SGA Formal Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, April 6, 2014

The meeting began at 7pm.

I. Minutes
Minutes from last week were passed.
Meeting dedicated to Griffin Metto, moment of silence

II. Executive Board Report
Wayne Kim – Brittany and Connor have been spearheading efforts for affirmation post spring break, trustee meetings coming up in two weekends from now, Justin and Mike joining, CAC is currently reviewing the sexual misconduct policy so it’s a very important time to provide some student perspective and influence

Cole Yaverbaum - dinner with deans, trustee weekend coming up, accountability working group

Madeline Hunsicker – story time tonight with Amber Ramirez, WMTMW with David on Friday at noon - send out in newsletters (co sponsored with office of religions and spiritual life), bus going to portland trustee weekend as part of explore Maine initiative (19th) and the next weekend bus will go to Camden, ME - Maddie will send email with exact timing- idea is that anybody w/o cars or access to Maine can get a chance to leave campus, sexual violence talk in the Pugh Center at 7:30 -- asked that a member of the steering committee of every pugh center club be there

Kelsey Cromie – Story Time tonight, 9 PM - Amber Ramirez, next week 4/13 9 PM in LoPo - Matt White as part of Colby Cares week, I met with Dean Sloat to discuss the Center for Teaching and Learning, specifically their advisory committee and how the CTL can be used to improve faculty advising. They’re most likely going to get faculty endorsement for the plan next school year but would like to move forward with SGA endorsement this year at some point, more details to come. We were also talking about faculty advising and were discussing the possible creation of a task force to look into possible improvements. It’s been something I’ve worked on this year, but clearly I won’t be here to serve on a task force that might exist so if you’re interested in faculty advising/ways to improve it let me know and we can chat about what I’ve done and where we can go. Sign up for Colby Cares Day (and other Colby Cares week activities). Even if you’re not signing up with SGA please sign up with another group! We’d love to see as much SGA (and other student) participation as possible and the CVC is looking to reach 300 volunteers. The deadline is this Wednesday. Please remind your residents Colby Cares week is happening this week!
**Nick LaRovere** - new CAs have been hired for next fall, CAs are going to be rolling out 3 zone wide events over the next month or two - large scale events (examples: petting zoo and row sock like wood stock with tye die, movie, more to come), if any people in your halls are concerned about new room draw process and haven’t been able to attend info session, Kim K will be in her office with computers during all of room draw willing to help people through room draw

**Shane Rogers** – Colby United day is a community day in the spring -- May 3rd -- it'll be a lot of things going on - scavenger hunt going on -- progressive meal -- many other things like MCL talks, karaoke machines, art exhibit, lots going on all day - more to come -- will need a lot of SGA support -- Shane will get us more info via email

**Dan Sunderland** – HFAC in the past few weeks -- still trying to make the roll out of electronic room draw system as smooth as possible and at our last meeting we decided which dorms would be substance free quiet etc. those announcements have gone out - also looked over alfond apps just to see if people had put thought into them and we were happy with quality of applications

**Lori Ayanian** – congrats to Osman on winning the election, going to be working together closely in coming weeks to help prepare for next year

**Philip Hussey** –

**Carey Powers** – absent

**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, Connor Clancy of Foss, recommend to Security and Administration that we extend Student Security Assistants

Brittany second

Connor: this came from the policy that we had looked at which was passed recently that I worked on -- not sure if you all know Dan Maddox but he had a lot of tough things to say about it but it was good because I think we came to some understanding about what was good about the policy and what it lacked. This is something he recommended. Essentially we would put a hall monitor in the halls of the apartments. I work student security and I know there are always people looking for shifts on the weekends so that would help RHV. Just seeing a security
shirt, you might think differently about doing RHV. It’s not always easy for people who are just wandering around to be looking out for RHV but if we had someone designated to look out for that, it could help. Would love to hear some feedback.

Andy: We talked a lot about this in our building. Had a meeting as a building in Jan w/ Jed Wartman where we threw out some ideas and one of them was increasing security and we’ve had mixed opinions with regard to security officers themselves in the building. I took a survey and I had 29 yes votes and 23 no votes for increasing security. This is for the officers specifically. I would imagine that people would be more in favor of students themselves rather than officers. We have a few thoughts on this -- people were very specific in saying that if security was in our building for any reason on the weekends it would be specifically for vandalism and not to break up parties or get people in trouble. That was a stipulation that was important to most residents. A few other ideas were having security standing immediately outside the building rather than inside of it. We talked about some kind of paid student security position like what you’re proposing - some said we wanted security there at specific hours at targeted times. We’re in favor of a student position as long as it’s not to get people in trouble for things other than vandalism and that a targeted time period would be effective.

