Finance Committee Agenda

September 25th, 2014
6:33pm to 7:04pm

Present: Greta Stacy (minutes), Aisha Amin, Samantha Page, Laura Lubben, Vy Nguyen

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Regrets:

I. Call to Order
   6:33pm

II. Funding Requests
   6:31pm
   A. Person 1
      1. SWE Conference (LA)
      2. Samantha moves to fund $665.20 after deduction of $32 for ground
         travel to and from LAX.
      3. Laura seconds.
      4. Motion passes 4-0-1.
   B. Person 2
      1. SWE Conference (LA)
      2. Laura moves to fund $732.00 after deduction of $6 from ground
         travel to and from BDL (maximum allowed is $100) and the
         deduction of $32 for ground travel to and from LAX.
      3. Greta seconds.
      4. Motion passes 4-0-1.
   C. Person 3
      1. SWE Conference (LA)
      2. Vy moves to fund $675.00 after deduction of $32 for ground travel
         to and from LAX.
      3. Laura seconds.
      4. Motion passes 4-0-1.
   D. Person 4
      1. SWE Conference (LA)
2. Greta moves to fund $675.00 after deduction of $32 for ground travel to and from LAX.
3. Samantha seconds.
4. Motion passes 4-0-1.

E. Person 5
1. Grace Hopper Conference for Women in Computing
2. Laura moves to fund $660.00, which is $500 for accommodations and $160 for food
3. Samantha seconds.
4. Motion passes 4-0-1.

F. Person 6
1. Brick by Brick: Reggio Emilia-Inspired Practice in New England
2. Greta moves to fund $100, the full amount requested.
3. Laura seconds.
4. Motion passes 4-0-1.

III. Adjournment
7:04pm
sent out, hoping for a good turn out. Sam processed the suggestion box this week--very helpful things in there.

B. Laura Lubben
   1. ORC lost a member, unfortunately. Marianna is now the Cabinet liaison. ORC is going over funding for certain things they aren’t sure student activities fee should be going towards. Things are good. We lost Aisha as a member, it was a sad day.

C. Lindsay Roth
   1. Development person came and talked about what is going on at the alumni house (traditions party). Lindsay has been talking to donor relations specialist.
   2. Nov 10-14: Thank a Smithie.
   3. Talked about 7 Sisters Conference, will vote next week and find out in Cabinet who this person is.
   4. HPA met with Scott Graham, head of campus police, talked about parking issues.

D. Molly Grover
   1. Full Cabinet meeting this week. Did some goal setting. Established merch committee (for t shirts). Discussed Ada monologues which will be happening in the Spring. Also talked about reaching out to non-Cabinet Adas for help to get some sort of volunteer network going.
   2. There is an Ada interested in JB, also new Senate representative from 150 Elm Street.
   3. New printer in Ada lounge!
   4. VP Theo is going to seven sisters conference.
   5. Today was a cider and donuts. Social Network Ada Babysitting site exists.
   6. Molly will ask about Adas interested in ORC.

E. Nancy Chen
   1. Committee met on Sunday. Board is meeting with Dean Lisker, Ohotnicky, maybe President and Provost, and got feedback from Board of Trustees.

F. Marianna Januario
   1. Closed elections with 18 people registered (2 people dropped out because there were 8 people running for 2015 presidency). Banners going up tomorrow so they can start campaigning. Voting starts October 4th. Meet and Greet this monday. Need a 2016 class president.
   2. ORC needs two people and ITS committee needs another person. Let her know if you need appointing.

G. Colgan Powell
   1. Sustainability Committee met Monday at lunch and wants two Senators on the committee.
   2. Colgan is going to Seven Sisters Conference.
3. Harvest fest is coming up.
4. Sustainability Committee is also planning on hosting a speaker.

H. Charlye Barfield
1. Wednesday evening, geared towards first years Smith Fund event. There will be food and 6 foot cut out of only photo of sophia smith (exciting). This is from 4-6pm in the alumni house.
2. Working on senior giving campaign launch.
3. Update on exam system: Changed sign in/sign out sheets and a time stamper.
4. Charlye wants to make bylaw changes, where a pitch that nobody can be on Cabinet with a serious Honor Board infraction (not overtimes), but anything besides it you are found in infraction of Honor Board makes you unable to run for a SGA cabinet position.

I. Andrea Lahlum
1. Judicial Board had sexual assault training on Sunday and applications are due tomorrow for new members.

J. Vy Nguyen
1. Senate elected senators to 8 committees! And 2 senators to go to the 7 Sisters Conference. Vy is in the process of ordering senate shirts. President McCartney coming into senate on tuesday and greta talked about sga structure last meeting. Maybe don’t put the year on these senate shirts.

