Tuesday March 31, 2009

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order: 7:03

II. Roll Call
   a. Missing/Tardy: 14
   b. Quorum Met

III. Minutes

IV. Announcements
   a. Smith Day on Saturday, April 4th in downtown Northampton
      i. Enjoy discounts and treats
   b. Senate turnover is on April 21st
   c. SGA Town Hall Meeting on April 4th at 7pm in Weinstein
   d. April 14, 2009 is the Public Safety Forum during Senate

V. Guest Speakers:
   a. Dr. Stylianos P. Scordilis, Special Assistant to President for Ford Hall
      i. Begin occupation of Ford Hall at end of August
         1. Will house 1/3rd of the majors: engineering, science, mathematics
      ii. Clark Science Center was designed in 1961
         1. Out dated soon after it was built
         2. A lot of demand on space
         3. 350 students a year in use the Molecular Biology Center
         4. In 1990, 2000 Smith graduates were in the sciences
      iii. A redesigned science center
         1. Research lab space as well as classrooms
         2. State of the art technology and
         3. Interdisciplinary approach
            a. Cross-disciplinary teaching and research
            b. Sharing spaces
            c. New methodologies in lab courses
         4. Support faculty
         5. Organize and centralize resources and staff
         6. Technical support
         7. Seamless integration of sciences Faculty steering committee for all the centers
         8. Working to coordinate all the centers
         9. Student interns work with technology and learn to apply it to other subjects
      iv. Some centers will remain in the Clark Science Center
         1. Center for Microscopy and imaging
            a. Sophisticated microscopes
            b. Laser scanning confocal microscope
      v. Other Centers will be moved into Ford Hall
         1. Center for Molecular Biology
         2. Center for Proteomics
      vi. Other centers will be formed with the completion of Ford Hall
         1. DNA Sequence Center
         2. Bioinformatics Center
         3. Imaging Computing Lab
         4. Surface Analysis Lab
         5. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Lab
         6. Cell Culture Lab
      vii. Ford Hall
         1. Huge building- 142,000 sq feet
         2. Run by computers
         3. 54 offices
         4. 46 teaching and research labs
         5. 5 meeting rooms
         6. 2 cell culture facilities
         7. 5 informal learning spaces and intellectual centers
         8. Chemical stockroom
9. US Green Building LEED Silver
   a. Green roof
   b. Huge holding tanks for rainwater
   c. Recycled gray water after little treatment
   d. Local and renewable materials
10. Majors housed:
    a. Bio-chemistry, molecular biology, computer science, and engineering
    b. Mixing sciences as much as they can
11. Many rooms will be video-conferencing enabled
12. Currently on schedule
13. Dedication is October 16th, 2009
14. Full use of the building will start in January 2010
15. Questions? Contact sscordili@smith.edu

b. Kathy Zieja, Director of Dining Services
   i. Oversees the dining program, dining room renovations, and the Campus Center Cafe
   ii. Current issues:
       1. Huge problem with skyrocketing food costs
       2. Made changes to stay within budget
       3. Running out of food is a major problem
       4. Staff still struggle with the issue of food theft and tupperware
          a. Sanitation and safety issue
          b. Students are allowed to take out food via Tupperware as a meal replacement, but not for an
             additional meal or a midnight snack
       5. Running out of supplies
          a. Certain houses run out of silverware and dishes at peak times
          b. Popular food entrees run out really fast
       6. Guest passes
          a. Given 8 guest passes per year
          b. Can buy more passes
       7. Work with student organizations to bring in more food variety
       8. Grab N Go
          a. Retrain staff members to be nicer
          b. Put up more signs to tell students how Grab N Go works

VI. Chartering
   a. Smith Spirit
      i. Cheerleading organization
      ii. Cheer for rugby and basketball
      iii. Chartered last year
      iv. Rewrote charter to change
          1. Executive board positions
          2. Elections procedures
          3. Included presence of a coach
      v. Voting next week on changes
   b. Shapely Notes
      i. Music organization for American and world music
      ii. Sing both religious and nonreligious songs
      iii. Will be open to members of the five college community
      iv. Represent diversity through music
      v. Will perform at least once per semester
      vi. Auditions held to get into group
      vii. Dues will be paid by members to support organization

VII. SGA Vice President
    a. Grace Burberry Martin elected new Vice President

VIII. Adjournment  8:55