Tuesday November 27, 2007

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order  7:02

II. Roll Call
   Met Quorum

III. Minutes
   Passed 47 present, 12 abstentions

IV. Information and Publicity Committee Guest - Tamara Bates
   a. Senators to run publicity campaign on campus?
   b. Flyers (waste of paper/bulletin boards cleared every Sunday), banners (can hold up to
      9), table tents, video display screens, tabling, e-digest- ways to advertise!
   c. Advertising on TV screens is a separate application process than from e-digest
   d. UVM “are you bored” calendar being used as example to provide students with a
      more user-friendly and chronological system
   e. Tamara has been working here for 7 years—director of Campus center and student
      activities advisor. Oversees pub/radio/yearbooks/gets rooms set up/CCAB stuff/ leap
      conferences/recognizing excellence
   f. Winter weekend events in Northampton- 35 stores downtown agreed to have
      specials/discounts/cookies, etc. Still working to get restaurants included. Eight page
      booklet to be handed out including all info on specials being held over weekend; table
      tents will be put up. Hope that NoHo/Smith event and relations will be long lasting.
   g. Campus Center info- 9 student managers now all the time as opposed to only 2
      professional staff. Getting student staff is the first step to getting CC to stay open
      later. Managers get paid more than other CC workers, so budgeting is one issue.
   h. CC will stay open until 3 AM starting from second day of reading period until last
      day of exams
   i. CC employment- mostly students on work study hired in April. Come back 2 days
      early for training. Hold 3 spots for first years and some spots open up during year
      which non work-study students can apply for on CC website. Pay $8.75 for SFA staff
      and more for managers. Spunkky@smith.edu--she is looking for two special events
      staff members.
   j. Courtesy cart and late night stress free zone events (play dough/arts and crafts/etc.)
      during reading period/exams
   k. Pub- doing not as well as they expected but better than most people think. Someone
      took pool cue and jabbed the ceiling ruined 27 ceiling tiles. 1st damage ever done to
      CC.

V. Announcements
   a. Forum/Tea Friday dealing with racism and privilege 4-5:30
   b. CC Amherst College Campus Center 1pm-5 pm MASSPIRG board meeting
   c. Vespers- JMG Sunday 4 and 7:30 pm
   d. 5 pm Dec 7 art exhibition to support cyclone victims from Bangladesh
e. Double tennis tournament fundraiser after hot chocolate run
f. 7:30 pm Thursday Dec 6th, Caroll Room (?) Screening and panel of faculty discussing “Ethnic Notions”

VI. House Updates/Committee Updates
a. Hot Chocolate Run- 9:30 am run; 10 am walk. Can register before online or at the actually run
b. 35 shops and restaurants agreed to participate on Smith Day in downtown NoHo. 50 posters have been printed-everyone take one and hang on front door of house, academic buildings. Chalking? 2500 promotional books coming- door to door in houses? Mailbox stuffing? More table tents.

VII. Dean Ohotnicky, Ben Marsden, and Kate Etzel
a. Wireless use in houses
b. Quad—larger harder area to get access points in. Last in hope of additional funding to provide multiple access points. Campus planning group that will hopefully fund this in January.
c. Second phase is to cover entire house not just common spaces.
d. If there are specific common areas you know you use—email them to let them know so they can be covered 4its@smith.edu. Trying to get most access in this first go-round.
e. Requests from faculty to get more academic areas covered—but have been tabled to focus on common/living spaces as priority. Eventually academic areas will be covered also…after all houses and more funding received.
f. Problems with computer services. Only students who buy comps from smith can get comps fixed there. Staff is trained specifically on Dells—not enough parts and people to fix computers without long turn around time.
g. Dean of Student’s position- Reports to Dean Mahoney. Oversees about 50 staff in student affairs, a large portion in Res-Life.

VIII. Judicial Board Bylaw Revisions - Nora Yim
a. Passed- 44 for, 4 against, 3 abstentions

IX. SWAC Charter Revisions
a. Want to Change name from “Smith World Affairs Committee” to “Smith Model UN”
b. Updated purpose, funding, and added impeachment clause.
c. Meet Wed. 6:30 Seelye 101. Anyone can join at anytime 😊

X. Adjournment 8:40