K. Aisha Amin
1. 7 sisters members. we would leave at 5-515. Greta, Aisha, Lindsay, Vy, Samantha, Colgan, Marianna, Nancy, two Senators, Theo, and one HP TBD.
2. Finance Committee is getting busy this year, lots of requests coming in, everything is running smoothly.

L. Greta Stacy
1. Talked with Mona, head of student life committee about meeting on the 17th format
   a) We are not going to have an informal event, we are going to make it a little more informal than usual. Board would rather have us bring topics to discuss. They will have presentations they meet with Cabinet about mental health and trans* admission policy. We could put other items on the agenda as well. Depending on how many things we have to discuss, maybe there will be a way we can break into smaller groups and discuss other issues. The lunch will be about 45 minutes.
   b) Issues brought up: Funding, Transgender Issues and Mental Health. Nancy and Laura will create materials to distribute to the Board beforehand. If you want something else to be on the agenda, email Greta. Mona and Greta will co-chair this meeting. We need to practice for this.
2. The Board may come to our Cabinet meeting on the 16th.
3. Greta met with 5 college coordinating board, it was fun.

IV. Rules Committee Selection
   7:38pm
   A. Selecting 3 members for rules committee.
   B. Duties are: review charters to make sure they are in line, bring it to senate with their recommendation, meeting time depends on parliamentarian.
   C. Colgan, Marianna, and Laura will serve.

V. Bryn Mawr SGA
   7:43pm
   A. Two seniors hung a confederate flag in their hallway of the dorm administration did not take action against this, now students are trying to demonstrate about institutional racism. Now students and their SGA is working with admin and staff to appropriately address the issue. President of Bryn Mawr SGA asked for support in some way from Smith.
   B. In the past, when we have had Seven Sister support requests, the SGA usually makes a banner. But given that we are trying to have more discourse this year, we should actually do something to show support. How to do this?
   C. Laura: In the spirit of having a conversation, have a panel of History professors and American Studies professors and have people discuss the use of the confederate flag and its representation.
   D. Nancy: Bryn Mawr is trying to discuss racism as a whole, not just using the flag, but how institutional racism affects students of color on campus. It is an issue for students of color to decide how to go forward. Expanding on a panel, talking about this issue at large, and its affecting Smith this week (with the panel in NYC).
   E. Lindsay: Using anger of an issue wisely in order to make a difference.
   F. Institutional racism on Smith campus: SJE Reps and Administration met to discuss the alumni panel that happened in NYC Monday night. Nancy will email us the transcript. The NYC panel was framed as a free speech panel. A panelist repeatedly used the n-word. President McCartney was the moderator and did not openly oppose this. As a result, there has been discourse on campus about this. President McCartney sent an email later to select people who had emailed her before this with complaints (also alums) and SJE board and co chairs of BSA discussed.
   G. What can Cabinet do in solidarity with Bryn Mawr but also with the people meeting with President McCartney?
   H. Write a letter on behalf of Cabinet
      1. Greta will make a draft over a google doc of this

VI. Restructure Questions
   8:09pm
A. People from Cabinet will go to Senate to be present for this discussion and to foster ONE SGA feel for the senators to see. We can try and make this more of a discussion.

B. Lindsay will also talk about this at HPA.

C. What is the purpose of Senate?
   1. Full body representation (to rep the whole student body not just houses)
   2. Acting body for our purpose (showing that they listen through activities in their committees)
   3. Making tangible changes on campus based on what students need

D. What is the purpose of Cabinet? What should cabinet be for?
   a. Link between deans and heads of administration
   b. Link between committees-effectively communicate between student leaders on campus
   c. Do we think that all committee chairs should sit on Cabinet?
   d. Do you think you should sit on Cabinet or the Senate or both?
      i. Possibility: Committee chairs sitting in on Senate and then they would sort of create their own agenda, they would conduct the business of their own committees in the Senate. To connect and encourage their Senate members to discuss ideas and updates. And then bring it back to Cabinet. Action items from committee to senate.
   e. Judicial Board and Academic Honor Board as autonomous boards, how should they interact with cabinet?

E. What is the purpose of House Presidents Association?
   a. Senate and House Presidents Association are redundant, House Presidents Association is an effective body for house issues, not necessarily Senate.
   b. House Presidents would deal with campus issues that were house related that didn’t need to be legislated
   c. Greta would like to have House Presidents see issues happening on campus and bring it to the head of the relevant committee on Senate.

VII. Announcements

8:36pm
   A. Go to Marianna’s event and wear your polo!

VIII. Adjournment

8:37pm