SGA Cabinet Meeting
Minutes
February 14, 2008
CC 204 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Members Present: Emily Taylor, Shadavia Jones, Aliza Leventhal, Channa Heng, Rochelle M. Valdez, Marlowe Dieckmann, Megan Gallo, Erin Molloy, AM Harmon, Nora Yim, Ayesha Siddiqui, Yvanka De Soysa, Margaret Mumbi, Becca Homa, JJ Yang, Rae-Anne Butera
Members Absent: Keena Humphrey

1. Call to Order & Attendance
   a. Tay called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Minutes
   a. Motion to approve the February 7, 2008 minutes passes 12-0-3
   b. Motion to approve the December 6, 2007 minutes passes 12-0-3

3. Committee Updates
   a. Megan: Interviews are this weekend; tentative election schedule ready; Election Extravaganza—April 16th
   b. Shadavia: Deadline for March E-Newsletter is February 29th, 2008
   c. Becca: Diversity Committee is going well; trying to get students to talk about diversity in the houses; collaboration with HPA strong possibility
   d. Aliza: Meeting with Tamra to get rid of the orgs that no longer exist
   e. Marlowe: Talked to HPA about the graduation gowns; voting on it officially next week; President Christ’s visit was successful; House Competition flyers are ready
   f. Rochelle: Trying to help orgs understand the transition process this year; attempting to get all orgs chartered; met all of goals for the year
   g. Erin: Had last all-class meeting of the year; having an Ada-Alum tea on February 22, 2008 from 4-6pm in the Carroll Room
   h. AM: Lots of stuff going on; all confidential
   i. Nora: Trained the new members this past weekend; JB is in the process of becoming more online-based to make the process more efficient
   j. Channa: Senate Pub Night is tomorrow night from 9-1am; Smith History Tea is from 7-9pm in Neilson Browsing Room
   k. JJ: 2009 Class party; tentative date April 12th
   l. Ayesha: nominated untenured faculty; interviews this Saturday
   m. Tarja: No meeting this past week because everyone was sick; Tomorrow, all of the class presidents are meeting with Tamra to discuss care packages
   n. Mumbi: Meeting about trying to honor Vera Joseph, former director of Health Services, who recently passed away

   a. Ombudsperson: a neutral, confidential, informal, off-the-record resource for addressing issues of concern; no legal or psychological counsel; confidential unless the situation involves any harming of the visitor or another person; explains college policies and procedures; not specialized in sexual harassment counseling
   b. No files are kept except for statistical records
c. Informal conflict-resolution by means of mediation and/or shuttle diplomacy
d. Facilitates group dialogue (i.e. house dialogues to build and/or strengthen house community)
e. Office operates independently of all other college offices

5. Tay’s Updates
   a. 7 Sisters conference at Mt. Holyoke Sunday 2/24
      i. Finalize attendance: Channa, Aliza, Shadavia, Nora, Marlowe, Yvanka, Ayesha, Keena, JJ
      ii. We need two vans
   b. Leasing a new van
      i. $400 estimate for one is accurate; price still varies for the second one until it is taken into the shop
      ii. Consensus: Wait for Rae-Anne and Sharon to give us more information
   c. Black History Month event
      i. Rochelle emailed Kevin Quashie; willing to consult, but cannot participate because of prior commitments
   d. Fireside Chats—any updates?
      i. Difficult Conversations
   e. Board of Trustees: March 6-7
      i. State of the College Report: information packet about what we do; gather information and put it together to be mailed out to them
      ii. Going to be a breakfast meeting from 7:30-8:30am; Location TBD
   f. Time Management Workshop—meeting time
      i. Gail has agreed
      ii. Must have a longer cabinet meeting

6. Co-Curricular Diversity Initiatives
   a. Include age diversity under multicultural diversity umbrella
   b. Ranked either high or low
      i. Increase budget for multicultural training (High)
      ii. More pre-orientation options for anti-oppression work (High)
      iii. Mandatory house meetings (re: diversity in houses) at beginning of every year (High)
      iv. Diversity film series (High)
      v. Offer opportunities to learn about Smith’s history of conflict (Dean of Students) (High)
      vi. Intergroup dialogues (High)
   c. Need more PR for these initiatives
   d. Should give issues the time that they deserve (i.e: Otelia Cromwell Day)

7. Rally Day
   a. Carnival Duties & Sign up!
   b. Ice cream Duties & Sign up!

8. SGA Visibility
   a. SGA Radio Show
   b. Sophian Article—Erin
   c. SmithRant/Suggestion Box
9. **SGA Open House Planning—March 3\textsuperscript{rd}**
   a. Carroll Room
   b. Tables set up around the perimeter for each committee
   c. Info boards/sheets on each committee at the tables
   d. Dessert from 7-8:30pm
   e. Round tables in the center for people to sit
   f. Mailbox stuffers
   g. Channa and Nora are working on decorations

10. **Upcoming Events**
    a. Senate Pub Night! Friday 2/15, Campus Center Pub, 9pm
    b. Smith History Tea, Monday 2/18, Neilson Browsing Room, 7pm
    c. Getting Real About Race: White Privilege, Monday 2/18, CC003 7:30pm
    d. David Pilgrim: Contemporary Images of Separation, Tuesday 2/19, Neilson Browsing Room, 4pm
    e. Rally Day Carnival, Tuesday 2/19, Campus Center, 9pm
    f. Rally Day Convocation, Wednesday 2/20, Sweeney Concert Hall

11. **Rumor Mill / Sentiment on Campus / Open Discussion**

12. **Adjournment**
    a. Motion to adjourn at 9:06pm

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**2/15-2/21**

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