SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 2013  
Campus Center, Room 204  
7:37 PM – 9:30 PM

Present: Catherine Aguilar, Dahna Black, Kenzi Green, Elis Lee, Greta Stacy, Elizabeth Thompson, Kristen Miao, Ana Chkhikvadze, Sabrina Camboulives, Taylore Shaw, Gloria Lee, Meghna Purkayastha

Tardy: None

Regrets: Molly Lonigan, Liz Rich, Mac Hamilton, Jana Burke, Sarah Hussain

Call to Order: 7:37 PM

I. Minutes  
a. Meghna Purkayastha moves to pass the minutes  
   i. Kristen Miao seconds the motion  
   ii. 11-0-1

II. Discussion

III. 5 Things  
a. SGA Cabinet members must think of 5 things that they have accomplished, put these into a 1 page sheet and email this to Dahna Black

IV. Transition Meeting  
a. Will take place at Pierce Hall  
b. Suggestions regarding what will happen at this meeting:  
   i. Explain why we are doing X, Y, Z  
   ii. Give next cabinet advice  
   iii. Showing how we are doing budget requests  
   iv. Emphasize that the next cabinet is one team so that they can understand the importance of collaborating with each other  
   v. Emphasize the importance of going to SGA retreat because the retreat is one of the main events that tightly bond cabinet members together  
   c. This meeting will be held April 25, 2013

VI. Important Dates  
a. April 5: 3-5pm 5-College Ice Cream Social at Hampshire College  
b. April 19: Discovery Weekend and Student Activities Fair (12-1:15pm at ITT); SGA Cabinet members please wear your polos and come at 11:30am to help set up
i. SGA Cabinet Members going: Gloria Lee, Kristen Miao, Liz Thompson, Ana Chkhikvadze, Catherine Aguilar, Meghna Purkayastha (late), Rae-Anne Butera, Greta Stacy, Elis Lee (late), Dahna Black

c. April 25th: SGA Cabinet Transition Meeting

d. April 17th: Student Leadership Awards at 7pm in the Carol Room

VII. Budget Requests

II. Committee and Initiative Updates

a. Greta Stacy, Elections and Appointments Chair

i. Held workshop on Tuesday with Center for Work and Life

ii. Registration ends April 5th at 5pm

iii. Appointment sign-ups are on the SGA Office door

b. Liz Rich, Curriculum Committee Chair

i. Committee on Academic Priorities (CAP) formally endorsed the Curriculum Committee’s criteria for designating social justice courses, and gave the language back to the faculty. Faculty will now designate their own courses as being related to social justice, according to the criteria, and submit them to Dean Ramdath by May 1.

ii. The Latin Honors proposal has been tabled by the college, and the committee is beginning conversations next week to discuss with students how and whether to move forward with this proposal. We will be having an event on Tuesday from 12-1 in CC 103/104 (lunch will be served) for students to come hear about what work we’ve done and to help us begin to shape our agenda for next year (both social justice related and otherwise)

iii. Another student/faculty event to discuss social justice and difficult conversations in the classroom will be on Wednesday, April 17 from 12-1 in the Carroll Room (lunch will be served for the first 30 people).

iv. Curriculum Committee will be making this semester’s presentation to CAP on April 12, determining agenda this week and early next week.

v. Made some minor bylaw/constitution changes (changing class year req for committee chair, deleted outdated reference to divisional representatives, and also amended language for more flexibility with appointments), which were presented to Senate on Tuesday and will be voted on next week

vi. Finalized poll for spring ballot

1.) Do you support efforts to incorporate social justice into Smith’s curriculum?
   Yes or no

2.) Do you support the student-drafted proposal to add a social justice component to the Latin Honors distributions?

Proposal to add a social justice component to the Latin Honors distributions

One of the 7 courses a student completes in order to be eligible for Latin Honors (in
the areas of the arts, foreign language, historical studies, literature, natural science, mathematics and analytical philosophy, and social science) must also be one designated by Smith professors as being related to social justice and in the college’s inventory of social justice-related courses. This means that students will be able to double count one course for both a discipline distribution and Social Justice. Note: nearly all courses offered at Smith are designated as satisfying Latin Honors distributions.

vii. Attended Faculty Meeting yesterday where in addition to finishing the development of the social justice course inventory, a new concentration in Women’s Education was approved, courses for next fall and spring approved, and passed additions to the faculty code regarding how departments explain the purpose of minors.

c. Sarah Hussain, Class of 2013 President
   i. Senior Ball gift ordered
   ii. Senior Ball ticket sales start on April 8th
   iii. Senior Week draft made

d. Kristen Miao, Judicial Board Chair
   i. Interviews for JB Chair/Vice-Chair for 2013-2014 will be held next week.
   ii. Applications for the general Board of 2013-1014 will follow.
   iii. Planning end-of-year gathering for JB members.

e. Gloria Lee, Class of 2015 President
   i. Sophomore Ring Ceremony will be on April 10, 2013.
   ii. Class merchandise will be for sale next week

f. Elizabeth Thompson, House Presidents Association Chair
   i. The Hunt has started since April 1
   ii. Met with Deb Shaver (along with Mac Hamilton) to discuss Affirmative Action in Smith Admissions Policy for a Social Justice and You Issue
   iii. Winners of the Hunt will be announced Sunday 4/7 at 2:30 in Weinstein Auditorium

g. Sabrina Camboulives, Sustainability Chair
   i. Met with the Sustainability Rep Facilitators to discuss Earth Week Events and funding.

h. Ana Chkhikvadze
   i. Presented the ORC Bylaw and constitution changes to Senate.

i. Taylore Shaw
   i. Teambuilding in progress with Sara McGuire
   ii. Scheduling merchandise sale
   iii. Organizing roles for Coffee and Donut Social

j. Meghna Purkayastha
   i. Class T-shirts on sale now
   ii. Lemonade stand was a success
   iii. 6 Flags planning
   iv. Writing Class of 2017 Letter
Adjournment: 9:30 PM