10/20/16 Senate Minutes
7-9 Carroll Room

I. Attendance Taken

II. Minutes from 10/13 Approved (motion by Xiomara Cooke (HPA Chair))

III. First Area E-mail TONIGHT (10/20) for Senators

IV. Guests: Donna Lisker and Dean Ohotnicky
   A. Library Redesign
      1. Look at design
         a) There will be space added on top of Neilson
            (1) A whole glass story with big outdoor space
      2. Study space during renovation
         a) Renovation starting during Winter Break
         b) Young Library and the Green Box closed during Winter Break and Spring Semester
            (1) Have to be renovated to become functional library
            (2) All resources will be available in Young and in the Green Box
         c) Alumnae Gym part of renovation (will be closed for 3 years)
         d) Class of 2021 will be the first class to enjoy the library in their senior year
         e) Grants for study spaces in houses during this period
         f) Technology will be scattered around campus
      3. When the library is closed, the first part of the renovation will be noisy and dirty
         a) The noise will affect everyone on campus
(1) Katie Chong (SGA VP): “Can construction be reduced during finals period?”
   (a) Dean Lisker: “Yes!”
   b) Invite Roger Mosier, Head of Facilities, to Senate

4. Neon Arches being removed
   a) Arch Sing will have to turn into a new tradition, no arches

5. Washburn will not serve as a house for 3 years

6. Environmental impact
   a) Process and building will be sustainable

7. Budget
   a) $100,000,000 budget
   b) Extremely serious about staying on budget

B. Lighting on campus
   1. Dean Ohotnicky: Lighting Walks
   2. Goals: Check where lighting fails on campus
   3. Walkways that institutionally made sense vs walkways students are actually using
   4. Lighting is pretty good on campus, but lights do go out. They must be reported.

C. Tuition
   1. Will it increase this year?
      a) Yes, but so will financial aid (for more than 60% of Smith students)

D. Campus Police trips to Cooley Dickinson, is there an alternative?
   1. Xiomara Cooke (HPA Chair) and Miranda Coleman (All Campus Senator): An unsettling experience, feel trapped in the back of the police car
   2. Dean Ohotnicky: Sometimes only Campo cars are available, there is no alternative
      a) Do not want to call an ambulance.

E. Affinity Housing at Smith College
   1. Dean Ohotnicky: There will be a community conversation about this
      a) How can this be done in a way that addresses the needs of all students?

F. One Card access to Houses for Off-Campus Students
   1. Dean Ohotnicky: Does not know why this is not being implemented yet

G. Social Justice in Houses
   1. Dean Ohotnicky: Conversations being facilitated now
   2. Resident Life staff actively engaged in these houses with racial violence
H. Smoothing Transition for Ada Comstock Scholars that must Move Out as J-Grads
   1. Every Ada can get $750 in help from Dean Lisker
I. Moving Out at the End of Finals is a Mess
   1. Cannot be helped, housing must be turned over to summer programs
   2. Someone is moving in right after you move out
   3. Dean Ohotnicky: What can we do to help students utilize time more efficiently?
      a) Zoe Brian (EnA Chair): Possibility of hiring someone to help with physical labor of moving
   4. Alex Dupey (East Quad Senator): Took a class at Amherst, which ends a week after Smith, and had to move out early (had nowhere to stay for a week).
V. Questions to Andy Cox (Director of Dining Services)
   A. Katie Chong (SGA VP): 79.5%* sure Andy Cox is coming to Senate next week (*Unofficial Statistics)
   B. EVERYONE Attend Real Food event tomorrow at Alumnae House (4 PM)
VI. Open Forum
   A. Face Boards for SGA Members in Blue Shirts
   B. Dorie Klein (Senator): Committee Update, Town Hall where students voice stories where they were not in a safe or inclusive space on campus
      1. October 27th (Weinstein), November 1st (Campus Center Carroll Room)
         a) 4:30 PM