Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 12th, 2015
6:30pm to 6:58pm

Present: Greta Stacy, Vy Nguyen, Aisha Amin, Laura Lubben, Samantha Page

Tardy:

Regrets: Jenny Jiang

Call to Order 6:37pm
Funding Requests 6:31pm

1. Student 1 requesting $14,202 for Organization 1’s event, can come from Sawyer Fund.
   a. Assuming they will come back and ask for more for speaker fund
   b. Sam moves to fund Student 1, Greta seconds, motion passes 4,0,0.

2. Student 2 requesting $959.99 for Organization 2 from Sawyer Fund
   a. Funded by ORC already

3. Student 3 requesting money for Organization 3, asking for $98
   a. All three students who are part of this org are asking for $98, and this is all for transportation fees.
   b. Greta moves to fund all three students $98, Sam seconds, Motion passes 4,0,1.

4. Student 4 is requesting $889 for Women’s Conference from Conference Fund
   a. Only going to fund her the $299 registration fee
   b. Greta moves to fund Student 4 $299, Sam seconds, motion passes 4,0,1.

5. Student 5 (a tabled request)
   a. Now asking for $546 after receiving funding from Dean of College
   b. Subtract overage from hotel, final price is $478
   c. Vy moves to pass student 5 $478, greta seconds, motion passes 4,0,0.

6. Student 6 requesting $372 from conference fund
a. We have to table this request, hasn't specified what $100 for travel is for.

Adjournment 7:03pm

SGA Cabinet Minutes

Thursday, March 12th, 2015
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Present: Greta Stacy (chair), Vy Nguyen, Aisha Amin, Laura Lubben, Julia Collins, Marianna Januario, Andrea Lahlum, Samantha Page, Avery Lussier, Molly Grover, Lindsay Roth

Tardy: Colgan Powell, Nancy Chen

Regrets: Charlye Barfield, Milanes Morejon, Yoo Eun Kim (excused), Jenny Jiang (excused)

Call to Order 7:00pm

Approve Minutes 7:01pm
- Greta moves to approve the minutes, Colgan seconds, motion passes 11,0,0.

Committee Updates and Notes

Gluten Free/Smith Celiacs Meeting:
- Thinking of opening up Dawes, but Smith will not stock it, problem of grocery shopping as well as handicap access.
- As members of SGA, there is an ally page, we can sign the petition, Kathy has been more helpful.
- Chase/Duckett has cross contamination - still a prevalent problem
- Current committee is in talks with Mike Howard

Greta Stacy
-- This week I met with Mr. Hamilton and talked about the balance between students looking to administration for leadership and administration looking to students for cues, the theater department, and Celiacs at Smith. I am going to follow up with him after spring break about the theater department.
-- I met with Provost Rowe and we talked about the theater department, the discourse working group, faculty hires, and the library planning committee. She agrees that the theater issue is one that Mr. Hamilton can assist with and asked to be kept in the loop. The discourse working group is having an event about speech on March 30th. There have been several diverse faculty hires made this spring -- we’re working on a way to get this news out to students. The library planning committee is going to hold a town hall style meeting in April (hopefully after the architect is announced) to answer questions.

-- I went with the Smith Celiacs to meet with Kathy today. She seems to think that this issue is one Smith can resolve.

**Colgan Powell**
The committee’s dinner this past Tuesday was successful, a few new members came who wanted to learn more about the Real Food Challenge (RFC). The committee will co-host a screening of *Food Chains: A Revolution in America’s Fields* on Thursday, March 26th. Still planning events to contribute for Earth Week.

**Yoo Eun Kim**
The Class Cabinet had a break this week, but will meet again following Spring Break. Junior Class is planning a Milk and Cookies event, a joint Sophomore/Junior Class event, and S’mores Junior Class gathering for the upcoming months.

**Vy Nguyen**
Senate met on Tuesday night. Because we did not reach quorum, we could not vote on the MENA charter nor the Marine Sciences charter. They will be voted on, along with the Film Production Club charter and SEC charter changes, after the break. Many senators emailed me the day of Senate saying they were sick or were busy with midterms, which was why we did not reach quorum. Chief Diversity Officer Dwight Hamilton also came in to speak with senators and answered any questions they had. Andrea also came in to present information on Judicial Board. During open forum, the EnA committee presented their bylaw changes, and the Dis/ability committee presented ideas to raise awareness and seek changes for celiac students at Smith. The ITS committee also presented their updates, and telephones will be removed from all rooms starting next year (although if a student wishes to have a phone in their room, they can request one with no charge). The ITS committee is also working on getting subsidized printing.

**Laura Lubben**
The ORC/New Finance Committee bylaws will be finished over break to hopefully be presented to senate the week after break.

**Nancy Chen**
SJÉ met on Sunday and we talked about doing an “Ideal Smithie” campaign. Pending more information. There’s also going to be a social media activism event and sizeism
conversations after Spring Break. We discussed the collaboration for Autism Acceptance Month with HPA and ODS and DA.

Julia Collins
Curriculum Committee talked about a proposal for a pilot project to use students as consultants to faculty about their courses and teaching style that came out of a teaching arts luncheon at the end of February. Related to that we talked about developing a collaborative relationship with the Shered Center by selecting a committee liaison to meet regularly with representatives from the Shered center acting as a resource for them to connect and engage with students and having a link to faculty for our committee to bounce ideas off of and gain support. We also briefly discussed some concentration proposals that had been submitted to the committee a few years prior which were hoping to follow up on and put in the CMP call for proposals.

Samantha Page
Class of 2017 is rescheduling its talent show. We are also going to table to sell and deliver avocados as a fundraiser. Tabling will be on 4/10 and 4/13.

Lindsay Roth
HPA met on Tuesday. We heard from some Smith Alumnae who are going to be filming a movie this summer in Massachusetts called Life Abstract. It’s a film about a young lesbian who uses art therapy to help help from childhood abuse. There is a benefit concert to support the movie April 18th in Worcester, MA. If you would like to volunteer for the benefit concert or be involved in shooting contact: Dawn, ’09 director: dawna@kadafilms.com or Emma Thomas, ’10, Producer: emma_thomas@wgbh.org. Next meeting is on March 24th and Dwight Hamilton is coming to talk to the HPs.

Milanes Morejon
-Class of 2015 Cabinet has agreed on a senior ball theme and designed the ticket for it. Ticket sales will start the week after break. We will be working on entertainment, food, drinks and decorations over break and the last week of March to get everything in order. We’ve also reached to the class for senior week ideas and they all seem great.
- The conversation with Janet Mock is also coming along well. Professor Quashie will be moderating it and it will be taking place on Monday, April 6 at 7:00pm in JMG. John Eue, Senior Director of Publications and Communications and made a beautiful flyer that will be distributed all over campus. We are planning to send out an all-campus email tomorrow. We are also planning on spreading the word to the other five colleges and local organizations. We will be having a reception/dinner at the Conference Center prior to the event at 5:00pm. We are working on these logistics at the moment. The Dean’s Office funded $1000 but some Smith alums of color have also donated money to the reception/event and this was very exciting (although they did not have to because we would have tapped into other campus funding sources). It made me feel happy to see that there are alums who are also supporting this event!
- We will also have a food event after the screening of Annie on March 27th at 10:00pm at Davis Ballroom. Class merchandise will be sold at a discounted price and we will be getting Dominos pizza and snacks and drinks from Costco.

**Molly Grover**
A group of Adas met yesterday to work on a proposal for the long-term plan. We’re going to submit two, one about a support person for both Adas are transfers and the other about more equal housing policies, especially regarding summer and breaks, for the different Ada houses. Work continues of Ada Monologues and the 40th Anniversary poster contest. We may hold “Meet the Candidates” event after break for the Adas who are running for President.

**Marianna Januario**
Registration ends tomorrow. All committee and cabinet positions have been filled except possibly SJE. '18 has almost filled their senate spots but ’17 and ’16 have hardly anyone. We have added to the bylaws and are waiting for that to be passed by Senate in two weeks.

**Andrea Lahlum**
JB Applications are due tomorrow, March 13 by 4 PM at Clark Hall. Code of Conduct Review team met up. We discussed conduct that threatens or endangers, conduct that is offensive, alcohol policy, etc. We are going to go over our discussions at the next meeting.

**Avery**
This week the 2018 cabinet did more planning for our event "Cookies and Collaging" which is taking place Monday, March 30th from 6:30-8:00pm in CC 103/104.
A question about the event...is there somewhere we can borrow scissors and glue from? I could not find any in the cabinet room.
Also, the VP of 2018 cabinet, Katharine Jessiam-Ketcham is a leader of the celiacs of Smith. I was hoping cabinet may find a way to help them out, whether that is to somehow support them or help them send out information to the school. I am not sure if anyone has been following the posts on Facebook or have signed the petition, but I would be more than happy to answer any questions. Members of the group and I are meeting with President McCartney tomorrow at 4pm, so I may have more news at cabinet.

**Issues with Student Academic Advisors:**
- Many of them aren’t aware of their duties
- Role is to be a resource for the house and for the first years
- SAA program needs revamping, you still elect through houses, once they are chosen, an application must be filled out, and then they SAAs are picked.
- If you are elected in the house, you may not get the actual position unless you
- The position is important, strengthens community in the house
- Perhaps approving SAA's before the house votes for them? Through some kind of application process?

**Ada Funding Request**

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7:31pm
Looking at Ada Lounge - pared down requests to bare minimum, focused on biggest needs
- Only 1 computer in space - very well used, set up free printing this year
- Interest in mac in space
- Julia: move computers from King basement to Ada lounge - Molly looked into relocating printers and didn’t seem like it would happen, did get flatscreen from OSE
- Some furniture, mount, shades, kettle, total of $3090.88
- Funds would come out of the reserve - giant secret fund, can only be used for specific things.
- Laura moves to fund Ada Class $3090.88 for lounge updates, Sam seconds, motion passes 12,0,0.

BOT Meetings Debrief
- Meeting on Thursday was really successful, should be expanding this in the future however Q&A didn’t show up.
- Finance resolution has been given to Kathy and will be reviewed by a sub-committee
- Good conversation for Board Members and new Chief Diversity Officer to be a part of.

Budget Discussion

1. End of the year is approaching, 4 more cabinet meetings and then the turnover meeting.
2. Plan is to go through accounts, see where there is excess money, assess this and redistribute.
3. Everyone should know how much money is in their account

5 College Announcement:
- Requesting $1000, more than the original $500 we give every year to the coordinating board.
- Smith will approve only if after creating funding policies, the $1,000 is still needed.

Adjournment