9/15/16 Senate Minutes
7-9 Carroll Room

I. SGA Senate Manual and In House Orientation, 7:20 PM
   A. It is a rule for members to introduce themselves everytime they speak.
   B. Senate runs on parliamentary procedure.
   C. The Grant of Powers to the SGA
      1. Katie Chong (‘18, SGA VP) highlights the importance of Senate Members’ responsibility for supervising student extracurricular activities.
   D. Highlights of Rules of Senate:
      1. Senate holds a regular meeting each week on Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Campus Center Carroll Room.
      2. Members cannot leave until the Parliamentarian adjourns the meeting.
      3. Attendance policy: Tell Katie before 7 PM Wednesday, 2 excused absences per semester.
      4. Expectation of mutual respect.
   E. SGA Slang Highlights:
      1. Anyone can motion to extend time.
      2. Discussions can be tabled.
   F. Parliamentary Procedure Highlights
      1. Emma Stewart (‘18, Parliamentarian) notes that discussions can get heated, and that maintaining respect is important.
      2. The key is using the correct language, using “I move to” before motions.
   G. Committees and Representation
      1. Every member of Senate represents someone, either a group of people or an area of campus, etc.
2. It is important for Senators to keep in touch with their areas of campus.

H. Guest Speaker Suggestions
1. Zoe Brian (‘18 E&A Chair) suggests housekeeping/dining officials for contract negotiations.
2. Emma Stewart (‘18 Parliamentarian) Pam McCarthy, the director of the Schacht Center
3. Sarena Shafner (‘17 Lower Elm Senator) suggests ???
4. Alejandra Ruiz (‘17 Former Treasurer) suggests Chris, Wellness Center
5. Michaela (‘19 2019 Class President) suggests Gail Thomas.
6. Katie Wing (Ada Class Co-President) suggests Dwight Hamilton, Sam Andreire
7. Janis Luke (‘17 SGA President) suggests Board of Trustees, Becky Shaw
8. Jasmine (Ada Senators) suggests Andrea Rosse-Ritter, Ada and Sophomore Class Dean
9. Assembled Committee on Investor Responsibility “DIVEST”

I. Who Can Vote?
1. Senators
2. Committee Chairs
3. Class Presidents
4. VP of Finance
5. SGA Secretary
6. The only positions that cannot vote are: SGA President, Senate Parliamentarian, SGA Vice President.

J. Goals of Senate
1. Katie Chong (‘18 SGA VP)
   a) Visibility
   b) Make sure students know we are on their side
   c) Being a megaphone for the campus
   d) Senate is open to EVERYONE on campus
2. Sarena Shafner (‘18 Lower Elm Senator) brings up discussing Washburn House in an open forum.
3. Alex Dupey (‘18 East Quad Senator) brings up the issue of hiring more staff in health services.
4. Zoe Brian (‘18 E&A Chair) brings up the issue of people not voting in on-campus elections.
5. Katie Wing (Ada Class President) brings up reflecting on past issues to lessen redundancy, and prioritize Adas.
6. Silvana Saca (‘18 SGA Secretary) brings up the issue of international student funding, specifically the lack of accessibility to funds.
7. Sarena Shafner (‘18 Lower Elm Senator) brings up the issue of arbitrary policies that hinder Smith students (accessibility issues).
8. Alejandra Ruiz (‘17 no position) brings up the issue of mental health on campus.
10. Serena (Ada Comstock Scholar, no position) suggests more awareness and transparency in dining hall food.
11. Alejandra Ruiz (‘17 no position) brings up the issue of emergency funding (it is only $100, seeing if there is anything we can do to increase the fund.
12. Alex Dupey (‘18 East Quad Senator) brings up the issue of Senators not reporting to their areas on campus.
13. Michaella Mentu (‘19 Class of 2019 President) brings up the lack of flexible dining hours and the improvements that can be made on dining services.
14. Zoe (‘18 E&A Chair) suggests more free printing.
15. Mackenzie (‘19 Student Life) suggests Senate working together.
16. Nybria (‘18 SJE Chair) brings up issues concerning the retention rate of POC on campus.
17. Serena (Ada Comstock Scholar) suggests the library opens earlier.
18. Silvana (‘18 SGA secretary) suggests more transparency in regards to pools of funding and improving the org chartering process.
19. Gigi (‘17 no position) brings up the issue of Smith College owning up to queerness on campus
20. Christine (‘17 West Quad Senator) brings up the issue of lighting on campus.
21. a) Tamra Brings up the Lighting Walk
22. Badriyyah (‘17 2017 Class President) suggests that health services is more transparent with the services that they offer to students.
23. Sarena (‘17 Lower Elm Senator) suggests a 24-hour study space.
24. Nybria (‘18 SJE Chair) brings up training professors on SJ issues.
25. Michaella (‘19 Class of 2019 President) suggests a 24-hour study space may be counter-productive.
26. Beverly (‘18 Class of 2018 President) suggests getting more resources on campus for the LGBT community.
27. Janis Luke (‘17 SGA President) suggests changing the bathroom signs to “Bathroom with Urinals” and “Bathroom Without Urinals”
a) If you are a J-Grad you have to leave in December.

28. Zoe Brian (‘17 E&A Chair) Readdress the issue of only using she/her pronouns on Smith.

29. Alejandra Ruiz (‘17 no position) Affordability of class rings

30. Amy (‘18 Green Street Senator) More opportunity for students in jobs on campus

31. Dory (Ada Comstock Scholar, no position) Diplomas use she/her pronouns

32. Serena (Ada Comstock Scholar, no position) Adas have no guaranteed housing

33. Katie Chong (‘18 SGA VP) Friendlier relations with HPA

34. Nybria (‘18 SJE Chair) Revisiting the demands from the Blacktivists organization.

35. Dory (Ada Comstock Scholar, no position) Making it so that Senate is a go-to place for problems.

36. Alex (‘18 East Quad Senator) Smith has to “pick up the slack” because Cooley Dickinson is not large enough to service the entire area.

37. Badriyyah (‘17 Class of 2017 President) Making SGA and Senate’s function apparent.

38. Janis Luke (‘17 SGA President)

39. Silvana Saca (‘18 SGA Secretary) Helping to navigate health insurance and change the mentality that international students have to assimilate

40. Emma (‘18 Parliamentarian) Case Manager position to help students navigate Smith terrain.

41. Katie Wing (Ada Comstock Scholar) Health services needs to be open during the summer

42. Zoe Brian (‘18 E&A Chair) Nutritionist on campus needs more hours.

II. Area Meetings/ Cabinet Meetings (8:35 PM)
A. Communicate with your constituencies via e-mail.
B. Every week there are area meetings for half an hour
C. Take notes during meetings
D. Zoe Brian (‘18 E&A Chair) Teas are a good way to get to know your areas of campus
E. Alex Dupey (‘18 East Quad Senator) Can surveys be sent in e-mails?
   1. Katie (SGA Vice-President) Yes, and we will also all be using the Smith Social Network.
F. Emma Stewart (‘18 Parliamentarian) brings up the CC program; if you CC Katie and Emma you get candy.
G. Badriyyah (‘17 Class of 2017 President) Using Instagram to advertise Senate.
H. Alex Dupey (‘18 East Quad Senator) Social media chair

Sarena (‘17 Lower Elm Senator) moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM, Alex Dupey seconds the motion.