SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2012  
Campus Center Room 204  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  

Present: Elis Lee, Jeanju Choi, Eve Hunter, Catherine Aguilar, Sheila Kim, Nahee Kwak, Raquel Paulino, Catherine Leung, Julia Whiting, Caitlin Jordan, MacKenzie Hamilton  

Tardy: Adriana Chalas, Cait Kirby, Pauline Musa, Jessica Kaplan  

Regrets: Bridget Rhinehart, Augusta Gronquist  

Call to Order: 7:04 PM  

I. Pamela Nolan Young and Laura Rauscher  
   A. Reviewing disability services at the college  
      i. Looking to enhance programs  
   B. Submitted proposed budgets for the office  
      i. Pending  
   C. 370 students registered with the Disabilities Office  
      i. 14% of the Smith student body  
      ii. Not all students who identify as disabled are registered  
   D. Interest in Disability Studies as a field of academic study  
      i. Led to a lot of discussion about the curriculum  
      ii. Expand awareness and commitment about disabilities and the way disabilities are constructed, understanding that it affects everyone  
   E. Student Lecture  
      i. Annual student research lecture  
      ii. April 2012  
   F. Lives Worth Living Film  
      i. Addresses disabilities rights movement  
      ii. Disability as a social justice concern  
      iii. April 2012  
   G. Renovations  
      i. Main deficit is in housing situations  
      ii. All classrooms are accessible if elevators are functioning  
      iii. Will be renovating all buildings with elevator accessibility  
      iv. Will make first floor of Seelye accessible for students with disabilities  
      v. Make sure all asphalt is safe to walk on especially during certain seasons  
      vi. Make sure students are not excluded in programs  
      vii. Renovations to second floor of Dewey so faculty offices will be accessible to students
H. Challenges
   i. Majority of registered students have learning disabilities and other hidden disabilities
      a. Acceptance and recognition that it is real and to be respectful
      b. People need the right materials to participate and excel in classrooms

I. Accommodations
   i. Self-identification
      a. Point people to the office to allow students to self-identify
   ii. Match accommodations that will allow equal access to curricula
   iii. Services
      a. Additional time on examinations
         1. Because of difficulty reading, focusing, writing, etc.
      b. Separate locations for exams
      c. Note-takers
      d. Help get books and materials in alternative formats
      e. Digital resources
      f. Laboratories on campus that are equipped with voice recognition software
      g. Help connect with other resources such as Jacobson Center, counseling
      h. Van service
         1. 7:30 AM-6:45 PM
         2. Only on weekdays
         3. Unavailable during poor weather

J. Resources
   i. Website
   ii. Office
      a. Laura Rauscher Open Hours
         1. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30 PM
II. Minutes
   A. Cait Kirby moves to approve the minutes
      i. Nahee Kwak seconds the motion
      ii. 14-0-2
   III. Committee Updates
   A. Sheila Kim
      i. Now has a full Cabinet
      ii. Class Representatives meeting held
          a. Clarity of funding at Smith is an issue
          b. Liked the columns in the Sophian about the SGA
      iii. Making Cabinet come up with their own event and initiate it
   B. MacKenzie Hamilton
      i. Conversations Not Being Had Class: Monday, March 26, 2012, 6:30 PM, Neilson Browsing Room
      ii. Diversity Representatives went to diversity summit at University of Rhode Island
      iii. Diversity Representative training in the fall, Diversity Representative elections in the spring
      iv. Intergenerational Dialogue about Letter to the Editor- Monday, 12, 2012 7:00 PM
          a. Student activism throughout time at Smith
      v. MISC Symposium, April 14, 2012
      vi. Working on RCSG survey with Annie Cohen
   C. Julia Whiting
      i. Debut compost fairies in major dining halls
      ii. Earth Week planning going well
   D. Caitlin Jordan
      i. Ada Wine and Cheese
          a. Much better than last spring
          b. Talked to professors about Ada Monologues
   E. Rae-Ann Butera
      i. Barnard announces Obama as Commencement speake
          a. Columbia responds with inflammatory remarks
          b. Seven Sister support for the Barnard community re: Columbia response
   F. Cait Kirby
      i. Senior Ball Theme- Prohibition
      ii. Care Packages
          a. Good results from the survey about previous care packages
      iii. Library Advisory Board Committee
          a. Like them on Facebook
iv. Center for Work and Life
   a. Will be sending things to the SGA to post on Tumblr

G. Jessica Kaplan
   i. Vice Chair- Yasmin Evans

H. Nahee Kwak
   i. Planning new Cabinet events
   ii. Planning Ring Ceremony

I. Catherine Leung
   i. Sign up for elections began
   ii. Over 20 people signed up
   iii. Talked to Caitlin about Ada positions

J. Adriana Chalas
   i. Get information out about Honor Board
      a. House teas
      b. Open forum

K. Pauline Musa
   i. CEEDS and Earth Week
      a. Will get house representatives to get involved
         i. Coke on Campus
         a. Do not know whether to support Coke bidding
      iii. Emerson House party- Friday, March 9, 2012
   iv. Four teas left in the semester

L. Catherine Aguilar
   i. Smithies’ Night Out
      a. Raffling LimeRed Teahouse gift certificates
         1. Funds go to Class of 2015
      b. Only first 30 students get a manicure
      c. Food
         1. Oreos and Milanos
         2. Not Campus Center food
   ii. Class trip to Boston- April 7, 2012
IV. Individual Project Updates

A. Invisible Children
   i. Reconsidering showing film
      a. Many problems within the video
      b. Possibility of having a panel of experts rather than Invisible Children organization representatives

B. Anti-Bullying campaign
   i. Met with people and will start planning after Spring Break

C. Book Drive
   i. April 8-14, 2012
   ii. Looking for college textbooks and donate them to different charities
   iii. Dollar per book

V. Legislation and Bills

A. Have Senate work through channels to propose, create, and legislate bills

B. Go from Senate to SGA to Administration

VI. Fact Sheets

A. Administrators Goals
   i. Trouble getting in contact with the administrators

B. Endowment
   i. Help planning the forum - March 26, 2012

VII. Announcements and Suggestions

A. Polo Day - Monday, March 12, 2012

Adjournment: 9:29 PM