Reach out with the Sophian
   4. Senate

F. What does this say about Smith? How Smith takes away housing for a house that has such great house community. Encourage the institution to be more transparent?

G. SGA Response
   1. Augusta Gronquist assures SGA that she will try and get someone from facilities to explain the master plan if Parsons is closing
   2. Frances Black lets the cabinet know that in the Smith Reduction plan assures students that Smith students are supposed to stay on campus until graduation
   3. Ada Housing should also be included in this transparency movement
   4. People will just not have housing, no new Ada housing will be built. Can prevent people coming to Smith College

V. Rally Day Updates-Will be done by email by Prina Patel

VI. SGA Visibility Reminders
   A. Wait for an email from Meghna Purkayastha regarding the Smith Sophian blurbs
VII. The Sophian
   A. Facebook picture when your article comes out
   B. Augusta Gronquist encourages cabinet to share highlights of committee meetings every week on Facebook

VIII. Posting Agenda online
   a. Post committee minutes on SSN, committee highlights on Facebook
   c. Rosters are going up
   d. Tumblr password has been reset - reminder Frances, Prina, Me. Frances reassures SGA that she will make GIF’s of each person
   e. HPA house teas, when new chair is elected this roster will be figured out
   f. Town Hall meetings – Dawn update
      1. Pair people up from SGA and have an open forum every week
      2. The idea was to try and do two meetings before the end of the semester so that we can attract a bigger crowd
      3. One town hall meeting with all the class presidents, or Honor Board/Judicial Board/SJE Chair. Just to be able to get some visibility
      4. Could raise awareness of Elections Extravaganza (mid April) / SGA reconstruction
      5. Frances Black, Meghna Purkayastha, and Augusta Gronquist. have agreed to help dawn with the Town Hall meetings.
   g. General announcement: post “highlights” from weekly meetings online
      i. Minutes from each committee to go on SSN and SGA Page (Updates)

IX. Break!
   a. CUPCAKE BREAK

X. Smith Social Network Discussion
   a. Feedback
      i. Who’s using it?
         a. About half of the cabinet uses the SSN extensively
      ii. Who’s not using it?
         a. Curriculum Committee doesn’t use it because it seems like an extra outlet. There is no need for another website to check on top of the other things. Judicial Board agrees
b. Elections Chair- Is forced to use SSN a lot, but doesn't see it helpful. Format is not easy to read. Uses email anyways.

c. Class of 2016 President- Not everyone on the class is on the Smith Social Network. Has been a hassle handling it so far.

d. Class of 2017 President- Most people don't know what to do/about the website. Only the president has access to the SSN.

e. Sustainability Chair- It's hard to be a part of many orgs on the SSN. If no one is using it anyways, why post?

f. ORC Chair- Loves SSN! Before ORC had paperwork that they had to fill out to be scanned, etc., but now the process has been computerized.

   iii. Why?

   a. Smith has paid for Smith Social Network for 3 years. Cannot decide whether to get rid of it after 3 years. One year has almost passed. In the coming years we hope to pull out all modifications and gadgets on the website

   iv. How can we attract more people?

   a. Create a Smith Social Network campaign to initiate people on the website

   b. Include SGA Secretary, Meghna Purkayastha and Diana Li Class of 2017 Committee. Both hope to go to Senate and create a committee for SSN visibility.

XI. Restructure Update

   a. Have identified weaknesses

      1. Starting process tomorrow evening

      2. Trying to keep process as transparent as possible

      3. Restructuring Committee will be posting minutes of their meeting on the SSN

   b. Please inform your committees that this is happening

      1. Inform the committee if you have any questions. Especially if your specific cabinet has any questions for the committee.

   c. Feedback welcome from your committees RE: what works, what doesn't

      i. Deadline to get that info in is 02/13

   d. Will begin redesign process on Friday

XII. Adjournment
A. Augusta Gronquist adjourns the meeting at 8:31pm