Student Government Association Senate Minutes 11/3/2015

7-9 pm Campus Center Carroll Room

Attendance - 7:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes from October 27, 2015 – 7:05 pm

Introductions – 7:10 pm

Voting on Ad-Hoc Committees – 7:15 pm
-Partner discussions about ad-hoc committees we already decided on last week
-Outreach committee should do more than just publicity
-Could be a broader topic: communication
-Financial Aid committee? Would address financial aid transparency
-Mike Howard is coming to Senate next week to talk about how finances work on campus
-How do we create communication between committees to avoid overlap and redundancy
-There should be more communication with EnA
-Research on mapping college governance
-Strategic navigation committee
-Senate needs to be more informed on college processes in order to know how to act on them. Example: ITS issues
-Should we have entire committees for some issues or just one person serving as a liaison?

Committees: Health Services,

Approval of Charters – 7:25 pm:
Be Flawed: Yes: 10 No: 2 Abstain: 13 Passed.
Quick Brown Fox: Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 18 Passed
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Smith College Bipartisan Coalition Charter – 7:30 pm
-Founded at the end of 2014-15 year
-Met a lot of issues with diversity of opinion
-Have been hosting Bipartisan debate watching
-Also hold discussions on issues like education, immigration, etc.
-documented interest and existing membership
-full administered board on campus
-Democratic and Republican reps on board
-Members are not asked which party they are affiliated with, two board members liaise with Democratic Club and Republican Club at Smith
-Try to limit discussions to policy not party affiliations
-Bipartisan implies that only Democratic Party and Republican Party are recognized: this is because it is meant to be a reflection on the U.S. political climate.
-Do you reach out to orgs that represent communities that are directly influenced by these issues.
-Why does there need to be an entire org to facilitate bipartisan cooperation? Can the Democrats of Smith and Republicans of Smith just work together?
Smith Music Collective Charter – 7:35 pm

- Goal is to create community at Smith for people who love music that are not affiliated with the Music Department
- Would like to potentially host shows at Smith for musicians within campus community and outside of it
- Music lessons, songwriting workshops, open mic nights
- Would potentially hold events in Davis Ballroom, Fieldhouse, Conference Center
- Equipment: To buy
- Will concentrate on various types of music, encourage feedback from Smith community

Decision on Questions for the Deans – 8:05 pm

- Will continue this conversation next week

Area Meetings – 8:40 pm