Senate Minutes: September 25, 2012

A. 7.03: Call to Order:
   1. Absent: Camila Rich, Jessie Fromularo, Sarah Ana Seligman, Valeria Flores, Lisa Kelley, Sarah Essex, Mia Spiri
   2. Quorum met

B. 7.09: Announcements
   1. Project Coach Rep came to present an upcoming opportunity
      a. 12th year
      b. Work with at-risk high school kids in Springfield - mentor them, help them with school work, with social and academic life
      c. Gives kids a sense of leadership in the community and gives them a purpose in life
      d. Upcoming tutoring session: every Monday for one hour Thursday one hour
      e. Mondays at Smith College and Thursdays at Springfield - Project Coach provides transportation
      f. Project Coach always provides needed transportation
      g. Paired up with a child and tutor them in a subject student is comfortable tutoring them in
      h. These students really look up to Smith College students
      i. Spread the word
   2. Elections and Appointments Committee Announcements:
      a. Had a meeting for goals for the year. Three goals:
      b. 1. create an environment where students are encouraged and confident to run for positions
      c. 2. Get students registered to vote - 40% registered last year, and EnA wants to get it as close to 100% as possible
      d. 3. After Fall elections, want to hype up campus about elections
      e. Smith Fall elections:
      f. Positions open for 2014 and 2016
      g. Senators should encourage students for these classes to run for positions: put in minutes, Facebook
      h. Run yourself
      i. Sign up for elections: now until September 28th (www.smith.edu/voting)
      j. Candidates need to go to mandatory candidate meeting to be able to campaign
      k. If you cannot make it, you can send a proxy to sign you in
      l. Like their Elections and Appointments Committee Facebook page!
      m. Available positions:
      n. 2014:
         i. Class Secretary
ii. Class Social Chair
iii. Class Treasurer
iv. Class Historian

o. 2016
   i. All positions open:
      ii. Class President
      iii. Class Vice President
      iv. Class Secretary
      v. Class Treasurer
      vi. Class Historian
      vii. Class Social Chair

p. NOTE: 2013 looking for a secretary

q. Organization Resource Committee Appointments September 27 and 28

r. For further information contact your Elections and Appointments Committee Chair, Greta Stacy (gstacy@smith.edu)

3. Keep announcements time limited to important information that needs to be sent to houses

   C. 7.20: Review and Passage of Minutes
   1. 7.25: Minutes Passed: 43 - 0 - 9

   D. 7:29 Committee Elections
   1. Organization Resource Committee
      a. Two senators from ORC
      b. Role: fund all of the clubs and organizations at Smith
      c. Meet once a week on Wednesdays 7-9pm upstairs in the SGA Office of the Campus Center
      d. Attend one weekend-long budget hearings and deliberations per semester
      e. Cannot hold a chair, president or treasurer position on any club or organization
      f. Can also sign up outside of Senate by emailing Greta with a copy of your resume: gstacy@smith.edu
      g. Two nominations made
      h. Elections made: vote of confidence
         i. Elected senators: Nabilah Ahmed, Bree Currier

   2. Curriculum Committee - Chair Liz Rich
      a. Need between one and three members
      b. Role: works as a liaison between the students and the liaison
      c. Work on a number of different educational policies at the college
      d. Help with course and teaching evaluations
      e. Award faculty and teaching award yearly
      f. Planning to incorporate social justice into the curriculum
      g. Finding ways to make taking five-college classes easier
h. Meet with the Committee on Academic Priorities once a semester
i. Create new classes, set new college policies
j. Play a role on the global studies center advisory committee
k. Meet once a week: Mondays 5.45 - 6.45pm
l. No limitations on who can be on the committee - no conflict of interest
m. Election speeches for Curriculum Committee nominees
n. Elections made
o. Elected senators: Emily Coffin, Erinn Summers, Abby Fulton

3. Clarification: some committees are comprised only of senators, and some are comprised of students outside Senate, but would like senators on the committee

4. Question: Is it possible to give a list of the hours of all of the committees before elections so senators can make a more informed decision?
   a. Diversity Committee: meets every other Sunday
   b. Rules Committee: meetings depend on when they get charters and how many charters they get
   c. Last Fall they met every other week for thirty minutes
   d. Last Spring they met twice a week
   e. Sustainability: Probably on Thursdays at 6pm for thirty minutes
   f. Dining Committee: meets usually at lunch or dinner, every other week or every month depending on the number of requests made

