SGA Cabinet  
3 March 2011  
CC 204 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Members Present  Sabine Jean, Ali Zipparo, Mac Hamilton, Raquel Ortega, Raquel Lemire-Da Silva Pinto, Sarah Dunn, Shonty Shroff, Iris González, Angela Zhu, Shama Rahman, Ketura’h Edwards, Mohini Banerjee, Cait Kirby, Elizabeth O’Connor Johnson, Kat Paik

Members Tardy  

Regrets  Grace Burberry-Martin, Janice Estrada

I. Call to order  6:33 PM  
II. Minutes from last week pass; 13-0-1  
III. Friday, March 4  
   a. Board of Trustees Lunch Presentation  
      i. 12:00 PM in the Mary Maples Dunn Conference Room, Pierce Hall  
   b. Five College Student Coordinating Board Meeting at Mount Holyoke College at 4:30 PM, leaving at 4:00 PM from CC  
   c. Ketura’h Edwards and Mac Hamilton will leave for Mount Holyoke Dinner at 5:20 PM from Public Safety Lot  
      i. Dress business casual, wear nametags  
IV. SGA Advocacy Tea with Tapestry Health  
   a. April 5 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
   b. Art exposé in CC 102; women’s health issues then and now  
   c. Tea and lecture in CC 103/104 from Clare Coleman, Smith alum and former president of Planned Parenthood in Mid-Hudson Valley in New York, National Family Planning Reproductive Health Association  
   d. VOX, Peer Sexuality Educators, Smith CAN NOW, Act Now co-sponsoring  
V. Faculty Lounges  
   a. Cait Kirby and Sabine Jean met with Danielle Ramdath  
   b. B level of Neilson is the biggest problem  
      i. Students sleep on the couches, are loud on cell phones, and leave beer cans  
   c. Suggestions on how to stop the problem  
      i. Swipe access  
      ii. Lock after 6:00 PM  
      iii. Have library staff check in  
      iv. Student posted in there to run copies and monitor activities  
         1. Cost to hire  
         2. Would work many hours  
      v. Sign that says “students will be asked to leave”  
      vi. Camera  
VI. Women’s Resource Center
a. Looking at moving it into an accessible space
   i. Jordan kitchen
   ii. House on Elm next to Park
b. Keep the name
c. Either space would have swipe access

VII. Board of Trustees
a. Mohini Banerjee, Introduction
   i. Seven Sisters Conference
      1. Communication to student body
      2. Women’s school issues, trans issues
      3. Seven Sisters Council
   ii. Accomplishments
      1. New and accessible SGA website
      2. Rally Day Carnival
      3. Selling Seven Sisters t-shirts
      4. Rally Day attendance
      5. Giving money to revamp Women’s Resource Center and the Center for Gender and Sexuality
      6. Campaign to support the DREAM Act
   iii. Sustainability
      1. Green Team has been established
      2. RecycleMania
   iv. Disability
      1. Office needs more resources
      2. Accessible buildings
   v. Transparency
      1. SGA held budget forum
      2. Forums on SGA letting students know what we do
b. Mac Hamilton, Ethical Investment
c. Shama Rahman, Cabinet view of Smith in 2030
d. Sabine Jean, Cabinet use of Social Media and Online Resources
e. Open floor for discussion

VIII. Committee Updates
a. 2011 Class President
   i. Senior Ball tickets are being sold and publicized
   ii. Working with Tapestry Health on tea
   iii. Care package letters due Friday for class presidents
b. 2013 Class President
   i. Care package letter
   ii. Reorganized events
   iii. Ordering merchandise and class t-shirts
c. 2012 Class President
   i. T-shirts
   ii. Pie Day
   iii. Volunteer Weekend
   iv. Letter writing campaign
v. Electing Social Chair by Sunday  
v. Transition workshops for sophomores

d. Curriculum Committee Chair  
i. Post-poll on tenure promotion event planning  
ii. Committee on Academic Priorities policy subcommittee  
   1. New concentrations  
   2. Process for faculty members to specify a cap on a class

e. Academic Honor Board Chair  
i. Elected junior member

f. President  
i. Met with President Christ, Dean Mahoney, and Rae-Anne Butera  
ii. Board of Trustees  
iii. SGA Elections Lunch on Tuesday from 12:00 – 1:00 PM in CC 205

g. Vice President  
i. Smith College Creative Writing Club failed  
ii. Academic Honor Board bylaw changes presented  
iii. Quidditch and Student Theatre Committee presented  
iv. Shama Rahman presented

h. Secretary  
i. Board of Trustees  
ii. YouTube channel  
iii. Sophian

i. Diversity Committee Chair  
i. Meeting with President Christ March 7 to talk about Diversity Council  
ii. Working with Social Justice Committee with Residence Life

j. Sustainability Chair  
i. PowerShift Information meeting this week; registration ends Sunday  
ii. Green Team made mobiles today for houses  
iii. RecycleMania ends beginning of April

k. Rae-Anne Butera  
i. 4:00 PM in Neilson Browsing Room The Girl Effect will be screened with tea and a discussion for International Women’s Day  
ii. Student Government Association publicity  
iii. Also Feminist coming out day

l. Ada Class Co-President  
i. Ada Wine and Cheese on March 8

m. 2014 Class President  
i. Five College Social went well  
ii. Bollywood night on March 26

n. Treasurer  
i. No updates at this time
o. Organization Resources Committee Chair
   i. Changing fiscal year to that of Smith College
      1. July 1 to June 30
p. Elections & Appointments Committee Chair
   i. Interviewed for Academic Honor Board
   ii. Moving ORC appointments to April 9
   iii. Election sign ups begin on March 7
   iv. Working on flier

IX. Trustees
   a. Public Safety self-defense course on Smith College campus
   b. Working with Tapestry Health on event in solidarity with Planned Parenthood and women's health issues
   c. Study abroad issues
      i. Lack of choices because of budget cuts
      ii. Issues with funding
      iii. Can't study in an English-speaking country for a full year
      iv. Not able to study abroad if you haven't taken a language
      v. Global Engagement Seminars have gotten great feedback; great option for Adas
d. Dining
   i. What Smith would look like with centralized dining
   ii. Dissatisfaction with current dining system
   iii. Hours of operation
   iv. Donating excess food from dining halls
   v. More economic to have centralized dining
   vi. Meal plan options, use swipe at Campus Center Café
      1. Send survey
e. Housing
   i. Difficulty of living off campus
   ii. Phasing out of houses, particularly Ada housing
      1. These decisions are not made lightly
      2. Equivalent housing for Adas will be wound elsewhere on campus
      3. Square footage of room space per student much higher than other colleges
f. More responsibility to Smith College students
   i. Student-run spaces
   ii. Wellesley has a student coffeehouse
   iii. Rare to fund a completely student-run space
   iv. Office of Student Engagement process
g. Centers
   i. Center for Work and Life is very active
   ii. Global Studies Center is a great space
   iii. CCEEDS connected to Environmental Science and Public Policy major; lack of faculty, but interest is there

X. Announcements
a. Open Campus Activities Fair is April 15 at 12:00 PM in ITT
b. Student Leadership Awards deadline is March 24
c. Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon

XI. Adjournment 9:10 PM