SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2012
Campus Center Room 204
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Present: Elis Lee, MacKenzie Hamilton, Jeanju Choi, Eve Hunter, Cait Kirby, Bridget Rhinehart, Catherine Aguilar, Sheila Kim, Augusta Gronquist, Adriana Chalas, Nahee Kwak, Jessica Kaplan, Raquel Paulino, Catherine Leung, Julia Whiting, Pauline Musa, Caitlin Jordan

Tardy: None

Regrets: None

Call to Order: 7:02 PM

I. Minutes
   a. Adriana Chalas moves to approve the minutes
      i. Cait Kirby seconds the motion
      ii. 15-0-2

II. Library Advisory Position
   a. SGA member on the committee
      i. Cait Kirby

III. Board of Trustees Practice
   a. Presidential Search Committee
      i. SGA does not have a preference for gender, occupation, sexual orientation
      ii. SGA wants an individual who can uphold traditions and values
      iii. Build on Smith as a more global institution
           1. Global initiative is a very important initiative
              a. Provide every student with access to education in every part of the world
      iv. Draw attention to Smith as a prestigious liberal arts school
           1. Ability to portray Smith with charisma
           2. Help Smith grow into a progressive institute for the future
      v. Engaged in student life
           1. Someone who is personable and takes interest in student affairs

   b. Gender
      i. Letter to the Editor
         1. A diverse community is essential to Smith
         2. Diversity Committee has been organizing open dialogues with the students to increase dialogue
      ii. Diversity Developments
         1. Training professors on trans* issues
a. Professors should respect all names and pronouns
b. Learn to deal with uncomfortable situations

2. Further development of Resource Center for Sexuality and Gender
   a. Hire a full-time staff member
   b. Continue discussion of diversity and educate the community
   c. Merge RCSG and Women’s Resource Center

c. Relevance of Higher Education
   i. IT initiative
      1. Maintain commitment to educating student leaders domestically and internationally
   ii. Gender employment discrimination
      1. Continued commitment to programs and centers that support women and their education
      2. Smith should maintain proactive commitment to financial aid, female faculty, international curriculum, support the partnership with the Asian Women’s Leadership University Project
   iii. Leadership
      1. Public speaking
         a. Need more courses
         b. Need more feedback about quality of speaking and presentation
      2. Junior Year
         a. SGA supports the international internship abroad option
      3. Continue to support and expand existing offices that support women’s leadership
IV. SGA Awareness Week Update
   a. Chalked on Monday
   b. Table tents were taken out in some dining halls
   c. Tabling
      i. Not many people came to talk
   d. Opinion
      i. Some people are sick of SGA because we are everywhere
      ii. SGA visibility is increasing
V. Presidential Search Presentation
VI. Announcements and Suggestions
   a. Polo Day- Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Adjournment: 9:36 PM