Student Government Association Senate

2/2/16

7-9 pm Campus Center Carroll Room

Agenda:

Attendance - 7:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes from December 8, 2015 & January 26, 2016– 7:03 pm

Approved

Voting on Squash Charter – 7:07 pm

Passes 22:0:0

Open Forum Planning – 7:10 pm

Food will be in the middle and the tables will be around

-We must ask Tamra to get a onecard scanner to keep track of who comes

-If we cannot get onecard scanner, we will have a sign in sheet

-Committees are responsible for making banners and other advertisement for their tables
- Senate will be here at 6:45 to prepare

- Everyone disburse flyers!!!!

Restructure Discussion – 7:30 pm

Dean Shaw + Honor and Conduct Board Chairs:

Where should the Honor and Conduct Board Chair go?

- Is it a conflict of interest for these positions to be housed in the SGA?

- Conduct Board Chair and Vice Chair spend a lot of time on SGA matters but because of confidentiality this student cannot participate fully and cannot provide insight from their board.

- If policy is partially under the jurisdiction of the Student Life Committee, it is unethical for Conduct Board Chair and Vice Chair to sit on that committee as ‘executors’ of these policies.

- If these two chairs are moved, they can still be contacted by the SGA as a separate body of student organization.

- Should we put it into the bylaws of all three organizations that chairs are required to meet with SGA regularly?

- Chair of Honor Board and Conduct Board can be moved to their own separate body of SGA that regularly liaises with SGA VP.

- Parliamentarian will write up proposal and Senate will vote on this at our next meeting.
Open Forum/Committee Updates – 8:15 pm

- Group picture next week at open forum. Wear your shirts!

Ellen: Search for Smith Senate on Facebook and click ‘attending’ for Open Forum

-One card readers that are not working will be improved soon

Student Life Committee: They are looking at improving Orientation and leadership on campus

Curriculum Committee: Participation in Strategic Planning is encouraged

EnA: First meeting is coming up where they will discuss how to get students to engage with the SGA

Sustainability Committee: Will screen movie about sustainable farming and is working on bringing in some non-profit organizations to talk to students

-HPA: Is working on making sure that every house on campus is accessible. SJE is interested in helping out with this

Navigation Committee: Would like to create a document outlining all of the various committees on campus and their responsibilities

Meghna: Feb 3rd Seelye 207 10:30-2pm Feb 4th Seelye 207 11:30-2pm Strategic Planning discussions

- Dr. Cornel West is coming to speak at JMG on February 11th at 7pm

-SGA will table once a month to increase visibility of SGA
- Director and VP of Student Financial Aid Office is interested in meeting with Senate

- More internship opportunities for international students that are compliant with visa regulations

Make Smith need blind again please

- Institutional Inclusion Committee would like to invite students/faculty and staff to participate in focus groups

Dining Discussion with Andy Cox – 8:30 pm

- Dining Services Strategic Planning Committee started last week. There is representation from many pockets of campus, including students and staff

- Dining Services would like to assess their system and see what is working well and changes can be made

- They are also bringing some outside consultants to get some professional feedback on Smith’s system

- Chefs have also met to evaluate where they can make changes. They are trying to move from essentially heating up meals to providing meals with more natural and possibly local ingredients

- Thinking about bring some sort of yelp-like app so that students can rate meals and provide constant feedback to dining halls.

- In addition, they will be redesigning their website
-Acox@smith.edu

-Andy can send meeting updates to senate and would love to work with Senate to reach students directly

Area Meetings – 8:50 pm