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Mary Maples Dunn Conference Room
Wednesday, April 26, 2006 7:30pm

Members Present: Molly Giammarco, Ka’Neda Ellison, Katy Gabel, Meg Ambrus, Kim Paull, Emily Taylor, Monique Robinson, Maeghan Vaillancourt, McKay LeBlanc, Laura Maglioche, Marissa Maples, Stacey Baird, Nkechi Nneji, Maia Porter, Jillian Flynn, Sasha Shaikh, Kamille King, Mary Opler, Michele Chapdelaine, Jan Arbaugh, Adrienne Lee, Ayesha Siddiqui, Devin Burke, Ali Woodruff

Member Absent: Margaret McGarvey, Adriana Rua

I. Call to Order
   A. Ka’Neda called the meeting to order at 7:36pm

II. Roll Call

III. Minutes
   A. Motion to approve the minutes from 4-19-06 passes 9-0-4

IV. Business
   A. Funding
   B. Committee Updates/Announcements
      1. ADA
         a. Did a bottle drive as a fundraiser for the class
      2. Senate
         a. Turnover was yesterday
         b. Passed some more charters
         c. Elected parliamentarian, secretary and ORC members
         d. Senate forum on dining and nutritional health to be held in the CC
            i. Kathy Zeija
            ii. College nutritionist (or her husband)
            iii. Dr. Jaffe
            iv. One of the Athletic Trainers
      3. ORC
         a. Turnover will be next week
         b. Have just 1 funding request
         c. Transferred club sports over to the Athletic Department
            i. Club sports will still be funded by the SGA, but money will be allocated as the year goes on by an advisory committee and not all at once
            ii. Discrepancy with the funding of 13%,
               i. 13% of the entire SGA budget or of Organization money
      4. Judicial Board
         a. Busy
      5. Curriculum Committee
         a. Passed legislation on raising writing intensive grade to C-
         b. Quantitative Skills memo has been dismissed by the administration
            i. Need to find new outlets to get the message across to the administration.
ii. There is talk amongst administrators of a core curriculum

6. Academic Honor Board
   a. Busy—increased meeting time this week

7. Class of 2006
   a. Cannot hold events outside but it is too expensive to hold them inside
   b. Will create a fund for organizations into which money can be donated
      i. Advancement will help direct alums to the fund
      ii. Class cabinets, House Presidents, along with other organizations can apply to this fund
      iii. Senior class gift will be $2000 to get it off it’s feet
           i. This is a long-term gift that will grow
           ii. Money will not be allocated by cabinet
   c. Care package letters coming in
   d. Class t-shirts
   e. Senior ball on Saturday, April 29th
   f. Senior week schedule
      i. Will have at least two events every day

8. Class of 2008
   a. Care packages
      i. Will be delivered in 003, ready for pick-up

9. Treasurer
   a. Tying up loose ends
      i. S.A.D stuff

10. Class of 2009
    a. Care package letters coming in
    b. Class shirts are a hit
    c. ETHER this Friday, April 28th, 8:30pm-11:30pm

11. Class of 2007
    a. Care package letters have been sent out late
    b. Must distribute on Saturday rather than Friday

12. Ka’Neda
    a. Dean Dutka
       i. Sit-In
          i. Health services issues, counseling services, wellness issues
          ii. Email sent out regarding the interaction between a student and Dean Riddell
          iii. C.H.I.L.L. Website
             1. With a running list of all activities regarding health and wellness that are happening on campus
             2. There is information on how to report sexual assault cases on the Smith website
                a. Needs to be publicized
                b. There is no one on campus that is a certified Rape Crisis counselor
    b. Dean Mahoney & Meg
       i. Party policy
i. Dean Mahoney will continue to give support to CC staff in order for more parties to be held until 1am or 2am
   1. There was a miscommunication this year regarding Dean Mahoney funding CC parties
ii. Dean Mahoney encourages HPA to contact her if they have any questions regarding her support of the party policy and parties in campus houses
   ii. Resource center on gender and sexuality
      i. Make sure it is used the way it was intended to be
         1. Should not turn into primarily an organization space, but rather a resource for the campus
   iii. Common Ground
      i. Ask Naomi Miller to release the information regarding the study because she is not sure if she wants to do that
   iv. Dean of Student search
      i. Important for us to give feedback to Susan Briggs
         1. If the students are satisfied, the administration needs to be made aware of that

