SGA Senate Meeting  
6 March 2012  
CC 103/104 7:00 – 8:30 PM

A. Call to order

B. Roll call
   b. Quorum met
   c. Minutes pass 31-0-11

C. Presentation by Catherine Leung, Chair of Elections & Appointments Committee
   a. E & A overview
      i. Sign-ups for elections begin today and continue until the 14th (smith.edu/voting)
      ii. Elections and Appointments Facebook page
      iii. SGA Positions (look at email for reference about responsibilities)
         1. President
         2. Vice President
         3. Secretary
         4. Treasurer
         5. Academic Honor Board Secretary
         6. Curriculum Committee Chair
         7. Elections and Appointments Committee Chair
         8. Organizations Resources Committee Chair
         9. Sustainability Committee Chair
         10. Vice-Chair of Budgeting
         11. Vice-Chair of Chartering
      iv. Class Positions
         1. Class President
         2. Class Vice President
         3. Class Secretary
         4. Class Treasurer
         5. Class Historian
   b. Proposed changes to Elections Rules and Guidelines
      i. Gender neutral pronouns
      ii. Inclusion of Tumblr, Twitter, and Facebook under platforms
      iii. Budget changes
         1. Used to be a 15-dollar limit and 1 donated item
            a. Changed to 10-dollar limit to spend and 10 dollars’ worth of donated items
2. No longer “3 strikes” system for chalking on buildings
   a. If you chalk on a brick wall, you will be disqualified

iv. Discussion
1. Writing on walls to sabotage?
   a. What if a friend accidentally does it?
   b. According to SGA rules, you are responsible for your friends’ chalkings for your campaign
   c. There is a clause for appeals
2. How do you regulate the Facebook campaigns?
   a. Candidates must tag the E&A Facebook page
   b. Email Catherine Leung if you see a violation
3. Attach charter to your Senate email
D. Small group discussion: Question of the week
E. Large group discussion: Question of the week
   a. Poster campaign
   b. Special day for diversity
   c. Board in the campus center about ‘isms’
      i. Video afterwards
   d. Expanding Otelia Cromwell Day to include present day diversity at Smith
   e. Letter does not deserve attention, but Smithies should be aware of the
      issues in it
      i. Letter is being over-addressed
   f. More Fireside Chats about aspects of the letter
      i. Diversity Committee is having one of these talks every month for
         the rest of the semester
   g. Display (in shape of pearl necklace) on Chapin Lawn with challenges
      regarding diversity on campus that Smithies would like to see changed
   h. Poster campaign to attack slurs that attack certain groups
   i. Unity Organizations Panel about the letter /issues it represents with a
      faculty component
   j. The Sophian taking down the letter was disrespectful/wrong
   k. Compiling Pearls and Cashmere for the archives, for alumnae and/or as a
      pamphlet for prospective students
F. Open Forum
   a. The gym
      i. Budget due March 30th
         1. Is not allowed to be increased
         2. Will not be extending regular hours
            a. Open to extending hours for track and pool over break
   b. The remaining RC Cola in Chase-Duckett dining hall will be donated to a
      school in the South
   c. Blue lights near the Science Quad -- no blue lights in the actual Science
      Quad
      i. Campus in general needs more lights
         1. Campus Police need to hear more about this from students
            a. Ask your housemates to email Gussie or Campus
               Police
         2. A light in the Science Quad is reverse motion sensored (i.e.,
            the light turns off when you walk by)
         3. Is safety more important than environmental sustainability?
   d. Why did ORC cut funding for Friday/Saturday films?
      i. They want to be fair to every chartered organizations.
ii. Some information is required from organizations/ responsible spending
iii. Miscommunication

e. This week is Disability Awareness Week-- check online for more information about events or find events posted around the CC
G. Announcements  
   a. 2015's Smithies' Night Out this Friday-- 7-10pm: facials, manicures, snacks  
   b. East Asian Studies-- Mochi in CC basement-tomorrow and next day, Friday at 4 Speaker, 9:15 am-12pm Symposium in Graham Hall  
   c. How to be a good Ally/Advocate this Wednesday in CC 103/4 - 6:30-8pm  
H. Adjournment 8:47