Tuesday February 3, 2009

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order: 7:02

II. Roll Call
   a. Missing/Tardy: 18
   b. Quorum Met
   c. Missing: Alice Kaufman, Abigail Nasshan, Katie Gerber, Meredith West, Kate Alev, Kimberly Crawley, Kieran Johal, Jenna Christie, Hayley Raetz, Mariam Awaisi, Aurielle Thomas, Mia Weiss, Martha Geaneas, Jennifer Arias, Katy Ryan, Fastine Zhou, Valerie Lawrenson, Meaghan Hall, Katherine Lybrand & Arianne Flick

III. Minutes
   a. January 27, 2009 passed
   b. 32 For, 0 Against, 6 Abstentions

IV. Announcements
   a. Hot Seat Panel: Is Convocation Sexual Harassment?
      i. Thursday, February 5th, 2009
      ii. 7:00-8:00pm in Carroll Room

V. Guest Speaker:
   a. Patrick Connelly, Director of the Campus Center
      i. Campus Center has been open for 6 years
      ii. 7,000 people on average come through the building
      iii. CCAB events had 15,000 people attend them
      iv. CCAB’s budget comes directly from the Campus Center budget
      v. Budget cuts mean we need to problem solve more, and not throw money at issues
      vi. Will be cutting staff, including students
      vii. Programming will be more centered around students
         1. More competitions and game nights, such as bingo
         2. Less visiting musicians and comedians, and entertainment acts
     viii. Campus Center Café operates as a tenant, purpose is to offset dining losses
     ix. Campus Bookstore runs the same way as the Café
        1. Operated by Follett, and profits go directly to them
    x. A Greener Campus Center
       1. Changes to make the Campus Center more green
       2. Recycling bins
       3. Lights on timers and motion sensors
       4. Slowly going paperless
       5. Biodegradable serving ware in the Café
       6. T.V. used to advertise upcoming events instead of wasting paper
    xi. Meetings for groups
       1. Reserve a room via the campus center calendar
       2. All you need is a 99 number

VI. Chartering
   a. Unitarian Universalists Charter
      i. 30 For, 9 Abstentions, 0 Against
      ii. Passes

VII. King Lab Discussion
   a. Locks ripped off the printers in the King Lab to steal paper
   b. Suggestions:
      i. Send a warning email
ii. Have students bring paper to print  
iii. Close the lab  
iv. Install a surveillance camera  

VIII. Charting Review  
   a. Key questions:  
      i. How will this organization benefit the student body?  
      ii. How would my housemates feel about this?  
      iii. Is there enough interest in this organization  
      iv. Why do they want to be chartered? Funding?  
         1. Chartered organizations can apply for a minimum of $200  
         2. Funding cannot be used to “donate” items  
   b. Things to remember:  
      i. Ask lots of questions  
      ii. Read the charters thoroughly  
      iii. Understand what the organization’s purpose is  

IX. Rally Day Discussion  
   a. 1876 started to celebrate George Washington’s birthday  
   b. 1944 Seniors started to wear their gowns  
   c. SGA used to put on skits, but the interest in them died down in the 2000s  
   d. Rally Day is moving back to JMG, and features Smith College Medalists and Glee Club  
   e. New this year is a Rally Day Tea with Nanci Young from Archives on Monday night  
   f. Now we have a carnival the night before to celebrate the medalists and traditions  
      i. 9:00pm to midnight in the Campus Center  

X. Committee Announcements  
   a. Dining Committee is meeting  
   b. Bring in free box clothes to donate to the Northampton Survival Center, and keep bringing in soda can tabs for St. Judes  
   c. Archives committee is planning Archives Day for April 2nd, 2009  

XI. Adjournment 8:28