Student Government Association Senate
2/23/16
7-9 pm Campus Center Carroll Room
Agenda:

Attendance - 7:00 pm

Presentation of Smith Baking Society Charter – 7:05 pm
- Healthy options baking club to meet the campus-wide need for healthier baked goods
- Would pay special attention to many dietary restrictions
- Meant to encourage Smithies to use their diets to empower women
- Open to the Five Colleges
- Community-based but also providing a service
- Funding: would be every two weeks to keep prices low
- Is this something that can be done without having the group named as an official club?
- Group has not had a general interest meeting yet
- How will you ensure that cross-contamination does not happen? (for people with food allergies?) Being really clean.
- How will this organization be sustained after e-board graduates?
Presentation of Site Specific Dance Charter – 7:10 pm

-did not show

Presentation of Smith College Consulting Club – 7:15 pm

-Students realized that there was no preparation for students who wish to pursue a career in consulting.

-Many Smithies are interested in consulting (25 people attended last week’s meeting)

-Funding: they would need materials (inexpensive)

-Might collaborate with the Lazarus Center to bring in alumnae to talk about experience in consulting

-Juniors and sophomores will help to sustain the momentum into next year

-Focuses mostly on management and economic consulting because this is where the interest lies at Smith.

Presentation of Neilson Union Resolution – 7:20

-2005-2007 Smith started project to construct Ford, Smithies created a working group for fair labor practices

-Working towards PLA (Project Labor Agreement)

-They wanted to advocate for Smith to use union workers for construction

-Interested in the hiring of women, people of color, and local residents

-Smithies had to run through hoops when working with administration and were very frustrated with administrative response

-Students organized, protested, planned creative actions and held a study-in in College Hall

-Student organizers would now like to revamp this movement for the construction of Nielson and would like Senate’s support (signatures)

-email Najwa for questions

Recap Discussion on Open Forum & Planning for Board of Trustees – 7:35 pm
- March 3rd Board of Trustees come to campus 7-9pm we will have roundtable discussions with them. This will be open to the entire student body.

- March 4th 4:30-6:30 Board of Trustees will meet with the SGA (6 Senators and 6 Cabinet members will attend this.)

- Admissions would like to allot 6 spots for undocumented students every year with allocated funds from financial aid to support them

Discussions with Elections and Appointments – 8:00 pm

- Debate for candidates for next year’s meeting will be on April 5th. Can we cancel Senate to have this meeting? Yes. (This would replace elections extravaganza.)

On April 5th 7-7:45 Senate meeting will happen and at 7:45 the debate will start.

Voting on Restructure – 8:15 pm

Vote to have VPs not sit on Senate: Passes with condition (If EnA does not change the structure of Senate VPs will not be on Senate next year.)

Vote to move Senate meetings to Thursdays from 7-9pm: Passed.

Committee Updates – 8:25 pm

Navigation Committee: Emailed Dean Lisker about getting a list of committees added to the website

Outreach Committee: Met with College Relations, will now post updates on eDigest. Looking for more support for the committee. Revamping the SGA Instagram account.

Rules Committee: Sending out email informing orgs that anti-discrimination and anti-hazing charter must be added in order for clubs to be supported by the college.

Open Forum – 8:35 pm

Laptop Ban:

Rules for Senate should be made by Senate (democratically.) We should vote on the laptop ban.

Laptop ban outs people with technology needs for various reasons, including disability

There is a larger culture in Senate characterized by a lack of participation. Senators move to talk about this issue next week.
Approval of yearly letter to org chairs from SGA: passed

Relationship between HPA and SGA
- As the only connection to the houses
- Should HPs sign up to receive updates from Senate?
- How can we get the word out to students without using HPA as our only channel?
- eDigest?

Motion: HPA SGA relationship will be discussed at next week’s meeting.

Area Meetings – 8:50 pm