SGA Formal Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, April 21, 2013

The meeting began at 7:00pm

I. Minutes

Minutes from last week were passed.

II. Executive Board Report

Morgan Lingar: The Trustees came this week, and Morgan reported that they endorsed the proposal for student accountability contingent on SGA’s approval. She would like to have conversations about the proposal with the Presidents’ Council and discuss any concerns and things that need to be changed, because any alterations must be passed by the Trustees before being voted on by SGA.

Kareem Kalil: Shane Rogers, the Multicultural Affairs Fellow will be reporting at the next Informal Meeting, and then the following Formal Meeting there will be a motion concerning continuing the position. He also requested that everyone help bring the community to Story Time tonight with Jess Pires.

Jean-Jacques Ndayisenga: Next week the Radio will be presenting at the informal meeting and the Echo will be presenting at the last formal meeting. The Colby Volunteer Center sent a thank you for the $3000 we used to fund Alternative Spring Break.

Monica Davis: Monica had nothing to say.

Jack Mauel: Jack will be conducting survey research concerning the dorm president.

Anna Caron: Anna hoped that everyone will be able to make it to Story Time with Jess.

Rachel Jacobs: Rachel had nothing to say.

III. Dean’s Report

There were no deans present at the meeting.
IV. Community Forum

There were no community members present at the meeting.

V. Old Business

**Motion 1**: Kylie VanBuren of Grossman recommended to the College Affairs Committee (CAC) and Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) that the process for adjudicating academic infractions be incorporated into a fully representative conduct board to include a student voice. Morgan spoke about how students could support both social and academic accountability. Right now, social issues are dealt with by students, faculty, and administrator, whereas academic infractions are looked at strictly by faculty. This has been a constant conversation, and most colleges have students be involved in both the social and academic infractions. Alexandre Caillot asked whether the students on the Student Conduct Board would remain anonymous, and Morgan said that they would meet face to face with the perpetrator similar to a regular hearing. Nick LaRovere asked how students would be identified to serve on the Board. Morgan described the process Anna Caron went through in appointing students to the Board, which involves a written application with questions concerning accountability and other important characteristics. Elliot Marsing asked whether this would affect how students report other students. Morgan said there are currently no sanctions for students choosing not report other students, and this is something to be discussed with the CAC and AAC. Monique Kelly asked about how many students would be appointed. Anna clarified that there are eight students total on the Board, and there are no first years. Brittany Chin asked if this would be the same Board used for social infractions or a different one. Morgan said there could be space for two, but she personally thinks it should be the same. Nick LaRovere asked what we were actually voting on. Morgan said the Board currently does not handle academic issues, so this would make it so that academic issues are treated like social issues. Kareem said that there are a shortage of ways for students to make decisions at Colby and that if we’re all taking classes there should be ways for us to make decisions. Morgan said that academic dishonesty is not the same throughout the school. Ben Lester asked how the Board would collect information concerning the case. Morgan said that the current method is that if the student denies what they were accused of they go to the Board. Alexandre Caillot asked if there would be a way to evaluate how successful this would be. Morgan said that this would be something to be discussed by CAC and AAC. He then asked if the Board determines whether the person is guilty or what the punishment is or both. Morgan said the Board definitely determines guilt, but is not sure if it decides on punishment. Two years ago there was a new document that laid out repercussions for academic infractions. Kelly moved to question. The motion passed unanimously.
VI. New Business

Michael Loginoff spoke about bringing forth a motion regarding residence hall vandalism and the prospect of having vandalism affect room draw numbers, such that those who have not committed vandalism are randomized as usual, and then students who have committed vandalism would be randomized and listed after those who have not. The incentive for reporting peers would be higher because it would affect something that students care about. Joseph Whitfield asked if pull-ins would be affected. Michael said that’s something to discuss. Ben Lester asked how it would work if someone turned themselves in. Michael said this is something to discuss with Kim Kenniston. Monica said that it is important to make it so that we are not discouraging people from turning themselves in. Michael noted that this would only affect the next year. JJ said it’s important to know the records concerning who turned self in and who hasn’t.

Pasquale noted that a motion cannot go on the agenda twice. The dorm presidents reported results from surveys and said that their constituents said it excludes those not involved, expressed concerns about rolling over to the next year, and were worried about inequity. Monica applauded Pasquale for his efforts, but said that it is difficult to have this applied to student-led groups.

Kareem Kalil said that Justin Deckert has been working hard on the Learning Differences Task Force and Learning Differences Awareness Week. Nick LaRovere echoed Kareem’s sentiments and said that it is essential for us as a community to get behind and support the movement.

Tionna Haynes asked about the current halt on club approvals. Rachel Jacobs said clubs will be able to apply next year.

Monique Kelly talked about keeping a volleyball net up for the spring and has a meeting with Pat Whitney. Jean-Jacques said that Bobs lawn or Dana lawn are best.

Ben Lester is trying to get a permanent grill installed by the picnic tables by Johnson Pond.

Kylie VanBuren announced that this week is Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Take Back the Night will be on Thursday. Gathering will be in Pulver at 7:30pm and marching will begin at 8pm.

Wayne Kim said that he and Cole Yaverbaum are beginning to collect applications for Executive Board for next year.

Kelly Ling announced that Junior/Senior Soiree will be May 4th with champagne and keg, and tickets will begin being sold April 29th

Joseph Whitfield moved to question. The meeting ended at 7:40.