SGA Senate Agenda
February 25, 2014

I. Call to Order 7:00pm

II. Roll Call 7:00pm
   A. Present: 44

III. Pass last meeting’s minutes
   A. Pass: 38
   B. Fail: 1
   C. Abstain: 4

IV. Meeting Part of SGA Cabinet: Class Presidents 7:06pm
   A. Ada President Coryn Stoltenberg AC ‘14
      1. Bringing Adas together: this year spent time on the demands document, Ada facebook page, Ada babysitting for those with children, other ways for Adas to connect with one another.
   B. First-year President Diana Li ‘17
      1. Inclusion for first-year class outside academic classrooms: hosted social bonding events - bridging gap between neighbour womens college Mt. Holyoke, as well as 5 Colleges via 5 College Mixer
      2. Having class apparel for students coming in next week as well as mixer

V. CC 10 Yr. Anniversary Social Media Event - Senate Advisor, Sara McGuire 7:15pm
   A. Celebrating 10 year anniversary: follow the CC on Facebook, Instagram, etc.
   B. Invitation for students to post a photo of what they like about the CC with #CCLove - Spread the word to your house members!
      1. Select students will be invited to meet with President McCartney

VI. SGA Restructuring - Curric. Com. Chair Frances Black ‘14, SGA Pres., Gussie Gronquist 7:20pm
   A. Finding a solution to maximize efficiency of SGA
      1. Currently in a top-down structure, want to establish a comprehensive change to shuffle power in a more distributive manner
      2. Executive board in Senate be a smaller group, hold more power parallel to cabinet
   B. Receiving feedback
      1. Membership - make up will be select number (5) of people each
      2. How will information move back and forth?
         a) House community is key part of Smith, but Senators would be better recognized as representing the student body as opposed to houses
         b) Still will communicate with other house VPs, involvement will shift in a different manner
      3. Senator per area of campus?
a) When viewing Cabinet, recognized that there was a relatively even representation of campus areas
b) Would hope that this would be accurately reflected while electing students who are most passionate

4. Would there be overlap with HPAs?
a) The aim is that if the VP were to be more informed, direct collaboration between HPs and VPs would hopefully elicit more communication

5. House community v. Class year community - would the latter be more effective?
a) Generally you will want different things as a first-year as opposed to as a senior
b) Have to take account you will still be communicating with houses

6. Are Senators nominating themselves and running in spring?
a) Yes; incoming students will run in the fall

7. Senate’s involvement in SGA directly
a) President of E. Board will observe Senate, and Senate Chair will continue to chair Senate
b) VP of Governance will be Parliamentarian
c) Senators will have access to most of executive board (including Comm. heads), even if they are just observing, they will be present
d) One of the ways Senators can be involved is through committee work, being more specific in first-year participation in direct work

8. When is it expected to be implemented?
a) Shooting for this upcoming fall, will be running new positions for this election year
b) Need to first reach out to as many students as one can before writing specific bylaws

9. What actions does Senate see this in terms of roles?
a) Everyone is going to be empowered in helping out on a policy level
b) The hope is to make Senate more visible and naturally approached by the student body as per status quo for other colleges

10. How will Senators interact with their classes/houses etc. with the VPs sending out emails?
a) VPs will talk with Senators and send emails and feedback between members/Senators
b) This change is more structural toward changing the communication/representation as a Senator and their constituencies
c) Houses are still included in the loop, but the focus changes to the student body
11. How many would vote for it to pass?
   a) Simple majority

C. Please forward the Prezi to house members if it would better explain the change!
D. Anyone who has questions, please send a question to SGA President Gussie Gronquist '14, VP Catherine Aguilar '15, or Curriculum Committee Chair Frances Black '14
E. Would like to vote on it before spring break so it can be put into action before the break - mobilization of new positions
   1. Structure has to be approved by student body first before its changes can be enacted
   2. Essentially two spring elections: one for this ballot another for the actual elections of positions

VII. Committee Updates 7:48pm
    A. Healthcare Services Committee
       1. Gathered input and sent email to Dr. Jaffe | Also sent email about counseling services
    B. Vegetarian Dining Hall in Quad Committee
       1. Meeting on Thursday
    C. SGA Shuttle for Amtrack station
       1. Survey will be sent out
    D. Fixing Heat in Rooms Committee
       1. Logistical changes - representative for it is leaving will meet for more information
    E. Acapella Committee
       1. Meeting with acapella groups to go over why they were not permitted to rehearse in music buildings
       2. Working on logistics to get a space in the CC as opposed to Sage
       3. Donna Gingras in OSE is working on space issue
    F. Gym Hours Committee
       1. Met with Director of Athletics - she stated the reason hours are shorter is due to budget cuts that had to cut hours
       2. Now there has been more room in the budget, so now she is more open to extending hours on weekend
       3. Survey of specific idea when people would most want it - Sunday morning or Sunday evening, etc.

VIII. Senate Meet and Greet Feedback 7:53pm
    A. Disabilities concerns - next best steps would be to forward them to Director of Disabilities
    B. Dining Plan - People wanted more guest swipes for dining
    C. Problems with universal OneCard access - instances of theft which seemed to raise
concerns about the matter

IX. Open Forum/Announcements 7:55pm
   A. Joining Adjusting Heat in Rooms Committee
      1. Senator Sarena Shafner (elected)
   B. Send out house emails - CC sgasenate@smith.edu
   C. Senators are highly encouraged to meet after Senate with their committees
   D. Another other community service ideas?
      1. Senators are required to do 3 hours of community service per semester/6 total
         which can be accomplished by helping to organize SGA events such as Rally Day
      2. First committee (for all year) will provide an hour, additional committees will be
         half an hour
      3. Approvals will be done by next Sunday
   E. Wear your Senate shirt on Tuesday!

X. Meeting adjourned 8:02pm