SGA Cabinet Agenda
Thursday, November 5, 2015
7:00pm to 9:00pm

Call to Order 7:00pm

Approve Minutes 7:01pm

Read over Committee Updates and Campus News 7:03 pm
-We will now be writing our minutes in personally and reading them over during cabinet meetings.

● HPA
  ○ Low attendance
  ○ HPA and SGA with Meghna
  ○ 2 HPs as on the Dining Service Strategic Planning Committee
  ○ HPs and the lighting walk
  ○ Gardiner house kitchen being used by non-residents
  ○ 5 goals/subcommittees formed:
    ■ Trust-building/fostering community in HPA - will create a mid-semester emotional check-in
    ■ Houses and SJE reps: will reach out to chair of SJE committee to attend an upcoming meeting
    ■ Building house relationships with facilities: identify main contact and arrange for a meeting
    ■ Fostering house and school spirit through events: brainstorm ideas for spirit days
    ■ Connect houses across campus: will set up buddy houses in and out of areas
  ○ For next week: creating a more inclusive house environment

● Senior Class Cabinet (Bree)
Met with Smith Fund people to discuss Senior Giving Campaign/working with them to spread information/collaborations
  ■ Can provide Cabinet with more info about Smith Fund/Senior Giving upon request

Senior Class Cookies and Hot Chocolate Study Break (Thursday, December 10, 9-10pm)
  ■ Smith Fund reps will be attending

Senior Class Pub Crawl (Friday, December 11, exact times tbd)
  ■ Collaborating with Health and Wellness Office to provide food beforehand

100 Days to Graduation Celebration (Friday, February 5th, CC tabling) with flower handout
  ■ Smith Fund will be attending

Thinking about something to celebrate/recognize JGrads (possibly tie in with pub crawl) this semester

Working on Senior Week/Senior Ball planning

Nabilah Ahmed: AHB
  ○ Chilling.
  ○ We get another week off which is sweet.

Sofia Goetz 2019 Class President:
  ○ Had first cabinet meeting, went well. Discussed fundraising techniques for the class. Also went around and said what each of our positions entailed.
  Second meeting TBA. Following meeting scheduled with Martin Antonetti for next week. Dwight Hamilton emailed me back concerning a follow up meeting, said he would love to, that meetings date is TBA.

Silvana Saca 2018 Class President
  ○ First study break tomorrow, apple cider and donuts.
  ○ Study abroad series is going well.
  ○ Planning next study break

Rose Goueth (Senate)
  ○ In Senate we chartered 3 new orgs, talked about Ad-hoc Committees, had a presentation on the SAF and listened to two new orgs present to Senate.
  ○ We also talked about questions we had for the Deans and at the end set the agenda for next week. Mike Howard is coming to Senate next week to talk about what we would like to hear at the Fireside Chat next Friday.
  ○ We are having a restructure discussion next week, so come and give input if you want to see change!
Had a meeting with Dean Ohotnicky on Monday and it went very well! We will now be sending the administration a summary every week on what happens in Senate.

- Deepal Patel 2017 President
  - Working on sending out Junior Class email
  - Figuring out which elections need to get done and from which crowd - meeting with Tamra later
  - Would love to collaborate with all classes on an event (do not want to spend money)

- Gillian Tisdale, ORC Chair
  - Created working groups (2-3 members each) to work on:
    - By-laws
    - ORC public image, analyzing data from survey
    - Fundraising policies
    - Universal funding form
  - Running a little low on funds, but working on seeking it out

- Dianne Ada Class
  - Sent out newsletter for upcoming events

- Ada Merchandise voted via email and ordered

- Leslie Abraham
  - Otelia Cromwell day events, post event discussions in some houses
  - Opening up a committee to work on disability & discourse @ smith
  - Closed committee setting up anonymous survey to gather information on professors & social justice; in the process of getting it ins approved.
  - Closed committee meeting w/unity orbs individually soon;
  - Jterm retreat & training
  - New working groups to work on future projects

The Role of the Office Manager
- Office Manager handled publicity side of SGA
- There should be a stronger connection between SGA and work done in the SGA office
- How does this role fit into the restructure?

Cabinet At a Glance for Dean OHotnicky
-Rose had meeting with Dean Ohotnicky and talked about how students don't know SGA's roles.
-We should each create a blurb about what we do on cabinet
-Should Senate also be included in the since the power is now there?
-Deepal thinks it should be in a powerpoint
-After we make this document Idia will talk to Sharon and have this shared on the cabinet website
1. Name
2. Email
3. Two-sentence description about what you do
4. who advises you
5. when you meet and where
6. House you live in
7. Picture
-Will be shown to Senate so that they can contribute

Cabinet Goals and the Future of the SGA 7:40pm
-It is time we have this conversation.
-After reading what we all wrote about cabinet roles, it has become clear that most of us view Cabinet as an advisory role
-We are modeled after the Judicial Branch and Executive Branch, but is this structure necessary for Smith SGA?
-Proposal: Give agency back to Senate by having SGA meet at Senate every Tuesday from 7-9 instead of having a separate cabinet meeting every Thursday
-Could we amend Senate’s structure so that we can talk about issues
-What would happen to Sawyer Fund and Finance Committee
-With all of us in the room Senate would be huge
-What if Cabinet met once a month and had Senate meet once a week
-How can we be an advisory role
-Could we be non-voting members of Senate?
-How do we encourage Senate to be a more active body?
-This year it is different. Senate
-We made this commitment assuming that we would need to meet Thursdays, not Tuesdays
-Existing as a separate body
-A lot of the change that we talk about in Cabinet cannot happen without Senate.
Key Points (As outlined by Nabilah)
-We need to examine the idea of validating what Senate does: If us being there makes them feel more powerful, it challenges their power as a body
-Senate does not do a lot
-We need a divide in order to be more efficient
-Putting two bodies together would be a dramatic SGA shift
-Would we be a combined body or two separate bodies that meet together
-Senate is better designed for specific tasks
-Should we meet once a month and then have Senate decide when they need us to be there.
Motion: Cabinet meets once a month as a cabinet
In favor: 10
Opposed: 1
Abstain: 0

Cabinet will now meet once a month. Next meeting will be December 5th 2015.

Adjournment 9:00pm