SGA Senate Minutes  
Tuesday, April 28, 2015  
7:42PM-8:15PM  

1. Call to Order 7:42PM  
2. Roll Call 7:43PM  
3. Approve minutes from last week 7:45PM  
   a. 35-0-1  
4. Vote on Russian Club Charter Changes 7:50PM  
   a. 35-1-0  
5. Vote on The Real Food Challenge Charter 7:53PM  
   a. 35-0-1  
6. Vote on EOP Charter Changes 7:54PM  
   a. 34-1-1  
7. Vote on Math Modeling Club Charter 7:56PM  
   a. 34-1-1  
8. Vote on TEDxAmherst Outreach Charter 7:58PM  
   a. Senator Maya: A lot of senators are still unclear about the benefit of your organization.  
      i. Leading up to the last conference, it was hard to reach out to Smith students, because they couldn’t table or use the vans. This club is for outreach.  
   b. Senator Jennie: Smith had the most applicants of any college, so wasn’t your outreach successful?  
      i. It could have been more successful. People without social media didn’t have the opportunity to hear about the conference. Also, transportation was difficult because of the bus schedule on Saturday.  
   c. Senator Rose: How do companies normally do outreach?  
      i. Any kind of outreach has to be sponsored by a club, center, etc.  
   d. Senator Catherine: We were also concerned about funding issues and whether TEDxAmherst could use Smith funds through the club.  
      i. They want to host a smaller conference in the fall before the collective conference in the spring, so funds might be used for that.  
   e. Senator Rose: My house was also concerned about how the Smith name isn’t attached to this conference.  
      i. After meeting with TEDxAmherst, they’ve decided that a Smith alum would be able to speak at each conference.  
   f. Senator Ellen: In the charter, you refer to the club as TEDxAmherst and TEDxAmherst Outreach. Do you have to be a part of the TEDxAmherst club?  
      i. The TEDxAmherst club has an application process; TEDxAmherst Outreach has a separate process.  
   g. Senator Catherine: Would you agree that this club is useful because the people involved are gaining a lot of valuable skills?
i. Yes. Also, the club requires a lot of time and dedication, and there’s a reputation to uphold, which is why there’s such an elaborate application process.

h. VP Katherine: Some of us are having trouble with the idea that it’s an outside organization with its own rules, especially the application process.
   i. So, TEDxAmherst isn’t really an interest club. Members are coming together to work, so it does require qualified members.

i. Senator Zoe: Shouldn’t the charter say that students have to apply to be members?
   i. Right. That will be amended.

j. Senator Ellen: If we’re talking about changes in the charter, can you clarify when you mean TEDxAmherst and TEDxAmherst Outreach at Smith?
   i. That will be amended.

k. Senator Maya: When you amend it to say that students have to apply, can you also detail the application process?
   i. Yes.

l. 15-15-6

9. Vote on Senate Parliamentarian 8:18PM
   a. Nominees: Senator Katie Chong
   b. Vote of confidence: Passed

9. Open Forum 8:20PM
   a. ITS Committee
      i. Wanted to announce that the phones will be removed from the rooms next year. There will be hall phones and phones in each Ada apartment. Students who do need phones can activate their jack by contacting ITS, but they need to supply their own phone.
      ii. Also, the ITS committee met to discuss subsidized printing and if all goes well, it will be piloted next year. It’s not guaranteed but the college is on board—they just need to find funding for it.

10. Announcements 8:13PM
    a. Run for positions in the fall!
    b. Send out your **final** house email! And remember to CC sgasenate@smith.edu
    c. Thank you so much for a wonderful year together and congrats on all the amazing work you have done! I hope you all will still be active in the SGA in the future, and of course you can email me any time if you want to talk about anything. I’ll miss you all next year!

11. Adjournment 8:26:PM