SGA Cabinet Agenda

Thursday, March 26th, 2015
7:00pm to 7:45pm

Present: Greta Stacy, Vy Nguyen, Jenny Jiang, Marianna Januario, Lindsay Roth, Colgan Powell, Molly Grover, Julia Collins, Andrea Lahlum, Yoo Eun Kim, Samantha Page, Aisha Amin, Laura Lubben

Tardy: Milanes Morejon

Regrets: Charlye Barfield, Nancy Chen, Avery Lussier

Call to Order 7:00pm

Approve Minutes 7:01pm
Julia moves to pass minutes, Lindsay seconds, motion passes 12,0,0.

Committee Updates 7:03pm

Greta Stacy
-- Lindsay and I are meeting with Dean Stangl to talk about the SAA elections next week.
-- I am working to set up a time to meet with Dwight Hamilton and some theater students.
-- SGA will be tabling at the Org. Fair on April 17th from 2:45-3:30pm in the ITT
-- Say What?!? event is on Monday from 4:30-7:30pm in Weinstein. This event is required.
-- The Web Development Focus Group is on Monday at 12pm in Garrison Hall. This event is highly recommended. Lunch will be served.
-- Mona reached out to me after reading the Sophian article about the open meeting with the Board of Trustees. She is concerned that some trustees were quoted without their permission and has asked me to tell the Sophian to print a statement apologizing for this and saying they will not do it again. I’m unsure of how to proceed. I don’t think that I should tell the Sophian what they can and cannot print, and I don’t think there is any reason why they should not be able to quote Trustees. I may suggest to Mona that she write a letter to the editor.
Individual trustees cannot be quoted without their permission, however, why do they feel as though they can’t be quoted? (Off the record/on the record).
-Wasn’t a breach of confidentiality
-We don’t control orgs or the Sophian, if they were misquoted its a separate issue, perhaps another option is a letter to the editor.
-Maybe what they want is to be told if press is at the meeting they are at.
-Issue of free speech, free press?
-Mona should reach out to the Sophian

Lindsay Roth
-- Dwight Hamilton came to HPA Tuesday night. We had good conversation with him and what he hopes to accomplish while at Smith.
-- We are looking to have a movie screening in continuation with the No More Tabling campaign we did the week before spring break.
-- We are also still looking at the HPA mission and working on making the transition meeting useful to all rising HPs.
-- We had an email thread going about Autism Acceptance programming, but it seems to be a little difficult getting everyone’s ideas together and how to proceed.

Yoo Eun Kim
The Junior Class Cabinet is hosting numerous events for the upcoming weeks: 1) April Fool’s Day Milk & Cookies Event at Neilson Browsing Room from 8:00 - 9:30 PM; 2) Junior-Senior Class Study Abroad Event on 4/9 at the Neilson Browsing Room from 4:30 - 5:30 PM; 3) S’Mores Event in late April on Saturday from 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Samantha Page
-- Talent Showcase will be on 4/3 7-9 PM @ TV Lounge
-- Junior-Sophomore Class Study Abroad event 4/9 in Neilson Browsing Room 4:30-5:30
-- Avocado Sales @ CC Main Level 4/10 + 4/13 from 12-1 PM

Colgan Powell
-- The committee is screening Food Chains: A Revolution in America’s Fields next Tuesday, March 31st in Seelye 107 from 7-9 in support of National Food Awareness Week.
-- Earth Week is happening in April from the 19th-26th.

Marianna Januario
-- Budgets and Banner are due today and we will be hanging the banners and starting campaigning on Saturday
-- Elections Extravaganza is on Monday 7-9pm in the Carroll Room
-- Appointments will start on the 14th so please get me a schedule of the times you and your successor will have from the 14th to the end of the semester to me as soon as possible so that I can start to get that organized or else you will not be getting any appointees for next semester
Molly Grover
--The Ada Cabinet didn’t meet this week, but the Ada Monologues Committee did and here is the link to the Monologues Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/352503558282977/
Please join if you think you’ll attend. Space is already limited!
--Thanks again for giving us $, we’re starting the process of ordering stuff and it’s exciting!

Nancy Chen
The Social Justice & Equity Committee didn’t meet because it was break, but we’ve been discussing the First Year survey and alternative programming for Autism Acceptance Month.

