Student Government Association Senate

3/29/16

7-9 pm Campus Center Carroll Room

Attendance - 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes from 3/22/16– 7:05 pm
  ● Minutes approved.

Voting on Smith Social Dance & Quite Contrary Charters – 7:10 pm
  ● Quite Contrary may not end up having enough money to get all the students they want to get to the events
  ● Could Quite Contrary be a part of the Smith Social Dance?
  ● Social Dance is approved 12:2:1
  ● Quite Contrary is not approved 0:10:4

SJE Bylaw Changes Presentation – 7:15 pm
  ● SJE Committee has undergone a restructure.
  ● E-board was previously three people, they would like to expand the board
  ● The Chair for college relations, the Treasurer who plans training, the Vice Chair who runs all internal matters, 7-10 mini team leaders, Secretary who takes minutes and coordinates events and club maintenance, ResLife liaison, Org liaison, Historian, Social Media Coordinator, House Reps (at least one in each house, preferably 2)
  ● General Body Meetings will only happen on the first Sunday of every month
  ● They have changed their mission statement to express their new goal which is to support students on campus as opposed to spearheading movements.
ORC Bylaw Changes – 7:25 pm

- Grammatical mistakes have been fixed :) 
- Certain organizations will be funded on an annual percentage rate 
- Treasurers will now get training on how to budget 
- Organization conference fund will be based off of the previous year’s activity 
- Conference fund is now called Independent Student Conference Fund to avoid confusion.

Constitution and Bylaws Change Presentation – 7:40 pm

Constitution

- Honor Board and Conduct Board will no longer sit on Cabinet
- EnA will run the application process for Conduct Board members
- Conduct Board Chair will meet twice a semester with the SGA President

Bylaws

- Cabinet meetings will happen during Senate from 8:30-9pm, during Area Meetings

Discussion on Questions for Roger Mosier – 8:00 pm

- Roger Mosier, the Vice President for Facilities Management, will be coming on April 12th from 8-8:45pm

Questions:

- What is Facilities’ definition of accessible? Within that definition are there different levels of accessibility?
- What is the accessibility ratio on campus?
- How can students get involved to make Smith more accessible?
- When will the accessibility audit happen?
- Will bathrooms be included in the audit? (many accessible bathrooms do not have locks)
- Is it possible for all houses to be accessible? If so, is there an estimate for the year that this will happen?
- Will Paradise Road apartments be accessible? Will there be vans available to transport students who need to get to classes?
- Could we have a gender neutral bathroom policy like Hampshire’s?
- What funding sources are being explored to fund accessibility renovations?
- Many Quad Houses are listed as accessible but are in fact inaccessible because residents must take steps in order to get into the building.
- Is it possible to bring the athletic facilities back to the quad?
Since Green St. and Center Campus are closer to academic buildings, is there a plan to make Green Street and Center Campus more accessible, though those houses tend to be older?

Committee Updates – 8:10 pm

HPA
- Houses are working with eco reps to do the eco showers competition next week
- HPA may bring back The Hunt
- HPA party will be the last day of classes from 4:30-7pm

Alumnae Relations Committee
- Working on creating an alum liaison position in the houses

Mental Health and Student Life
- 350 responses to the Counseling Services Survey so far.

Outreach Committee
- Everyone should remember to print out their faceboards

VP
- Met with Dean Lisker about issues specific to transfer students
- The new Sophomore Class Dean is also being considered for potentially taking over the role of Transfer Dean

Rules Committee:
- Deadline for non-discrimination/hazing rules for orgs is April 2nd

EnA Committee
- We need people to run for SGA!!!!

Open Forum – 8:15 pm
- Students have responded to our survey and brought up issues about Green Street being unwelcomed to students of color.
  - To respond to this we can have HPs and SJE reps bring programming to houses specifically for students of color.
Abah is also willing to go to houses and talk to students of color about their house climate.

- The Honor Board Chair would like to work with a committee of Senators to go over the Honor Board Chair’s placement within/outside of the SGA
  - The general consensus is that only the Honor Board can make informed decisions about bylaw changes and can bring it to Senate once they have come to a decision.
- The HPA Transition Meeting is coming up. ResLife will attend this event, can new Senators come as well?

Area Meetings – 8:45 pm