SGA Cabinet Meeting  
September 27, 2007  
CC 204, 7pm – 9pm

Members Present: Emily Taylor, Channa Heng, Shadavia Jones, Marlowe Dieckmann, Margaret Mumbi, Ayesha Siddiqui, JJ Yang, Megan Gallo, Keena Humphrey, Erin Molloy, Rochelle M. Valdez, Aliza Leventhal, Nora Yim, Rae-Anne Butera, AM Harmon (7:20pm)  
Members Absent: Donie Hatcher

1. Call to Order & Attendance  
   Tay/Shadavia
   A. Tay called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Opening Activity—NEASC debrief

3. Minutes  
   Shadavia/All
   A. Motion to pass the minutes passes 12-0-1

4. Cabinet Dinners  
   All
   A. Keena—Chase House—discussion about OSS meeting; students are against arming Public Safety
   B. Megan—King House—OSS discussion; students have negative perspective about Public Safety
   C. Erin—Northrop—CDO doesn’t give job opportunities to Ada partners and families anymore
   D. Marlowe—Tyler—students think that the guns should be locked up in Tilley if Public Safety is to have access to guns

5. Committee Updates  
   All
   A. Marlowe—read the letter about wireless in houses to the senior staff; a lot of opinions voiced; changes made; should be good-to-go by next week’s meeting
   B. Rochelle—ORC began voting last night; one group turned in a budget but didn’t show up to the Budget Hearing; funds should be allocated by Sunday
   C. Nora—Community Judicial Board—not a committee by itself; however, when a student violates section 4 of the Honor Code, 4 additional Smith community members will sit on the hearing
   D. Aliza—11 people who have requested from the Conference fund; some adjustments will be made to the funds
   E. Channa—meeting about goals; going to be redone at the next meeting; Celebrations—meeting Sunday night; must tell them before the 18th about our plans; need 2 more people to go to the other two meetings
   F. Megan—elections come to an end on Sunday; 174 people have voted already; made appointments last week; Gardiner House is having a House Party on the day of the Masquerade Ball
   G. JJ—Class Bowling Night; plan to email parents of students who are abroad
   H. Keena—got into contact with important people about Ring Ceremony and the Alumnae Association
   I. Margaret—discussed holding dinners for the class; planning a karaoke night
6. Event Subcommittee Updates
   A. Masquerade Ball—Nora and Channa made posters; must talk to a few other people about decorations; Rochelle booked the DJ; still discussing whether or not to have drinks
   B. Mascot Forum—Jane Stangl is going to come do a presentation; plans to invite Mascot committee
   C. Primary Candidate Committee- Alice has not gotten back yet; Sharon says that Weinstein is confirmed
   D. Fireside Chat #1 (11/5)—Alum from Deutsche Bank is coming to talk to students

7. OSS Consulting Meeting Debriefing
   A. SGA should have our own forum about arming Public Safety

8. 5 Minute Break

9. Cabinet Guest: Audrey Smith
   A. Financial Aid
      1. Smith invests more in the Financial Aid percentage of the budget than any other part
      2. For every dollar taken in, 37% goes back into the budget for Financial Aid
      3. Goal of major cutbacks is to provide Smith with a very diverse socioeconomic student body
      4. 58% of students had larger grants this year, and 42% had smaller grants (percentage of students who received need-based aid last year and continue to receive it this year)
   B. Tuition increases
      1. When the Consumer Price Index goes up by 3%, highly educated labor, cost of publishing print materials as well as energy goes up
      2. Our operating budgets and financial aid budget goes up quicker than the cost of tuition
      3. With a highly aided student population, tuition increases mean that the financial aid budget is increasing at a higher rate
      4. The median income in America is about $50,000
      5. Do not want to change the character of the Smith experience by decreasing the education costs
      6. Spending $56,000 on each Smith student for education
      7. Cannot implement the same $2,000 loan limit as Amherst because we have more students on Financial Aid
   C. Rankings—Sophian Article
      1. Smith is eliminating the posting of any college rankings on their materials
      2. Other schools have agreed to stop filling out the reputation surveys that account for 25% of the rankings
3. Smith scores one of the highest on reputation
4. We are ranked 17 overall, but we are ranked 6 on reputation
5. We rank the worst in Alumni giving (67)
6. We rank 46 in Selectivity
7. Financial Resources is rated at 19
8. Graduation and Reputation is at 30
9. Faculty Resources is at 28
10. The differences in schools are so miniscule
11. Smith looks at all 4 years of secondary school (all aspects including type of school, population, curriculum, extracurricular activities, teacher recommendations, guidance counselor recommendation.
12. For Adas, Smith is interested in the older college experience, recent college experiences (recommendations, autobiographical essay, resume, etc.)

10. SGA Visibility
   a. SGA Radio Show
      i. Training this weekend
         - 6:30pm on Sunday
   b. Next Sophian Article
      i. Megan
   c. E-Newsletter Deadlines
      i. 9/30—Deadline for information submittal
         ii. 10/3—E-Newsletter will go out

11. Cabinet Guest Planning
   a. Dean Mahoney, October 4th
      i. What do we want to talk about?

12. Habitat for Humanity
    A. Sign-up sheet for 2 days

13. Upcoming Events / Rumor Mill
    A. Rochelle had lunch with Gloria Steinem

14. Adjournment
    A. Motion to adjourn at 9:03pm

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**
**WEEK OF 9/28-10/4**

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