SGA Formal Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 24, 2013

The meeting began at 7:02pm.

I. Minutes
Minutes from last week were passed.

II. Executive Board Report

Wayne Kim – not much from me, Rugby. lots of discourse surrounding the rugby team issue, we formally haven’t come together to talk about whether or not SGA will come into a partnership with the rugby teams, Cole is meeting with reps to talk about moving forward to Jan Plan and second semester, talk about rugby giving presentation at trustee meeting in February, cole me and some of exec trying to piece together all of the perspectives to get the full picture, appreciate your patience, will present when this is ready, thanks

Cole Yaverbaum – echoing what Wayne said, hope Jeannely will talk more during new business, thinking about rugby team, looking forward to meeting, will keep you posted, Dec. 3 7 PM page, budget presentation by Doug Terp, Vice President for Finance, CFO, request that we got at the state of the college, especially following rugby this will be a good event, we’ll send official notice as well, everyone is encouraged to come

Madeline Hunsicker – not present

Kelsey Cromie – All SGA/non SGA members who are on committees need to send in their reports and suggestions for committees so that a formal report can be filed by the end of the semester. The next Story Time is December 8 at 9 PM in Page, we got special permission to hold it during reading period, Renzo Moyano will be speaking

Nick LaRovere - some dorms come Jan Plan will have new CAs, some going abroad, some coming back, CA hiring right now also, decisions will come out tomorrow, just letting you know in case you want to reach out before next semester starts, met with security this past weekend, taking effect in January, looking at divide between Colby and Waterville, looked at getting bus on set schedule, didn’t get bus, starting in Jan Plan, trial period through mid February, Thursday, Jitney between 2-8 Pm set schedule, Pugh Center pickup on the hour, thought that one of the reason people aren’t going to Waterville, using Jitney because it is unreliable with current system, trying to see if a reliable system will make people engage with Waterville more

Shane Rogers – story time on paper, in the dining hall and on chairs during story time, gathering to see how well it went, how i should go about it proceeding forward with story time, also taking suggestions on how we can better advertise and get people to attend Colby United project, 2 more in the spring, want more suggestions, email me, how can we get people to attend, suggestions for the project

Dan Sunderland – residence hall vandalism reporting system now online, can still report through your CA, myColby, damages/fines/report, click it, information goes to exact right people, hope this is a way to get more people to report, even if it is just because it is more convenient, last meeting of November, Dorm President of the month, incredible
feedback from SGA and community on DP, get participation from residents, want to take opportunity to recognize Bri Guillory as DP of month for November

Lori Ayanian – end of the semester report for today: fall semester,
- 40% of the 2013-2014 SGA budget is allocated for the fall semester
- At the beginning of the semester the “big 3” clubs were assigned semester budgets due to the way they operate and the frequency of spending. These allocations are relatively consistent with past years: COC- $8000, WMHB- $7000, Echo- $12,000
- In addition to SGA, 52 clubs/organizations have received funding close to $100,000
- This is on track for the year and will allow enough funding for JanPlan/spring semester spending
- I have worked with clubs to make more efficient use of funding and the Finance Committee always tries to come up suggestions for cost effective events
- Really try to fund events that not only benefit club members but also engage many students and encourage collaboration
If you have questions about anything please stop by during office hours, tomorrow 4 PM is last chance to request funds for the rest of the semester, following Monday dec. 2 4 pm is last chance to request Jan Plan funding

Philip Hussey – Joe Whitfield is here to fill in for Tara Tischio tonight

Carey Powers – not present.

III. Dean’s Report
There were no deans present at the meeting.

IV. Community Forum
There were no community members wishing to speak.

V. Old Business

Motion 1: I, Arjun Sahgal of Coburn, propose that the BBQ club become an official club at Colby.

