SGA Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
October 27, 2011  
CC 204 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Present: Sheila Kim, Nahee Kwak, Adriana Chalas, Catherine Aguilar, Mackenzie Green, Jeanju Choi, Mohini Banerjee, Cait Kirby, Eve Hunter, Raquel Paulino, Caitlin Jordan, Catherine Leung, Pauline Musa, Ali Zipparo, Jessica Kaplan, Elis Lee

Tardy: Briana Parker

Regrets: None

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

I. Committee Update
   A. Jessica Kaplan
      i. Update on the agenda
   B. Sheila Kim
      i. Working on JY Stay
   C. Catherine Leung
      i. Appointed someone from the SGA to information technology
   D. Cait Kirby
      i. Powderpuff cancelled
         a) Rescheduled to indoor basketball tournament
      ii. Care package website is up
   E. Catherine Aguilar
      i. Started on first class activity
         a) Attending “Breaking Dawn” midnight premier
   F. Caitlin Jordan
      i. “Trick or Tradding”
      ii. Ada Monologue- April 20th, 2012
      iii. Wine and cheese with professor
   G. Pauline Musa
      i. Celebrations- November 3rd, 2011 at 8:00 PM
   H. Raquel Paulino
      i. Will not be attending SGA Cabinet meeting next week
      ii. Still learning about funding application process
   I. Nahee Kwak
      i. Adopt-a-Cause
         a) Will be going to dining halls to talk get more donations
      ii. Will get merchandise soon
   J. Ali Zipparo
      i. Food Day is done
      ii. No Shave November
         a) Campaign where people do not shave that month to save water
      iii. Green Team Meeting
         a) Chaired by a first-year
         b) Will be working on past goals
      iv. Have a new vice chair
a) Will take Ali's place in Cabinet when she graduates

K. Mohini Banerjee
i. First charter
ii. Two members from Center for Community Collaboration next week
iii. Tamra Bates will be attending the week after next

L. Jeanju Choi
i. Budget forms due November 4th, 2011 at 4:00 PM
ii. May go to Senate to go over charter in process
iii. Updating universal funding applications

M. Briana Parker
i. Campaign went very well
   a) 200 responses
   b) Compiled responses on GoogleDoc
   c) Concluded that people do not know whom to express their concerns
      • Looking to compiling a list of resources for students
      • How to talk to professors
   d) Work Load
      • Will talk to Jacobson Center to create or advertise programs
   e) Course critique week- week of November 16 at 7:00 PM
      • Students do not know that it affects tenured professors
      • Will table to talk to students about course critique
      • Provost Schuster will attend

N. Eve Hunter
i. Met with chair of SSJIC
   a) Make campus bookstore sweat-free

O. Mackenzie Green
i. Gold Key Transgender issue: Overnight Hosting Policies
   a) Is a practice, not a policy
   b) Admissions Office hopes transgender students will voluntarily not host prospective students
      • Self-enforced like the Honor Code
   c) Tumblr Blog Post
      • Presented as if it is a policy that will be enforced
      • What is a male identity?
      • Will create a hierarchy within the student body
      • Dangerous for the Smith students as well as the school
   d) Where do we go from here?
      • Administration sees the issue as being resolved
      • Wide array of people involved in the conversation
      • Discuss this issue at Senate
      • Practice will not be going away
      • Practice will make sense because prospective students' parents will not be comfortable with the situation
      • Cannot compare ourselves to a co-educational school

II. Minutes
A. Catherine Leung motions to approve minutes
i. Adriana Chalas seconds the motion
ii. 15-0-2
III. Update from REC Conference
   A. President Christ's contract is finished
      i. Looking for a new President of the College
   B. Activist-oriented rather than information oriented
   C. Talked to organizers of the conference
      i. Very impressed with Investure's Green Funds
         ii. We are in 12-member consortium with Investure
   D. Jeanju Choi and Adriana Cha atas invited to be on a proxy voting committee

IV. Information Sharing/Goals
   A. More website space for curriculums to share information with the students
   B. Weekly update newsletter
      i. Copies around campus, emails, and website
   C. Cabinet Meet-And-Greet, Walk-Around, Tabling in the Campus Center
   D. Attending house teas and Residence Life area meetings

V. Coca-Cola
   A. Kathy Zieja will be meeting with the committee Friday
   B. Would like SGA's opinion
   C. Contract with Polar beverages is finished
   D. Who will be the next vendor?
   E. Currently have two local vendors from Massachusetts

VI. Judicial Board
   A. Dean Ohotnicky and Jessica Kaplan talking about having potential bylaw changes
   B. Judicial Board cases are heard and decided by students
      i. Responsibility and sanctions
   C. Why should cases where students confess to mistakes be taken to Judicial Board?
      i. Considering the option of administrative settlements
         a) No grounds for suspend or expulsion from the school
         b) Solely for cases where students admits to a mistake
         c) For minor cases
         d) Option for the student and the administrator to make the decision for that case

VII. Honor Board
   A. Comprised of Administration and students
      i. 4 voting student members
         ii. Class representatives except for the first-year
   B. Does not go through Elections and Appointment process
   C. Sophomore representatives going abroad
      i. Need to fill the position while she is away
         ii. Students are tenured until graduation
   D. SGA Opinion
      i. May be harder to fill the position if it is not a guaranteed tenured position
         ii. Best for Honor Board to make the decision
         iii. Position is tenured but in the event the student goes abroad will have to go through an
         application process the following year
            a) Students should be committing to the full year if they apply for the position

VIII. Information Technology Committee
   A. Have to appoint two people
   B. Educational Technology Committee
      i. Anti-plagiarism software
         ii. Provost and other administrators will be on the board
iii. Software support
C. Technology Steering Committee
   i. Recommends changes to IT policies, prioritizes proposals for the Administration
   ii. Provost, Dean of Faculty and Vice President of Finance among others will be on the board
D. Provide information for what is best for the students and the college
E. Election
   i. Educational Technology Committee
      a) Adriana Chalas- new representative
   ii. Technology Steering Committee
      a) Catherine Leung- new representative
IX. Van Request
A. Two of the vans broke down when an a capella group drove to Virginia
B. Noteables
   i. Requesting two vans
      a) Only one van free
   ii. Five and a half to six hours away
   iii. Sheila moves to allow Noteables to take the van
      a) Nahee Kwak seconds the motion
      b) Van request approved
X. Planning for Seven Sisters Conference timing
A. Smith College is next in line to host the conference
B. Planning will start next semester
C. On November, 9th - 11th, 2011
XI. Announcements and Suggestions
A. Five College Dinner- November 7th, 2011 at 5:30 PM
B. Smith College Democrats- November 8th, 2011
   i. Needs drivers
C. Next week's Polo Day
   i. Tuesday
D. Celebrations
   i. Make the meeting from 6:00-8:00 PM on November 3, 2011
E. Smith Day
   i. In the Spring semester
   ii. More collaborative with faculty and staff at Smith with the community
   iii. Taste of Smith
XII. Briana Parker
A. Faculty Meeting Updates
B. Discussed the Asian Women Leadership University Project
   i. Faculty concerned about the little academic freedom in Malaysia
C. Sophomores to write their plan for the rest of their year at Smith
XIII. Idea Book
A. Talked to people who will give out free notebooks
   i. We design cover, have 8 pages in the front, sponsored dividers

Adjournment: 9:01 PM