SGA CABINET MEETING

October 22, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Jinny Choi, Rachel Massey Licata, Sabine Jean, Eliza Pope-Collins, Kai Devlin, Mary Kwan, Katie Clark, Angela Zhu, Eve Hunter, Maggie Chesnut, Julia Behrs, Sam Young, Mary Kwan, Hailey Bird, Imani Palanque

Members Late: 

MembersAbsent: Catherine Leung, Elizabeth Tanner

I. Call to order: 7:03 P.M.

II. Thomas Laughner, Ph. D., Director, Educational Technology Services
   a. Part of Information Technology Services (ITS)
   b. Oversees all technology that faculty and students use for their courses
      i. Moodle, insight, special events (projectors, sound, etc)
   c. First time at Cabinet and very excited!
   d. Huge numbers of students have “smart phones”
      i. Wants to develop a system to use applications directly through Smith College
   e. There is a growing trend of faculty using media for assignments instead of papers
   f. King-Scales Computer Lab
      i. Turf war with janitors
      ii. Print paper was being stolen
         1. Tried adding locks, students broke them, and the lab was closed for the year
      iii. Open to suggestions for lab, layout, aesthetics, etc
   g. 5-College Classes
      i. Looking to collaborate and looking at applications across all colleges to make them more accessible and uniform
   h. Cable TV
      i. Information Technology Services (ITS) conducted a survey about the cable TV
      ii. Wondering whether to focus money on continuing cable for all rooms or allocating those funds towards fixing wireless
      iii. Working on official results
      iv. Toying with the idea of letting students pay for cable access
   i. Looking to improve wireless in houses
      i. Make stronger and faster
      ii. Clean Access
         1. Updating problems
      iii. Ethernet provides faster connection
         1. Connections are direct

III. Minutes: Passes 11-0-3
IV. Announcements

a. Welcome Imani!
   i. 2013 President
b. Dean Mahoney will be visiting next week
c. Think of people to come visit Cabinet to speak with us
d. Dinner with President Christ, 5 P.M., October 30, 2009
e. Complete retreat forms and give to Jinny by Friday next week
   i. Retreat is November 13-15, 2009
f. Board of Trustees meeting
   i. Great success!
g. 5-College Coordinating Board
   i. Collaborative Tea, thinking a Friday in November 4:30-5:30
   ii. Discuss ideas and how organizations are arranged
   iii. Talk about blending courses and what different campuses are feeling
h. Diversity Luncheon
   i. Meeting with Diversity Representatives
   ii. Three part workshop series for student organizations and representatives including administration
   iii. Include documentary made last year
   iv. Jennifer Walters, workshop on collaborative organization
   v. Culmination: inviting administration to come and to bring everyone together
   vi. If imitative needs Cabinet help, more than willing
i. Fireside Chat
   i. Goldstein Lounge, 7P.M. December 2, 2009
   ii. Mandatory for Cabinet members
   iii. President Christ will be attending
   iv. Focus on gender identity and expression
   v. Hope to get more than the queer community to attend
   vi. Working on official question to send to President Christ
j. Town Hall Meeting
   i. Localized and more of them
   ii. Purpose: create a space to hear what issues are relevant
   iii. Julia needs help on deciding on question to centralize discussions
   iv. Who should be involved in panel?
      1. Student to student or involve faculty and staff?
   v. Ask question on November 2/3  12-1 walk around: What issues would you want to see SGA respond to? Would you prefer an informational panel to be in a more intimate meeting or bigger town hall structure/ student run or administratively run or faculty run? (rough idea)
k. Celebration
   i. On a Thursday, move meeting so we can attend
   ii. November 2, 5:30-7:00 P.M Monday
l. Transparency
i. Talk to the student body about Board of Trustees meeting
ii. Mail stuffer
iii. E-mail/newsletter
iv. Tell committees in person what goes on in meetings

V. Motion to Adjourn: 9:00 P.M.