Jake Adamson- want to start barbecue club, hot dogs, burgers, steaks, goal of club is learn to cook and have communal events where people can come eat food, don’t need that much money, campus life already has grill, just need space to cook and fridge, William Adams is the advisor

Lori- this was club in the past, have you contacted them?
Jake - couldn’t contact them, if you could give me that information that would be great
Andy Peterson was president
Ramon- would your menu have vegetarian options
Jake - gluten free buns, as many dietary concerns as possible
Wayne- where is the grill
Jake - campus life should have one… otherwise we’d seek out funding
Andy- we had a grill in the past, its floating on campus
Annie- grill is behind Woodman, move to question
Motion passed unanimously
**Motion 2:** I, Jacob Kandel of Sturtevant, move that SGA recommend to Sodexo that meatless Mondays be abolished. If approved, the Dining Services Committee will pass along the recommendation.

Jacob- on dining services committee, meatless Monday doesn’t save meat or money, move the meat dishes to the other two, dining halls get incredibly crowded because people don’t want to be meatless, don’t think there shouldn’t be meatless options, just shouldn’t be in one dining hall
Karolina- does meatless Monday rotate? There are a lot of students who are vegetarians and vegans and SGA support would backfire on us, supposed to support desires of student body, is there a way that we could send out information so people would know where it is meatless
Jacob- the menus are online, doesn’t need to be one dining hall that is meatless, all should have a meatless option, shouldn’t force meatless meals on people that don’t want them, forces a non meat attitude on people who don’t want it
Andy- regardless of whether or not this passes, dining services should emphasize meatless options, sources of iron that aren’t meat, greek yogurt ie, like to personally recommend you bring that up at next dining services meeting
Ramon- don’t want to get rid of it everywhere, but say you want to abolish it, why not adjust, options for protein, should have other options, meat is everywhere, people who are veggie, forced upon them, one day a week isn’t a big deal
Andrew- support abolishing meatless monday or getting it away from Dana, only thing open after athletic practices, forcing you to be meatless after practice, there should be meat free and meat options in every dining hall, but meatless monday in dana means athletes need to buy meat other locations
Kaitlyn OConnell- constituents in support of having meatless Monday, athlete concerns, having it in other locations other than Dana
Tim- meatless monday is only 3 times a month, all 3 dining halls, 4th is local foods expo, agree with Jacob that we’re not being greener (instated by CARE), if it’s not doing its job, then we should change it
Michael- by abolishing we aren’t restricting vegetarian options, there are still meatless options, not forcing anything on anyone
Kelly- I like meatless Monday, nice atmosphere, nice to switch it up every once in awhile, athlete concern is valid, that’s not good
Elliot- think there is room for adjustment, could rotate between foss and bobs, Dana could have meat every Monday, enough people that do still want meatless mondays
Kyle- based on feedback from residents, people ask if it’s really that big of a deal, is it that terrible that there isn’t meat one day a month, if there is something that says it’s good to not eat meat all the time, not bad for Colby to encourage
Will- residents didn’t think this was worth discussing, SGA should discuss things that are worth discussing, move to question
12 in favor
14 opposed
2 abstentions
Motion fails

**Motion 3:** I, Arjun Sahgal of Coburn, recommend that all athletic teams have brother-sister teams with other sports, both attending each other’s events (among other things), in order to increase school spirit.
Arjun- orientation, connor brought up idea, spirit, came up in athletic committee, something sga should support, more spirit, ski team moved practice so they could go to xc regionals, so much spirit, dedication
Lori- something that has already taken place, all teams were paired, don't know if all teams are as active as they should be, but lots of teams are
Dylan- under the impression that this is something that is in effect but hasn't been done recently
Kaitlyn- SAAC has this set up already, just a matter of the teams actually doing it and going to events, usually SAAC says to go to events and have something else together to get to know each other, just a matter of teams enforcing it
Joseph- something that we hope to happen, have you thought about ways to ensure attendance?
Arjun- just been talking about this recently, on 2 teams, but this isn't enforced at all, if captains bring this to all teams members, get to meet teams members
Daniel- spoke to crew captain, mens crew team is paired with women's track team, both spring sports, have competitions on same day, that's why that doesn't happen, yes it exists, maybe we can form it so pairings make more sense
Elliot- be careful with wording of brother-sister teams, pairs, gender binary, make sports feel masculine or feminine
Kelly- what if this was expanded so it is not just sports teams, clubs and other organizations too, that'd be cool
Landon- seems to me like something the athletic teams themselves should figure out, not SGA, yeah there are people here who do sports, seems like overstepping
Brittany- talked to Connor? Brought up at last meeting, he was talking about sports teams and clubs pair up, school spirit is different, I know that's what Connor was working on
Arjun- didn't speak specifically; clubs might be a better idea
Dylan- differing size of teams makes it hard to group them together, certain sports where there aren't many things at Colby, just another thing that makes it more difficult, move to question
Motion fails