Vy Nguyen
Senate met on Tuesday and passed the charters for MENA, Marine Sciences, Film Production, and the SEC charter changes. EnA guidelines were also passed. At the meeting, a senator from the Curriculum committee proposed bylaw changes for the Curriculum committee, and bylaws for the Student Life Committee were also presented. During open forum, the Curriculum committee brought to the floor the question of whether the writing intensive requirement was necessary. A majority of the senators believe that it is necessary, but there should be a reevaluation of the professors who teach the writing intensive courses. Senate also voted to give the Dis/ability committee the $90 they need to fund the rest of the poet’s hotel. The issue of lighting on campus was also discussed, and I am planning for Professor Lowenthal from the Astronomy department to come into Senate next week to talk to senators about the lighting issues.

Andrea Lahlum
The vice-chair and I are reviewing applications for new members and for chair/vice-chair for next year. I am meeting with Dean O tomorrow to discuss Student Life Committee, By-Law Changes, Code of Conduct, etc.

Ideas on what to say: Open this up to the broader Smith community

Milanes Morejon
We are having a food event this coming Friday at 10:00pm in the CC TV Lounge. We are also having senior wine & cheese on April 2nd from 8:00pm-9:30pm. We are working on logistics for the Janet Mock event. We will be focusing more on Senior Ball in the next meeting.

Laura Lubben
We are presenting the new finance committee bylaws this tuesday in Senate. Everything else is well.

Julia Collins
Curriculum Committee talked about possible collaboration with SJE to work on updating the social justice course inventory and talked about changes to our committee bylaws.
Bylaw changes: JB chair sitting on student life committee

Jenny Jiang
We will be continuing with the drafting of the Conference Funding guide.

Challenge Course Funding
-- Hannah Durant is wondering if groups that use the challenge course frequently can help pay for another round of training. The total cost is $4,000 and summer programs are pitching in $2,000. Would SGA or ORC be willing to contribute to the remaining cost?
-Student Affairs and Res Life are each chipping in $500.
-Looking for some help in getting more trainers as well - so another training of 15 people.
-Chip in a part of the remaining $1000 they need.
-ORC Discretionary funding is willing to pay $500.

Community Service Event
-- Yoo Eun
- Thinking of ending the year on a good note to unite Smith community and Hampshire county as a whole
-Criminal Justice meet and greet where students can learn about criminal justice systems within the area
-Inviting other organizations at the other 5 colleges
-The topic is tied to conversations we have been having about race as well
-Yoo Eun can really do this...has all the contacts but needs an org to back her up. She is requesting if SGA would like to host this event, to be held on a Tuesday April 28th 5-7pm with dinner provided. This would potentially be in the Carroll Room.
-Planning to invite the Prison Birth Project in which Smithies are a part of.
-Prison Policy Initiative also has a connection with Smith
-Need a venue space and funding for food

Smith Social Network
-- Tamra Bates
-Contract is up for the SSN this summer
-It would be good to discuss renewing this contract, right now SGA pays for it all, $10,000 for a three year contract.
-Looking at different marketing strategies for the fall and market the app to parents
-Will become more useful over time

Notes and Events:
-DMZ Run 2.5 miles (Running and Liberty in North Korea hosting it) starting in front of the CC on 10 am April 18th, cost $5. Proceeds go to North Korean refugees living in South Korea.
-Talk to Ellen Kim if you are interested in donating.
Finance Committee Agenda

Thursday, March 26th, 2015
7:45pm to 8:15pm

Present: Jenny Jiang, Greta Stacy, Samantha Page, Vy Nguyen

Tardy:

Regrets:

Call to Order 7:45pm

Funding Requests 7:46pm

I. Student 1 requesting $2000 for Earth Week event happening on campus from Sawyer Fund
   a. Final price doesn’t add up to itemized list
   b. Greta moves to fund student 1 $1550 for Earth Week Event, Motion Passes 4,0,1.

II. Student 2 requesting $60 for Architecture event, couldn’t go to ORC because they are a new org.
   a. Greta moves to fund Student 2 $60 for her event, Motion passes 5,0,0.

Notes:

- Total requested from people from Conference Fund is about $46,500, we approved, $28,800. We have received receipts for $14,000. If we take into account old receipts, if we estimate we will give all requesters money in full, the total amount given out this year was $24,500. We have $3500 left in the budget.
- So this fund is now closed.
- Should we re open it? Yes, until money runs out.

- Also, we need to discuss what kinds of conferences should be funded?
  - Career networking: if its explicitly a career fair, then no. Otherwise, conferences are a great opportunity for networking.
  - Requirement of having to bring something back to Smith after a conference?

- International Conferences need a higher limit
- Also stricter limitations for this

- Limit of nights in a hotel: limit by cost.

Adjournment 8:34pm