Tuesday February 26, 2008

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order 7:00

II. Roll Call
   Met Quorum

III. Minutes
   Passed 38 here; 4 abstentions

IV. Announcements
   a. JB now accepting applications from rising Juniors and Rising Seniors!
      nyim@smith.edu
   b. SGA Open House—Monday 7-8:30 Carroll Room—tea and desserts! Come ask
      questions to any committee!!
   c. Spirit mark meeting did not go well. Not that many people showed up so committee is
      hoping to have another opportunity for Senators to gather and discuss the issue.
      (Concern: Can help set it up at a more convenient time? Email Mandy Taus)
   d. Any way we can fix up King/Scales gym—direct concerns to Teresa Collins
   e. Thursday 11-1pm Talbot House Relay for Life team selling cookies and brownies in
      CC.
   f. Pick up elections schedules and post in house! (Megan Gallo)
   g. Meeting next week in Seelye 106!!

V. Rally Day Carnival—Good work!!

VI. Charter
   a. EKTA- Passed 36 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions
   b. Rugby - presenting revised charter. Changes made to their good sportsmanship
      section to respect all other teams.
   c. The Arts and History of Art Appreciation Society- Laura Martin (senior art history
      major); art history majors and studio art majors don’t really interact with each other.
      Want to bring in professionals about what job options are; go to museums and exhibits,
      etc—want to help students understand what they can do with their majors. There is
      already a trip set up to go into Manhattan and visit artists’ studios.

VII. Vending Machines
   a. If we wanted to extend CC hours, café would not be able to stay open, so Dean
      Ohotnicky interested in finding out about vending machine options to provide
      sustenance during late hours
   b. Coffee, hot cocoa, fruit (healthy options)??, granola bars, instant noodle machine
   c. Machines that accept one cards

VIII. Public Safety Forum Reactions
a. Is there going to be another one? Many students heard about it and became interested after this last forum.
b. Need to get Carol Christ to come and actually hear what students want to hear…so that is next step and means there probably be another forum of some sort.
c. How many officers have been hurt or injured on the job here at Smith?
d. Important to hear what their opinion as pub safety officers. We would like to hear their opinions and whether or not they want to be armed. (Could we get additional/other officers to come to next forum?)
e. Can they bring more info about alternative weapons and why they would not want to use these?
f. Possibility of having guns but always using rubber bullets!
g. Short bios on each of officers and what each of them has experienced here at Smith.
h. If they were able to handle past situations without guns (especially instances where people were armed), why do they feel like they need it now?
i. Info and stats on what consulting firm decided—why they recommended arming officers—published on pub safety website.
j. Background on why Mount Holyoke decided not to arm their officers.

IX. 5-College Conference
   a. Themes—PVTA, Inter-college social life, communications between the five colleges, Email other colleges to get a list of concerns, how to improve 5 college relations/mobility between them/how to participate in a five college community, how to institutionalize five college communications (possible five college board), funding issues, culture clashes/diversity issues
   b. We should get the perspectives of all colleges in order to further develop our plan
   c. We will have to figure out what timing works best for all five senate’s combined

X. Committee Time- Tabled

V. Adjournment 8:00 pm