Tuesday September 28, 2010

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order 7:01 pm

II. Roll Call
   B. Quorum met

III. Guest Speaker - Kathy Zieja, Director of Dining Services
   * Net nutrition will be online by next week. It will be an addition to the menu that allows students to see what is in recipes, especially allergens.
   * Food orders are based off numbers from the previous year, so there will be overcrowding and food run-outs. The program is imperfect, yet can be refined with the help of focus groups and committees.
   * Issues mentioned included overcrowding at Tyler, management of breakfast for dinner, composting, broken machines, and donation vs. waste.
   * Feel free to email Kathy with any other questions you or your housemates may have.

IV. Committee Presentations
   A. Elections and Appointments
      1. There are two positions open for Senators.
      2. The Fall election schedule is: Signup between Oct 4-8, Mandatory meeting Oct 13, Budget for campaign due Oct 18, Campaign begins Oct 19, Voting the week of the 25th.
      3. There are weekly meetings on a to-be-determined date.
   B. Organization Resources Committee
      1. The function of ORC includes managing the funds, which come from the Student Activities Fee, for student organizations.
      2. There are about 120 organizations on campus and they are budgeted each semester.
      3. Last year, some organizations went into debt, which is an issue that will be addressed this year by ORC. Auditing and changes at the Student Bank are two ways to curb this problem.
      4. Three liaison positions are open for Senators. They meet on Wednesdays from 7 to 9.
   C. Chartering
      1. Email mlee2@smith.edu for more information about getting an organization chartered.
   D. Rules Committee
      1. There are two positions open for Senators.
      2. This committee works closely with the Chartering Committee in order to form charters that will be presented to Senate for a vote.

V. Minutes not passed

VI. Committee Elections
   1. Rules - 2 senators: Andrea Kang, Dahna Black
2. Archives - 5 senators: Beth Gillespe, Lisbet Portman, Jasmine Yaas Setoodehnia, Jahanara Saeed, Jeanne Lowrey
3. Elections and Appointments - 2 senators: Marichuy Gomez, Galya Metanova
4. Organizational Resource Committee - 2 senators: Claire Abisalih, Hannah Erb
5. Curriculum Committee - 2 senators: Frances Black, Mackenzie Green
6. Publicity - 10 senators
7. Community - 5 senators
8. Events - 10 senators
9. Difficult Topics on Campus - 4 senators
10. Sustainability - 3 senators
11. Disabilities - 7 senators
12. Dining Services - 7 senators
13. Athletic Association - 2 senators

VII. Announcements

1. Register to vote with Senator Kenzi from Morris House.
2. Fundraiser for Pakistan flood; ideas are needed. Email Senator Lindy from King House.
3. Smith African and Caribbean Society party this Friday at 10pm in either the CC or Davis.
4. Events and Nosotras are co-hosting an event in the Carroll Room on Tuesday. Email sec@smith.edu for more information.