SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., CC 204

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

I. Call to Order 7:01 p.m.

II. Minutes
   a. Passed 13-0-2

III. Committee Updates
   a. Curriculum Committee
      i. Final stages of survey
         1. Making it pertinent to possible new changes
      ii. Working on collaborating with different offices to make student survival guide
   b. Elections and Appointments
      i. Election sign-ups start Friday, March 6th
      ii. No campaigning until April 4th
   c. Secretary
      i. Next e-newsletter blurb will be due Friday, March 27th by midnight
   d. Treasurer
      i. Currently working on revising outlines for different funding requests
         1. Possibly putting limitations on number of students attending one conference
   e. President
      i. Meeting with President Christ
         1. Positive feedback from student budget forum and budget discussion in Senate
         2. President Christ will also have a salary freeze despite rumors
         3. Convocation Committee
            a. Current Class Presidents except for senior class
            b. House Presidents’ Association Chair
            c. House President from the quad and one outside of the quad
      ii. Meeting with Dean Ohotnicky
         1. Amethyst and Beyond Conference
            a. Alcohol and appropriate use of it
               i. Safe consumption
   f. Judicial Board
      i. Starting a search for a new chair
         1. New chair needs to apply for position
   g. Ada Class
      i. Focusing on welcoming new smaller class of Ada Comstock Scholars
         1. The incoming class was reduced to 35 Adas
   h. Honor Board
      i. Did not meet because of snow storm
      ii. Still listening to cases from last semester
   i. Diversity Committee
      i. Completed their second round of filming last Sunday
         1. Thanks Dayo, Megan and Alexis!
      ii. In the process of considering adding a 3rd date for filming.
         1. Will most likely screen the film on Thursday April 23rd in Weinstein (hopefully).
            a. Members will be having an e-board meeting in the CMP today to learn how to import footage onto the computers and begin video manipulation.
j. Senate
   i. Liz Hait, Housing Coordinator, and Leslie Hill, Director of Study Abroad, will be speaking at Senate on Tuesday.
      1. Same time, same place, so come if you'd like!
   ii. President Christ came to speak to Senate.
      1. She talked about the recession and how it is affecting Smith College.
      2. She also chatted to students at the Financial Crisis Forum earlier in the day
      3. A few things that are on her mind for the next five years:
         a. Increasing Smithies' international experiences and global education (whether that is JYA or working for an NGO)
         b. Environmental Center for Sustainability
         c. Community Based learning to further enhance leadership among the Smith student
         d. Giving credit for summer internships, research, Praxis, etc.
         e. More summer classes at Smith
         f. Degree additional that would add value to a Smithie's diploma (e.g. work in the Archives, business courses, etc.)
   iii. Heard three charters on Tuesday
      1. Should you have any questions, please notify your senator or email the following representatives of the charters:
         a. Photography Club: Sky Lawton (slawton@smith.edu)
         b. Technology and Education Connecting Cultures (xli@smith.edu)
         c. Debate Society (tkuratomi@smith.edu)
      2. We will be voting on the charters next week at Senate.
         a. If you have any concerns about any of these charters, tell your senator so that she can report them.
   iv. Give your soda can tabs to your senator!
      1. These will benefit the Ronald McDonald Fund.
   v. Smith Day will be held during Spring Weekend this year!
      1. Your HP and senators will be distributing discount tickets for restaurants and stores downtown in the near future so look out for them.
      2. Be sure to participate in this event
         a. Lots of discounted and free goodies downtown!
         b. Smith Day helps to strengthen the already fantastic relations between Smith College and the city of Northampton
   vi. Senate will be hosting a Public Safety Forum with officers and President Christ as panelists.
      1. This will be held during Senate on Tuesday, April 14th at 7p.m.
         a. More details to follow
   vii. Archives Awareness Day is planned for Thursday, April 2nd on Chapin Lawn.
   viii. Other Announcements:
      1. MassPIRG Hunger Cleanup is still looking for volunteers (www.hungercleanup.org)
         a. Contact Dylan McCoy at dmccoy@smith.edu for more information
            i. Humans vs. Zombies Information Sessions:
               1. Tuesday, March 10th at 12:15 p.m. in Campus Center 205 and Wednesday, March 11th at 12:15 p.m. in Campus Center 103/104.
               2. Humans vs. Zombies is a campus wide game of tag lasting from March 25 to 31.
               3. All players begin as humans except for one “Original Zombie.” The Original Zombie tags humans and turns them into zombies. Zombies must tag a human every 24 hours or starve to death.
4. $5, proceeds go to Girls, Inc.
5. Organized by Lamont House. Email smithHvZ@gmail.com with questions.

