Tuesday October 28, 2008

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order: 7:04

II. Roll Call
   a. Missing/Tardy: 16
   b. Quorum Met

III. Announcements
   a. Smith Elects the World: 10pm in the Carroll Room
      i. 45 students presenting on trips abroad
   b. Lighting Walk with Public Safety: November 3rd at 5:30pm in Clark Hall
   c. Otelia Cromwell Day:
      i. Nancy Young presenting at the event
      ii. Need 5 volunteers to help House Presidents Association for the house competition
      iii. Hand out free hot chocolate at 1pm in front of Sage
      iv. Volunteers: Jamie Estrada, Jessie Kaplan, Shishona Jones, Iris Howorth, Roth Sok, Ryan Rasdall
   d. Quad Halloween on Saturday between 1-3pm:
      i. Hosting if for the neighborhood, campus, and school
      ii. Competition for best carved pumpkin

IV. Minutes
   a. October 21, 2008 passed 39-11

V. Charters
   a. Act Now:
      i. 37 for, 0 against, 11 abstentions
      ii. Passed
   b. New Charters:
      i. Period!
      1. Alternative publication on campus that was started in 2006
      2. Focus on printing critical articles, moving away from satire
      3. Articles not limited to opinions on campus
      4. Encourages liberality, in the sense of censorship
      5. Have 3 staff members, and 5-7 editors
      6. Issues are free, and printed bimonthly
      7. Funded by ORC
      8. Questions? Contact Amber at atucker@smith.edu
      ii. Groove a cappella
      1. Youngest a cappella
      2. Associated with the music department
      3. Fundraise own money
      4. Quasi advised by a member of the faculty
      5. Questions? Contact Liz Mongrello at emongrel@smith.edu
      iii. Noteables a cappella
      1. Been on campus for 25 years
      2. Fundraise own money
      3. Recognized a cappella group on campus
      4. Questions? Contact Jenna Zelenets at jzelenet@smith.edu or E Powell at epowell@smith.edu

VI. Public Safety “Look Both Ways” Initiative:
a. More students have been hit crossing Elm Street, students need to take responsibility and look both ways before you cross the street
b. Currently having Public Safety officers helping students cross the street
c. Setting up a committee to raise awareness
d. Ways to help prevent injury:
   i. Put up a sign
   ii. Talk to Northampton Council about painting warnings on street
   iii. Produce a video on how to cross the street
e. Talk to Paul Ominskey (Public Safety) about what we can do

VII. Satellite Gyms Discussion:
   a. King House and Albright House have satellite gyms
   b. Often in poor condition, with outdated equipment
c. Originally created when the current fitness center was being reconstructed
d. Better uses for the satellite gym space
e. Need to put a large amount of money into the space to do one of the following:
   i. Update the gym with new equipment and humidifiers- but remain a “hand-me-down gym”
   ii. 24 Hour study space
f. General consensus is to keep the satellite gyms

VIII. Chris Loring Follow Up:
   a. Having Chris Loring come back next semester is contingent on whether or not the problems we addressed are fixed

IX. Senate T Shirts:
   a. Interested senators should submit designs soon

X. Committee Updates:
   a. Community Outreach Committee
      i. Can collect soda can tabs to benefit St. Judes
      ii. Set up a bag and a sign in your house
   b. Dining Issues Committee
      i. Meeting with Kathy Zieja at 30 Belmont Avenue on Thursday at 3pm
      ii. Presenting the list of issues they came up with
   c. Curriculum Committee
      i. Trying to revamp the critiquing system that is in place

XI. Adjournment: 8:27