Tuesday December 4, 2007

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order 7:00

II. Roll Call
Did not meet quorum

III. Minutes-tabled (no quorum)

IV. Announcements
   a. EKTA- South Asian arts/fundraiser for Bangladesh disaster. Art exhibit- Dec 10th closing on 7th from 6-8 pm. Nolan Arts Gallery in CC.
   b. Diversity Committee, Thursday 7:30 CC Caroll Room Documentary Showing.
   c. Smith Day all day Saturday
   d. Curriculum Committee- proposal and petition in order to create a repression theory and social conduct class to be required within first two years at Smith.
   e. Tuesday 4-6 pm, JMG, Continued session on race issues.

V. Thomas Laughner -ITS and ETS update
   a. Process of updating computers in Washburn lab, got new chairs, etc.
   b. How to keep labs updated so that students continue to use them-
      1. Quad computers are very slow—but new computers are being added.
      2. New tables in Washburn
      3. Different versions of Microsoft word being used on library comps and laptops bought from Smith.
      4. First years having problems using printers in Engineering building—fixed within two weeks, but still problems.
      5. King Scales Computer Lab—add just tables and chairs and better lighting to provide more conducive study space. Problems with printing
      6. Double sided printing?
      7. Tlaughner@smith.edu

VI. Chris Loring-Director of Libraries
   a. Has been at Smith since 2000
   b. Improve websites, fiscal and special aspects of libraries
   c. What people are looking for—place like red room to just go sit and study outside of room.
   d. Extended hours (1-2 am?) (7:30 am?)—staffing issue and fiscal constraint. UMASS library is open 24/7 but only from 8th floor down.
   e. Proximity Cards?
   f. Why can’t the five colleges exchange all forms of media like DVDs? Could we get a list compiled of all DVDs here at Smith libraries?
   g. Possible café idea to create more pleasant environment.

VII. SWAC Charter Revisions-tabled (no quorum)
VIII. Student Activities Fee- tabled (no quorum)

IX. MASSPIRG- tabled (no quorum)

X. Rugby Constitution Revisions
   a. Changed name of org to Smith College Rugby Football Club
   b. Made gender neutral
   c. Added Smith rugby code of conduct
   d. Changed board members

XI. Race and Privilege and Prejudice Forum
   a. Why was it in Caroll Room-to make it feel like discussion? Round tables were there to help facilitate this. BUT…too many people showed up to break into smaller groups.
   b. MANY faculty members showed up. ☺ Staff were given permission to close offices at 4 pm and showed up at event. (Which they often cannot do)—good idea to personally in order to get more faculty/staff to come.
   c. Forum next week will be in JMG- Tuesday 4-6 pm
   d. College Council on Community Policy- made up of students, faculty, staff, noho members—deal with issues of community concerns and policies. 12-1 Friday CC204—anyone welcome to come discuss. They will be covering recent campus issues.

XII. Adjournment 9:00 pm