Tuesday November 17, 2009

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order 7:02 pm

II. Roll Call
   a. Missing/Tardy: 18
   c. Quorum met

III. Guest Speaker: Ken Person, Director of Facilities Management
   a. New service request forms
      i. Tutorial online should be implemented after Thanksgiving
      ii. A way for students to contact FacMan directly
      iii. Should increase responsiveness
   b. Major renovations will occur in future
      i. Heating and cooling systems in some houses
   c. Question and answer session
      i. Individual house concerns
      ii. Campus accessibility for disabled students
      iii. Sustainability
         1. This campus recycles more than it puts into landfills
         2. Steam-generation and electricity-generation have been coupled
         3. Steam-fired absorption has been implemented
            a. This allows steam to both heat and cool houses, while generating electricity
      iv. Soap in the houses
         1. Can’t put soap in the dispensers in the houses
         2. This is due to varying sensitivities among the house community
         3. If a survey of the student body results in a 67% majority of students, Mr. Person promises to make a commitment to put soap in all house bathrooms.
   d. Email address: kpersion@smith.edu

IV. Passing Minutes
   a. Minutes corrected
   b. Minutes passed

V. Announcements
   a. Sophomore photo contest, accepting submissions from 11/9 to 11/25. Email photos of Smith to ehunter@smith.edu. Submissions limited to 3 per person
   b. First years
      i. Class cabinet, uniTEA, meet class cabinet 1-2:30 pm on Saturday
   c. MassPIRG petitions to stabilize student loans will be circulated in Senate
   d. Oxfam Banquet. 3 dollars per ticket sold in campus center basement, also sold at door. Performance-based dinner talking about local and world hunger and
homelessness. This Friday, in Chapin dining room. All proceeds go to the food banquet.
e. Friday party Emerson 10 pm to 1 am.

VI. Senate announcements
a. In two weeks, Fireside Chat is coming, December 2, usually in Goldstein lounge (the red room in the campus center)
   i. Contact Maggie Chesnut about this
   ii. She is Diversity Chair of SGA
   iii. They need help with publicity
   iv. Difficult Topics on Campus and Events will help with this publicity
   v. Topic: lack of trans policy on campus, and what to do about it
b. Smith Day
   i. Nolvia is chair of Smith Day in senate
   ii. December 5th
   iii. Will need events and community outreach to start doing publicity for it

c. T-shirts…extension of payment deadline until this Friday at 5 pm.

VII. Gavel awards Ad Hoc Committee Election
a. Elected Members: Shama Rahman, Anne Belmonte, Megan Beyer, Ambily Kallivayalil, Ana Chkhikvadze, Megan Januszewski, Emily Huesman, Sabrina Camboulives, Megan Black-Pisick

VIII. MassPIRG Discussion
a. Motion to endorse the Student Debt Campaign

IX. SASA Charter
a. Suggestion for

X. Committee Time
a. New committee chair for Difficult Topics elected: Anne Belmonte
b. New member: Kelly Smith

XI. Adjournment 8:56 pm