I. Call to order

II. Roll call
   a. Absent: Nooren Ahsan, Annie Regan, DongHwa Seo, Mackenzie Blondin, Neesha Rose, Pragna Nadioo, Maria Orlic, Paula Roby, Martina Powley, Yiqian Wang, and Hannah Giltner
   b. Quorum met

III. Discussion of Course Critique Changes with Briana Parker
   a. Curriculum Committee is interested in student responses
   b. It is incredibly important to have an opinion in your education
   c. Tenure decisions, class changes
   d. Amherst is fighting to have a critique system
   e. Part of being a responsible member of Smith community
   f. Senator concerns
      i. Timing concerns
         1. Is there a reason course critiques can’t be due after finals?
            a. Needs to be at the end of the semester and not at the same time as finals
         2. Why can’t course critiques be due after J-term?
            a. Hard to keep track of people who are abroad or have graduated
         3. Students are concerned about timing and length of time to complete critiques. Professors do not acknowledge that students are doing course critiques.
         4. Is there a reason that course critiques cannot be over the course of 3 or 4 weeks?
            a. There will always be people doing it at the last minute.
            b. There is no perfect time.
         5. Time extension helped a lot of students
      ii. Format concerns
         1. A lot of people liked the open answer format, but disliked the timing.
         2. A few yes/no questions along with the open answers?
         3. Why were there no general questions about missed classes or the rest of the student’s schedule?
            a. Acknowledges that doing readings is not the entirety of the class
            b. Why must students answer questions for each lab, section, class? Why are there multiple evaluations of same class?
               1. Chair thinks this should be changed, but if there are two professors an evaluation shouldn’t be about one. Curriculum Committee will be discussing.
4. Some students prefer this system because it does not involve rating professors on number scales.

g. Other concerns
   i. Some classes require a department critique of professor. Is it the same?
      1. Old critiques were considered ineffective by departments and wanted more info in a certain format. These are usually done during class
   ii. What was the discussion behind the fine? Is this the right type of strategy to get feedback?
      1. It is to give students motivation to participate. She will ask about discussion.
      2. They want full participation and guarantee of middle participation, not just people who love/hate professor.
   iii. Some people are willing to pay the 25 dollars instead of participating.

IV. Minutes approved 36-9-0
V. Discussion and Vote on Smith Scientific Charter
   a. Bi-annual student run journal about science events around campus
   b. Once approved they intend to have a general interest meeting and then meetings every two weeks
   c. Senator Concerns
      i. Hard to navigate Smith website, so this will be an easier way to know what’s happening
      ii. Would make it easier to find summer lab positions
      iii. Are SGA funds needed here or should current resources be made more affective?
      iv. Why not a website or email newsletter?
      v. Is print necessary to get the information out to students?
      vi. Science version of Labrys
      vii. This is not a vote of how much funding they receive, but if they should be able to exist as an organization
      viii. Valuable experience for jobs, grad schools, and internships
      ix. A lot of students seem interested in this club
      x. There is no club at Smith that fills this need
   d. Smith Scientific charter passes 36-1-9

VI. Discussion and Vote on Judicial Board Bylaw Change- Jessica Kaplan
   a. This Bylaw change would provide the option for students to have an administrative settlement instead of a traditional hearing
   b. Administrative settlement- meeting with administrator in which student acknowledges their actions and waives right to Judicial Board hearing
   c. Any administrator giving sanctions will be approved before they are able to meet with a student for an administrative settlement
   d. Senator concerns
      i. Many students are very interested in this new option
   e. Judicial Board Bylaw change passes 36-0-10

VII. Open Forum/ Announcements
   a. Mohini’s announcements
i. Next meeting will be the first week of the Spring semester
   ii. Send house emails
   b. Next Rape Aggression Defense System (RAD) class will be February 9th- March 15th on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm
   c. Squash team needs new players- come play racket sports in the basement of the gym Wednesdays and Thursdays 7pm-9pm

VIII. Adjournment 8:13pm