Members Present: Jinny Choi, Rachel Massey Licata, Sabine Jean, Kai Devlin, Mary Kwan, Katie Clark, Angela Zhu, Eve Hunter, Elizabeth Tanner, Julia Behrs, Sam Young
Members Late: Hailey Bird
Members Absent: Lauren Young, Maggie Chestnut

I. Call to Order: 7:03PM
II. David DeSwert
   a. VP Finance and Administration (Budgets and grants)
   b. Heavily involved in financial planning as support staff
   c. Global economic downturn has a negative effect on endowment
      i. Endowment reduced by 30%
      ii. Looked at different strategies to cope with economic changes
      iii. Estimated a 30 million dollar deficit by 2012
      iv. Board of Trustees challenged to make up for that gap
      v. Two major groups on campus: Committee on Mission and Priorities and Advisory Committee on Resource Allocation
         1. Made up of faculty, students, and staff
         2. Work to be as transparent as possible
   d. Developed reduction plan
      i. Including salary freezes, cuts in medical benefits, raising student faculty ratio from 9:1 to 10:1
      ii. Cuts in facilities and utilities (by up to 5%)
         1. Conservation projects for utilities
      iii. Proposed cuts in study abroad programs
      iv. Library and technology services savings
         1. Looking for areas to reduce staff (up to 60 positions)
   v. One third of the cuts have taken place already
      1. Salary and benefit freeze in effect
      2. Reduced staff by around 35 positions
      3. Facilities management has budget to try and minimize utility costs
   e. Looking forward
      i. Market is looking up which is good for the budget
      ii. Probably implementing 22 million of the 30 million
   f. Concerns that faculty decrease will affect the number of classes available
      i. Difficult with the tenure faculty model
      ii. Turn to 5-college system as a resource to fill in gaps
      iii. There is not a hiring freeze, but hiring will be for temporary positions
      iv. Committee on Academic Priorities will have a big say in how the faulty shapes up
      v. Big problem because the number of classes available are scarce
g. Financial aid budget
   i. Already over for this academic year
h. Moving of public safety
   i. Major savings in the dispatch moving
i. Housing crisis
   i. Students are living in studies
   ii. Fewer students living off campus, causing rooms to be taken by upper classmen
   iii. Hard to plan for, because of retention rates and study abroad
j. Who will decide where the money goes if we only need to cut 20 million dollars rather than 30 million dollars?
   i. Committee on Missions and Priorities and Advisory Committee on Resource Allocation in concert with Curriculum Committee
k. Visible changes this year
   i. Student : faculty ratio
   ii. Tried to impact the Smith experience the least
l. The residential liberal arts college model
   i. Most expensive
   ii. Roughly $70,000 a year to educate one Smith student a year
   iii. After financial aid the $50,000 fee usually averages out to $27,000 for a student who receives financial aid
   iv. Concern that education costs will keep sky rocketing
      1. Getting a lot of attention from federal government
      v. Have to find a way to bridge gap between costs
m. Ada class concerned about their diminishing class size
   i. Adas have a higher discount rate
      1. Has not been a Ada reduction for recruitment
      2. Much more competition because there are more opportunities for Ada scholars
      3. Dean of enrollment could answer more questions about the future of Ada enrollment

III. Minutes
   a. Approved: 10:0:1

IV. Announcements
   a. Julia’s birthday! Monday the 14th
   b. Start to raise hand in meetings
   c. Jinny will make the agendas
   d. The V.O.T.E.S. flyer
      i. Realign bold letters
      ii. Make S.G.A. logo bigger
   e. Sam will retake Cabinet board photos
   f. Lighting Walk with Dean Ohotnicky
      i. October 14th, 6:30PM
      ii. Starts at Clark Hall, 1st floor
iii. Access areas that need more blue lights

g. Face campaign starts next week
   i. Need “blurb” for flyer
      1. Describe position and why it is important
   ii. Due Sunday, midnight

h. Committee positions
   i. Interviewing for the next month, three open committees
   ii. Sign-ups October 14-16, interviews 17th

i. Town Hall
   i. Julia spoke with Dean Ohotnicky
      1. Instead of doing one campus wide town hall do several small town halls working with Area Coordinators
   ii. Speak to Smithies about
      1. Our role with the Board of Trustees
      2. How students can get involved in what we talk with them about?

j. Clark Hall
   i. October 2nd
   ii. “Neverland” theme
      1. Get Peter Pan bus company to sponsor event
      1. Blast Clark Hall with Peter Pan images

k. Organization debt
   i. Sophian has been in debt for a “very long time”
      1. Past few years they have slowly getting themselves out of debt
         1. From $40,000 to $36,000
         i. Does S.G.A. want to “bail out” some of their debt?
      2. Leadership has been responsible with plans to get out of debt
   ii. There is a problem when organizations go inactive and still have debt
      1. Should create more strict policies so that organizations cannot accumulate such huge amounts of debt
      1. Look at other colleges’ systems

l. Transparency
   i. Invite Sophian member or other organization members to Cabinet meeting
   ii. Have them write an article about their experience

V. Funding requests
   a. Conference Fund
      i. Etta Grover-Silva: $450 10-0-2 Pass
   b. Sawyer Fund
      i. Smith Spirit: $0 10-0-2 Pass
VI. Board of Trustees Meeting
a. October 16th
b. Two talking points that really matter
c. Brainstorming!
   i. Traditions: why they matter and where they went?
   ii. Diversity
   iii. Distinctly Smith: what makes us different?
   iv. Financial implementations: visibility
   v. Academic concerns
      1. Course options
      2. 5-College collaborations
   vi. More information on fiduciary plans and Smith mission
      1. More transparency
      2. Examples: sustainability
      3. How they impact our future and the future of Smith
   vii. Rising costs of education
      1. Make Smith College relevant with current events
   viii. Opening the conversation directly into a dialogue
   ix. Connect with Board members on a nostalgic level
      1. Core values are changing, but we can still relate
   x. Smith as a global community
      1. Smith as the launching point for the rest of our lives
   d. To get “core values”
      i. Ask students during lunch hour wearing blue polos
      ii. The points will be coming from Senate, House Presidents
          Association, Clark Hall Pool, Chapin Lawn walkabout
      iii. Monday, September 21, 2009 11:30 in S.G.A. office
      iv. Uniform questions:
         1. What do you value most as a student at Smith?
         2. What do you see as the core values of Smith College?

VII. Committee Updates
a. Class of 2011
   i. Met with cabinet Tuesday
   ii. Fill vacancies September 22nd
   iii. Class meeting with Dean, September 22nd
   iv. Healthy account
b. Curriculum Committee
   i. Celebrating Collaborations Committee looking for student representatives
c. Organization Resource Committee
   i. Budget hearings this weekend, deliberation next weekend
d. Class of 2012
   i. Met with cabinet
   ii. Planning event highlighting sophomore musicians
e. Class of 2010
i. Facebook page up and running

f. Ada Class
   i. First all-class meeting, huge turnout
   ii. Trying to figure out funding for Ada class

g. Judicial Board
   i. Held training Sunday
   ii. New board has one vacancy
       1. Looking for an Ada
   iii. Couple of cases from last year

h. House Presidents Association
   i. Committees being formed
       1. Fun, Housing, Sustainability, House Cohesion Committees

i. Honor Board
   i. Ada on Board now!

Adjournment: 9:07AM