SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2013  
Campus Center, Room 204  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Present: Catherine Aguilar, Dahna Black, Kenzi Green, Elis Lee, Liz Rich, Mac Hamilton, Greta Stacy, Kristen Miao, Jana Burke, Taylore Shaw, Gloria Lee, Meghna Purkayastha

Tardy:

Regrets: Ana Chkhikvadze, Sabrina Camboulives, Sarah Hussain, Elizabeth Thompson, Molly Lonigan

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

I. Dean Mahoney
   a. Came to Cabinet to discuss end of the year activities
   b. Dean at Smith for 17 years and VP of Campus Life; oversees all areas of student life
   c. Early in February, VP of Campus Life left to go to another job; Dean Mahoney has taken on this challenging job for now
   d. Involved with activism on campus such as the social justice curriculum and the trans activism
      i. Thinks that the admissions decision was difficult
      ii. This issue has opened up a conversation for students to have
      iii. Not sure on what exactly the changes Smith should make regarding the trans issue
   e. Curious about cabinet’s experience as leader’s and what cabinet feels didn’t happen that should have this year
      i. Kenzi Green has gotten compliments from Senators saying that Senate has been a lot more fun and they appreciate her enthusiasm; wants Senate to be more of an inquisitive environment
      ii. Jana Burke is excited for Ada Monolgoues; excited to show students why the Ada Program means so much to Ada’s; wish to have bridge the gap between Ada’s and administration because there has been some miscommunications; wishes to have connected Ada’s with more traditional students
      iii. Mac Hamilton has reinvigorated Diversity Committee; now there are more “regulars” who come to the Diversity Committee meetings; will change the name of the committee so that the title of the committee will interest more people; wishes to have delegated more and finish all the demands throughout the year
      iv. Greta Stacy is proud of connecting and getting more individual students involved in the EnA process; wishes that the Collegiate Link was working because it has affected
      v. Catherine Aguilar was proud to have helped the SGA President plan for the Smith Seven Sister Conference at Smith; wishes to have maintained the Seven Sister College
relationship by having casual hangouts
vi. Gloria Lee is glad that her cabinet was able to connect her class with resources on cabinet; wishes to have delegated better
vii. Taylore Shaw is proud of the Class Facebook page because it’s really kept her class informed about class activities; wishes to have advertised more about getting involved and running for a cabinet position
viii. Liz Rich is proud of what she and her committee has accomplished with the social justice curriculum work and is excited to see the list of the social justice courses that will be taught at Smith; had challenges with outreach and accessibility to students; wish to have anticipated more of the backlash she’s received from faculty and coped with it better
ix. Meghna felt that it was challenging to integrate into SGA cabinet and wishes to have had more of a direction as a Class President; proud that she was able to create several class event and raise awareness amongst her classmates about what SGA is; wishes to have talked more with Greta Stacy to make a workshop in building more confidence in first year students to run for a position in SGA
x. Kristen Miao is proud of the projects SGA Cabinet has completed and the structure she’s helped build within it; wishes to have created more events that would engage more students at the table
f. Proud of the projects SGA Cabinet has completed and the structure she’s helped build within it; wishes to have created more events that would engage more students at the table
g. Wants to congratulate cabinet on their accomplishments because cabinet has done a great service to the college and amazed the Board of Trustees
h. Wants to recognize Rae-Anne Butera’s work with SGA Cabinet; Rae-Anne has provided great support to the cabinet
i. Proud of making her mark at Smith such as coming up with Julia Child Day; wishes to have had more interactions with students on a daily basis

II. Minutes
   a. Kristen miao moves to pass the minutes
      i. Meghna Purkayastha seconds the motion
      ii. 8-0-3

III. Committee and Initiative Updates
   a. Kenzi Green
      i. Passed bylaw changes for Curriculum Committee and ORC
      ii. Voted to put Constitutional changes for ORC, Curriculum, and Diversity Committees on campus wide ballot
      iii. Voted to put Curriculum Committee Social Justice Poll on campus-wide ballot
   b. Meghna Purkayastha, Class of 2016 President
      i. Writing a First Year Welcome Letter
      ii. Class of 2016 T-shirts are on sale!
      iii. Six Flags Trip Announcement-4/26/13 (We will be purchasing 30 tickets for now).
c. Greta Stacy, Elections and Appointments Chair
   i. Banners and budgets are due tomorrow at 4pm
   ii. Interviews will begin on Monday
   iii. Campaigning will start this weekend

d. Mac Hamilton, Diversity Committee Chair
   i. Helped to put together Fireside Chat on Trans*women at Smith
   ii. Met with Diversity Planning Group about Trans*women at Smith
   iii. Working on bylaw changes; will present to Senate on Tuesday
   iv. Co-hosting “Soup, Salad, and Soul” tomorrow at noon in the chapel; topic is “Allyship as a State of Mind”

e. Ana Chkhikvadze, ORC Chair
   i. ORC constitutional changes were put to the ballot.
   ii. ORC budgets are due tomorrow, April 12th at noon at the SGA office.

f. Sabrina Camboulives, Sustainability Chair
   i. Met with sustainability representative facilitators and Sharon to sort out issues regarding Sawyer Fund request for Earth Week. All issues have been resolved and the events will take place next week as planned. The sustainability representatives should consider becoming a chartered organization to avoid this from happening in the future.

g. Kristen Miao, Judicial Board Chair
   i. Judicial Board applications for 2013-2014 are up on the JB website; applications are due Monday, April 15.
   ii. Conducting interviews for chair/vice-chair tomorrow.

h. Jana Burke
   i. Ada Monologues opens on Saturday April 13th at 7:00pm in Graham Hall. $2 for students!

i. Taylore Shaw, Class of 2014 President
   i. Organizing April 19th Coffee and Donut Social
   ii. Preparing for weekly tabling events and care packages

j. Liz Rich, Curriculum Committee Chair
   i. Bylaw and constitution changes as well as ballot question approved by Senate
   ii. Social justice forum with students, low turnout but great discussion
   iii. Attended Diversity Planning meeting on trans*women admissions policy
   iv. Curriculum Committee presenting to CAP tomorrow, will have more detailed update next week

k. Gloria Lee, 2015 Class President
   i. Class merchandise is for sale in the SGA Office during lunch
   ii. Ring Ceremony preparation is underway

IV. Affirmations
   a. Cabinet made bags in which cabinet members will put notes of compliments

V. Discussion
VI. Budget Requests

Adjournment: 9:00 PM