SGA Cabinet Agenda

Wednesday, November 5th, 2014
5:00pm

Present: Greta Stacy (chair), Aisha Amin (minutes), Samantha Page, Laura Lubben, Charlye Barfield, Yoo Eun Kim, Andrea Lahlum, Milanes Morejon, Jenny Jiang, Molly Grover, Vy Nguyen, Julia Collins

Tardy: Marianna Januario, Lindsay Roth,

Regrets:  Colgan Powell, Avery Lussier, Nancy Chen

Call to Order

5:00pm
- Greta calls the meeting to order at 5pm

Approve Minutes

5:01pm
- Laura moves to pass last weeks minutes
- Yoo Eun Seconds
- Motion Passes 13-0-0

Committee Updates

5:03pm

Yoo Eun
a. Finished Feel Good Notes on Chapin Lawn, had great participation, planning on doing a similar “wish note” event for seniors in the spring.
b. November 19th 8-9pm, milk and cookie event, only juniors, class bonding experience.
c. Honorary Degree Committee meeting in December, President McCarthy will have a fireside chat about the commencement speaker two weeks from now.
d. Does the speaker had to have had an impact specifically on Women’s education? If the speaker is a man, he has to have a direct impact on Smith College, broader for women speakers.

Laura
a. ORC is going strong
b. Senate Presentations went well, they are scheduling a time to go through funding policies to be discussed and voted on.
c. New funding policy to senate last night, got positive responses.
d. Laura speaking at Smith and the World Conference, 4:30pm in Carroll Room, support Laura!

Sam
a. Junior Year abroad info session next thursday 12-1pm in Seelye 106, working with Dean Johnson on organizing it, peer advisors will be there.
b. Placing orders on water bottles in the next two days
c. Table in the last few weeks of the semester for selling water bottles.
d. Bowling Night coming up, Thursday before the last Thursday of classes

Julia
a. Making progress in Curriculum Committee
b. Tabling going well

Charlye
a. No updates
b. Celebrations next thursday
c. House competition for Seniors, spread the word

Molly
a. Adas met today, planning on tabling during celebrations
b. Discussing ideas for Ada monologues in the Spring
c. Making Ada cabinet bulletin board in Hopkins Lounge because they have a large cabinet.

Milanes
a. Cabinet meeting yesterday, tabling on November 19th in CC 103/104
b. Selling senior mugs, stress balls, and candy, and shirts for $10
c. Gathering ideas for events next semester to be communicated at commencement, suggestion box
d. planning a movie afternoon for the seniors
e. Senior Wine and Cheese, planning on first week in December on Thursday
f. Commencement Questions: Senior Class Discussion Group of some kind. Should there be a system where we can see the progress for commencement speakers?
g. Let Kathy explain the commencement process to the senior class. Get the info out there, then they can communicate their ideas with Kathy after this.

Vy:
  a. Senate met last night, chartered two new orgs: Smith TV, FiberSmith, Table voting on HerCampus Smith due to miscommunication about it and some problems about it (they are a commercial organization).
  b. Food Recovery network came and resented their charter
  c. Open forum went well this week.

Andrea
  a. Fireside chat last night about Bullying, had about 20 people show up, large improvement from last year. Andrea will present comments of people and present it to Dean O.

Aisha
  a. 7 sisters Conference, Friday 5pm, picking up vans at around 4pm
  b. Follow Instagram account
  c.

Jenny
  a. Process of making changes
  b. Sharon made new reimbursement form, it is more simple now
  c. Been getting a lot of questions about the process, people not understand what to do, Jenny is planning on writing a clear document to outline the process of duning
  d. Universal Funding form and policy will be changed and discussed this evening in the finance meeting

Marianna
  a. Rides to the Polls Yesterday, went well.

Greta
  a. Working to confirm which dining halls will be in which night, Greta will let us know and make a sign-up sheet to make sure we have different people each night. Everyone should do it at least once.
  b. 5 College Coordinating Board Meeting: UMASS SGA wants to pass resolution in support of Smith College admitting trans women to smith. They brought a draft for Greta to read. How do we feel about this?
c. Admin committees SGA has been asked to appoint people to, Marianna and Greta will deal with this process. One is the library planning committee to renovate all of the libs. Looking for current sophomore or first year to meet on the spring semester (meet for 18 months). There will be a written application and interview. Students going abroad are still being considered if they can apply, but thinking of appointing sophomore or first-year this semester, then another sophomore or first-year next semester. This is something they are thinking about.

Trans Admission Policy Group

d. Trans admission policy working group, looking for 2-3 students. Application process with Donna Lisker and Audrey Smith, written app and interview, meeting once this semester with Pres McCartney to get the task, then meeting throughout spring semester. Looking for people who haven't made up their mind yet, still actively forming their opinion on the matter.

e. Both Admin committees will meet during J-Term, if you can't be on campus, then students must be able to call or skype in. There is an opportunity for all of us to participate in the lib planning committee with the Board of Trustees.

Universal Funding Application Changes  
5:37pm

a. Missing some sections, especially for conference fund. People had department funding, no space on the form to put that in. They sometimes don't mention if they have external sources of funding. This can get confusing.
b. Funding form is out-dated, lots of sections people skip, we should update this.
c. Not a lot of clear break-down for applicant’s itemized list. The total sometimes doesn’t match the itemized list.
d. Perhaps make it look more like the reimbursement form
e. Making the itemized list section more clear
f. Making an example funding request and a how-to info session
g. Tabling: How do you get money from the SGA
h. Consider meeting with Lazarus Center
i. Emphasizing that the conference fund is individual (not for orgs)
j. Send email out to all people who have already applied, ask for feedback

Finalize Plans for Next Week  
5:57pm

a. Tabling Monday lunch, asking people how could Smith be better? Discuss our talks with the trustees.
b. Hanging up responses throughout week
c. in dining halls during dinner
d. at celebrations on thursday, order in for hot chocolate, we will be passing it out.
Meeting at 5pm on Thursday for our cabinet meeting next week.

Adjournment

Announcements:

WEAR POLOS FOR TABLING

Finance Committee Agenda

Wednesday, November 5th, 2014
6:00pm to 6:30pm

Present: Jenny, Greta, Aisha, Vy, Sam, Laura

Call to Order 6:03pm

Jenny calls meeting to order

Funding Requests 6:01pm
Conference fund

I. Student 1: Org 1
   a. Processed their reimbursements, now asking for additional money for SGA van
   b. Greta moves to fund Org 1 $50.96
   c. Aisha seconds
   d. Motion passes 5-0-1.

Sawyer Fund

II. Student 2: Org 2

Greta moves to table Student 2’s request until ORC sees it
Sam seconds
Motion passes 5-0-0.

III. Student 3: Org 3

- Funded double by ORC
- Haven't heard from them yet
- Greta moves to table event, Sam seconds, motion passes 5-0-0.

IV. Student 4: Org 4

- ORC funded $40
- Changed from paid to free, asking for more money now
- Greta moves to fund $279.50 (40 and 130 subtracted from 450 requested)
- Aisha seconds, Motion passes 5-0-0.

V. Student 5

- Requesting $5,875 for concert with 3 artists
- $5,000 for 3rd artists
- $125 for hotel for each artist, $375
- Greta moves to fund Org 5 $5875, laura seconds, motion passes 5,0,0.
Adjournment

6:26pm