Student Government Association Senate
12/08/2015
7-9 pm Campus Center Carroll Room

Agenda:

Attendance - 7:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes from December 1, 2015 – 7:03 pm

We did not meet quorum, so we cannot vote on anything.

Voting on Squash Charter – 7:05 pm

Voting on Smith Social Network– 7:10 pm

Restructure Conversation & Vote – 7:15 pm

- We cannot change our meetings to Thursdays for next semester because it is not under our jurisdiction. We can however, vote about changing the meeting time next year.

Should VPs be on Senate?

- Are there too many people present at Senate with these four extra people?
-Maybe VPs have a better understanding of whether their presence is necessary or not.

-Conduct Board Chair, Maggie would like to talk to Senate about her position before we vote on whether her position should be moved to Senate or not

Spring Board of Trustees Planning – 7:30 pm

-The BoT is coming in March, and their theme is athletics. We should start thinking about what we will discuss with them.

-An open forum-style setup would be great and beneficial to the student body

-We would need to promote heavily for this event

-Timing and date of event should be very clear so that students know

-We should have tabling events for this event and we could have flyers there introducing the Board of Trustees

HPA/Senate Mixer & Think Tank – 8:00 pm

-Many houses are interested in having joint teas and this would be a good event for senators to attend

-Senators should have faceboards in houses (we could do this at bonding)

-HPs can tell houses that Senate is open and encourage residents to attend
Committee Updates – 8:15 pm

Outreach Committee: Senate needs to have more visibility on campus. One idea: Tuesdays we wear our Senate T-shirt

-table at least once a month in the CC.

-Each ad-hoc Committee should table at least once during the semester so that more ideas are out there

-Another public forum that is advertised more

ITS Liaison: Met with Chief ITS Officer about many things:

-putting individual wifi ports in each room

-changing the way videos stream on campus

EnA:

-2017 President has been elected for next semester

-Media Access Policy Working group elections are happening. There are two spots for SGA members
Dean Ohotnicky updates: They are investigating nighttime counseling services, 24-hour studying spaces exist in King, they are working on dental insurance

-Senate shirts are coming next semester

Student Financial Services Committee:

-What should the name of this committee be? this can be discussed during Open Forum

-Looking for more members

-Meeting with Adrey Smith and David Bellinger

-Issues: Budget transparency at Smith, SSAS Society, more

Health/Mental Health Committee:

-Worked on setting goals at the last meeting

-They would like to send out a survey to the entire campus to get student input on what should be prioritized

Student Life Committee:

4 different subcommittees, one is on Orientation and training. They will meet with Marg Litchford

-Policy Committee

-Other concerns relating to mental health

-Looking at student feedback from Dining Survey
-Anna is meeting with Donna Lisker on Friday to talk about plans

Alumnae Committee:

-Had a nice meeting with Madeleine from Alumnae House

-They are concerned about Alum association not being transparent and accessible to students

-Talked about why they will no longer offer teas to houses because there was little interaction between alums and students at these teas

-Discussed having an alum rep in each house (similar to health rep, sje rep, etc.)

Meghna: Demystifying Daesh/ISIS is tomorrow

-Five College Orientation Jan 22nd at 6pm

Rules Committee:

-Just passed first recognized org, Girl’s Scouts

Open Forum – 8:35 pm

-Senate Bonding and Cabinet Bonding will be a combined event at the beginning of next semester. Look out for this in your emails.

-Apparently we can actually vote on the meeting time for next semester because it ‘technically would not be kicking people out’
Is it ethical to switch the meeting time when everyone made their schedules assuming that Senate would be on Tuesdays from 7-9?

-Should student financial committee be a standing committee rather than an ad-hoc committee so that it exists every year?

-The issues brought up in Student Financial Committee are also discussed in the Student Life Committee

-Najwa Alsheikh: Students in 2005 organized for Smith to use a progressive union. Students are planning to do the same for the Neilson Library project.

-Anna will be the SGA appointee for the Media Access Group

CC 102 Thursday 4:30pm ORC Social

-President McCartney is coming February 9th

-Open Forum will be for 50 minutes on Feb 2nd 2016

Area Meetings – 8:50 pm