Tuesday February 02, 2009

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order 7:02 pm

II. Roll Call
   a. Missing/Tardy: 12
   b. Absent Senators: Mariana Santiago, Monique Blake, Eleanor Cook, Jessica Wignall, Evgenia Routkaia, Linda Loi, Hyonwon Bae, EvaClaire Albion-Wright
   c. Quorum met

III. Passing Minutes
   a. Minutes corrected
   b. Minutes passed

IV. Announcements
   a. Senate Announcements
      i. Committee Updates coming soon
         1. Presenting Feb 9th: Archives, DTOC, Rules
         2. Presenting Feb 16th: Curriculum, E and A, Events, ORC
      ii. No Senate meeting on Feb 16th
         1. Senators should instead sign up for shifts to work the Rally Day Show on Tuesday Feb. 16th between the hours of 6 to 9 pm in the Campus Center.
      iii. Senators who are in E & A, ORC, and Rules committees are meeting with Kathy Zieja on Thursday Feb. 11th 7:30 pm in the café to discuss dining hours. Senators outside those committees can email emauro@smith.edu to send questions to be addressed at the meeting.
   b. Upcoming Events
      i. Celebrations Dance Company will hold auditions on Saturday Feb. 6th at 7 pm in Berenson 3. Interested parties should prepare a short piece of Jazz, Ballet, or Modern dance to audition.
      ii. Crafts Night is on Monday Feb. 8th from 7 to 9 pm in the Campus Center, Room 3. Presented by Class of 2013.
      iii. “A Concert for Loved Ones in Haiti” is at 7 pm on Feb. 14th in Pittsfield, Massachusetts at the Colonial Theatre. Tickets are $15 or $25.
   c. Rally Day Related Events
      i. Rally Day Tea on Monday Feb. 15th at 7 pm in Neilson browsing room. Tea and discussion of Rally Day traditions will occur.
      ii. Rally Day Carnival is on Tuesday Feb. 16th from 7:30 to 9 pm in the Campus Center in the Carroll room. A fashion show of Smith fashions throughout the years will take place.
      iii. Rally Day is on Wednesday Feb. 17th.
   d. Campus Dialogue: in two parts
      i. Part 1 will occur on Monday Feb 22nd at 7 pm in the Campus Center, room TBA. An open forum will take place to discuss questions about SGA with the SGA Cabinet.
2. Part 2 will occur on Monday March 1\textsuperscript{st} at 7 pm, location TBA. All questions posed to SGA in Part 1 will be posed to panel of administration members for follow-up dialogue.

c. “All the Kings Men” Show will occur on March 27\textsuperscript{th} at JMG. Tickets can be purchased on Feb. 12\textsuperscript{th}, 13\textsuperscript{th}, 15\textsuperscript{th}, 16\textsuperscript{th}, 18\textsuperscript{th} and 19\textsuperscript{th} in the Campus Center. Cost: $5 for Smithies, $7 for non-Smith students, and $15 for general public.

V. Discussion of Senate Goals (revised)
  a. Have achieved goal of soap in all house bathrooms
  b. Still working on:
    i. Extended gym hours
    ii. Extended, flexible dining hours
  c. New goal:
    i. Raising awareness of and perhaps reinstating Smith traditions of past years
      1. Examples include junior proms, mixers with Yale

VI. Prospective Charters
  a. Badminton Club
    i. Purpose: to allow students to play badminton together, learn from each other, compete, and have fun
    ii. Dedicated to promoting badminton on the Smith campus
    iii. Hope to meet twice a week, on Fridays and weekends
  b. SmithSTAND
    i. Presenting revised charter
    ii. Purpose: to create and maintain an anti-genocide constituency at Smith, to work to promote awareness of past and present conflicts, to raise funds to benefit civilians in the present conflict areas, and lobby the US government on behalf of Smith College community

VII. Chartering
  a. Futsal
    i. Motion to pass charter
    ii. Charter passed
  b. Global Action Against Poverty Everywhere (G.A.A.P.E.)
    i. Motion to pass charter
    ii. Charter passed

VIII. Committee progress report

IX. Discussion of questions for Facilities Management:
  a. Why are the Campus Center lights on all night?
  b. Many houses have old drafty windows which result in inefficient heating of rooms: what can be done about this?
  c. Which dining halls are composting? Why aren’t the dining halls which aren’t composting not doing so?
  d. Is it feasible to replace many campus lights with motion sensor lights?
  e. How much energy would we save if we all turned off the lights for a little while?

X. Becky Shaw, Director of Residence Life, Presentation
  a. Room Draw
    i. Occurring on April 13\textsuperscript{th}, 14\textsuperscript{th}, and 15\textsuperscript{th}
    ii. It’s the beginning of the process, not the end
iii. Room changes are still possible during the summer
b. HPs and House Councils will consult with Residence Life in order to determine which rooms should be blocked off for First Years for the next year
c. Substance-free housing will be made available next year; current plans involve the third floor of Chase House. Rising juniors and seniors can request that kind of housing.
d. There are only 8 spots for the off-campus housing lottery because Smith is a four-year residential college and there is an expectation that everyone will live on campus for all of those years.

XI. Adjournment 8:48 pm