SGA Senate Meeting
April 24, 2012
CC 103/104 7:00 – 9:00 PM

1. Call to order 7:08
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum Met
4. April 10th Minutes: Pass 35-0-6
5. April 17th Minutes: Pass 30-0-11
6. Amendment to ORC Bylaws: Pass 39-1-1
   a. Increased funding to club sports was debated
7. Amendment to SGA Curriculum Committee Bylaws: Pass 39-0-2
8. Amendment to SGA Class Cabinet Bylaws: Pass 39-0-2
9. Amendment to SGA Senate Bylaws (Power to create Resolutions): Pass 39-1-1
   a. Resolutions may not be necessary with assertive leadership
   b. Resolutions might make Senate more effective while taking the burden off of the Vice President
   c. Resolution system is more streamlined
   d. Positive feedback has come from houses regarding the amendment
10. Amendment to SGA Senate Secretary Position within SGA Senate Bylaws: Pass 40-0-1
11. Amendment to CISCO Charter: Pass 38-0-3
12. Presentation: Pre-dental Society
   a. Pre-dental students are underrepresented on campus with no club available specifically for them
   b. E-mails proposing the club were responded to with positive feedback
   c. Mission: provide resources and networking opportunities for students at Smith
      i. Resources for pre-dental students are very different for pre-med students
      ii. Alumnae, area dentists and current Smith students were very responsive to the idea of starting the group
      iii. The group will organize trips to dental school fairs
      iv. Provide a place to share experiences
   d. Short term goals:
      i. Establish a website to collect and organize resources
      ii. Build up an alumni database
      iii. Organize small workshops (volunteering, current events etc.)
   e. Pre-health Group is organized by the pre-health advisor and is not run by students
   f. Why can’t pre-health, pre-vet and pre-dental students work together under one umbrella organization?
      i. MAPS is small and designed primarily for pre-med students
   g. Pre-health mentoring program? Lunchbag group?
      i. The mentoring program is geared more toward pre-med students
13. Presentation: Autism Speaks U Smith College
   a. Unites college students around the country to promote autism awareness
   b. Local chapters are run at UMASS
      i. The UMASS chapter collaborates with fraternities to raise money through a 5k run
      ii. Autism Speaks U Smith College hopes to get involved with these fundraising initiatives
iii. There is great participation by the Greek community, but this sometimes makes others feel excluded, this group would provide a space for all students to participate
c. The group’s starting point has been putting up the blue autism awareness lights around campus
d. Approximately 12 people have expressed interest and they have eight “active” members
e. Senators asked:
   i. Will the goals of the organization be fundraising or meeting the needs of the Smith community?
      1. Both will be goals of the group
   ii. What would you do differently as a chartered organization?
      1. We can petition to become an official Autism Speaks U group with all the networking, resources and support that come with being affiliated with the larger organization
   iii. What can be done to prevent the blue lights for autism awareness from being confused for the blue light emergency phones around campus?
f. Do you have any specific plans for education and awareness on campus?
   i. Putting on a workshop open to Smith students and Northampton community members

14. Elections:
   a. Senate Parliamentarian: Garbo Garborcauskas 40-0-0
   b. Secretary: Emilie Schwarz 40-0-0

15. Open Forum
   a. Course Critiques!
   b. Fish as pets on campus?
      i. Animal care is a question
      ii. Senators should contact Residence Life with this inquiry
   c. House piano restoration?
      i. Contact House President and area managers could look into restoration
   d. Dining Committee Update:
      i. Nutella could be coming to campus
      ii. 2 non-gluten-free panini presses may also be coming to all dining halls
      iii. Gluten free bread is already in Tyler, King, Chapin (on demand) and Chase Duckett
      iv. Need more guest passes? Students can purchase $6 per additional guest pass through the dining office
      v. Is it okay for vegan yogurt to move from Hubbard to Chapin?
      vi. Vegan/Vegetarian lunch in Cushing Emerson?
         1. Will students go back to the Quad to eat lunch if this option were made available?
         2. Will this menu change just be available for lunch?
   e. Contact Officer Brown to get involved in Safety Day
   f. Climbing Poetree will be held at 7pm in Weinstein Thursday 4/26

16. Adjournment 8:29pm