SGA Cabinet Meeting
MINUTES
November 8, 2007
CC 204 5:45pm – 7:30 pm

Members Present: Emily Taylor, Channa Heng, Shadavia Jones, Aliza Leventhal, JJ Yang, Erin Molloy, Ayesha Siddiqui, Margaret Mumbi, Nora Yim, Rochelle Valdez, Megan Gallo, Rebecca Homa, Marlowe Dieckmann, AM Harmon, Keena Humphrey, Rae-Anne Butera
Members Absent: Yvanka De Soysa

1. Call to Order & Attendance
   A. Tay called the meeting to order at 5:47pm

2. Funniest story of the week?

3. Minutes
   A. Motion to approve the minutes passes

4. Celebration—What’s the Plan?
   A. Need people to help set up and make hot chocolate
   B. Tay has to leave at 9:30pm

5. Event Subcommittee Updates
   a. Fireside Chat: Activism
      i. Tuesday November 13th in Goldstein Lounge, 4:15pm
      ii. Everything is all set
   b. Hot Topic: Prohibition “Repeal Day”
      i. 2/5 CC 103/104 @ 7pm

6. Cabinet Guest: Dean Ohotnicky
   a. Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs Search
      i. Mentha Hynes-Wilson left for Princeton in June; Venus Ricks is the Acting Director for this year
      ii. Didn’t want to hold a search during the summer for such a significant position because there were no students or faculty on campus to participate in the search (forums, etc.)
      iii. Needed someone to run the Bridge Program
      iv. Finally have a Search Committee in place; three students are on the committee along with other Smith community members: Emily Taylor, Jocelyn Thomas, and Layla Ramirez
      v. When they invite candidates to campus, there will be an open forum for the entire campus to ask questions and provide feedback on each candidate
   b. Chaplain
      i. Plan to replace the Muslim Chaplain
      ii. Not sure where Dean Walters is in the process of finding a new Muslim Chaplain
   c. Housing Coordinator
      i. Jen Siecienski is leaving Smith tomorrow for Berkley
      ii. Jen Siecienski has been in that position since June 2006
iii. Liz Hait will be the new Housing Coordinator; starting on Monday  
iv. Student Affairs needs a new Administrative Assistant  
d. House Fellows  
i. Coordinates the House Fellows Program  
ii. Started out as an opportunity for faculty to “adopt a house”, to build a relationship with one of the houses on campus  
iii. Some houses have had the same house fellows for years, some adopt new house fellows every year, and some houses have no idea what the House Fellows Program is  
iv. When dining changes occurred years ago, some houses adopted their former kitchen staff or housekeepers as their house fellows, so that more people will understand what it’s all about  
v. Need a way to enhance the program  
e. Diversity Education Planning  
i. Intergroup Dialogues have been going pretty well; attendance is not really great, but there are some really good conversations  
ii. People are having issues with time commitment (sessions are too long)  
iii. Plan to offer a 5-part series in the Spring at a time that is more convenient for students, keep the same facilitator for all 5 parts so that students may build a relationship with the facilitator

7. Committee Updates
   All  
A. Channa- Ombudsperson is coming to Senate on Tuesday  
B. Ayesha—Prof. Quashie asked the Curriculum Committee to create a survey regarding issues on campus  
C. Margaret—Care package letters were sent out last Friday; money from 2010 apparel has been coming in  
D. Erin—Planning to have another Ada-Trad tea in the Ada lounge on December 6th  
E. Rebecca—Diversity Committee is still trying to get its act together; looking into the past to see what has been done, and what should be picked up on  
F. Megan—SAF and ‘08VP elections coming up  
G. Rochelle—Orgs are having issues with ORC’s transparency  
H. Keena—Cabinet has their care package ingredients together

8. Tay’s Updates
   a. SGA Office etiquette  
i. SGA Office is off-limits when there’s a party going on in the Campus Center  
b. Meetings with Dean Mahoney and President Christ  
i. Trashcan issue—going to ask the Sophian to do an article and interview people about their feelings regarding the absence of trash cans on campus  
ii. Swings/benches—thinking about putting benches and swings on campus; possibly a Landscape Studies project  
iii. Winter Weekend—Open House with the Downtown District; different stores will have sales, etc. for Smithies  
iv. PVTA—working on moving the hours to maybe 3 or 3:30am  
v. Public Safety/students stranded at one of the other 4 colleges—possibly going to get a contract with a cab service for students to call in extreme circumstances
9. ORC Time
   A. Possibility of orgs holding their elections in January
   B. This will ensure that the person who is elected can shadow the person who holds the position for the current academic year
   C. The Leadership Conference will be moved to March if this change occurs; but the newly elected members will be able to work with their ORC liaisons to come up with their budget before the year is over as opposed to after the next academic year has already started

10. SGA Visibility
    a. SGA Radio Show
       i. Keena
    b. Next Sophian Article
       i. Ayesha
    c. SmithRant/Suggestion Box
    d. CC Tabling 11/12 from 11-1

11. Upcoming Events
    a. Fireside Chat Tuesday 11/13 @ 4:15

12. Rumor Mill / Sentiment on Campus / Open Discussion

13. Adjournment

UPCOMING EVENTS
WEEK OF 11/9-11/15

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