Motion 4: I, Arjun Sahgal of Coburn, recommend that Sodexo provide students with the opportunity to buy coffee and tea in Miller. If approved, the Dining Services Committee will pass along the recommendation.

Arjun- polled constituents, all really wanted this, would make sense if we could get this passed on, said during Jan Plan they didn't want to walk to spa, another way for Sodexo make more money
Tionna- would someone from Sodexo have to be on call, would they be selling it at a booth in the library?
Arjun- up to Sodexo and what they want to do
Tionna- they can't have competition, so they'd get rid of the vending machines
Arjun- then they should provide someone, maybe 9-11 they could sell it, get coffee tea and get back to work
Kelly- a couple years ago this was a thing, spa on the first floor of Miller, really cool to bring it back to the library, know that the spa right now is running on a deficit, might not be worthwhile to also have in Miller, also spa to Miller isn't that bad a walk, if it's the same coffee not that much of an incentive
Daniel Meyer- resident said that seems a lot more feasible to have a thing of hot water for tea that you could make yourself, having table with hot water is cheaper than employing coffee house in Miller
Lori- even if it just hot water someone still has to come fill it
Will- there’s a lot of debate here, another issue with lots of comments about why SGA is discussing, walk really isn’t that far
Arjun- my constituents thought this was a valuable point, I’m fine with having water/coffee, but Sodexo can’t have competition, not a long walk, but in winter takes 20 mins, plus you say hi and it’s another 20 mins, my constituents say it provides an incentive to stay in Miller
Andrew- dining committee has discussed this possibility, hot chocolate, tea vending machine
Tim- in regards to Miller and Coffee house, no longer staffed because not bringing in much sales, thinking about bringing in a vending machine with hot beverages in coffee house, potential plans for coffee after renovation of library, not sure of status
Jacob- did at one point have coffee in Miller, more successful than coffee house, but not fiscally feasible, talking about the machines, Sodexo doesn’t actually have monopoly on food services, spa runs huge deficit, adding more places isn’t fiscally responsible, move to question
9 in favor
Motion fails

**Motion 5:** I, Arjun Sahgal of Coburn, recommend that we increase the number of lampposts in both Hillside and Foss parking lots.

Arjun- understand the idea of having blue lights, but it’s not even that, parking lots are really dark, walking to my car was scary and creepy, even without blue lights, just gives a sense of security
Karolina- working on the blue light issue, putting lights in in parking lots and other poorly lit areas, eerie feeling, safety issues, think its a great idea, big hassle, comes down to administration and where they’re going to spend their funding, Security committee, Bro, going to meet with PPD and security, administration really cares about aesthetics of school at night, that’s what makes Colby beautiful, think it’s good to push, have to go through lots of people to prove the point, not so much the money, but more the aesthetics, approval of recommendation is good, but you personally have to talk to people if you want it to change
Michael- see this as a luxury, not a necessity, can put on wish list if we want, don’t see something we need to discuss, move to question
13 in favor
13 opposed
1 abstention
Landon- moves to revote
for sake of clarity, roll call vote
13 in favor
15 opposed
1 abstention

