SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order: 7:03

II. Roll Call
   a. Missing/Tardy: 14
   b. Quorum Met

III. Announcements
   a. Sign-ups for the Martin Luther King Committee are next week!
   b. Float Night is October 23, 2008 at 6pm by the boathouse
      i. First 300 people get free mugs
      ii. Parade of boats, free root beer, mud wrestling

IV. Minutes
   a. October 7, 2008 passed 42 -5

V. Committee Updates
   a. Dining Issues Committee
      i. Chair: Melissa Lee
      ii. Compiled a list of issues they would like to tackle
      iii. Meeting with Director of Dining Services in a week to talk over issues
   b. Events Committee
      i. Chair: Paola Tineo
      ii. Offered services to the Otelia Cromwell Committee and other big events on campus to have a presence at all events
      iii. Dining services will help with food needs
   c. Archives Committee
      i. Discussed ways they can improve awareness of Smith’s traditions on campus
      ii. Possible Archive Day event similar to Love Your Body Day
   d. Outreach Committee
      i. Came up with volunteer activities
      ii. Coffee House Night
      iii. Literacy project
      iv. Northampton Survival Center
      v. Co-fundraising with a Northampton Elementary School

VI. Guest Speaker: Ms. L’Tanya Richmond, Director of Multicultural Affairs
   a. Who is L’Tanya Richmond?
      i. From North Carolina and a graduate of Duke University
      ii. Wanted to be at an all-women’s school, chose Smith College for its legacy
      iii. Advises the Bridge Program, collaborates with other offices on matters focusing on diversity, and the Martin Luther King Program
   b. What happens in the Office of Multicultural Affairs?
      i. Runs programs that appeal to all students, educates people about diversity
   c. What’s for Lunch? Monthly luncheons to engage in discussions about topics ranging from diversity to campus unity
   d. Currently working on the strategic plan to outline the goals and mission of the Office of Multicultural Affairs
   e. Check out website for what’s happening: http://www.smith.edu/oma/
   f. Questions? Contact L’Tanya at lrichmon@smith.edu

VII. Guest Speaker: Chris Loring, Director of Libraries
   a. We have the largest liberal arts college library system in the nation
   b. Issues with the library
i. Lights going off in libraries  
ii. B Level North does have a feeling of creepiness  
iii. Shaky wireless in certain spots of the library  
iv. More Macs in the Nielson Computer Lab  
v. More leisure reading  
vi. Do their own system support in the library, not done by ETS  
c. Willing to teach students one-on-one about what tools you can use for research  
i. Concern that general workshops will be poorly attended  
d. Could we get longer library hours? Most likely not.  
i. Tricky to get student workers and full-time staff to work the hours  
e. Questions? Contact Chris Loring at cloring@smith.edu

VIII. Charters  
   a. National Society for Black Engineers  
i. 42 for, 0 against, 5 abstentions  
ii. Passed  
b. Students for Camp Heartland  
i. Clarifications:  
   1. Will be working with Act Now in the same high schools in Springfield  
   2. Will be fundraising to send counselors to Camp Heartland  
ii. 39 for, 1 against, 7 abstentions  
iii. Passed  
c. The Smiffenpoofs  
i. 35 for, 7 against, 6 abstentions  
ii. Passed  
d. New Charters  
i. Act Now Charter  
   1. Peer education group that facilitates talks on HIV/AIDS, gets rid of stigma of AIDS  
   2. Target group is early high school age in the local area (Springfield has 3rd highest rate of infection in the country)  
   3. Different from other organizations on-campus in that they receive official training from American Red Cross and Night Star Theatre  
   4. Dr. Jaffe is an advisor; they work closely with Health Services  
   5. Everyone is an acting member – wants everyone to be properly trained  
   6. Have about 28 members thus far  
   7. Collaborates with other Smith groups dedicated to AIDS, health  
   8. Receives majority of funding through Health Services, but need additional funds for training  
   9. Questions? Ask Krystal Collier at kcollier@smith.edu

IX. Committee Time

X. Adjournment 8:50