Senate Minutes
Tuesday September 22, 2015

SGA VP serves as Senate Chair: Rose Goueth
Curriculum Committee Chair: Julia Collins
Elections and Appointments Chair: Madeline Elwell
Social Justice/Equity Committee Chair: Zara Jamshed
Student Life Committee Chairs: Ria Deshpande and Anna Caliandro
Sustainability Committee Chair: Kimberly Lu
Senate Parliamentarian: Katie Chung
Ada Comstock Senators (2): TBA
Class of 2016 Upper Elm Senator: Yoo Eun Kim
Class of 2016 Lower Elm Senator: Emily Coffin
Class of 2016 East Quad Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2016 Green Street Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2016 Center Campus Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2017 Lower Elm Senator: Sarena Shafner
Class of 2017 Green Street Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2017 East Quad Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2017 West Quad Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2017 Center Campus Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2018 East Quad Senator: Zoe Brown-Cross
Class of 2018 Upper Elm Senator: Ellen Sulser
Class of 2018 West Quad Senator: Caroline Cipollini
Class of 2018 Lower Elm Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2018 Center Campus Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2019 Lower Elm Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2019 Green Street Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2019 Upper Elm Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2019 East Quad Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2019 West Quad Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Class of 2019 Center Campus Senator: TBD Fall Elections
Off Campus Student Senators (2): TBD Fall Elections
Transfer Students Senator: TBD Fall Elections

GILLIAN TISDALE ORC CHAIR: HERE
Katie Wing Ada VP: HERE
Jenny Park: Class of 2018 VP: HERE
Tracey Williams: ADA Senators: HERE
Karen Chau: Class of 2016 VP: HERE

PART 1: Minutes 9/15:
Approved

PART 2: ORC Guidelines and Bylaws Voting
-cannot vote because all of the senators were not there and the information has not been made public yet
PART 3: Discussion on Invitations to Senate
-Rose: Tamra and she discussed inviting members of the board of trustees to senate
-Julia: Don’t invite them without a purpose
-Sarena: specific questions you want to ask

PART 4: Discussion on Committee Ideas & Senate Manual:
-Restructure should be within the Senate body
-Diversity student appointee will report to senate on what goes on in Diversity Committee in administration
-new committee: resolution group writing, work with activist community
-Dining Committee last semester had good student response, should be continued
-committee on finance/allocation of funds within the college internally, maybe meet with Chief Financial Officer at Smith
-Ada Comstock Scholar Representation, not covered necessarily in Student Life Committee
-have liaisons rather than committees from senate

Potential Questions:
-Rose —> Stick with broad questions
Meghna —> Working with Mike Howard, new VP for Finance, → Meghna sits on ACRA → wants him to attend a fire side-chat so he can provide more information about campus finance —> wants participation from Senate to attend - There is a scheduled November Fire Chat for Mike

Julia - Can it be possible to combine Fire Chat meeting with Senate meeting? Make Senate meeting as a place where students can bring questions?

Communicating with student body:
-How do you communicate with senators in your area?
-Who do you communicate with as an area representative?
-discuss this with your area

PART 5: Questions from the Board of Trustees:
Meghna: Who are board of trustees:
-They choose college president
-they control everything, hiring etc.
-top down structure

What is their role?
-keep updated on what goes on with Smith campus

What are they going to do?
-Keep us updated on their actions following the discussions last year
-Need to blast this information to the student body

Board of Trustees are coming Friday October 15: 12-1

Ada Class President:
-Adas have had issues with housing situation
don’t have as much housing as in the past
incoming class year did not receive the housing they believed they were getting
Adas are not guaranteed housing, but guaranteed the same experience as traditional Smithies
Not told about housing until July, issue with leaving jobs and bringing families

Need to meet by area and discuss the best of means of sending out questions and getting responses
Get responses by email, meeting, tabling, forms in boxes

PART 7: Committee Updates:

A. Curriculum Committee
   a. Still in agenda stage
   b. Need appointments: 3 first years, a few more upperclassmen
   c. Address credit hours, federal definition of a credit hour
   d. Update what counts as a Social Justice designation and incorporate into course catalog
   e. Textbooks- work with Smith student aid society

B. Rules Committee
   a. Need senators and cabinet members

C. Student Life Committee
   a. Gathering information

D. ORC/Finance
   a. Going well, no issues

PART 8: Open Forum

A. Vote to Make October 6 Open Forum:
   a. Passed

B. Area Meetings
   a. Area survey sent to houses for who wants to be included on senate updates
   b. Google form

C. Advertising for Meeting with Senate about Board of Trustees Survey:
   a. Make flyers and email them out
   b. October 6th from 7-9pm, Carroll Room CC
   c. Ellen will do poster, banners go up Monday morning and down on Monday morning
   d. Rose will do social network
   e. Emily and Sarena will compose plan for October 6 open forum senate for discussing Board of Trustees

D. Diversity Office
   a. New Title IX Diversity Coordinator
      i. Wants a student feedback group
      ii. Names sent by Monday at 530pm
      iii. Whoever is interested: email kwing@smith.edu
E. Senate Orientation is this Sunday from 6-8pm, CC 204.