**Motion 6:** I, Marshall Donner of Averill, move that SGA accept the Finance Committee’s recommendation to fund $2,500 for the Colby Outing Club’s spring break trips.
Lori - this is coming from a discussion JJ started last year, spoke with outing club leadership at end of last year to set up system regarding spring break funding, in past SGA gave outing club 8000 each semester and 5000 for spring break trips, pres council and JJ began to question this, not consistent or fair with way SGA provides funding, Lori took on what he was working on, unfortunately too difficult to change how much they get, last year’s leaders didn’t talk to this year’s leaders, still have to plan far in advance, this year we’re looking to give them 2500, campus life will cover the rest of the 5000 in future years, hopefully next year, i’ll work with treasurer elect and outing club leaders, hopefully funding in future will be need based, not all trips will be subsidized
Emma- feel like outing club is getting special treatment, does asb get funding, lots of clubs want to do spring break but don’t get funding, is there a way to do this on a need basis, people should pay for themselves if they can
Lori- 3000, goal is for need based funding
Jacob- last year we said we’d give them the money but they couldn’t do it again, this is happening again, they made a promise and aren’t holding up their end of the bargain, they didn’t plan it out
Tionna- was going to bring that up, so now campus life is giving them money just because
Lori- this is a temporary solution
Tionna- wasn’t ASB 2500 last year
Lori- no 3000
Elliot- I think Jacob brings up a good point, important not to point fingers, but is worth it to work with outing club leadership to discuss fundraising, ASB does incredible fundraising, yes donation fatigue, but important for us to work with them, consistently move forward
Cole- explored that option, problem with outing club doing fundraising is that ASB is constantly fundraising while outing club is planning consistent trips, can’t spend all of their time fundraising, one thing they said about that idea
Phil- those comments came from meetings with the outing club
Joseph- so would it be certain that next year is moving towards need based funding
Lori- by funding half of this year, step in right direction to cut all non-need based funding next year
Andrew- what are they going to do with the money?
Lori- send out 6-8 trips of 6-10 people per trip, various locations throughout country, some local, some far, range from hiking to water to rock climbing
Arjun- agree with Elliot, majority of what ASB does is fundraising, yes we get 3000 but costs a lot more
Kelly- I think Jacob’s point is totally legit, they should’ve planned within their club to not have this funding for this year, kind of annoying that they made this promise and didn’t stick to it, what was finance committee’s opinion
Lori- we think it’d be great for this to be need based only, plan trips that cost 500 per person per trip, subsidize 100 per person per trip, each person pays 400, for majority of people, or at least some people that extra 100 means they can’t, would be nice for need based
Kelly- what happens if this gets voted down? Would they go to campus life for the rest of the funding?
Lori- hard to say, if it got voted down, campus life might pick up rest, or would not give more than 2500, might have to ask for more money, because there was a mix up, not fair to totally cut funding
Kelly- demand higher than supply, if COC increased cost, I don’t see it being an issue, if people want to go on trips they can personally fund it
Lori- they had less people signing up for more expensive trips
Marshall- think Jacob brought up a good point, talk about accountability, this is huge, but at the same time we screwed up the Alfond thing, things that were supposed to get done but didn’t, important to remember, outing club spring break trips are big institution, people who plan to go on them at some point, whether in outing club or not, wouldn’t want mix up on old administration to be the reason people don’t get to go on trips, sounds like without money they wouldn’t be able to go on trips, argue that we give them the money but say we’re not screwing around anymore, not getting money next year, this is one get out of jail free card
Lori- that is what I’d like to see for next year, will work with new leaders to ensure this conversation doesn’t come up again
Cole- agree with what Marshall said, think it should pass but think it’s important that we do phase to need based
Jacob- why can’t we go need based this year
Lori- lots of logistics, already planning trips, needed to plan earlier
Joseph- move to question

