SGA Cabinet Agenda  
Thursday, October 10, 2013  
Campus Center 204  
7:02pm-8:55 pm

Present: Augusta Gronquist, Catherine Aguilar, Meghna Purkayastha, Elizabeth Yun, Frances Black, Ellina Nektalova, Nancy Chen, Shreeya Rajanarayanan, Jennifer Pekol, Ellen Kim, Nahee Kwak, Ceci Gonzalez, Prina Patel, Dawn Ginnetti

Tardy:

Regrets: Leslie Hillsamer

Call to order: 7:02 PM

I. Minutes
   A. Ellina Nektalova moves to pass the minutes from 10-3-13, motion passes 10-0-3

II. Updates
   A. Frances Black- Met with the committee of academic priorities. Worked on things like textbook costs, social justice requirement, went really well
   B. Nancy Chen- Talked about setting up a newsletter for the bathrooms in each house.
   C. Shreeya Rajanarayanan- Went through funding requests and discussed possibly changing funding policies for a cappella groups on campus
   D. Dawn Ginnetti- Met with the Dean of the College Search Committee.
   E. Ellen Kim- People have started voting for the Class of 2016 tshirts. Class cabinet has started discussing a collaboration with the Ada class
   F. Ceci Gonzalez- Gussie Gronquist came and talked about the student inauguration party at HPA. Spirit week is occurring before the inauguration. those who participate will get a prize. Banners will be made in honor of the president.
   G. Nahee Kwak- Working with Catherine Aguilar to design the senior stols.
   H. Catherine Aguilar- Senates bonding activity went well. Got to know everyone’s names, respective houses, and shared embarrassing moments. Senate shirts are coming in by Friday. Met with Senate secretary to talk about some issues.
I. Elizabeth Yun- Made applications for funding an easier process. Revised the funding application webpage.

J. Jennifer Pekol- Cabinet did not meet this week.

K. Prina Patel- Going to send out a newsletter next week for the Class of 2015. Trying to have a bonfire, but need a permit from Northampton.

L. Ellina Nektalova- Honor Board had three cases, this week Honor Board has two.

M. Meghna Purkayastha- Sent an email to the Smith Sophian regarding cabinet profiles. Received details regarding the Seven Sisters Conference
   1. Applications regarding Seven Sisters Conference
   2. Confirmation email due on Tuesday to Meghna Purkayastha

III. Social Network training
   A. Presented by Tamra Bates
   B. Summary
      1. Smith Social Network seems very accessible and easy to maneuver
      2. Some people find it cumbersome. Some few glitches. They are being discussed with tech design.

IV. SSJIC visit
   A. Visit by Elise Parisian, President
      1. Waiting for lawyer paperwork to reach an agreement
      2. What we can gather
         a) The Smith labor workers got some benefits
         b) Don't know how much of an impact was actually created
         c) Laborers wanted better health care terms as far as wages and a better family plan
         d) Hoping to have a better wage increase per year
         e) Getting free parking, large lengths to walk to work
         f) Hopefully there will be a release about the information regarding what agreement or negotiation was reached
            (1) Through a powerpoint presentation or panel discussion
(Wrap Up Event)
V. Resource Center for Sexuality and Gender visit
   A. Presented by Emily Coffin, RCSG Coordinator
   B. Passed out an RCSG Overview
   C. Topics
      1. Funding
         a) SGA has always given RCSG funding in the amount of $3000, but never been institutionalized in formal budget.
         b) RCSG really depends on SGA funding, and was hoping that SGA could formalize the RCSG funding into yearly budget
      2. Hope to increase the visibility of the space
         c) Making a social space for the queer community at Smith College
            (1) Queer community is mostly political
            (2) Femme invisibility
            (3) Hump Day Activities on Wednesday
      2. Collaborate with SGA and administration
      3. Hope to have SGA to make a Board of Trustees presentation in the Spring 2013-make a finalized plan that would address issues step-by-step.
         Would like to have a full time staff employee. Hopes to really have some institutional support.
      4. Create a Student Advisory Committee
      5. This year Celebrations is being hosted through RCSG
      6. Create a relationship with SWAG Department, Diversity Committee, and HPA

VI. Board of Trustees group assignments
   A. Praxis/Global Engagement Funding
      1. Talking about Praxis process and how it can be improved. Could Praxis be made into a competition? G.E.F is not really realistic-not enough funding
   B. Alumni Association
      1. Seven Sisters connection
      2. What’s working/what’s not working
      3. How is it being utilized?
      4. Big sis/lil sis programming
C. Third Topic is being discussed

VII. Funding requests
   A. Frances Black moves to fund Person A $0, Shreeya Rajanarayanan seconds the motion, motion passes 12-0-2
   B. Frances Black moves to fund Person B $0, Ellen Kim seconds the motion, motion passes 13-0-1
   C. Shreeya Rajanarayanan moves to fund Person C $479.60, Jennifer Pekol seconds the motion, motion passes 13-0-1
   D. Jennifer Pekol moves to fund Person D $143.43, Shreeya Rajanarayan seconds the motion fails 8-3-4.
      1. Frances Black moves to fund Person D $143.43 with the stipulation that the person holds a meeting describing what they learned at the conference motion passes, 10-1-2
   E. Jennifer Pekol moves to fund Person E $274.42 with the stipulation that the person holds a meeting describing what they learned at the conference, Meghna Purkayastha seconds the motion, motion passes 10-1-2

VIII. Adjournment
   A. Frances Black moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm