SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order  7:01 pm

II. Roll Call
   a. Missing/Tardy: 12
   b. Absent Senators: Sarah Yarborough, Julia Whall, Gabrielle Mohamed, Sarah Perkins, Linda Loi, Mohini Banerjee, Susana Rodriguez, Hyunwon Bae
   c. Quorum met

III. Passing Minutes
   a. Minutes corrected
   b. Minutes passed

IV. Senate Announcements
   a. Senate T-shirts will arrive after winter break
   b. Senate goal achieved! (soap in houses)
      i. Ken Person, Director of Facilities Management, has communicated to VP Eliza that all houses will be getting soap in their dispensers
      ii. This soap will be phased in over the coming weeks
      iii. Senate should still conduct a campus-wide survey to have soap sentiments in print
   c. Senate blog coming soon
   d. Voting on Student Activities Fee by student body will occur tomorrow through email
   e. Remind houses to nominate people for Gavel Awards

V. Announcements
   a. Presentation of 10-minute plays by Directing I and Directing II classes, on Tuesday Dec 15th at 7 pm in Hallie Flannigan Center for Theater in Mendenhall
   b. “Las Meninas” is being presented Wednesday night through Saturday night at 8 pm each night in Hallie Flannigan Center for Theater in Mendenhall ($5 for students, $8 for general public)

VI. Chartering
   a. A.C.E.: Asexual Communication and Education Club
      i. Motion to pass charter
      ii. Motion passed
   b. GAAPE: Global Action Against Poverty
      i. Motion to pass charter
      ii. Motion failed
      iii. Recommendation by Senate to GAAPE to revise their charter and approach Senate again during the spring semester
   c. Smith-Israeli Alliance
      i. Motion to pass charter
      ii. Motion passed

VII. Prospective Charters
   a. ACP: Aspiring Childbirth Professionals
      i. Purpose: to bring together members of the Smith and 5-College community who are interested in childbirth, pregnancy, and the birth
process, as well as related fields such as doula work, obstetrics, midwifery, childbirth education, and reproductive rights, and to promote greater awareness and understanding of these issues.

b. SmithSTAND
   i. Purpose: to create and maintain an anti-genocide constituency at Smith College, and to work to promote awareness of past and present conflicts.

VIII. Town Hall meeting discussion: Julia Behrs, Judicial Board Chair
a. Discussion of issues which could be raised in these forums
   i. Budget cuts
b. Discussion of potential meeting sizes
   i. Both small and large Town Hall meetings should be offered
   ii. Faculty and administration should be invited to those large Town Hall meetings, if deemed necessary
   iii. Follow-ups should be offered as well
c. Discussion of meeting locales
   i. Smaller meetings could be spread out over campus, and can address localized concerns
   ii. Larger meetings can occur in more centralized locations

IX. Committee Time
X. Adjournment 8:58 pm