



Student Government Association Senate

Senate Agenda 2/23/17

7-9 PM Seelye 101

Agenda:

- I. Attendance – 7:03 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes – 7:07 pm – 23-0-0
- III. Samantha Earp Presentation – 7:10 pm
 - A. Chief Information Officer – searp@smith.edu and samoore@smith.edu
 - B. IT at Smith
 - 1. Is there anywhere on campus that is not touched by technology?
 - a) The pond? There are sensors in the pond for research purposes.

- b) The athletic fields? There is internet capacity there for filming athletic events.
- 2. Major priorities:
 - a) Assessing and improving services
 - b) Supporting Smith's new strategic plan
 - c) Neilson project partnership
 - d) Developing an IT strategic plan for the college
- 3. The Smith student experience – IT is not as involved as they would like to be.
- 4. Questions and Discussion:
 - a) One of the hardest things for IT is that there is little interaction with students; IT would like for there to be more spaces for interaction.
 - b) Nicole Lawler (East Quad Transfer Senator):
Students could invite IT to house teas.
 - c) Sarena Shafner (Lower Elm JS Senator): What about wifi?
 - (1) Samantha: Neilson is about to go offline so new decisions will be made. A few years ago, academic buildings and residential buildings were the first to be improved.
 - (2) If you have any problems, you can call ITS – 4487 is the number and 4its@smith.edu – or come visit the office in Stoddard.

(3) Improvements are planned on a yearly basis.

d) Next topic: technology in class

(1) Miranda Coleman (Upper Elm Campus Senator): I have a professor who needs technology training because she has issues everyday.

(2) Christine Yee (West Quad JS Senator): I work in classroom support, and some professors need it repeatedly for the same issues such as turning on the computer.

(3) Annika Jensen (East Quad FS Senator): Do we have any authority for teachers to go through technology training?

(4) Katie Chong (SGA VP): It can't be mandatory but could be optional.

(5) Tamra: Or you could drop a note to the provost.

(6) Sharon Moore: A consultant has been commissioned to do a study of each classroom in order to upgrade technology in the classrooms. There are two kinds of things that work to get professors to do better with technology – peer pressure or gentle criticism.

(7) Katie (SGA VP): In Ford 240 (the big lecture hall) why is it so easy to shut the system down and it takes 30 minutes to warm back up?

(a) I'm not sure. I don't know about Ford 240.

(8) Sarena Shafner (Lower Elm JS Senator): People are reluctant even in administrative buildings to accept technology. A lot of people in academia are resistant to change, and this mentality has to change.

(9) Samantha: We should not mandate smartboards in classrooms because different teaching styles should be accommodated. It is widely understood

(10) Katie (SGA VP): Is there better wifi in residences than in academic buildings?

(a) Academic buildings

(11) Katie (SGA VP): Is there a reason why some campuses have better or worse eduroam wifi than us?

(a) Samantha: I am speculating, but some campuses with fewer residences may feel the need to concentrate their resources.

(12) Christine Yee (West Quad JS Senator): Is there a way for older and quieter professors to have mobile microphones to make their lectures more accessible?

(a) Yes, that is possible; I worked at Duke for 12 years and this happened.

e) Is there a particular location where the wifi always feels slow?

(1) Katie (SGA VP): I live on Upper Elm

(a) Be sure to be updated on your operating system. Feel free to ask ITS for help with that.

(2) Ratnasari Lusiaga (Ada Comstock Senator): Yesterday the wifi stopped working and today during Rally Day the internet stopped working. In the last two weeks wifi has been spotty.

(a) When wifi stops working, please let us know.

(3) Christine Yee (West Quad JS Senator): Around 11pm, the quad loss access as well.

(a) Samantha: There was a problem last night and we rebooted at 6am this morning.

(4) Boathouse has weak wifi all of the time.

(5) Which is better – eduroam or Connect2Smith?

(a) Eduroam is a better wifi experience but both are about the same.

(6) Are Moodle problems under ITS's jurisdiction?

(a) Yes.

(7) JMG usually has bad wifi – is it because of the wifi or because there are so many people there?

(a) Not sure. Let ITS know where wifi is weak in JMG so we can diagnose the problem better.

(8) How do you log onto eduroam?

(a) If you select that network you just have to use your Smith login.

f) Printers on campus

(1) Nicole Lawler (East Quad Transfer Senator): When Neilson is closed, where will we print?

(a) Now Seelye is the first answer, but we are still looking.

(2) Nicole Lawler (East Quad Transfer Senator): Could there be a work-study position for printing?

(a) That's something we can look into.

