Finance Committee Minutes

September 18th, 2014
6:30pm to 7:00pm

Present: Greta Stacy, Sam Page, Vy Nguyen, Aisha Amin

Tardy: Laura Lubben

Regrets:

I. Call to Order
   6:30pm

II. Funding Requests
   6:31pm
   A. Student A
      a. Tabled for itemized list of the how the requested money will be spent
   B. Student B
      a. Requesting funds for GSE Conference in Vancouver
      b. Laura move to fund Student B $800.00
      c. Second
      d. Motion passes 4-0-1
   C. Student C
      a. Requesting funds for GSE Conference in Vancouver
      b. Greta move to fund Student C $800.00
      c. Second
      d. Motion passes 4-0-1
   D. Group 1
      a. Tabled. Only four members of the organization will be funded to attend this conference. The President of SWE will make the decision and let the Finance Committee know which funding requests to consider.
   E. Student D
      a. Tabled for itemized list of how the requested money will be spent, as the current details provided do not match the amount requested.
III. Adjournment
7:00pm

SGA Cabinet Minutes

September 18th, 2014
7:02pm to 8:07pm

Present: Greta Stacy, Vy Nguyen, Samantha Page, Aisha Amin, Andrea Lahlum, Colgan Powell, Nancy Chen, Charlye Barfield, Lindsay Roth, Marianna Januario, Laura Lubben

Tardy: Molly Grover

Regrets:

I. Call to Order
7:02pm

II. Approve Minutes
7:03pm
A. Greta moves to pass last weeks minutes
B. Second
C. Minutes pass 8-0-2

III. Committee Updates
7:04pm
A. Samantha Page
   a. 2015 sophomore night: donuts and tea in browsing room, was successful. Wishes, wants, and needs box was used.
   b. Officially set date for class rep meeting. Class Cabinet meetings are now dinner meetings on Sunday.
B. Andrea Lahlum
   a. Judicial Board started having hearings on Monday. Also applications are out on eDigest.
   b. Had Meet and Greet where she received interest from people to apply.
C. Vy Nguyen
   a. Senate met on Tuesday
   b. Marianna and Colgan’s bylaws passed. Constitution will go to school wide election.
   c. Curriculum Committee elected three senators.
   d. Discussed ad-hoc committees. Vy made ITS committee (printing issues and internet speed and cable).
e. Discussed shirts, made poll on social network for designs.

D. Colgan Powell
   a. Sustainability Committee now has six people.
   b. Meeting this weekend to touch base and brainstorm.

E. Nancy Chen
   a. Social Justice and Equity Committee met for the first time discussed inner house collaboration. Went over meeting expectations, covered basics for the semester.

F. Charlye Barfield
   a. Honor board has met.
   b. Charlye will be publicizing senior events about the Smith Fund and wishes to reach out to Adas.

G. Lindsay Roth
   a. House Presidents Association met on Tuesday
   b. People from ITS came and the first person talked about security awareness on tech devices. October is security awareness month (he will be coming to senate).
   c. Network services came and discussed wifi and cable.

H. Marianna Januario
   a. Currently five people registered for two positions. Hopefully most people will register later on before registration closes.
   b. Mass Students Public Research Group Project: Advertising voting so people vote in the midterm elections in November. Marianna will take on this project, telling people how to register and get to the polls, etc.

I. Laura Lubben
   a. ORC has been doing well.
   b. Company wants to make white knit sweater with blue S and yellow C, we would get commission and the commission would go to the classes. Sweaters are $45-$60. They are very well-made. SGA would take it on, no financial burden, advertise it and get commission from the sales. Bookstore approves it and trademarking isn't an issue.
   c. This company also does class year sweaters.
   d. This can be a better alternative to ring sales.
   e. The alums would love it!

J. Aisha Amin
   a. Talked to Senate about 7 Sisters Conference
   b. Finance Committee met before this, funded two applications this evening.

