Tuesday November 13, 2007

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order 7:05

II. Roll Call
   Met quorum

III. Minutes
   Passed- 39 present, 3 abstentions

IV. Ombuds Person- Adrianne Andrews
   a. Confidential conflict resolution
   b. Can help facilitate dialogues for both individual and group conflicts—will even come mediate
      problems within Smith houses.
   c. Solo operation—Adrienne has no administrative assistants in her office.
   d. 50% of contacts are from administrative and other staff, 25% are from students, and 20% are from
      faculty.

V. Jennifer Dieringer - Hot Chocolate Race
   a. Friday Dec. 1, 8am-12pm; 5K run (10 am) or 2 mile walk (9:30 am)
   b. Supports Safe Passage, an organization that serves survivors of domestic violence in all of Hampshire
      County.
   c. $12 registration fee for students, $5 discount for registry of team
   d. Anyone welcome to both run and volunteer (marshalling, registrations, cocoa set up)
   e. Last year- 1,800 participants raising at least $40,000.
   f. This year expecting at least 2,500 participants!
   g. www.hotchocolaterun.com or jdieringer@wmls.org

VI. Committee Update
   a. Thursday 4-5 pm, first Diversity Committee meeting with Tay and Naomi Miller. Room TBA
   b. Lindsay York- committee between Smith and NoHo community. Possible use of house competitions
      (like the hunt) to get Smithies involved. Winner gets free gift basket? Also, discounts at local salons,
      etc. to prep for winter weekend.
   c. Senate Board- student workers to choose 3 fun e-digest activities per week to play on TV screens?
      Face board @ SGA office.

VII. T-Shirts
   a. To be: green with white text
   b. Around $8 with SGA subsidizing.
   c. Ordering both long and short sleeves.

VIII. MASSPIRG
   a. Meenu Menon- chapter chair and leader of Water Watch campaign.
   b. Public interest group working on campaigns such as global warming, water cleanliness, text book
      costs, presidential campaigns
   c. Funded through a $12-$15 waive-able fee on the tuition bill. You can choose not to pay it.
   d. Fee pays for aid of lobbyists, scientists, lawyers, advocates, and campus organizers so that org can
      make impact on local and national level.
   e. Last year-fee voted off of campus; now MASSPIRG cannot support its activities; hope to bring issue
      back to an all campus vote.

IX. Committee Time

X. Adjournment 9pm