Tuesday March 29, 2010

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order
   7:02 pm

II. Roll Call
   A. Absent: Sophie Westacott, Hattie Ryan, Alexandra von Mering, Brianna Murphy, Louisa Loring, Marichuy Gomez, Dahna Black, Mackenzie Green, Kathryn Sherril, Anna Jimenez, Esther Hong, Laura Nixon, Deborah Ahowe, Katy Swartz
   B. Quorum Met

III. Yu Charter Fails

IV. Student Alliance for Animal Rights Presentation
   A. SAFAR is a worldwide alliance.
   B. They wish to teach students about conservation and animal cruelty issues.
   C. They currently have 10 active members and weekly meetings.
   D. They will be participating in Rhythm Nation on April 2nd.

V. Smith College Creative Writing Club Charter Presentation
   A. They have not changed their charter.

VI. Smith College Debate Society Charter Presentation
   A. They are adding a harassment policy to their charter.
   B. This system is tailored specifically to the Debate Society.
   C. This policy will help address the problems that have arisen within the organization.

VII. Minutes Passed

VIII. Judicial Board Bylaw Changes
   A. They added that membership is contingent on academic good standing.
   B. They eliminated the community liaison position.
   C. They cut out the power to impose fines.
   D. The advisor cannot be connected to the specific case being heard.
   E. They added the disciplinary warning sanction.

IX. Student Financial Services Announcement
   A. SFS is establishing online payments and bills through ePay.
   B. Bills and statements will now be issued through email.
   C. The student may select someone else to receive these ePay emails.
   D. They will still accept wire payments.
   E. There may be a time lag for some families while the system is getting up and running.

X. Open Floor
   A. Students are still concerned about limited gym hours and card access.
      a. A committee was formed to work towards these changes.
   B. Many students have stated that they would like the libraries to be open longer for the week before reading period.

XI. Announcements
   A. Senators, please try to attend campus events! It is part of your job as senators.
B. April 14th, 15th, and 16th is Discovery Weekend! Please volunteer to host a prospective student. Sign up in the Campus Center.

C. Thursday the 31st at 9pm, slam poet Shanelle Gabriel will be speaking in the Carroll Room.

D. The Handbell Choir’s annual Spring Ring is Sunday, the 3rd at 4pm in Helen Hills Hills Chapel.

E. SGA is sponsoring a talk by Clare Coleman about reproductive rights on April 5th from 4 -6 in the campus center 102.

F. The 1,000 Paper Cranes Project will be on April 12th at 4:15 in Wright Hall.

G. Rhythm Nations is April 2nd at 7 in JMG.

H. Judicial Board is still accepting applications until Friday. Email Grace for more information.

I. The Glee Club is performing the Bach Mass in B minor this Saturday at 8pm in Sage Hall.

J. The Annual CSO Fund Drive ends April 7th. Contact your CSO rep through your house.

IV. Adjournment 9:16pm