SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
9 September 2010  
CC204 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM


Members Tardy: Janice Estrada, Sarah Dunn, Raquel Ortega

Regrets: Mia Moorehead

I. Call to Order 7:01 PM

II. Blog
   a. Ada class not on there?!
   b. Would be linked from SGA website and front page of Smith website, Grecourt Gate
   c. Could embed links off of chair pages (Facebook pages, etc.)
   d. Tumblr? More personal, easier to navigate
   e. Use Wordpress to make changes
      i. Would like to change layout slightly
   f. Anyone on SGA can access readily
   g. Mac, Angela, Sharon meeting Tuesday morning to train Mac

III. Brainstorm Session (Cabinet Visitors)
   a. Dean Mahoney has asked to come
   b. Deidre Manning, Director of Sustainability
   c. Becky Shaw, Residence Life, & David DeSwert, Director of Finance
      i. Housing crunch: students living in studies, etc.
      ii. Closing houses even though there’s a housing issue
         1. Principle of not informing students/not having SGA involved
   d. Ken Person, Facilities Management
   e. Marilyn Schuster, Provost of the Faculty
   f. Kathy Zieja, Director of Dining Services
   g. Jennifer Walters, Dean of Religious Life
      i. Departure of chaplains
      ii. Looking for assistant Dean of Chapel
   h. Howard Gold & Don Baumer, Co-Chairs of Faculty Council
      i. Represent faculty in discussions with administration about faculty being hired
   i. Erica Laquer, Dean of Ada Class
   j. Dean Ohotnicky, Dean of Students
   k. Laura Rauscher, Director of Disability Services

IV. Leadership by Design
   a. Office of Student Engagement (OSE) not doing LEAP workshops anymore
   b. Replaced by ‘Leadership by Design’
c. Not mandatory, but rewarded by invitation to summit or speaker
d. Sabine will send email
e. Student Leadership Conference, September 25; 10 AM to 2 PM
   i. Open to 200 students; anyone can go
   iii. Cabinet members should go! Free stuff!

V. Events for the Year
a. Student Activities Fair, Monday, September 20; 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
b. Smith Elects the World, November 8; 4:10 PM to 6 PM they’d like us to advertise
   i. Self-nominate, endorse with faculty member, submit outline of presentation
   ii. Collaboration between Dean of College & CDO
   iii. Deadline for nominations is September 20
   iv. We would encourage students to attend
   v. Email nomination to cimes@smith.edu (CDO)
c. Film Series (Documentaries) and lead discussions: sponsoring or co-sponsoring events with organizations
   i. Request for proposal so we’re not favoring orgs
   ii. Will partially fund and will get numbers
   iii. Target specific groups (class years) to make it more personal
   iv. Will help us “rock the body”
d. Community Service
e. Team with Smith Debate & Smith Law Society
   i. Could be about relevant campus topic
f. Five College Tea (open to all Five College SGA members, up to 25)
   i. End of this semester
g. Wellness Event
   i. Dance party?
h. Smith Day
   i. Carnival with rides & student organizations
      i. Show Circus Studio – Easthampton
      ii. Five-College engagement
j. Free Skate
k. Walkarounds

VI. Org Debt, Angela Zhu
a. There are organizations that are active and have debt and organizations that are inactive and have debt
b. ORC Matching Program up to $4,000
c. Student organizations are indebted to the Smith College controller’s office

VII. Public Safety Search Dinners
a. Bob Smith, Tuesday, Sept 14 from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM
b. Buddy Gold, Tuesday, Sept 21 from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM
c. Richie Mederos, Thursday, Sept 23 from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM
d. Also invited are HPs and ResLife staff; email Hannah Durrant and wear nametags

VIII. IT Strategic Planning
   a. Student Focus Group
   b. Technology infrastructure, education technology, administration technology, engagement with constituents
   c. How college should prioritize IT planning
   d. Names of 3 to 4 students who feel they’d represent student perspective on Information Technology at Smith
   e. Friday, October 1 meeting with Herb Nickles, Executive Director of Information Technology Services
   f. Sarah Dunn & Claire Abisalih
      i. Need confirmation of names by next Thursday
      ii. Mac had conversation with Claire, who is on board; sent her email with more information on 9/10/2010

IX. Board of Trustees Meeting
   a. Over lunch; dress nice and with nametags; Mary Maples Dunn Conference Room in Pierce Hall
   b. 2 to 3 topics from the students
      i. New Centers after budget cuts
      ii. What do trustees DO?!
      iii. Go to houses/constituencies and ask what matters to them
      iv. Friday, October 15 from 12 to 1 PM

X. Committee Updates
   a. Elections and Appointments Chair
      i. No Committee on Investor Responsibility
      ii. Committee on Missions and Priorities
      iii. New Academic Honor Board Committee representatives
      iv. Sustainability Chair
   b. SGA Treasurer
      i. Doing treasurer stuff!
   c. Class of 2011 President
      i. Wine and cheese on October 23 – Family Weekend
      ii. Powderpuff football October or November
      iii. Selling Smith parent t-shirts for whole school
      iv. New Class of 2011 t-shirt
      v. November 19 – First pub crawl
   d. Ada Class President
      i. Ada family picnic on Sun on Davis Lawn (we should come—12 to 2, email Sarah)
      ii. 1st Cabinet meeting Wednesday
   e. Honor Board Chair
      i. 18 cases from last semester
      ii. No secretary and junior representative planning to go abroad second semester
   f. ORC Chair
i. Budget hearings next weekend, deliberation following weekend

g. SGA President
   i. Meetings with administration

h. SGA Secretary
   i. Social Media
   ii. Website

i. Diversity Chair
   i. Houses are electing diversity representatives this week and next week
   ii. Want to work on social justice themed film series

j. Class of 2012 President
   i. Laser tag at the mall
   ii. Water balloon fight before it's too cold
   iii. Merchandise left, going to sell soon
   iv. Need house class representatives
   v. Making Class of 2012 fan page on Facebook

k. Judicial Board Chair
   i. Good stuff!

l. House President’s Association Chair
   i. Working with House Presidents who want more transparency on campus

m. SGA Vice President
   i. First meeting September 21
   ii. Danielle Brian from POGO will present
   iii. CC 103/104

n. Curriculum Committee Chair
   i. Monday night meeting
   ii. Course critiques expansion
   iii. Faculty meeting conflict; will send one member to these meetings

o. Class of 2013 President
   i. First meeting was Tuesday
   ii. Event today (ice cream social)
   iii. Event next Wednesday

XI. Announcements
   a. Go to Sexual Assault training!
   b. Get polo photo done!

XII. Adjournment 9:07 PM