Student Government Association Senate

4/19/16

7-9 pm Campus Center Carroll Room

Agenda:

Attendance - 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes from 4/12/16 – 7:05 pm
  ● Passed

Debate & Smithies in CS Charter Vote – 7:10 pm
  ● Debate approved 20:0:2
  ● Smithies in CS approved 17:0:4

Korean Student Association (KSA) Charter Presentation – 7:15 pm
  ● They used to be called KASS but they would like to change their name to KSA to reflect their diverse membership which now includes all members of the Korean diaspora/pan Korean community and those who are interested in Korean culture.

Rules Committee Bylaw Changes – 7:20 pm
  ● The Rules Committee now has bylaws

Constitution Impacted Bylaw Changes Vote – 7:25 pm
  ● Cabinet, Conduct board, and Honor board changes have been added to the bylaws

Vote on Fair Labor Practices Resolution – 7:35 pm
  ● Passed 21:0:0
Emergency Vote on UMASS Support Resolution – 7:45 pm

- Two Smithies were arrested and banned from the UMASS Amherst campus for two years as a response to a protest held last week in which students occupied a UMASS building.
- We (The SGA Senate) would like to come up with a resolution in support of these students.
- The Smith administration has reached out to the two Smith students that were banned from UMASS and is working on advocating for the two of them to complete classes that they are currently taking at UMASS.
- Motion passes 17:0:4

Honor Board Conversation – 7:55 pm

- How is the Honor Board Chair going to liaise regularly with the SGA?
- The Honor Code should be revised regularly
  - Should the SGA create a small committee to take on this project?
- The Chair of the Curriculum Committee can correspond with the Honor Board Chair regularly
- Motion: The Chair of the Curriculum Committee and Chair of the Honor Board will meet regularly and the Chair of the Honor Board will advise the Curriculum Committee on all matters concerning the Honor Board.
- Motion Passes 16:0:1

Committee Updates & Parliamentarian Vote – 8:25 pm

- Emma Stewart and Sarena Shaffner are running for Parliamentarian for 2016-17.
- Emma will be next year’s Senate Parliamentarian
- If you are the chair of an ad hoc committee, please prepare a document to advise next year’s chair of this committee. Documents can be sent to esulser@smith.edu.

Open Forum and Committee Updates – 8:30 pm

- What is our official process for resolutions? We should incorporate this conversation into the ongoing discussion of the Restructure.
- Seven Sisters Coordinating Board had their first annual summit this past Saturday
- Students met with Marge Litchford to make sure that all students are represented at the New Student Orientation. As a result, this group will now be working yearlong to make improvements on the Orientation process
- A tab on the first year app may be added to help students find health and counseling resources on campus.

Area Meetings – 8:45 pm