Smith Serenes Relaxation Group Meeting in Bodman Lounge on Thursday, March 5th at 7:30p.m.

If you know a first generation Latina student on campus, please contact ptineo@smith.edu with her contact information

Recycling News:

- Recycle Mania is going on and in its sixth week.
  1. This is a national recycling competition among
     colleges and universities
  2. Inter-house competition during the month of March.
  3. Houses are judged on how well they recycle (i.e. they
     don't recycle the grab and go containers because they
     are NOT recyclable) and how often they do so.
  4. Remember that paperboard (granola boxes, tampon
     boxes) and any plastic container whose neck is bigger
     than its body (think the CC cafe plastic fountain drink
     containers) is not recyclable
  5. Wednesday March 4th at 7:15p.m. in
     CC003: Recyclable Jewelry Making - FREE!
  6. Senators should encourage their HPs to set up a
     Recycling Information Tea with their earth reps

Submit a nomination for the Outstanding Student Leader Award
(www.smith.edu/campuscenter/leadership/awards.php)

- House Presidents’ Association
  1. The second house competition is this weekend
     1. Bulb Show in greenhouse
     2. First 200 students get free plant
     3. Don't forget to sign-in for house
  2. Quadstock will be April 19th

Organization Resources Committee

- Reviewing charters
- First webpage completed
  1. Waiting on approval from Ashavon

Class of 2009

- Met with senior campaign coordinator
  1. Looking for ways to inspire seniors to give class gifts
     a. Fun activities make it more enjoyable to give back to Smith
     b. Discussing awards for giving back

Class of 2012

- First class social event (Chocolate Party) was a success
  1. A lot of first years showed up and they ran out of food

Class of 2011

- Class t-shirts were sold this week
  1. Class social event will be March 26th from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.
  2. Arts and Crafts night

Class of 2010

- Picking up “Junior Year at Smith” t-shirts
- Has new social chair

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Final Trustee Meeting Run Through

- HP and house governance (Meg, Elaine, and Rachel) – 15 minutes
- Student priorities with regard to budget cuts (Aliza and Sabine) – 15mins
- Q and A: what are your priorities, Transition (Megan) – 20 minutes

SGA Elections and Cabinet’s role

- Be aware of role and power in present position in supporting other candidates
b. **New election rules**
   i. No paper campaigning
   ii. Up the amount of face-to-face campaigning
   iii. Campaigning starts Saturday, April 4th
   iv. Be upfront and open about rules
      1. Email Laura Winkler or Megan Gallo with questions
   v. Laura Winkler has to be invited to all Facebook groups

c. **We represent SGA in our current positions while running for new positions**

VI. **Town Hall Meeting Update**
a. Put flyers up in places that the flyer cannot be taken down

VII. **Student Forum on the Budget**
a. No housing crunch if the college cuts back on study-abroad
   i. Everyone is drawing for rooms unless confirmed to go abroad
b. Admission applications at all time high
   i. Smith becoming more selective, not accepting more students

VIII. **Next Sophian Idea**
a. SGA President candidates
   i. Paper campaigning is no longer allowed
   ii. This is just an article about candidates
      1. Neutral article
   iii. Sophian does not endorse any candidate

IX. **Input on Director of Institutional Diversity and Equality**
a. Naomi Miller is completing her term at the end of the year
b. Wednesday, March 25th at 10:00a.m.
   i. More people can attend at this time on this date

c. Wednesday, March 25th at 3:30p.m.
d. Friday, April 3rd at 10:00a.m.
e. Friday, April 3rd at 3:00p.m.

X. **Rae-Anne**
a. **Turnover**
   i. Encourage us to compile things to give to next person
   ii. If you are unable to give it to them, Rae-Anne will keep it for next semester
   iii. Write concerns/ history down for next year’s cabinet
   iv. Secretary being historian also

b. **Leadership Conference**
   i. Boston, April 4th to the 7th
   ii. SGA has sent people in the past to this Leadership Conference
   iii. Spring Weekend is also this weekend

c. **History**
   i. Election Extravaganza used to be a festive event
      1. A capella groups singing
      2. Food
      3. Activities
      4. Slogan for each election
      5. Elections and Appointments Committee can apply to Sawyer Fund
   ii. Passover is during voting time this year

d. Dinner at 6:00p.m. on Sunday

XI. **USPIRG/ MASSPIRG Higher Ed Letter**

XII. **Trustee Guests**

XIII. **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.

XIV. **Adjournment**
9:03p.m.