SGA CABINET MEETING

October 29, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Jinny Choi, Rachel Massey Licata, Eliza Pope-Collins, Kai Devlin, Mary Kwan, Katie Clark, Angela Zhu, Eve Hunter, Julia Behrs, Sam Young, Mary Kwan, Hailey Bird, Imani Palanque, Catherine Leung, Elizabeth Tanner

Members Late: Sabine Jean, Maggie Chesnut

Members Absent:

I. Call to order: 7:02 P.M.
II. Guest Speaker: Maureen Mahoney, Dean of the College
   a. Office is in College Hall
   b. Her job’s main focus is representing students and our interests
   c. Worked with both faculty and students in the past but chose students
   d. Oversees anything you can think of dealing with students except for athletics. Deals with Health Services, Admission, Financial Aid, etc.
   e. Sits on President Christ’s Cabinet
   f. Center for Work and Life
      i. Part of the strategic plan for Smith College
      ii. Combines wellness programming, programs on leadership development, and work preparation (Career Development Office)
      iii. Idea behind it: to fulfill the goal of preparing Smith women for “getting a life”
      iv. Jessica Bacal is the acting director
   g. November 5, 2009: Panel of Smith alumna talk about ideals and compromises in life and politics
   h. Smith Elects the World
      i. Monday, November 2, 2009
      ii. Students who studied abroad share about how their studies outside of Smith effect their studies at Smith
   i. Concentrations
      i. A new establishment
      ii. Combine academics and field work experiences
      iii. Art Museums and Archival Concentrations in place
      iv. Try to develop: Leadership Studies and Global Leadership

III. Minutes: Passes 11-0-3

IV. Announcements
   a. Next Cabinet meeting is November 2, 2009: 5:30-7:00 P.M.
   b. Neil Abraham
      i. 5-College Executive Director
   c. Dinner with President Christ
      i. Not necessarily about SGA
      ii. Friday, October, 30, 2009
d. Retreat forms due tomorrow

e. Town Hall
   i. Both small meetings and a large one following the series of smaller ones.
      1. Have the bigger one include faculty
      2. An opportunity to be receptive to student’s needs and ideas and then to respond to those issues
   ii. Walk-around question:
      1. What do you see as far as social issues that are specific to your area?
      2. What can SGA do for you that you don’t see us doing now?

f. Website
   i. Hiring a Webmaster?
      1. Cost approximately $700 a year
      2. 15 hours a month, 6 months a year
      3. If we wanted to do a Wikipedia like page for organizations price would double to $1400
   ii. A good option to opening conversation with students
   iii. A more organized space that is easier to maneuver
   iv. Maybe add a constitutional clause to include webpage updating
   v. Perhaps have a page independent of the Smith webpage

g. Retreat
   i. November 13-15, 2009
   ii. Come back Saturday night instead of Sunday morning?

h. Transgender Day of Remembrance November 19, 2009: 7 P.M.
   i. On Campus Center steps
   ii. Attend as a Cabinet wearing shirts

i. Letter to students about Board of Trustees
   i. Stuff letters in student mailboxes
   ii. Katie, Hailey, and Jinny will edit the letter and bring final copy to Cabinet

j. Transparency
   i. One of our goals for the year
   ii. Attend a different event monthly as a Cabinet to show we are out and about
   iii. Jinny will make a list of potential events

k. 5-College Collaborations Tea
   i. Hoping to host sometime after retreat
   ii. To be continued!

V. Committee Update
a. Vice-President
   i. President Christ came to Senate
      1. Talked about 5-College concerns
   ii. Concerned about increased Thanksgiving fee
   iii. $200 million fundraising goal for financial aid

b. Class of 2011
i. Care package letters are out
ii. Working on a hot chocolate social
iii. Have their own website through the Alumnae Association

c. Organization Resources Committee
   i. Article in the Sophian was encouraging

d. House Presidents’ Association
   i. Talked with Center for Work and Life
   ii. Albright will be having a fundraiser soon
   iii. Time management conversations
   iv. May be something developing with House Council positions for Project for Social Change
   v. Quad Halloween! 2-4 P.M. on Halloween
   vi. House parties starting up

e. Class of 2010
   i. Pub Crawl in November
      1. Try to make shirts
      2. Possibly shotglasses
   ii. Care package letters went out
   iii. Senior sweatpants

f. Ada Comstock Class
   i. Halloween event on Saturday 4-7 for Adas and families
   ii. Trying to put together t-shirt fundraiser with a Smith centered theme

h. Honor Board
   i. Will issue editorial response to the Sophian article

i. Class of 2012
   i. Care package letter out
   ii. Sophomore photo contest of Smith
      1. Put winning picture on a puzzle

j. Class of 2013
   i. Trying to organize an event
   ii. Sent out care package letter
   iii. Have a food-centered year!

VII. Adjournment: 8:58 P.M. 12-0-1