SGA Senate Minutes  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
7-8:04 PM

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call – 7:01 PM
3. Approve last week's minutes – 7:04 PM  
   a) Passed 38-0-6
4. Vote on Weightlifting Club charter – 7:06 PM  
   a) Senator Zoe: What's the capacity of the weightlifting room?  
      i. Around 20 to 30 people.  
   b) Senator Sarena: What do you anticipate needing for funding?  
      i. Right now, no funding is necessary.  
   c) Senator Emily: Have people expressed interest?  
      i. A lot of people have said they would be interested, including some off-campus.  
   d) Passed 39-3-6
5. UPLIFT charter presentation 7:10 PM  
   a) UPLIFT: United People's Learning Initiative for Tomorrow, founded by two Smith alums, currently working to build a resource center in the Transit Community of Monrovia, Liberia  
   b) They've had three meetings so far with 14 total members  
   c) Senator Rose: Are you raising money to give to the parent organization?  
      i. Yes. Currently they're focusing on ebola relief, but in the future, the donations will go to the parent organization to fund the work in Liberia.  
   d) Senator Marisol: Is there a plan for leadership after you graduate?  
      i. Yes. There will be a spring election.  
   e) Senator Sarena: Would there be any travel to Liberia?  
      i. It's unlikely, since this team is focused on local fundraising.  
   f) Senator Emily: Is there an email we can direct our houses to for more information?  
      i. swalton@smith.edu
6. Class of 2016 President Yoo Eun Kim – 7:13 PM  
   a) Service is a way of life; everyone should be able to commit to service. The organization Splash is holding an event where high school students can learn about different subjects from Smith students. The deadline to volunteer to teach a course is next Wednesday.  
   b) The event will be Saturday, March 7. You teach for 15 minutes to middle schoolers or high schoolers—there's a lot of flexibility.  
   c) Contact spring@smith.edu for more information.
7. Elect senators into the Dining Service Director Search Committee – 7:21 PM  
   a) Greta Stacy: Looking for two senators for this committee in order to make a hiring decision by May. You'll be reading resumes and meeting with candidates.  
   b) Senator Rose Goueth and VP Katharine Jessiman-Ketcham
8. Elect students into the ITS Committee – 7:28 PM  
   a) Senator Jessica (Tyler), Senator Ellen (Capen), Senator Athena (Tyler), Senator Katie (Conway), Senator Mika (Gillett)  
   b) Elected by a vote of confidence
9. SJE Committee Bylaw Changes – 7:32 PM  
   a) Primarily linguistic changes; the old bylaw still called them the Diversity Committee.  
   b) Changes: The chair must have previously been on the committee. The chair will sit on Senate and participate in the Cabinet in a non-voting capacity. The representative must have attended Smith for one semester.
10. Open Forum – 7:34 PM
   a) Restructure Committee
      i. Senator Dorie: In restructure meetings, they've been talking about ways for Senate to be more powerful and more engaged. The Restructure Committee is proposing moving committee chairs from Cabinet to Senate so they can be more engaged with the student body. Also, the SGA Secretary will merge with the Senate Secretary. Also, the ORC Chair and SGA Treasurer will be merged.
      ii. The document with the changes will be sent to senators; the vote will be in two weeks.

11. First Generation Student Organization Charter Presentation – 7:54 PM
   a) Their purpose is to provide a support system for first-generation college students and build a community.
   b) Smith accepts quite a few first-generation students every year. About 30% of students nationwide are first-generation, and out of those, 89% will not graduate college. 14% of the Smith College class of 2017 are first-generation.
   c) They’ve been working as an organization for a semester; there are 400 people on their mailing list.
   d) Senator Stacey: What kind of funding would you need?
      i. Not much—shirts for visibility day, snacks, simple event funding.
   e) Senator Ashley: How are you planning to support the students?
      i. Workshops on things like financial aid or resumes, as well as things like tutoring and peer support, etc.
   f) Email hmayer@smith.edu for more information.

12. Announcements – 8:02 PM
   a) Send out your house emails and cc sgasenate@smith.edu
   b) Restructure meeting following Senate at 8:00 PM
   c) Email Tamra at tbates@smith.edu if you would like to look over the Senate manual and contribute your thoughts and ideas
   d) Next Tuesday (Feb. 17) is the Rally Day Carnival. There will be no Senate meeting, but please come to the carnival in your Senate shirts. Please also bring your OneCard, as we will be taking attendance as if it were an actual Senate meeting through a swipe machine. Please come find Tamra, Mary Ruth, Koko, and myself standing outside CC 103/104. The purpose of wearing your Senate shirts is to increase the visibility of Senate, so make sure to come in your spiffy attire!
   e) Please email Vy with any concerns that do not fall into our existing committees
   f) Fill out the survey that was sent by Greta

13. Adjournment – 8:04