Tuesday February 9 2016

Senate Open Forum

President McCartney:

Suggestions from playback:
- Faculty should expand experiential learning (concentrations)
- Praxis and Surf should be expanded
- Improving Classrooms (tools, physical spaces)
- Improving diversity and equity
- Listening Sessions and Administrators at house teas

- President McCartney met with staff council about inclusion
- Presidential Colloquium Series: Imani Perry March 1st
- Gloria Steinem and many other important figures are visiting Smith this March

- Housing selection will be online this spring
- New hires in the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)
- Get Fit Smith and Unity Orgs will see extra funding this year
- Donna Lisker is looking to improve Leadership development programs for students

- There is an initiative to evaluate counseling services and other forms of service, including maybe peer counseling

Will undocumented students be included in this inclusion plan?
President McCartney led initiative to include admission of undocumented students. Policy to admit undocumented students came into effect May 2015.

- President McCartney would like for Smith to be need blind and is working on increasing the financial pool for financial aid

- Neilson Library renovation process will probably start summer 2017

- How will Adas be included in Senior Apartment Project? That is a question worth exploring