Senate Minutes: October 23, 2012

A. 7:00 Call to order
B. 7:05 Roll Call
   Quorum Met (45 people absent is on Google doc)
C. Resource Center for Sexuality and Gender
   1. Yani
   2. Student coordinator for RCSG
   3. Made in 2006
   4. Wesley basement
   5. Goal: safe space for sexuality and gender
   6. Goal: student run, for students by students
   7. Different resources
   8. Website has 24 hour swipe access, you can register for it
   9. Mondays and Thurs 12:30-2:30; Yani has open hours
  10. Kitchenette, DVD/VCR, TV, Computer, Lounge
  11. Transcending gender
  12. Prism
  13. Feminists of Smith Unite
  14. Students Against Sexual Assault
  15. Queers and Allies
  16. ACE (asexuality org)
  17. RCSG advisory board
     a. Has staff, faculty and students
     b. Meets monthly to discuss campus events
     c. Checks in with all orgs that meet in the RCSG
     d. Initiative for a staff member
        i. Recognize that there’s a need for a part-time staff member
           1. Do we need more space?
           2. Do we need to have a position?
           3. Is this necessary?
           4. Goal of proposal is to have someone who is responsible for
              student engagement and to serve as liaison between students/
              faculty/staff
           5. Can email atcohen@smith.edu with any suggestions
     e. RCSG is currently discussing diversity issues in queer organizing
     f. Gay marriage on ballots
     g. Lecture series for the spring (on website) www.smith.edu/ose/rcsg.php
     h. Local and national hotlines are online
        i. Library
           i. 200-250 items
           ii. You sign out name, 99 number, email address and what you take out
           iii. Based on honor system
           iv. Content
1. Queer fiction/non-fiction
2. Fiction: fantasy
3. Autobiography/biographies
4. Movies
   a. Mostly fiction
   b. Working on getting more fiction
5. Safe spaces for straight people?
   1. Most of society is a safe space for straight people
   2. Women’s center was meant to be this
j. There is a facebook! facebook.com/rcsg
D. 10/2/2012 Minutes passed: 37-0-6
E. 10/16/2012 Minutes passed: 31-0-12
F. Motion to cancel November 6th Senate Meeting passed: 43-0-0
G. Committee Updates
   a. Curriculum committee
      i. Seelye 206, Oct. 24th- round table discussion about social justice in the curriculum (open to the entire campus)
   b. Rules Committee
      i. Bearded Ladies revised charter is looking for final approbation
H. Announcements
   a. Urban education fellowship
      i. Info sessions Oct. 25 and 26th
   b. Kenzi has office hours
      i. Every Tues and Thurs from 6-7pm
   c. Harvest Fest
      i. Friday 11-2 on Chapin lawn. Bring your own mug for free cider
   d. Swimming and Diving
      i. November 6th (election day) is a swimming and diving meet
   e. Cross Country Newmac Championship
      i. Girls’ race is at 11 this Saturday
   f. Pet a pet day
      i. 10/24/2012 from 12-1:30 Chapel lawn