SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2013
Campus Center, Room 204
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Present: Catherine Aguilar, Dahna Black, Elis Lee, Molly Lonigan, Mac Hamilton, Greta Stacy, Jana Burke, Sarah Hussain, Taylore Shaw, Gloria Lee, Meghna Purkayastha

Tardy: Liz Rich, Ana Chkhikvadze

Regrets: Sabrina Camboulives, Elizabeth Thompson, Kristen Miao, Kenzi Green

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

I. David Gregory
   a. Vice President of information technology at Smith; contact dgregory@smith.edu
   b. Sharon deals with cable TV, one cards, etc.
   c. Trying to look at the patterns of technology usage
      i. Issue: remove cable TV in individual rooms or increase bandwidth
      ii. General consensus: Smith should invest in an increase in bandwidth since about 90% of students watch TV online anyways
   d. House living rooms and the gym will still have cable TV
   e. Process: meeting with the HPA and people involved in Res. Life and will then make the final decision
      f. Cell phone coverage is another technology issue at Smith
         i. Will sign a coverage document with AT&T, Verizon
         ii. T-mobile already has good coverage on campus
         iii. Doesn’t mean there will be better coverage in residence halls
            1. Wooden frame houses will get best reception; brick houses will have a harder time in getting food reception
   g. Still determining where the cell site will be put on campus

II. Smith Social Network Banner
   a. Decide if SGA and OSE should have their seals on the Smith Social Network
   b. Cabinet prefers to have SGA and OSE seals on the banner; if this is not possible, cabinet strongly suggests to have both organization names spelled out completely for consistency
      c. Suggestions: consider a different font, fewer photos, bolder font, rotating pictures so more pictures can be shown, have the background as navy blue so that it’s consistent with the Smith official website

III. Minutes
a. Ana Chkhikvadze moves to pass the minutes
  i. Molly Lonigan seconds the motion
  ii. 9-0-3

IV. Committee and Initiative Updates
a. Mac Hamilton, Diversity Committee Chair
  i. Attended Diversity Planning Meeting with Dean Mahoney and others; presented on Diversity Committee’s tasks for the semester
  ii. All working groups are meeting this week to set plans for the semester
      a. Attended Social Justice Training and Microaggressions working group meetings

b. Laurie Peraza, Diversity Committee secretary, met with Support Systems and House Cohesion working groups
  c. Student Demands, Organization Support, and Event Planning working groups will meet this weekend
  iii. Working on Diversity Committee Fall Training proposal with Social Justice Training working group; will finish by spring break, as budget deliberations for next year are happening after spring break
  iv. Working with Liz Thompson on Social Justice and You newsletter on Affirmative Action

b. Liz Rich, Curriculum Committee Chair
  i. Met with Maida Goodwin and Joyce Follett in the Sophia Smith Collection to discuss how I’m going to incorporate details about the Activist in Residence Program into my presentation at the trustees meeting
  ii. Attended the Diversity Planning Meeting, gave an update on the Curriculum Committee’s social justice curricular initiatives
  iii. Continued to work with the Curriculum Committee and others on strategy for completing the social justice course inventory
  iv. Met with Provost Schuster and Bill Peterson (Committee on Academic Priorities member and Psychology professor) about the criteria for the social justice course inventory
  v. Continuing to plan faculty/student conversations about social justice in the classroom, the big event for all will be on March 27 in the Carroll Room from 12-1; discussions will also take place in the houses; working on something specifically for the Ada class
  vi. Briefed two new SCC members on the committee’s work so far this year
  vii. Met with undocumented students’ group to see how the Curriculum Committee and SGA can help them with their goals

c. Greta Stacy, Elections and Appointments Chair
  i. Concluded Senate workshops on Tuesday
  ii. Holding meeting on March 13th the elect 2014 Secretary
a. Has sent personalized invitations to all class representatives on the list given to her by Taylore Shaw, however, the list is outdated; needs help from Liz Thompson/HPA to make an accurate list
iii. Spring election cycle begins after spring break
iv. Appointed Emma Kenyon to the Library Advisory Committee; Elizabeth Frost will observe the Committee this semester and serve as the student representative for the 2013-2014 year
d. Taylore Shaw, Class of 2014 President
i. Organized team building exercise for cabinet
ii. Tabling next week on March 12 and holding elections on March 13
e. Meghna Purkayastha, Class of 2016 President
i. Henna Night is tomorrow in the Davis Ballroom 7-9pm. Open to everyone. Bring your friends!
ii. Class Merchandise survey was sent out to the First Year Representatives

V. Discussion

VI. Board of Trustees Practice Run Through

VII. Diversity Committee Letter
a. Will discuss at 3-14-13 meeting

VIII. Oberlin
a. Will discuss at 3-14-13 meeting

IX. Budget Requests
a. Email Elis Lee with your vote to pass or fail the budget request

Adjournment: 9:30 PM