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Student Government Association Senate

10/20/2015

7-9 pm CC 103/104

Agenda:

**Approval of the Minutes from October 6, 2015 – 7:05 pm:** Oct 6 Minutes Passed

**#BeFlawed Charter Presentation - 7:10 pm**
- BeFlawed is an organization that would create a space for plus-size women at Smith. Members
- would express their opinions on anything of interest on a Tumblr blog. Two meetings so far and
- lots of interest

- Would like to distribute calendar with plus size models to encourage plus-size smithies to feel comfortable in their own bodies and photo project

- how the group will define plus-size: technically size 12 or 1x in U.S.

- should be a safe space for plus size women to connect and in order to participate students must be considered plus-size

- specifically for plus-size women, not body positivity org

- smith does not allow try-outs for affinity group orgs so group may have closed meetings specifically for plus-size women and open meetings for allies

- events would be open for everyone

- size 12 and up criteria will be outlined in email

- impeachment process? other board members would get together and discuss and then a vote would be held at the meetings

- is it only for women? no, all plus-size Smithies are welcome to join

**O Clube Lusofono Charter Presentation - 7:20 pm**
- After coming back from jya in brazil Victoria realized that there is no space for Lusophone studies majors to come back and talk about their experiences abroad
- not an academic group, more of a platform for students to share jya experiences and experience of being lusophones
- dance workshops, parties
- will work with Es+P department at Smith and Amherst Samba club
-collaboration with boston brazilian and lusophone community
-already at least 20 interested students who are interested in being active members

**Quick Brown Fox Charter Presentation - 7:30 pm**

-Chartered at Hampshire and would like to be chartered at all 5 colleges
-been an org for about 5 years
-lots of submission for the magazine but would like members for board
-wider representation than just English major
-Artist and writers community at the 5 colleges
-funded completely by Hampshire. funds from Smith would be at discretion of committee
-one board and members from all 5 colleges
-orgs at smith have to have president and treasurer that are smith students: there are treasurers from moho and from hampshire so they would just add a treasurer from Smith as well
-Smith students have been in the org for all 5 years
-What about more of a coalition setup? smith org that reports to broad 5 college org

**Goal Setting/Creation of Ad-Hoc Committees – 7:40 pm**

-Senate Goals:
-Decide on what type of Committee system we will use
-Encourage non senator to come to meetings

Community events
Adas more involved
Know restructure
Help with turnover
AWARENESS of Senate and what we do
Aware of campus climate and engaged in your community
Transparency for community members
Being effective
Being efficient
better communication with cabinet
being a resource to the activist community & orgs at Smith

-Senate would like to know what is going on in cabinet and be included in those conversations
-There is a sentiment that cabinet is functioning the way it always has despite the restructure

Ad-Hoc Committee Ideas:
-A lot of people have concerns about Health Services and Counseling Services
-Committee to improve Orientation for all students
-Outreach Committee to create publicity for events
-Liaison position where Senators can be in touch with ITS, Alumnae Network
-Committee that deals with Dining

-Have various college committees come to Senate and share their ideas and current works
-Resource Committee (Could be part of outreach committee)
-Campus Funding Committee (starting with funding chart that already exists on Smith Website)
-Allocation of time for restructure issues in each meeting
-Every committee will have additional meetings as they see fit and Rose will reach out to them for updates and support

Creation of Senator Application – 8:10 pm

-Rose sent email about Senator nominations and got about 40 responses
-We need to decide how to sort through all those applications

-Ana Sofia is here to present on what HPA would like to see from Senate

-Application should encourage students to be a part of Senate

-Add “What are three things that you would like to see Senate do and how would you go about implementing them?”

-Perspective Senators will be invited to attend one Senate meeting during trial period
-HPS will send emails to get responses

-It would be nice if every Senator made a face board to put in the houses in their areas
-Parliamentarian should send minutes to HPs and highlight

-Senators should be getting feedback from houses

-Katie Chong (Parliamentarian) will email HPs by 12am on Tuesday every week

-Ana Sofia will make spreadsheet of when House Council Meetings are so that Senators can go to meetings and show their faces

**Voting Senators for Seven Sisters Conference – 8:25 pm**

-six people elected:

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Katie Chong Kchong@smith.edu

Rebecca Ziemann bziemann@smith.edu

Ellen Sulser esulser@smith.edu Van Certified!!

Emma Stewart elstewart@smith.edu

Voting Senators for ORC - 8:35 pm

-New Ada Senator: Renu

BOT Meeting Update:

- Meeting went well Student Forum was helpful

-Senators who attended are invited to discussion at cabinet meeting on how to be liaisons for BoT

Area Meetings & Committee Updates – 8:40 pm