SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2013
Campus Center, Room 204
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Present: Catherine Aguilar, Dahna Black, Kenzi Green, Molly Lonigan, Mac Hamilton, Elizabeth Thompson, Jana Burke, Gloria Lee, Meghna Purkayastha, Liz Rich

Tardy: Ana Chkhikvadze

Regrets: Greta Stacy, Sabrina Camboulives, Taylore Shaw, Kristen Miao, Sarah Hussain

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

I. Minutes
   a. Ana Chkhikvadze moves to pass the minutes
      i. Jana Burke seconds the motion
      ii. 8-0-2

II. Committee and Initiative Updates
   a. Mac Hamilton, Diversity Committee
      i. Changed Diversity Committee Retreat to this Saturday because of the blizzard
      ii. Finishing letter to President-Elect McCartney
      iii. Finishing final proposal for next year’s fall Diversity Committee training

   b. Elizabeth Thompson, House Presidents Association
      i. Planned Spirit Week: NEXT WEEK-- houses with most participation will be awarded with about $200 in their social dues account
         a. Monday Feb 18: Smith Spirit Day (Wear Smith apparel)
         b. Tuesday Feb 19: Twin Day (Dress like a friend)
         c. Wednesday Feb 20: House Spirit Day (Wear House apparel)
         d. HPs will be tabling in the lower level of the CC between 12pm and 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to record participation and give our participants free goodies
      ii. Planned The Hunt: Tuesday March 26 - Saturday March 30, more information to come as we get more of our advertisements rolling
      iii. Meeting with Rae-Anne to discuss Convocation next week 2/19

   c. Gloria Lee, 2015 Class President
      i. Free hot chocolate for sophomore class on Monday, March 4th, at 12-1:30 PM on the table directly in front of the cafe.
ii. Planning Ring Ceremony
iii. Starting to plan ice cream social with all classes before the end of classes.

d. Taylore Shaw, 2014 Class President
   i. Planning February retreat/activity for new cabinet members on 3/3/13 at 12:30-2 PM
      a. Planning Team building with OSE (Strengths Quest); will decide date after new
         cabinet members are elected
   ii. Postcard Making tabeling event; March 12
   iii. Upcoming event: “Next Steps: Interviewing and What Not To Wear” February 20 at
         12:15-1 PM in the Campus Center 103/104

e. Greta Stacy, Elections and Appointments
   i. Greta Stacy will be off campus February 14-17. This is the transition into campaigning.
      If anyone has any questions/concerns they can reach her by email (gstacy@smith.edu) or text
      (651-470-0920). If you can’t reach Greta, feel free to contact her Vice Chair Christa Chiao
      (cchiao@smith.edu).
   ii. Election Update:
      a. Held mandatory candidate meetings this week
      b. Budgets were due today at noon
      1. We have 2 candidates for 2014 Treasurer, 1 candidate for 2014 VP, 0
         for 2014 Secretary, and 1 for SGA Treasurer
      2. To elect a 2014 Secretary a meeting of the class representatives must
         be called
   iii. Full Election Timeline:
      a. Campaigning will begin February 15 at 12:01 AM
      b. Banners are due Monday at 4 PM
      c. Campaigning will end February 20 at 11:59 PM
      d. Voting will take place February 21 at 8 AM through Feb. 24 at 4 PM
      e. We will announce results the night of the 24th.
      f. Terms will start the 25th.
   iv. Appointment Update:
      a. Will interview 28 people for Curriculum Committee starting next week
      b. Need to appoint someone to the Library Advisory Committee. Hoping to do
         this appointment the week of the February 25th.
   v. Rally Day Update:
      a. Food Order is completed
      b. Contacted Party People and will have a mechanical bull, castle moonbounce,
         and 2 photo booths at the Carnival
      c. Carnival posters, made by Karen Chau (*16), were handed out to the Senate
         and will hang in major academic buildings.
      d. Contacted Archives and waiting for a response.
      e. The Committee will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 9 PM in CC 205. Cabinet
f. Liz Rich, Curriculum Committee Chair
   i. Working on some study abroad related initiatives, including streamlining the petition process and increasing Junior Year Abroad opportunities for Adas
   ii. Meeting next week about faculty/student dialogues with Jessica Bacal, Kevin Shea, and Jennifer Walters to hammer out details; also figuring out how to incorporate a house-based aspect
   iii. Interviews for open position next week
   iv. Collaborations proposals due next Friday, February 22
   v. Considering some bylaw changes

g. Jana Burke, Ada Class Co-President
   i. The Ada Cabinet is concerned about the future of Ada Housing as two options are being phased out.
   ii. Question: Can Adas with children bring their children to the Rally Day Carnival?
       Answer: Yes
   iii. Planning casual cabinet retreat February 22

h. Ana Chkhikvadze, ORC Chair
   i. ORC met yesterday and went over the appealed budgets. They were funded very generously.
   ii. The committee members are already starting to change their mindset about funding, resulting in liberalization of funding policies discussed last week.

i. Meghna Purkayastha 2016 Class President
   i. Met with Rae-Anne to talk about Ski trip. Too expensive, so we may plan a six flags trip at the end of the year.
   ii. Planning a first year discussion about convocation
   iii. Making a rally day banner for the Campus Center
   iv. Class merchandise designs are due tomorrow

j. Catherine Aguilar, SGA Secretary
   i. Attending the OpEd Project at Mount Holyoke, February 15 from 12-5pm
   ii. Finalizing the edits and sending the Seven Sister Council Student Coordinating Board Constitution to be ratified by each Seven Sister School by the spring transition
   iii. Put together the SGA Cabinet Valentine’s Day goody bags

III. Rally Day
   a. Cabinet members must attend the Jamboree

IV. Convocation Discussion
a. Plan for having working group
   i. Reservation in the Carroll Room from 7-9pm for February 25th
b. Brief updates, Q&A sessions
c. Have students work on addressing the challenges (nudity, alcohol, noise level)
d. Planning on getting input from first years regarding their opinions on convocation
e. SGA Cabinet needs to let Rae-Anne know which group discussion they would like to lead

V. Fireside Chat
   a. Ask Tamra if we can get the Red Room due to disability accessibility
   b. Host a fireside chat for President Carol Christ in her honor and so that students can meet her
   c. Proposed month of fireside chat: March (at 7pm, sometime between the 26 – 30th)
      i. Possibly incentivize student attendance by making this event one of the Hunt Events

VI. Vassar Issue
   a. Vassar is being picketed by Westboro Baptist Church from being so open
   b. Make a banner of support for Vassar and have SGA Cabinet and Senate sign it
      i. HPA and Diversity Committee will also make banners of support
      ii. Make a time available for students to come to the SGA Office for students to come in to sign banner of support
   c. Draft a statement of support to Vassar
   d. Ask Vassar if they are willing to have Smithies there when Westboro Baptist Church is planning to picket Vassar

VII. Budget Requests

Adjournment: 9:00 PM