VI. New Business

Cole- Nick- in discussing with security about fixing Jitney what was their reaction to the bus
Nick- looking at this as a stepping stone, trial to see if a set schedule would work and increase reactions, looking to expand, jitney on more schedule or getting another one
Cole- thinking about idea of bus, hard to say we have readily available transport to Waterville when the jitney only holds a few students, think the idea of a bus says a lot more, good starting point, thank you for reaching out
Nick- went in looking at the issue, trying to find ways to make it better, first step in the future
Cole- thanks Arjun for all the motions, think your first motion is embodied in what Connor Clancy is working on that is less SGA telling sports teams what to do and more creating interactions, would have voted yes for the motion to have lamp posts, think that its upsetting that the response to this in a meeting with administration is that aesthetics are most important, that’s them saying aesthetics over safety, with or without SGA support, urge you to continue, I’ll continue that discussion
Michael- talking about accountability, Luke and I met with Jed, blocked off time where we can meet with Bro, Lori Kletzer, Dean Terhune, Cole, Wayne, random students, will have filming done before end of classes, Luke can edit video, come January or February Cole and Wayne can present video to Board of Trustees, have a jumping off point for discussions
Connor McCarthy- tell your residents to follow @colbydining on twitter, ways to get word out about class dinners, specials in the spa, Thai night a few weeks ago, Dining Services is working on twitter and facebook presence, talking about res hall vandalism, thinking about why is there so much vandalism here, obviously accountability is important, but the fact that all parties happen in residences, no houses on campus, no bars within walking distance, all registered parties are in common areas of dorms, important to think about, get dialogue going, alternate venue, hard to have responsible party if there is no venue made for social events, make it safer, parties in places that were meant to have parties, when they leave pregame don’t think they’ll have more alcohol, break things
Dan- thanks for bringing up that point, great to look at going forward, long term process, constructing or setting up that kind of venue, wanted to talk about motion 5, keep fighting the fight about getting more kinds of lighting, who takes a picture of a parking lot, not aesthetic issue, with jitney, if anyone is interested, jitney is supposed to run on a semi regular schedule, maybe management, no one knows when jitney is happening, reliability could be fixed by fixing management of system, is a system that is already there, other thing, I know Wayne has been talking about update from CAC about motions that we’ve passed

Brittany- I’m CAC co-chair, so far we’ve discussed Alfond residency policy and the community service motion, spoke a little about splitting costs, about Alfond, CAC passed on to campus life, wording in beginning, changed destructive to intentional, Dan and HFAC supported that change, third clause, support of striking the appeals clause, administrators and students on committee felt having an appeals clause takes away from the heart of the policy, don’t think it’s as effective as it could be, not in support of that clause

Dan- when policy was first passed, policy was that if you’re a first year and you screw up and are affected by policy but don’t commit vandalism from there to when you get your room then you could appeal, prove that it was one goof, let CAC know the original thinking behind appeals

Brittany- that wasn’t the case on the one SGA passed, we decided not to support the appeals clause, splitting cost across campus, CAC split, open to doing trial period, safety violation, discussed trial period next semester, that motion and the splitting cost across campus motion are contradictory, if we have trial period next semester for safety violation and next academic year for splitting costs, we could compare data points, Connor has meetings with several people, but CAC is in support, working with Jed to iron out the details

Emma- trustee party next weekend, SGA sponsoring? are we expected to attend, didn’t hear anything?

Cole- Wayne and I talked about this at trustee meeting, Kathleen Reed offered to throw holiday party, we didn’t do a lot of follow up, not something we had much input other than saying it’s a cool idea, not mandated, welcome and invited, by no means to you have to

Dan- also spoke to Kathleen about that, idea was that Kathleen Reed and trustees realized there’s a desire of students to know who trustees are, wanted to do that in an informal setting so people don’t feel intimidated or anything, no mandate, but graciously opening her home up to Colby students and trustees for such an event, suggest include in newsletter, trustees are great people, not as much contact as trustees or students would like, great opportunity, large response from student body would be good for everyone

Wayne- concern surrounding date of the event, Friday of Loudness, leave at 5:30, be back by 10, still have time to do your thing, about an hour South, opportunity to mix it up with people you might not otherwise have a chance to.

Kelly move to adjourn, seconded.

The meeting ended at 8:20pm.