- (3) Christine Yee (West Quad JS Senator): I think it will be worth it to have people help with printers because I work in classroom support and staffing is low sometimes to help students with printing in Seelye basement.
- (4) We are trying to plan to up the printing capacity in Seelye.
- (5) Ratnasari Lusiaga (Ada Comstock Senator): It's so hard to login to Neilson – it takes forever. It happens at all times during the day.
- (6) Katie (SGA VP): I love Seelye printers. Are you moving to make printers more non-swipe?
- (a) We call them the pop-up printers. That is a good comment that we will consider.
- (7) Can you encourage professors to let us email them our assignments or post them on Moodle?
- (a) We can't force them but we can show them what their colleagues are doing and how posting online is economically and environmentally sustainable.
- (8) Samantha: Maybe professors think students are more likely to read articles when they are printed out but if students are just as

comfortable with reading online then we will notify professors about that.

g) Pilot laptop rental program

(1) There are no updates on the CS laptop rental program but we can certainly pass on the feedback about how the CS program is going.

h) What about cell phone reception?

(1) Unfortunately, this is not under our jurisdiction. AT&T and T-Mobile get best reception here. There's actually an AT&T cell tower in the chapel.

i) We are going through strategic planning so it would be great to get student feedback – also it would be great to have a student on the strategic planning committee. It is a two hour per month commitment.

IV. Vote on Student Petition – 7:55 pm –

A. Annika Jensen (East Quad FS Senator): Have we decided on a credit amount?

1. We can decide that but Dean Roe will probably request that the degree be granted if the student finished their major requirements.

B. Sarena Shafner (Lower Elm JS Senator): We could suggest that the department head decides.

1. Katie: We should just do a vote of confidence now.

C. Annika Jensen motions, Annika Miller seconds – 23-0-0

V. Hawai'i Club Presentation – 8:05 pm

A. Charter

B. Not much representation on campus, miss traditions from home

C. Goals are to spread the Hawai'i culture

D. Open to anyone

E. Questions

1. Sarena Shafner (Lower Elm JS Senator): Is it Hawaiian in terms of where your family is from and/or the state?

a) Both.

2. Miranda Coleman (Upper Elm Campus Senator): Will this club continue on after leaders graduate?

a) There is a steady stream of Hawai'i people so the traditions and the club will be passed on.

3. Annika Jensen (East Quad FS Senator): Is this open to Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders?

a) Open to everyone.

4. What events will occur?

a) Workshops, teach-ins about the culture and environment, and events with food

5. Nybria Acklin (SJE Chair): Do you want this to be a unity org in the future?

a) Yes.

6. Sofia Perotto (West Quad FS Senator): What would a meeting look like?
 - a) Once or twice a month about whatever is happening on a traditional Hawaiian calendar.

VI. Divest Presentation – 8:15 pm

Not coming this week

VII. SGA Instagram takeover – 8:25 pm

- A. Vivian – sophomore class would love to do it
- B. Annika Jensen
- C. Annika Miller
- D. Savannah Berryman-Moore
- E. Sofia Perotto
- F. Carrie Lee Lancaster

VIII. Committee Updates – 8:35 pm

- A. SLACK
- B. Miranda - sometimes email would be good.
- C. Cassie Follman (West Quad FS Senator): What is SLACK?
 1. Messaging forum. Professional Facebook kind of thing.
- D. Student Financial Services Sarena Shafner (Lower Elm JS Senator) - panel about demystifying financial aid
 1. Dinner meeting with financial services administrators

2. Rather than having an open forum there would be an email asking for questions but still 5-10 minutes at the end for open questions.
3. Katie (SGA VP): How will dinner be paid for?
 - a) Sarena: Stacey said she would take care of it but could SGA partner with us?
 - b) Katie: Send me a quote later.

E. Marie Calhoun Curriculum Committee

1. Next Wednesday March 1
2. A Dialogue on Creating Inclusive Classrooms at Smith College
3. Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum
4. 4:30-6pm Weinstein, free and open to the public

IX. Open Forum – 8:45 pm

- A. Nybria Acklin (SJE Chair) – Sociology class is administering a paper anonymous survey and if anyone would like to take it (at least 5 people) – Asking how to balance academic workload
- B. Annika Jensen (East Quad FS Senator)– What about the Twitter takeover?
 1. Katie: You are in the Outreach Committee so you will have access.
- C. Tamra – Has been sending flyers to Katie and Emma trying to be sure that they are being put into a folder so people have

access to them. A comprehensive list has been formed and group access will be available.

- X. Area Meetings: BOLD, Area feedback forms – 8:55 pm
 - A. BOLD - fellowship for women in leadership for sophomores – people who are going abroad need not apply
 - B. Resolve Senate Feedback forms please

XI. Meeting Adjourned – 8:43 PM