K. Molly Grover
   a. Ada Cabinet meets every other week.
   b. Got class representatives from off campus students (65 out of 100) and one from 54 Green Street (will go to Senate) and a House President for 150 Elm Street. May also get a Class Representative
from 150 Elm Street. Also working on CCCP Representative from Ada Class

c. Getting a new printer! Yay!

L. Greta Stacy

a. Restructuring meetings started on Tuesday, 8pm in CC 103/104
   i. Mostly people sharing thoughts and feelings, very cathartic.
   ii. Will have more structure to restructure meetings
   iii. Thanks for people who came
   iv. More cabinet people should definitely come.
   v. We had one House President come. Lindsay will remind House Presidents to come to these meetings.

b. Ice cream event tomorrow (Greta will do pick up and clean up). It will be on chapin lawn. Cabinet members should wear polos.

c. Tea tomorrow in Park Annex at 4pm, Marianna and Colgan are going.

d. Training with new Cabinet members will be on October 17th from 5-9pm, dinner will be served at the meeting. It is in the calendar.

e. Sexual Assault Project
   i. Lawyers recommend college boards don’t deal with these cases and they should be heard through administration. For example, Dean Ohotnicky could deal directly with these cases. Another example is Amherst College’s 5 college Administrative Board.
   ii. Lunch meeting on October 1st is about reviewing our practices with student leaders in a format where they can ask questions. Laura, Nancy, Marianna, Vy, Molly will be going.
   iii. Consulting firm will be meeting with the whole student body in an open session later that afternoon.

IV. Seven Sisters Conference

7:30pm

A. Wellesley College November 7th-9th. 7th is the Friday, we would arrive at 7pm. Conference is all day Saturday. We could choose to stay Saturday night or come back. Capacity on SGA members is 12. In the past it has been a Cabinet activity, but this year will include more members from different parts of the SGA.

B. Greta, Aisha, Lindsay, Vy, Samantha, Nancy, and Marianna will come. Two Senators will come. A member of the Sustainability Committee will come. A member of the Class of 2017 Cabinet will come. There is one more spot available.

C. Aisha will talk to Senate and HPA about the conference.

V. Board of Trustees October Meeting

7:40pm

A. October 17th over lunch hour.

B. In the past, the way it has worked is that Cabinet works on formal presentations and presents two or three issues in fall and spring. Last year
they changed the format so fall meeting would be more open, more of meeting the trustees and talking with them informally. Potentially having this in a space where other students could come.

a. Donna Lisker had not heard of this. Greta and Gussie are working together to see what the board is expecting to see at the meeting.

C. Start brainstorming topics, if there are things we want to say to the trustees

a. Right after they meet with us, the same committee will be given presentations on mental health and trans* admissions policy.

D. Divestment issues

a. Greta will invite someone from the administration to come and speak to Cabinet about our investment portfolio, what the sustainable investments mean, and how divestment is being considered.

E. If you want to put together something you want them to see have it done by September 30th and speak with Greta.

F. Greta will let us know the agenda type for the meeting as soon as possible.

VI. Programming
7:50pm

A. Things we want to start doing as a cabinet. Greta met with President McCartney and she would like to come to our events and have dinner with us, she invited us to her house once we have our whole cabinet.

a. Invite her to everything, she will live tweet it :)

B. Think about how we can collaborate with other bodies on campus.

C. Ideas

a. To have events that clarify policy. A lot of the breakdown in communication between students and administration is due to a lack of understanding about policy.

i. For example, if Katherine Rowe is having a discourse about sexual assault on campus, then we can have a forum beforehand about Smith’s sexual assault policies and then another event after discussing how to turn the ideas from the discourse event into institutional change.

b. Laura will work with the new SGA Treasurer to pull together all the information about funds on campus and do a presentation and Q+A for the whole student body.

VII. Announcements
8:05pm

A. Check the calendar

VIII. Adjournment
8:07pm