SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2011  
CC 204 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Present: Elis Lee, Eve Hunter, Ali Zipparo, Pauline Musa, Cait Kirby, Briana Parker, Jessica Kaplan, Caitlin Jordan, Mackenzie Green, Nahee Kwak, Mohini Banerjee

Tardy: Jeanju Choi, Catherine Leung, Adriana Chalas

Regrets: Sheila Kim

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

I. Dean Mahoney
   A. Introduction
   B. Change of bus schedule
      i. Leave and arrive in conjunction to class times
      ii. On Smith website
   C. Dean and Eve meeting
      i. Discussed Ada Comstock Scholar study
      ii. Support Ada admission
   D. Socially Responsible Endowment
      i. Presentation was made to Smith on March of 2011
      ii. President and Finance Committee will make the endowment reports public on Smith website
      iii. Endowment
         a) Investor, Alice Handy
         b) Solution- Endowment is back to $1.4 billion to fund Smith education
         c) Our investment are pooled with other clients
         d) Each manager does investments on his or her own
         e) Handy would like to come to SGA Cabinet meeting to talk about socially responsible endowment issues
   E. Master plan for library
      i. Change every library and stacks in the library
         a) Long-term plans to renovate the library
         b) Worry that there aren't be enough study spaces for students
         c) Provide more spaces in the library (group study, individual study, 24-hour study, etc)
         d) Some accommodation at Ford Hall as a quiet study space
         e) Not enough space in Neilson Library
         f) Plan to make a complete change to the library
         g) Very expensive and not yet completed with budget
         h) Keep major rooms in the library same
            • Raise roof
            • Get rid of tunnels
            • Redoing stacks
      ii. Desire make Neilson Reading room 24 hours
   F. Muslim students would like space to fulfill their religious needs
   G. Computer lab
      i. Many students have individual computers
H. Coffee shop in library
   i. One of the libraries will add a coffee shop
I. Expensive renovation of Cutter/Ziskind
   i. Already funded
   ii. Architecture firm already chosen
J. Plan to rebuild Friedman Apartments
K. Build Ada Comstock Scholars apartments
L. Parking
M. Transfer Housing, 44 Green Street
   i. Many students said they enjoy the housing
   ii. Connected to SGA through Hubbard
   iii. Over the summer, the Residence Life Area Coordinators called every house member to explain procedures over summer
   iv. All transfers will move out by spring semester
N. Dining
   i. Dinner ends too early and with workload, many students become hungry before they sleep
   ii. Suggestions
      a) Staggered hours
      b) More dining dollars
      c) Late night meal dining halls and not serving dinner as a trade-off
   iii. Kathy Zieja, resources director
   iv. There are budgetary constraints
   v. Other schools have centralized dining and we don't have centralized dining
      a) Business plan requires that every student has the meal plans
O. Lower retention, fewer personal leaves, more pressure on housing
P. Number of students studying abroad has gone down slightly
   i. Reason not clear
   ii. In 2008-2009 when there were budget cuts and one of the decisions made was to limit studying in English speaking countries to one semester
   iii. Direct enrollment in universities sponsored by other universities
   iv. Priority is given to students for learning a second language
   v. Differential cost for studying abroad vs. Smith
Q. Charging students to stay over break
   i. Not paying would be a symbolic act of having Smith as a home
   ii. College cost – save money on staffing, food, utilities
   iii. Charge will defray the cost for students to stay when the college is closed
R. Campaign money
   i. Smith is in the middle of a fundraising effort
   ii. Goal- $450-$500 million
   iii. College campaign
      a) Silent phase
         • President Christ is speaking with potential donors
      b) $200 million dedicated to financial aid
   iv. Increase financial aid
   v. Other money to support other student costs such as dining, housing, learning
S. November 14, 2011- Smith Elects the World
   i. Global Engagement Seminar presentation
   ii. Opportunity for students to present about the work done outside of Smith
iii. Priority given to students who have not attended the seminar

II. Committee Updates

A. Adriana Chalas
   i. First HB meeting on Monday
   ii. Went smoothly

B. Jessica Kaplan
   i. Have 3 Ada's who are potentially interested

C. Nahee Kwak
   i. Ice Cream Social- Monday, September 26, 2011
   ii. Sophomore Class meeting- Tuesday, September 26, 2011
      a) Class merchandise

D. Ali Zipparo
   i. Food Day- October 24, 2011
      a) All rooms reserved
      b) All speakers reserved
      c) Farmers Market
   ii. Food Day Planning Meeting
      a) Seelye 110- September 27, 2011 at 6:30 PM
   iii. Met with Sustainability Committee
      a) Resolution for default double-sided printing in libraries

E. Jeanju Choi
   i. ORC meeting
      a) 6 applications
   ii. Meeting with Tamra Bates and Donna Girgras
      a) Journal entry for Sawyer fund
      b) Don't have code for Conference fund
      c) Like to train new treasurer

F. Mackenzie Green
   i. Meeting with Dean Mahoney
      a) Lunch Meeting- October 15, 2011
         • Transgender issues
   ii. DiversiTEA
      a) Good attendance
   iii. Meeting with President's Diversity Council- September 23, 2011

G. Briana Parker
   i. Set a meeting time every week Sundays at 4:00 PM with Senators
   ii. Participating in new course critiques

H. Cait Kirby
   i. First Senior meeting- September 29, 2011
      a) Elect a Secretary
      b) Set up a Class Presidents meeting- September 29, 2011
   ii. Class involvement for Food Day

I. Caitlin Jordan
   i. First Ada Cabinet meeting
      a) Have a Co-Social Chair, Senior Class representative
   ii. Fireside Chat- October 5, 2011
      a) Will send out emails

J. Pauline Musa
   i. HPA meeting
a) Sex and alcohol issues- Presentation from Emily Nagoski
ii. Rally Day- Eve Hunter will present

K. Mohini Banerjee
i. Second Senate meeting
   a) Elected Senators for committees
   b) Diversity Committee election next week

L. Catherine Leung
i. Got new Senators for E&A Committee
ii. New Fall Elections coming up
iii. Registration- September 23, 2011
iv. Appointed various college committee members

III. Mackenzie Green moves to Approve Minutes
A. 9-0-4

IV. Plans for Visibility
A. Tumblr
   i. Share the Tumblr link on Facebook
   ii. Make up for missing post
B. SGA in the Cafe
   i. Will be Mondays, 8:00 PM-9:00 PM

V. Van Discussion
A. 9 SGA vans
   i. SGA owns and leases vans
B. 4 Leased vans
   i. Pay off rest of the vans
      a) $16,000 in total to pay off all vans
      b) Funding from reserve account

VI. Rally Day
A. HPA conversation
   i. Tour throughout Smith campus
      a) Have HPA and House Council to do a theatrical production throughout Smith history

VII. Board of Trustees Meeting- October 14, 2011
A. Topics of Discussion
   i. Ada Comstock Scholars
   ii. Global Initiative, Curriculum, and Rankings
   iii. Socially Responsible Endowment

VIII. Announcements
A. Happening Map
   i. Google maps that show events around the area
   ii. Schools use it to update events, and people would be able to attend events
B. Responsible Endowment Coalition
   i. Conference (New York)- October 22-23, 2011

Adjournment: 9:26 PM