**Tuesday April 12, 2010**

**SGA Senate Meeting Minutes**

I. **Call to Order**  
7:02 pm

II. **Roll Call**

   A. Absent: Caitlin Jordan, Aubry Tessier, Selamawit Gebregziabher, Elizabeth Tyra, Hattie Ryan, Louisa Loring, Paula Roby, Elizabeth Thompson, Angela Navarro Fusillo, Yun Ni, Melody Setoodehnia, Elizabeth Gillespie

   B. Quorum Met

III. **AeroSmith Charter Presentation**

   A. AeroSmith is an aeronautical modeling group.

   B. Their goal is to allow anyone to learn to build models.

   C. These interests are usually very expensive and they would benefit from funding.

   D. They wish to take part in future competitions.

   E. They have hosted a few events and have already created a website (http://www.science.smith.edu/aerosmith/Home.html).

   F. They are supported by the Engineering Department.

   G. They currently have 5 to 10 people attending meetings.

IV. **Student Alliance for Animal Rights Charter Presentation**

   A. They intend to promote animal rights and conservation at Smith and elsewhere.

   B. They hope to hold a fundraising event in September 2011.

   C. They plan to show the documentary Earthlings in October 2011.

   D. They removed the term “youth” from their charter and added a clause stating that funds from ORC and SGA will only be used for events at Smith and in the local community.

V. **Rae-Anne Butera – Associate Dean of Students**

   A. Abstentions do not count in the affirmative or the negative.

   B. We can review parliamentary procedure.

   C. What does it mean to be a participant in student government?

      a. Be present.

      b. Know what the job entails when you sign up.

      c. Communicate with HPA, houses, and fellow senators.

   D. What is the best way to get word out?

VI. **Minutes Passed**

VII. **Senate Accomplishments**

   A. Bike racks to be installed this summer.

   B. SGA website updated for organizations.

   C. Gym and library hours are being revised.

   D. SmithRant is now anonymous.

   E. We promoted Rally Day.

   F. Public Safety removed signs from outside Neilson that were victim blaming.

   G. The Global Studies Center will be sending out a survey about Study Abroad and forms will be online.

   H. We chartered organizations.

   I. Public Safety sent out a survey.
J. Many senators are running for positions in SGA.

VIII. 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. Encourage your housemates to vote!
D. The class of 2013 is selling t-shirts in the Campus Center this week.
E. Passover starts on Monday. If you have questions, email Hillel.
F. Easter Brunch will be on Sunday the 24th at noon in Helen Hills Hills Chapel.
G. It’s Ada Awareness Week!
H. SACSA is hosting Pan-Africa this Friday, from 6 to 8pm. On Saturday, there is a panel discussion with a formal dinner at 5pm. At 7pm there will be a show in JMG.
I. Sexhibition is Saturday the 16th in Davis Ballroom. The after party will be held in Morrow.
J. There is a free documentary screening for LiNK at 7pm on the 19th.
K. On Saturday, April 16th, the Noteables will have their jam at 7:30pm in Weinstein Auditorium.
L. Gym doors will continue to close at their scheduled time, but gym hours will be more flexible next year during a trial period. For more information or questions, email loberbil@smith.edu or tcollins@smith.edu
M. The 1,000 Paper Cranes Project will be on April 12th at 4:15pm in Wright Hall.

IX. Adjournment 8:52pm