SGA Cabinet Meeting
Minutes
September 20, 2007
CC 204, 7pm – 9pm

Members Present: Emily Taylor, Channa Heng, Shadavia Jones, Donielle Hatcher, AM Harmon, Nora Yim, Margaret Mumbi, Aliza Leventhal, Erin Molloy, Megan Gallo, Rae-Anne Butera, Ayesha Siddiqui, Keena Humphrey, JingJing Yang, Marlowe Dieckman
Members Absent: Rochelle M. Valdez

1. Call to Order & Attendance  Tay
   a. Call to order at 7:02pm

2. Opening Activity—funniest thing that’s happened this week?

3. Minutes  Shadavia/All
   a. Motion to approve the minutes passes 8-0-2

4. Cabinet Dinners  All
   a. Donie—Lamont House; students complain about food; they want less traditional, and
      more themed dining
   b. Megan—Hubbard with Channa and Nora; discussion about hazing; wants
      explanation of tuition increase
   c. Erin and AM—Northrop; legal liaison on campus
   d. Channa—dinner with Shadavia; discussion of transgender issues on campus
   e. Tay and Marlowe--- Tyler ---discussion with First-Years about SGA

5. Committee Updates  All
   a. Nora—Mtg with Hannah and Becky; talked about effectively filling out Community
      Report Forms
   b. Marlowe—Mtg had great attendance; by next meeting, there will be a draft of the
      letter to Dean Mahoney; encouraged houses to draft their own letters to the Board of
      Trustees
   c. Margaret—met with class cabinet; have schedule planned out already for the year;
      fundraising ideas (including ordering class apparel at a cheaper price); great
      attendance at the Sophomore Class Meeting
   d. Erin—class meeting yesterday; good turnout; lay low for a couple of weeks
   e. Megan—appointments this weekend; elections start on Wednesday; campaigning
      begins Saturday at 6am; Student Activities Fee- vote on it in December
   f. Donie—received the list of Diversity Reps for the houses; meeting next Wednesday
      evening
   g. Channa—first Senate Meeting; October 2nd—first committee meeting—formal
      Cabinet introduction; all senators except for Chase House (have not elected them
      yet); Leap Conference
   h. Aliza—Budget is done!

6. Event Subcommittee Updates All
   a. Masquerade Ball—big issues; going to be charged for Davis Ballroom; DJ is not
      someone that the college has worked with before (a lot of forms to be filled out);
      purchased all mask materials; funding has gotten ridiculous
b. Fireside Chats—moving the date for Dean Mahoney and President Christ; recommendation to have email conversation with Dean Mahoney about topics and objectives

c. Hot Topics—Alice has not responded; Republicans agree to participate; Weinstein Auditorium is confirmed; Floyd agrees to do it, but in collaboration with other professors who are knowledgeable of the subject

7. Updates from Tay
   a. Bias Complaints Update
      i. Community Judicial Board—extension of the Judicial Board; deals with grievances; committee is coming around
   b. Diversity Planning Group
      i. Group of students who talk about diversity issues on campus; want to have a training session so that students may facilitate discussions
      ii. Otellia Cromwell Day—lots of interesting panels and shows under construction for Otellia Cromwell Day
   c. NEASC
      i. Explore the materials on the website so that we can be up-to-date with the accreditation team
      ii. Business casual attire
   d. Naomi Miller
      i. Common Ground Initiative
   e. Dean Mahoney
      i. Board of Trustees discussion plans
      ii. Jena 6 incident
   f. OSS Consulting Meeting

8. 2-min Break

9. Habitat for Humanity
    a. Nora—registered; login ID is sgarush08 Password: smith08
    b. 3 projects
    c. 1st Amherst project—Thanksgiving—we can’t go
    d. 2nd Amherst project—10/27, 10/28, 11/3, 11/4, 11/10, 11/17
    e. 10 to a group—either 4-hour shifts or a full day
    f. Look at availability for the November dates (preferably 10th and 17th)

10. SGA Visibility
    a. SGA Moodle “Course”
        i. We should enroll everyone on campus in an SGA Moodle Course
        ii. Upload information
    b. Student Complaints E-Mail Address
        i. Separate email address for suggestions and/or complaints
        ii. What should we call it?-- smithrant@email.smith.edu
    c. SGA Radio Show
        i. Channa went to the WOZQ interest meeting and submitted an application for the radio show
        ii. 2–4 people each week
    d. Next Sophian Article
i. Aliza; due by 7pm on Sunday

E-Newsletter Deadlines

i. 9/30—Information submitted to Shadavia
ii. 10/3—First E-Newsletter

Smith PR Campaign

i. Work with Senate Publicity or Spirit subcommittees?

11. Cabinet Guest Planning
   a. Dean Audrey Smith, Sept. 27th
      i. What do we want to talk about?
         - Smith community and housing
         - Financial Aid—Ada award packages significantly decreased this year
         - Tuition increase explanation
         - US News ratings—what kind of information are we submitting
      ii. We can ask her to come prepared with specific information (statistics, numbers, etc.)
   b. Dean Mahoney is coming Oct. 4th

12. Diversity at Smith
   a. Event Brainstorming & Timeline
      i. Silk Screen
      ii. Common Ground Workshop Series
      iii. Campus Center slideshow
      iv. T-Shirt project similar to Breastfest around Chapin Lawn
      v. Bead bracelets
      vi. Paper Chain
   b. Jennifer Matos, AC—“Isms” workshop—are we interested?
   c. J-Term Course
      i. Sponsored by SGA & the Diversity committee, with support from the Office of Institutional Diversity.
      ii. On personal narratives & achieving “unity through diversity”
      iii. Help prepare for our diversity event for February
      iv. Bill Peterson—Kahn Personal Narrative/Identity project

13. Board of Trustees Discussion Topics
   a. Revisit possible main points/topics
      i. Smith community, leading into discussion of a Mascot
      ii. Brush up on Strategic Planning for both NEASC and Board of Trustees Meetings

14. Upcoming Events / Rumor Mill
   All

15. Adjournment
   a. Motion to adjourn at 8:56pm