I. Call to Order 7:04
II. Roll Call 7:05
III. Registration for Elections - Greta 7:09
   a. New voting software, how to register to run for office
   b. How long should the statement be? No limit, at least a paragraph
   c. Rising juniors who are going abroad? Email Greta
   d. Sign ups end April 5th at 5pm
   e. Reminder email will be sent thursday
   f. There will be mandatory candidate meetings
   g. Budgets and banners will be due April 12th
   h. Voting will open on the 19th, and the announcements will be the 25th
   i. Committee appointment process? Sheet in front of SGA office, write in your name
IV. SFS Presentation -- Dave Belanger 7:19
   a. Director of Student Financial Services, been here 10 years, director 4 years
   b. Located in college hall
   c. Staff of 15
   d. Financial aid is going up about $3 million a year
   e. 64% of traditional students receive aid, 91% of Ada Comstock scholars
   f. Goal is to measure ability to pay, not willingness
   g. Strong support from Carol Christ, even in 2008 when there were layoffs, financial aid didn’t get cut
   h. Has a number of initiatives going on currently in order to make it more favorable to families and more transparent
   i. The number of appeals to financial aid are going down
   j. Trying to keep the students loans down to $19 thousand over the four years
   k. Unexpected change to financial situation? Will take into consideration if they are told and it is properly documented
   l. When did Smith become need aware? Probably 18 or so years ago
   m. How has the amount of students that have accepted (causing the housing crunch) affected financial aid? More students means more net revenue but also more expenditure on financial aid
   n. How do summer jobs affect financial aid? It doesn’t affect it too much, but if you make more than $5000 or $6000 and you aren’t supporting your family with it, it may have a small effect
   o. How does a sibling in college affect it? It is very common to appeal for this reason and isn’t a very hard appeal
   p. How does only having one parent or divorced parents affect it? It depends on the situation, but they try and get two parents to help pay
   q. If a student’s sibling is in private school, $9 thousand of parents income will be protected to pay for it
   r. Income, assets, number in household, and number in college are the main aspects that are taken into consideration
s. You can always set up an appointment or walk in to talk to the director or another person that is there
t. sfs@smith.edu is the main email address you can send questions to

V. ORC Bylaw and Constitution Presentation 8:10
a. 10 liaisons who communicate between clubs and groups on campus
b. Proposing to decrease number of liaisons, and eliminate vice chair of budgeting, and have one student from the SGA, SGA president will no longer be a voting member
c. Document will be shared

VI. Curriculum Committee Bylaw, Constitution, and Poll Question Presentation 8:13
a. Proposed changes:
   i. No longer have a requirement for a senior to be chair
   ii. If the vice chair vacates the position, it will be taken up by another member of the committee
   iii. Committee size may change year to year
b. Poll about social justice in the curriculum is hoped to be put on the ballot (non-binding, no specific proposal)
c. Any change would take a long time to take effect
d. This conversation has been going on since 2003

VII. Review and Passage of Minutes 8:26
a. yes: 38
b. no: 0
c. abstaining: 9
d. Passed.

VIII. Diversity Committee Constitution Presentation 8:28
a. Changes:
   i. Change name to Social Justice and Equity committee
   ii. Adding the words “social justice” to a number of parts

IX. Resolution Discussion (V. Brief):
   a. Group couldn’t come tonight, but info was added to the website, so the resolution will be changed
   b. An endorsement from senate does not necessarily mean that administration has to read it
   c. Changes we want to see in resolution presented last week:
      i. Instead of saying “there must be” they could say “we propose that”
      ii. Language seems slightly exclusive, so changing it to include student body as whole would be beneficial
      iii. Don’t necessarily need a request for a legal policy on undocumented students
      iv. Whatever we do needs to foster conversation with administration and faculty
      v. A committee already exists with students on it for admission, so making a new one might be inefficient
vi. Should take issue with the language in the current information on the website, add a contact or further places to seek info (somewhat contentious)

X. Announcements 8:54
   a. Special Election in MA to fill a seat in the US senate, if you would like to register to vote, email smith.democrats@ and they will personally deliver information and a voting card to your box in the CC
   b. Jhalak EKTA Friday at 5:30 and 7:00 show in JMG then afterparty at 10pm in Carroll room
   c. Sexhibition Saturday 5:30 to 8:30 and then after party at 10pm all in Davis
   d. Chief of Police Community Interviews April 9&10th noon Neilson Browsing room
   e. Diversity Committee Debunking Disability Thurs. 4/4 at 7pm Seelye 110
   f. Curriculum committee social justice Q&A CC 103/104 April 9th 12 to 1

XI. Adjourn