5. Sustainability Committee - Chair Sabrina
   a. Looking to elect four senators
   b. One senator will serve as a liaison - the head of the committee within Senate
   c. Liaison will meet once a week with the Chair during Thursday office hours 6.30-7pm
   d. The other three senators will work with the liaison in Senate
   e. Will work with Sustainability committee
   f. Can work with the eco representatives within the houses
   g. Nominations for liaison made
   h. Elections for liaison held
   i. Elected senator for liaison: Christine Hart
   j. Nominations for committee members made:
   k. Elections held:
   m. Elected senators: Alaina Zemanick, Carletta Traylor, Elizabeth Walber, Anna Carroll

6. Rules Committee
   a. Looking for two senators
   b. Meet approximately once a month, to be decided as a group
   c. Not a major time commitment
d. Review charters to go before Senate to vote on

e. Edit charters for improvement

f. Addresses any questions regarding committee guidelines and organization
c constitutions

g. Nominations made

h. Elections held

i. Elected senators: Sarah Kay, Anna Sofia Moreno-Mesa, Jesse Kline

7. Dining Committee

a. Looking for two to three senators

b. Works with the head of dining services and the assistant head of dining services
to bring what the students want to the dining halls

c. Changed RC Cola to Pepsi last year

d. Working on getting Nutella

e. Work with removal of plates

f. Design posters for special weeks; “Sweet Potato Week”

g. Work with sustainability committee to modify packaging

h. Help make menus

i. Meeting times to be decided on

j. Nominations made

k. Elections held

l. Elected senators: Chloe Beckman, Paula Roby, Patience Otun

8. Disability Committee

a. Electing up to five senators, not including the liaison

b. A Senate-run committee, self-scheduled by the elected senators

c. Electing a liaison to meet with the SGA Diversity Committee every other Sunday
   at 4.30pm

d. Talk about issues of differently-abled students

e. Making the campus more open for students with disabilities

f. Work on events to bring more awareness to disability

g. Anyone can be on this committee

h. Can focus on mental as well as physical disabilities - as inclusive as possible

i. Elected liaison: Lily Siegal

j. Elected senators: Catherine Cain, Mary Clare Del Carpio, Lena Wilson, Kaitlyn
   Stumpf, Calais Harding

9. Social Justice Committee

a. A Senate-run committee, self-scheduled by the elected senators

b. Electing a liaison to meet with the SGA Social Justice Committee

c. Addressing diversity issues on campus

d. Working to get social justice into the curriculum

e. Raise awareness
f. Elected liaison: Helen (Nell) Menefee-Libey

g. Elected senators: Sigal Eini, Rachel Farber, Sharon Pamela Santana, Megan Bowles, Olivia Fitzpatrick-Lauzier, Jamie Keene, Kaitlyn Konzen, Farah Khan, Melissa Hepburn

10. Campus Police Committee
   a. Help to inform students on their services: bike registration, free engraving
   b. Help inform students become aware of campus safety issues
   c. EMT Class to be hosted through Campus Police Committee
   d. Main time commitments during engraving programs, bike safety week, etc
   e. Elected senators (by vote of confidence): Rebecca Taylor, Emily Volkmann, Sydney Brown, Tiffany Peterson

11. Athletic Committee
   a. Senate-run and directed committee
   b. Communicate with the Athletic Department and House athletic representatives
   c. Assist with float night and midnight madness
   d. Elected senators: No interest
   e. Committee will not exist

12. Archives Committee
   a. People who are interested in the history of Smith college can put together regular presentations
   b. Senate historians
   c. Getting people interested in the legacy of Senate at Smith
   d. Elected senators (by vote of confidence): Jesse Kline, Becky Worrell, Morgan Macie, Kyle Palmore, Chloe Lin, Lena Wilson, Susan Lukacs, Erin Hawkins, Yoo Eun Kim
   e. Elected Chair: Kyle Palmore

13. Global Engagement Committee
   a. Electing 5 to 10 senators
   b. A self-directed, Senate-run committee
   c. Talk about issues pertaining to study abroad and other global issues at Smith
   d. Elected senators: Valeria Flores, Mursal Naderi, Rohena Rajbhandari, Waka Kobayashi, Sophie Bandurski, Victoria von Saucken, Maria Alvisi, Mary Clare Del Carpio
   e. Elected Co-Chairs: Marcal and Victoria von Saucken
   f. E. 8.55: Committee Meetings to follow adjournment

F: Announcements
  1. Smith shuttles from campus to the Springfield train station
  2. To be brought up in Cabinet
3. This Friday at 4pm, Dawes House is having a French tea with professors from the apartment and those who studied abroad in Paris and Geneva last year, to anyone interested in studying abroad, as well as French studies majors
4. For anyone interested in French studies or French major
5. Additional RAD Class Wednesdays (starting tomorrow) in Davis Ballroom from 6-8pm
6. Art Symposium this weekend

G. Meeting Adjourned: 9.00pm