13. HPA
   a. Turnover yesterday
   b. Unfinished business with party policy

C. SGA Projects
   1. Judicial Board
      a. Cabinet has made a recommendation for the full review of the Judicial Board by an outside consultant
      i. Complete revamping on bylaws and constitution
      ii. Should judicial board be under the SGA?
   2. Club sports
      a. Club sports will now be under the discretion of the Athletic Department and the club sports advisory committee
   3. Class Awareness
      a. Tuition is increasing
      b. Forum was very well attended and initiated some dialogue
   4. Advising
      a. Do students know what they are to expect from their advisor?
   5. Class Size
      a. Made an impact with this issue
      i. More courses will be capped at 18
   6. Quantitative Skills
      a. Administration is discussing a core curriculum
      i. Sara Barz proposal in the Sophian
      b. Administration needs to look towards Curriculum Committee rather than Sophian articles to know how students feel
      i. What is the role of the Curriculum Committee?
   c. Weekly SGA column in the Sophian?
      i. Meg will write an article in the Sophian
   7. Senate
a. Wants to play a bigger role in the SGA and have more of a check on cabinet
b. Create permanent disaster relief committee
8. Visibility
   a. SGA must be approachable
   b. E-newsletter
   c. Website
9. Resource center
   a. The SGA funded money for a campus-wide resource; make sure that it is not being used just as a space for organizations
10. Student Bank
    a. Moving to the Campus Center
    b. Trying to get hours that will be more accessible
    c. Uniform teller and treasurer training to minimize confusion and maximize efficiency
D. New Direction of the SGA—Contributions and what I would do if I had more time
1. Ka’Neda
   a. Communication with the Board of Trustees
      i. They saw us more as real students
   b. BOT Report
      i. Class sizes
      ii. Diversity
      iii. Community
      iv. Class awareness
   c. If I had more time, I would have senate and cabinet work together on projects more often
2. Nkechi
   a. Party policy
   b. HP Talk-time
   c. If I had more time, I would want to build a better relationship with Residential Life
3. Maia
   a. Website for better Ada communication
   b. If I had more time, I would do more fundraising and have more social events
4. McKay
   a. Making money
   b. If I had more time, I would have another hoe-down
5. Katy
   a. C-legislation passed for writing intensive minimum grade
   b. No problems arose regarding funding
   c. If I had more time, I would like to make off-campus more accessible
6. Molly
   a. Make student body more aware of the Honor Code
      i. It is there but it is not supposed to rule your life
   b. Support the writing intensive grade legislation
7. Monique
   a. Community service: Relay for Life and Ether
b. Made a difference in Northampton and Western Massachusetts communities
c. If I had more time, I would encourage more dialogue between first-years and their class cabinet

8. Meg
   a. Formation of committee structures
   b. Senators took their responsibilities seriously
   c. Allowed senators who wanted to get more involved to do so
   d. If I had more time, I would start off the year by going to every house to recruit good candidates. I would spend more time on parliamentary procedure to increase productivity throughout the year. We would make more concrete goals in the beginning of the year as to what we wanted to accomplish and give the senators more autonomy as the year progresses.

9. Maeghan
   a. Judicial Board recommendation
   b. If I had more time, I would educate the campus about Judicial Board and what it does.

10. Kim
   a. Contributed to the promotion of the funding sources that allow students to organize amazing programs to enrich the Smith campus
   b. If I had more time, I would work more closely with the student bank. It is improving and Scott has been receptive to help make it as functional as possible

11. Marissa
   a. Club sports now under jurisdiction of the Athletic Department
   b. Student bank is moving to the Campus Center
   c. Impressed with how well organizations planned this year, and how discretionary funds were used
   d. If I had more time, I would better organize all of my papers

12. Stacey
   a. Planned at least one event every month
   b. Senior ball was only $10
   c. Everything else was free
   d. If I had more time, I would have planned a trip in the Fall

13. Maglio
   a. Money
   b. If I had more time, I would plan a trip to Montreal

14. Tay
   a. E-newsletter and website
   b. If I had more time, I would become more familiar with the website to help the SGA office staff update it

V. Adjournment
Ka’Neda adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm