SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2011  
CC 204 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Present: Elis Lee, Eve Hunter, Ali Zipparo, Briana Parker, Caitlin Jordan, Nahee Kwak, Jeanju Choi, Adriana Chalas, Catherine Leung, Pauline Musa, Mohini Banerjee, Mackenzie Green, Jessica Kaplan

Tardy: None

Regrets: Sheila Kim, Cait Kirby

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

I. Kathy Zieja- Director of Dining Services
   A. Introduction
      i. 104 staff members in Dining Services
      ii. 8 others on management team
      iii. More local sustainable food available than ever before
      iv. Would like to have a dining committee that includes students
      v. Made changes to the dining menus and added Tyler House with different dining times
      vi. Have nutritional records online
   B. Dining inconveniences
      i. Staggered hours
         a) Have extended hours at Tyler House
         b) Existing hours are very generous compared to other five colleges except the University of Massachusetts, Amherst
         c) Hour extension requires new staff
         d) With current set up, it would be very difficult to make changes
         e) With Grab-and-Go, students can get something to eat later
      ii. Students would like one more Dining Dollars
      iii. Dining dishes
         a) Dishes need to stay in the dining halls
            • Spent $30,000 last year on replacement china
         b) Check dishes out and check it in
         c) Not ever letting students take dishes out of the dining hall
         d) Bought new dishes with different colors to experiment with where the dishes end up
            • Charge if dishes are left in the house
            • Amnesty box in each house to at least get the dishes back
      iv. Mohini Banerjee would like to invite Kathy Zieja to come talk with the Senate about Dining Committee
      v. Could dining houses that do not serve all 3 meals serve late night dinners?
         a) With staggered hours, still need 4 hours of preparation time
      vi. Ada Comstock Scholars
         a) Separate meal plan for Ada students for lunch is desired
      vii. Each house has a specialty but now most houses have the same menu
         a) When nights were menu items are very special, will run out of food
         b) Offering balance and variety is goal
         c) Do and can change menus
      viii. Weekend food tastes worse
a) Brunch gets increasingly worse every year
   • Variety and quality
ix. Dining halls run out of food too quickly
x. Gluten-Free options are very good
xi. Dining staff are more alienated than Campus Center staff
   a) Make them more visible to the house or school
   b) May help with dishes issues
xii. Cup size too tiny
xiii. Pauline Musa would like to invite Kathy Zieja to come talk with the House Presidents about the dish problems
xiv. Breakfast on weekends
   a) Chase-Duckett and King-Scales are the only early open dining hall
      • Have early athletic hours
xv. Students should tell staff members if they have constructive criticism

II. Committee Updates
A. Eve Hunter
   i. Five-College meeting
      a) Transfer/new student orientation (including Adas)
         • Taste of Amherst
         • Want entertainment
      b) Invite SGA members
   ii. Five-College video contest
B. Briana Parker
   i. Committee met on Sunday
      a) Will table at Campus Center
      b) New course critiques
      c) Curriculum is making a sheet outline of what students may not know about Smith courses
C. Ali Zipparo
   i. Food Day
      a) Meeting with Pamela Nolan Young and Mackenzie Green
         • Would like to incorporate diversity
         • Panel with organizations to add on another event
         • College Relations will put out articles and reach out to local media
         • President Christ wants to get involved with Food Day
         • One of the committee members is almost done with posters
         • Mayor of Northampton will do a Food Day proclamation
D. Elis Lee
   i. Twitter and Facebook
      a) Hootsuite
   ii. Will talk to Rae Anne Butera about the bi-weekly Senate report
   iii. SGA in the Cafe posters
E. Catherine Leung
   i. Elections
      a) Voting started today but haven’t started email yet
      b) Jess Bacal- what it means for women to be competitive
         • Talked about two possible options
         • Smith is hosting a leadership conference in February 10, 2012
• For the Five-Colleges
• Registration is free
• Keynote speakers
• Cabinet members may collaborate with her to run a session for this conference
• Rachel Simmons
• Leadership workshop with Center for Work and Life
• Run her own panel on women and competition

ii. There is no official rule in the Student Handbook that says that SGA Treasurer cannot be on an organization executive board

F. Jeanju Choi
i. 17 applications
   a) Many got tabled
ii. Spring 2012 budgets due around November 4, 2011
   a) Budget hearings before Thanksgiving break
   b) Send an email right after Fall Break
iii. Have workshops about filling out budget around November 17-21, 2011

G. Nahee Kwak
i. Family weekend
ii. Powderpuff Game
iii. Adopt a Cause
   a) Everyone who donates a dollar for Adopt a Cause gets a raffle for class ring
   b) Will be tabling
iv. Pinnies
   a) Merchandise

H. Mackenzie Green
i. Attended Black Students Association, Transcending Gender, and Multiethnic Inter-racial Smith College meetings
ii. Meeting with Dean Mahoney regarding Gold Key issue will be postponed to next week due to Mountain Day- Rescheduled to October 18, 2011
iii. Met with Ali Zipparo and Pamela Nolan Young regarding Food Day
iv. Met with Pamela Nolan Young regarding SEC Fall Concert
   a) Direct all complaints to Mackenzie Green

I. Caitlin Jordan
i. Got very good feedback about the Ada Fireside Chat
ii. Next meeting with Ada Cabinet will be next week
iii. Ada Gold Key
   a) Hopefully have Ada Gold Key guides soon

J. Adriana Chalas
i. Had Honor Board meetings

K. Pauline Musa
i. HPA now has a Facebook page
   a) Only for House Presidents
ii. Name Day- November 2, 2011
iii. Rally Day plans
   a) HPs are looking forward to it

L. Mohini Banerjee
i. Currently establishing a few committees in Senate
ii. Senators will be helping out in campus-wide events or problems
III. Minutes
   A. Caitlin Jordan moves to pass minutes
      i. Mohini Banerjee seconds the motion
      ii. 9-0-4

IV. SEC Fall Concert
   A. Held in the Carroll Room- about 150 tickets
   B. Controversy surrounding the artists regarding the way she presents herself and the way she addresses the Black community
   C. Not going to be cancelled
   D. SEC drafting a letter for Facebook and *The Sophian* about how this artist was chosen and how to move from here
      i. Will address the community and will have a post-concert debriefing
   E. SEC meeting with the administration October 14, 2011
   F. Will be three seminars regarding this concert
      i. Faculty will be present in each of the three panels
   G. Pamela Nolan Young and Dean Ohotnicky wanted SGA to consider that SEC was never contacted and went straight to the Dean
   H. Have SEC respond to this issue
   I. Message was sent out to the House Diversity representatives

V. Board of Trustees Meeting Updates
   A. Ada Group
      i. Met after the Fireside Chat
      ii. Presentations, statistics, and how Adas contribute to classrooms and how traditional students learn from them
      iii. Talk mostly about numbers from the Fireside Chat
   B. Investment Group
      i. Met with Leslie King
      ii. Email Tom Riddell about the committee to Responsible Investment
         a) Talk about the history of the committee and why it was disbanded and why it should be running again
         b) Importance of working with investors
         c) No transparency about where our investment goes
   C. Global Curriculum Group
      i. Want to state that we are adding great courses for many students but not all and would like to add more programs that will benefit more students
         a) Focus on foreign language, look at faculty
      ii. Look at other colleges with global initiative education and compare our classes with theirs
      iii. Rethinking in terms of access to support all students at Smith
         a) Study abroad programs
         b) Being more international with the exception of study abroad programs
            • More emphasis
            • Allow Adas and Transfers to participate in these programs
         c) What it means for Smith to be a global campus

VI. Announcements and Suggestions
   A. Next Week's Polo Day- Thursday, October 13, 2011
   B. Five College Dinner- Amherst College, November 7, 2011 at 5:30 PM
Adjournment: 9:32 PM