SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2009
7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. in CC 204

Members Present: Megan Gallo, Meg Schmitt, Julia Yang, Dayo Harris, Sabine Jean, Laura Winkler, Rachel Licata, Aliza Leventhal, Marlowe Dieckmann, Sarah Kam, Krystal Cummings
Members Absent: Alexis Warth
Members Late: Samaiya Ewing, Keturah Edwards, Mercedes Davis, Elaine Harris

I. Call to Order 7:00p.m.
II. Minutes
   a. Passed 12-0-3
III. Committee Updates
   a. Curriculum Committee
      i. Faculty meeting
         1. Budget was discussed
         2. Students are expressing concerns about curricular changes
   b. Elections and Appointments
      i. Election sign-ups start next Friday
      ii. No campaigning until April 4th
   c. Secretary
      i. E-newsletter will go out on Monday
   d. President
      i. Budget hearing for students is March 3rd at 4:15p.m.
         1. Come with questions to ask
      ii. You cannot receive Latin Honors if you have an academic policy infraction that lowered your grade by 1/3 or more
      iii. Ada program
   e. Ada Class
      i. Met with President Christ
         1. Admissions Office is reducing amount of Ada scholars coming in
   f. Honor Board
      i. Still hearing cases from last semester
   g. House Presidents Association
      i. House competition
         1. Bulb Show in March
         ii. Saturday, February 28th is Quadigras
            1. 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
         iii. Next week
            1. Game Night for HPA
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      iv. Rec Council is planning a Quad event for Spring Weekend
   h. Diversity Committee
      i. Interviews for documentary
         1. March 1st: from 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.
         2. Gender and Sexuality Resource Center
      ii. Met with Naomi Miller
      iii. Documentary may be shown as a feature for Oteila Cromwell Day next year
   i. Senate
      i. President Christ coming on Tuesday to Senate
      ii. Working on Archives Day
         1. April 3rd on Chapin Lawn
      iii. Public Safety Forum tentatively April 14th
   j. Organization Resources Committee
      i. Received two charter submissions
      ii. Relaxation group was chartered in Senate
   k. Class of 2009
i. Meeting with Senior Ball committee
   1. Senior Ball is April 25th
ii. Making care packages
   1. Trip to Atkins Farm on Sunday
iii. Working on Pub Crawl in April
   1. Wearing t-shirts to Pub Crawl
iv. Working on getting seniors excited about Tammy Baldwin
   1. Table tents in April
l. Class of 2012
   i. Working on stuffing mailboxes for t-shirt pick-up
   ii. Sending email out to buy t-shirt
   iii. First social next week
   iv. Thinking about care packages
m. Class of 2011
   i. 2011 t-shirts are here
      1. Being sold March 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th
   ii. Social event for class
      1. Arts and crafts night
n. Class of 2010
   i. Tea went well but had low turnout
   ii. Working on social event at Packards

IV. Town Hall Meeting
   a. Posters/ Advertising
      i. Start advertising on Monday
      ii. Week long gathering and compiling questions
      iii. First week of March: gathering questions
      iv. Get answers during second week of March
      v. Event: April 2nd during cabinet for an hour and a half in Weinstein

V. Budget Cuts
   a. Financial aid will never get cut for admitted students
   b. Building renovations will continue
   c. Tuition will be raised at a lower percentage
   d. Forum for students on Tuesday

VI. Board of Trustees Lunch
   a. March 6th during lunch
   b. The trustees are curious about HPA and house governance
      i. Explaining the importance of house governance
      ii. How do House Presidents and Head Residents work together
         1. Power dynamic between the two
         2. Set meeting times now put in place
   c. Student priorities with regard to budget cuts
      i. Quotes of student thoughts at forum to encompass as many student thoughts in our presentation
   d. Ask about the top things on their agenda
   e. 15 minutes on house issues, 15 minutes of budget issues, 20 minutes of talking about their priorities, and questions and answers
      i. Or incorporating their priorities into Q & A session
   f. Megan Schmitt, Elaine Harris, and Rachel Licata are working on presentation about house issues
   g. Sabine Jean and Aliza Leventhal will speak about budget forum
   h. Megan Gallo will do transition to Q & A
   i. Emily Taylor and Megan Ambrus (former SGA Presidents) will be in cabinet on the Thursday before

VII. USPIRG/ MASSPIRG Higher Ed Letter
   a. Tabled

VIII. Upcoming Events/ Rumor Mill
   a. Tuesday, March 3rd, Student Forum on Budget
b. Friday, March 6th, lunch with Trustees  
c. Student Activities Fair, April 17th at lunch  
d. Closing reception for Open Campus: Friday April 17th from 2:15p.m. to 3:15p.m.  

IX. Adjournment  9:03 p.m.