12/1/16 Senate Minutes  
7-9 Carroll Room

I. Attendance Taken

II. Minutes from 11/17/16 Approved 23-0-4

III. Things to Think About when Chartering an Org - Katie Chong
   A. Do they need funds?
   B. Are they unique?
   C. Difference between recognized and Chartered Orgs
      1. Recognized orgs don’t get money and get passed through Rules Committee. Chartered orgs can apply for funding and have to get passed through Senate

IV. Voting on Scopes
   A. Recommendation: Yes.
   B. Dorie Klein (All Campus Senator): There seems to be a part of their charter that is still not finished yet?
   C. Rebecca Alger (VP Finance): We will get on that and vote on it next week.
   D. Tamra Bates (bae): Title can’t be 5 College yet

V. Voting on DISCO
   A. Recommendation: It’s complicated. It might be a good idea but it seems like something ISO can do…
B. Alex Dupey (East Quad Senator): I agree, there are also already many cultural orgs with events put on for the whole student body.

C. Badriyyah AlSabah (Senior Class Pres): Speaking as an international student, this club could bridge gaps that ISO is lacking in. It could be really helpful and this stuff should already be happening.

D. Nybria Acklin (SJE Rep): This is a good org. It could provide services that students really need.

E. Katie Chong (VP): This org may function as a buddy system which could be really helpful but where it gets complicated is where it overlaps with ISO. Could we keep it more to the original idea of a buddy system and less everything else.

F. Carrie Lee Lancaster (West Quad Senator): What are the events they wanted funding for?
   1. Little local excursions.

G. Katie Chong (VP): One idea could be, that one of you could have, possibly, is that we could move for it to be a recognized org and ask them to get funding from ISO.

H. Sarena Shafner (Lower Elm Senator): Don’t understand what this org is about? Is it showing American culture? Or is it the international students showing their culture?
   1. Katie Chong (VP): it’s really a buddy system. Also Katie bleeds Korean blood through and through.
   2. Tamra Bates (bae): ISO and the Office of Internationals Students are different.

I. **Motion:** 25-0-2 talk to them about being recognized and receiving funding from ISO.

VI. **Vote on Secretary**
   A. Going over qualifications and responsibilities
   B. Nominations:
      Carrie Lee Lancaster
   C. And it’s Carrie Lee Lancaster.

VII. Proposal to move VPs back to Senate
   A. Once upon a time SGA erupted out of Smith College. Then there was a restructure and then a restructure and another restructure.
   B. Senate is now where the power is. Cabinet is the advisory board.
   C. Last year in restructure we moved VP’s off of Senate.
   D. Now we have class Presidents on Senate, but they have a lot to do and adding Senate meetings on to that is overwhelming.
   E. So, we add the VP’s back on to Senate.
F. Dorie Klein (All Campus Senator): Why are we doing this?
   1. Katie Chong (VP): Their job descriptions are vague. This would help.
G. Nicole Lawler (East Quad Transfer Senator): Are all parties involved okay with this?
H. Sarena Shafner (Lower Elm Senator): This makes sense because VP of SGA is the Chair of Senate

VIII. President McCartney’s email about kind of signing kind of not signing sanctuary school
   A. Katie Chong as Katie Chong and not VP: what she wanted to see was the actual signing and endorsement of the actual letter formatted and written. Email was half-assed. I want to see the actual sanctuary letter signed.
   B. There is a problem with losing federal funding. 65% of students are receiving aid. If we lose funding, that’s real bad.
   C. Alex Dupey (East Quad Senator): We can’t just transfer the money in the endowment. It’s either in contracts or something that is stuck somewhere for ten years?
   D. Dorie Klein (All Campus Senator): Other schools have been able to do this. What makes Smith special?
   E. Sarena Shafner (Lower Elm Senator): maybe signing this would draw more attention to Smith and it’s safer for everyone to not sign the thing
   F. Michaela Mentu (Sophomore Class President): That’s a privileged thing to say. If you’re going to do something, go all the way.
   G. Cassie Fullman (West Quad FS Senator): We’re going to get scrutinized either way. We’re a women’s college.
   H. Gigi Litovich (East Quad All Campus Senator): The law is the law and we can’t hide from it. We need to take a stand and not be complicit. Yes, there is an economic hardship but we need to take serious consideration about the risks and the benefits.
   I. Camille Bacon (First Year Class President): 28 Colleges and Universities have publicly signed to be a sanctuary school.
   J. Xiomara Cooke (HPA President): I think she didn’t sign it because of the economic reasons.
   K. Sarena Shafner (Lower Elm Senator): We could at least get a reason from the President as to why she didn’t sign it.
   L. Katie Chong (VP): Dean O is thinking of having a discussion about this.
   M. Rosie Altucher (Curriculum Committee Chair): Can we reach out to the other 7 sisters about this and have us do it together?
   N. Dorie Klein (All Campus Senator): Many of them already have. And other comparable institutions.
O. Jiaxuan Tong (Green Street Senator): if enough schools sign it, will the federal funding not matter?

P. Alex Dupey (East Quad Senator): We should already be preparing for Trump to mess without funding.

IX. Brainstorm Session: Increasing Visibility of SGA
   A. Open Forum was not made for Senators it was made for the Campus
   B. Insia (Upper Elm FS Senator): is there a way to send a campus-wide email? No one knows anything.
   C. Emma Stewart (Parliamentarian): We need to have another all Senate Open Forum because there wasn’t one this semester and that’s a problem.
   D. Xiomara (HPA President): Buttons! “I’m a _____. How can I help you?”
   E. Carrie Lee Lancaster (West Quad Senator): parallel with US Government how stuff gets done at the top and everyone else doesn’t know what’s happening. We need to get back to the houses and have teas and educate people.
   F. Gigi Litovich (East Quad All Campus Senator): Literally be more visible. Have meetings downstairs with a banner.
   G. Nybria (SJE Rep): Add Open Forum 8:15 on the banner!!
   H. Katie Chong (VP): What if we had a weekly banner with Open Forum time and main topic of Senate
   I. Dorie Klein (All Campus Senator): Chalking! When it’s not snowing.
   J. Katie Chong (VP): What’re some thoughts about moving to CC 102-103
   K. Emma Stewart (Parliamentarian): Worried about not everyone fitting around the table because space.
   L. Jiaxuan Tong (Green Street FS Senator): Sign up for Open Forum?
   M. Xiomara (HPA President): snapchat open forum?

X. We need to vote on the Student Activities Fee

XI. Updates
   A. Michaella (Sophomore Class President): tabling in the Campus Center to honor Women of Color in the US. Senate. Write a sticky-note.

XII. Open Forum
   A. Continue conversation from earlier
      1. Annika Jenson (East Quad FS Senator): is working on getting someone to Smith
B. Dorie Klein (East Quad All Campus Senator): how to get these speakers to campus?
C. Amanda Saperstone (Transfer Senator): Lighting on campus, specifically next to Burton, black ice, no visibility.
D. Emma Stewart (Parliamentarian): Marua Healey is real cool. We should have her.