SGA Cabinet Minutes  
16 September 2010  
CC 204 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Members Present: Sarah Dunn, Iris Gonzalez, Roth Empire, Ali Zipparo, Theo Retos, Ketura’h Edwards, Mia Moorehead, Mac Hamilton, Sabine Jean, Angela Zhu, Kat Paik

Members Tardy: Elizabeth O’Connor Johnson, Raquel Ortega

Regrets: Shama Rahman, Janice Estrada, Mohini Banerjee

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM
II. Minutes from last week pass; vote is 10-0-2
III. Funding Request Tutorial  
   a. If you have outside information, abstain (conflict of interest)
   b. We don’t fund personal cars
   c. Consider each event on its own, not in reference to other applications
   d. Check for price quotes
   e. Check for room confirmations
   f. Check for print outs of receipts, estimates, etc.
   g. Norm is not to fund food, as this depletes our funds very quickly

IV. Blog  
   a. Once a month round up
   b. Post as events come up
   c. Make sure we publicize it to students
   d. Everyone should work on their blurb, a piece about their committee, and if they want any external links or subpages

V. Senators on SGA Committees: Ali Zipparo  
   a. Curriculum Committee 2
   b. Organization Resource Committee 3
   c. Can have 1 senators per Ada house plus off-campus students

VI. Seven Sisters Student Leadership Conference  
   a. Bryn Mawr, PA: November 12 to 14
   b. [www.sevensisters.blogs.brynmawr.edu](http://www.sevensisters.blogs.brynmawr.edu)
   c. Need names and emails of everyone attending and need exact number by September 24
   d. If you sign up to go, commit to attending

VII. Public Interest Network  
   a. Event with MassPIRG, September 20 from 6 PM to 9 PM

VIII. Business Cards  
   a. $7 for 50 cards
   b. Name, SGA title, contact information
   c. Smith College logo

IX. Student Leadership Conference

X. Student Involvement Fair  
   a. Banner
b. Handouts

c. Candy

d. Wheel

e. SGA pictures – slideshow

XI. Organization Debt: Angela Zhu

a. 44 organizations owe Smith College $60,433.82
b. Matching program
   i. Waiting to hear back from organizations
   ii. One organization has turned a form in

XII. “THIS” Magazine, Ingrid Jacobsen, Class of 2011

a. New Yorker style magazine
b. Featuring student pieces
c. Want funding and SGA support
d. Sophian is weekly and “THIS” is once a month, or based on need

XIII. Board of Trustees Meeting

a. Exactly 1 month away: October 15, 12 to 1 PM in the Mary Maples Dunn Conference Room
b. What do we want to talk about, and how to get student input on what we should talk about
   i. Walkarounds – aim to do two before the meeting
   ii. Smith Rant - smithrant@smith.edu
   iii. Blog!

c. Concern: Smith seems to be going away from liberal arts and more toward sciences; liberal arts departments losing money
   i. Different students have different views on this

d. Budget cuts on faculty positions

e. Some students would like a longer Thanksgiving break

f. Future of Smith College as a “women’s” college
   i. 95% retention rate
   ii. Never say never, but not current concern
   iii. Status as a women’s college relies on Title IX
      1. Not just about athletics
      2. Would publicizing presence of male-identified students add a loophole to Smith as a Title IX institution?
   iv. Co-ed is not what students are asking for; administration may be seeing gender variance as threatening to Smith as a Title IX institution

XIV. Committee Updates

a. SGA President
   i. Met with President Christ and THIS magazine

b. SGA Secretary
   i. Working on SGA blog
   ii. Trying to keep Twitter and Facebook updated
      1. Would like to increase members of the SGA group on Facebook and gain more followers on Twitter

c. Acting 2014 Class President
i. Class of 2014 and Class of 2011 having a joint event in December

d. 2011 Class President
   i. Family Weekend senior class wine and cheese, October 23; 2 to 4 PM in Art Atrium; seniors only
   ii. Next week, selling class merchandise Monday thru Friday in the basement of the Campus Center between 11 AM and 2 PM Tuesday and Friday, it will be OneCard accessible
   iii. Will be selling Smith parent t-shirts during Family Weekend

e. Judicial Board Chair
   i. Opening applications to current juniors who want to apply, due October 1
   ii. Bring application to Clark Hall to Erica Banz
   iii. Application on student affairs website

f. Curriculum Committee Chair
   i. Met on Monday for the first time and got to know each other
   ii. Have two people to be part of IT focus group, waiting on one person’s confirmation
   iii. Trying to find common date for all to meet regularly. Seems like a good group
   iv. Talked with Marilyn Schuster to get information from teaching evaluation and assessment group to find out results of that, and is currently reviewing the report

g. Diversity Chair
   i. Met with Donique to work on Diversity training for diversity representatives
   ii. Budget will get to her soon
   iii. Meeting on Friday for Resource Center for Gender and Sexuality at 3:30 PM
   iv. Working on list of documentaries for possible social justice themed film series; suggestions welcome!

h. SGA Vice President
   i. No new announcements
   ii. September 21 is first meeting in CC 103/4 at 7 PM

i. Class of 2012 President
   i. First Cabinet meeting Tuesday, weekly dinner meeting
   ii. Cabinet half empty. Will open up to juniors who want to run
   iii. Meeting with Patrick Connolly about Junior Special Series
   iv. In video seminar class will be creating a documentary about trans-men at women’s’ colleges

j. SGA Treasurer
   i. Met with Rae-Anne to talk about money and funds
   ii. Met with Sharon and got last year’s budget
   iii. Will meet with Rae-Anne next week to talk about creating budgets for different committees

k. Ada Class President
i. Had Ada family picnic and it was great! First time it's been put on in two years
ii. First cabinet meeting on Wednesday, so far everything is good
iii. Rugby game this Sunday at noon

l. Honor Board Chair
   i. No new updates

m. ORC Chair
   i. Budget hearings this weekend
   ii. Budget deliberations next weekend

XV. Announcements
    a. Office hours being decided
    b. Get Cabinet photos taken!
    c. College Council on Community Policy looking for appointee from Cabinet
       i. Campus-wide council appointed by President Christ. Faculty, staff, and students on Council, chaired by head of CDO currently.
       ii. Things like smoking policy, campus climate open forum, etc. Takes up issues of policy on campus.
       iii. Meet monthly, one Friday a month at lunchtime 12 to 1
       iv. Get to hear about issues on campus
       v. Elizabeth O'Connor Johnson will be our representative!
       vi. Stacie Hagenbaugh – Mac will send email telling her the Cabinet representative has been chosen!
    d. Field Hockey game 3:45 on Friday – ceremony dedicating field. Ali encourages Cabinet members to attend!

XVI. Adjournment 9:02 PM