SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., CC 204

Members Present: Meg Schmitt, Laura Winkler, Megan Gallo, Alexis Warth, Elaine Harris, Julia Yang, Samiya Ewing, Mercedes Davis, Marlowe Diekmann, Rachel Licata, Dayo Harris, Keturah Edwards  
Member Absent: Sarah Anne Kam, Sabine Jean, Krystal Cummings, Aliza Leventhal

I. Call to Order  
7:04p.m.

II. L’Tanya Richmond, Director of Multicultural Affairs
   A. First day July 1st 2008
   B. What brought her to Smith:
      i. First experience at an all women’s college
      ii. Twenty years at Elon University
      iii. Wanted an experience at an all women’s college that has strong women leaders, and wanted her two daughters to be around strong women
   C. Provides support for undergraduate women of color
   D. Organizes the Bridge Pre-Orientation Program
      i. Program extended through the Fall semester
      ii. All 47 students now have a monthly activity to look forward to to reconnect with each other
   E. Interacts with diverse group of students
   F. Meets bi-weekly with the 9 Unity organizations on campus
      i. The Fall calendar of events is on the OMA website
      ii. First OMA newsletter posted to the website in the Spring semester
   G. Working on a strategic plan in the spring semester
      i. wants the plan to connect with the students
      ii. What’s For Lunch discussions held to find out what matters to the students
   H. Appointed to serve on 10 committees this year
   I. Has open office hours Monday 2:30pm-4:00pm Clark Hall 205
   J. Martin Luther King Jr. event—email L’Tanya Richmond for more information
   K. Here to make the OMA more efficient—cannot be complacent with what we have

III. Minutes  
Quorum not met, minutes tabled until next meeting

IV. Committee Updates
   A. 2010
      i. Went to Ada tea Kaplan Scholars tea
      ii. Working on care packages
   B. 2011
      i. Went to Wilder house council meeting—Q&A session-want quad parking lot
      ii. Mentioned Trustee presentation
      iii. Having trouble with getting cabinet together
         a. Met via email
      ii. Sent class email re : t-shirts and care packages
   C. House Presidents Association
      ii. Did not meet because of Fall Break
      iii. Waiting to hear from House Competition Committee
      iv. Bonfire Committee met with Northampton fire marshal
      v. Next meeting Kathy Zeija attending
   D. Judicial Board
      ii. No hearings yet
   E. Ada Class
      ii. Kaplan Scholar Tea went well
      iii. Pumpkin Carving Sunday 10/19/08 on Chapin Lawn
         A. Pumpkins $5 on Sunday
F. Senate  
   ii. No meeting because of Fall Break

G. Elections and Appointments  
   ii. Poorly attended meeting Wednesday 10/15/08  
   iii. Appointing to 11 committees on the 18th and 19th

H. 2012  
   i. Needs to fill cabinet

I. Curriculum Committee  
   i. Reviewing ASPECTS  
   ii. Looking at 5 college catalogs to compare  
   iii. Trying to speak to the registrar about transcripts

V. Office Courtesy  
   A. Make sure to shut off the computers if you are the last one on it  
   B. Close the windows  
   C. Desktop reorganization  
      ii. Put your files in your folder

VI. Trustee Presentation  
   A. Keturah Edwards rehearsed introduction

VII. SGA Visibility  
   A. Dining Services Tea and Dialogue  
      ii. October 28th at 4:15p.m. to 5:15p.m. in Goldstein Lounge  
      iii. No dress code
   B. Clark and College Hall Open House  
      ii. Contacting the offices to see availability for the second week of November, on Tuesday the 11th, 2pm-4pm.  
      iii. Food—tea, hot chocolate packets  
      iv. Prizes—1st, 2nd and 3rd—Money on OneCard, $50, $25, $15
   C. Otelia Cromwell Day Tea  
      1. Doing a similar presentation on Otelia Cromwell Day  
      2. Redundant to host one the day before—possible to have different information at the two teas.  
      3. Make the tea on the actual day part of the House Competition?

VIII. Class Matters Initiative  
   A. Marlowe will write up a proposal  
   B. Want more actions included in the document  
   C. Put together by Naomi Miller

IX. Student Response  
   A. DailyJolt Forum  
      ii. Everyone that spoke felt that the comments should have been left on the Jolt  
      iii. Feelings that racism is being hidden on campus  
      iv. External factors that contribute to student feelings not always taken into account  
      v. Held after Fall Break—the passion had waned  
      vi. Dean Riddell-anonymous post-its on doors and bulletin boards before the Jolt  
      vii. Would we rather it was on the internet or on the campus? There will still be the “angry girls” walking around campus  
      viii. Will now be three different forums—confessional, Smith forum where name is needed, and mixture of both  
      ix. What do the creators of the DailyJolt think about what is said on the Jolt? What can they do about it? What can we do to appease it?  
         A. Can we create a “task force” to monitor the threads  
         B. Hate-Free Campaign?

X. Board of Trustee Welcome  
   i. Meg Ambrus, Emily Taylor, Tracy Rubin

XI. Adjournment  
   9:22p.m.