SGA Cabinet Agenda
Thursday, October 3, 2013
Campus Center 204
7:00pm-8:13 pm

Present: Augusta Gronquist, Leslie Hillsamer, Catherine Aguilar, Meghna Purkayastha, Elizabeth Yun, Frances Black, Ellina Nektalova, Nancy Chen, Shreeya Rajanarayanan, Jennifer Pekol, Ellen Kim, Nahee Kwak

Tardy:

Regrets: Ceci Gonzalez, Prina Patel, Dawn Ginnetti

Call to order: 7:04 PM

I. Minutes
   A. Frances Black moves to pass the minutes from 9/26/13, motion passes 10-0-1

II. Cabinet Updates
   A. Catherine Aguilar- Senate voted to pass the Ada bylaw changes. Committees broke up to discuss issues that need to be discussed in each house. Shirts will be ordered soon and next bonding activity Wednesday
   B. Leslie Hillsamer- Elections looking good, candidates would like to hold meetings and speeches. One issue with illegal chalking and flyers which is not acceptable.
   C. Nancy Chen- Trying to figure out Tshirts, change bylaws because trying to be as specific as possible
   D. Elizabeth Yun- Updated travel reimbursement policies on school website
   E. Shreeya Rajanarayanan- Elected a vice chair so now there is someone in charge of chartering.
   F. Nahee Kwak- Working on advertising for the Smith ring sales, events for the year, and things to present to the new cabinet.
   G. Ellina Nektalova- Have two more cases for the rest of the semester
   H. Jennifer Pekol- Have a secretary and a pending person for a sustainability representative!
   I. Ellen Kim- Working on discussing ways to advertise rings to the sophomore
class, getting Tshirt designs in soon!

J. Frances Black- Had a discussion regarding textbook buying habits-came to the conclusion that textbook prices should be available one week before classes start. A Social Justice Latin Honors requirement is being discussed!
   1. Last year created a list of courses that could be counted as a “Social Justice” class.

K. Meghna Purkayastha- Working with Smith Sophian to write blurbs about each cabinet member. This would help with cabinet visibility, etc. Met with the other Five College Representatives on Friday to discuss consolidate a social networking website (N5ync)

III. Inauguration Updates
   A. The Inauguration is upon us! There is a student party on the 18th from 8-12 pm. President McCartney will arrive at 9 pm with her family. The live band will begin playing at that time. WOZQ will start to play in the Carroll room at 10:30 pm. The House Presidents have planned “Spirit Week” leading up to the Inauguration with themed dress-up days and house banners.
      Official College Programming:
   B. Speakers, panels, and other events are being held over the weekend.
   C. Cabinet members are encouraged to attend these Inauguration events wearing nametags.

IV. Funding Requests
   A. Ellina Nektalova moves to fund Persons A and B $744.62 with the stipulation that Person B can apply to Office of President and Dean of College fund, along with holding a discussion about the conference afterwards, Frances Black seconds the motion, motion passes 9-0-1
   B. Meghna Purkayastha moves to fund Person C $0 and encourage them to apply for the IEG grant, Nahee Kwak seconds the motion, motion passes 9-0-1
   C. Ellina Nektalova moves to fund Person D $1237.33, Frances Black seconds the motion, motion passes 9-0-1
   D. Frances Black moves to fund Person E $1,715, Catherine Aguilar seconds the motion, motion passes 9-0-2
V. Board of Trustees Discussion
   A. Put Board of Trustees Discussion Meeting on your calendar!
   B. Create three solid topics and organize discussion groups with Board of Trustees
   C. Previous Ideas
      1. Praxis/abroad funding-(Institutional equity)
      2. Leadership and speaking development
      3. Alumni Association- how that works/doesn’t work
         a) Big Sib/Little Sib
         b) Stress Management Programs
            (1) More Pet-a-Pet days
      4. Five College Enrichment Program
      5. Smoother transition for the first years to incorporate orientation programs
         that discuss gender identity terms
      6. Office of Multicultural Affairs/Diversity Funding (OIDE and OMA Funding)
      7. Involve Alumni Association with the Seven Sisters Connection
      8. 24 hours library hours during finals
      9. Extending dining hours in different parts of the campus
      10. Housing shortage-Ada and traditional housing
          a) Dawes, Parsons, and Bedford are pending to be eliminated

VI. Social Network Tutorial
   A. Postponed, will happen next week

VII. Jennifer Pekol presentation- holes in the bylaws regarding who can sit on the SGA Cabinet
   A. Incoming students should have experience with their position in applying for a
      SGA cabinet position. This relates to Ada students as of now in regards to the
      Sustainability Committee.
         1. An Ada should have at least one semester’s worth of experience at Smith
            or related to the position they desire before applying for candidacy.
         2. The Sustainability Chair is the only position that sits on the SGA
            committee that is not mentioned on the bylaw
   B. Discussion
      1. Leslie Hillsamer-Looks like we are blocking a certain individual from being
elected. We should wait for the committee to become fully elected and filled so that they can decide their own bylaws.

C. Put on the backburner for now!

VIII. Ellina Nektalova-
   A. Adding more clocks during finals period in classrooms.
   B. Frances Black will bring this issue up during her committee meeting

IX. Adjournment
   A. Leslie Hillsamer moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:13PM