Kaitlyn: Kelly and I are on the health committee and we’ve talked about this a little. Berkner is working with ATAG on Midnight Mules - between 11 and 1 there would be a paid position - person that’s a friendly face -- hoping to get leaders on campus to take these positions - backpacks would have water and granola bars - they would go around and if they saw someone getting to that point before they might cause some destruction they would give them water, encourage them to go home - talked about a coupon system - if you leave now, we’ll give you this coupon -- not so much a security position - they don’t want a student in a security position because they might not want to hang out or be around this student - has a negative connotation for it - we don’t want students to get other students in trouble

Kelly: I think promoting health over security is good. On the weekends CER rides with security so maybe it could be related somehow. Maybe you want to talk to security or the health center about it. Your position is more specifically security and preventing vandalism. We could prevent it by not getting black out first.

Connor: they would have no authority to get someone in trouble -- strictly just more symbolism that they’re wearing a security shirt and they could then as a student report them for RHV. It wouldn’t have any affect on student security - can’t break up parties. Just to be almost like a hall monitor.

Kelly: Midnight mules position is definitely going to be implemented next year. Maybe come to our next meeting and we could talk about combining these roles.
Michael: I think it’s good especially when we talk about increasing accountability on campus but does it suck that you might have to put a student sec guard in the apts? We shouldn’t have to do that but if we do that it could increase our student accountability and give us another chance to hold each other accountable.

Andrew: My question to this would be do you think that security will be able to use this as a mechanism to get into the apartments more frequently and use this as a tool to break up parties? I know the way it says it is to combat RHV but if you break up parties, you’re decreasing the chance of RHV too. My worry is that the apts are one of the few places on campus where you can have bigger parties. I’m just a little weary of security overstepping their balance on this.

Dan: At the end of last year not sure exactly when they mentioned that they would like to see a neighborhood watch program be started in the apts which would pretty much establish the same thing but it would be taxing on students time - volunteer based. I think it’s definitely a better idea to have it just be students in terms of who you see around and how the residents of the apt feel about who is in their building so I think that’s definitely a step in the right direction. I can speak to the CER section of that- as a rescue member I alternate doing rounds of security from 11-2 in the morning on fri and sat nights but mostly attached to security so I don’t think that CER could necessarily take on that function. I’m very interested in the program that Kaitlyn and Kelly describe and there may be somewhere to bridge but that in any case we really define the responsibilities of the student so if they’re part of security it would be a see and report kind of thing -- if you see somebody breaking something, you report it. The other thing is about the definition of their responsibilities it’s going to be pretty clear - if you have a security shirt on in the apartments and one of the residents has complained about something, what if someone comes up to that student - are they just going to say “you should call security?” I’m not sure how that will work. I feel like a lot of times when it comes to vandalism and the other infractions that can happen w/ college policy that they want to have their cake and eat it too - want reporting mechanism but only for this one thing that we’re having major problems with right now. If we say we only want them to report on RHV, what if they see someone who is being very belligerent? I don’t expect this student to step in - they’re not trained - to break up a fight. But I think that at some point this is sort of a student security position if it is and they’re going to be paid to work on enforcing college policy just like the rest of the department. I think it’s great to have a position that talks about RHV saying we don’t want them to report on anything else is picking exactly which policies you feel like following

Nick: Potential solution that combines the 2 diff ideas -- CAs are already on duty every weekend and the apts are the one location that CAs don’t do rounds. CAs are on the lookout similar to midnight mules for people that drank too much and are in an unsafe position. Roaming the halls just as a deterrent to RHV. It could just be an extension of the CAs duties that would probably save financial funds because it’s already a paid position and it could be worked into that.
Wayne: Why no CA rounds in apts?

Nick: I think cause it’s a private place. I’m not positive on that I can look into it.

Kelly: We had a discussion last year. There’s only one open bathroom in the apts otherwise you have to go into apartments to make rounds.

Wayne: If we are going to go in the student security direction, since you’re working in the gym as a security officer, are there clear lines of what you have to do? The more clear, the more willing we would be to pass it I think.

Connor: Student security in the athletic center -- walks around, makes sure doors are locked - if there are any Watervillians w/o gym passes, we ask them politely to leave. If there’s a major confrontational issue or an actual fire or something like that then we would radio to security. The position holds no actual authority in that sense.

Justin: In your thinking of this policy, did you envision just one person on duty at a time?

Connor: I envisioned 1-2

Justin: I think you’re going to run into a situation where the security officer doesn’t know someone’s name and it could open up an opportunity to confront the vandal to get info about them and that could lead to further issues. I support this overall.

Jacob: My only concern is from a liability standpoint w/ security. If you have a student who is self employed - if they say we’re only going to focus on dorm damage. Incredibly intoxicated people - something that security would otherwise be concerned with - if something happens and security is present, how do you justify that security isn’t acting? I think this would have to be through campus life or SGA because you can’t really pick and choose which rules you can follow.

Phil: I would definitely be in favor of having somebody - even if the president of Alford every year applies for funding to hire a position -- it would save the residents money on dorm damage - program that comes out of residents, not security

Kelly: I have a few questions -- right now there’s no nighttime student security position -- suggestion is to not just have this in the apartments but also Dana and heights
Connor: I think it’s easy to pin point apts as a place where RHV happens every semester -- more variable in other dorms depending on the semester.

Will: I just wonder how effective this person would actually be -- the apartments is a big place - how likely is this person to see something? How much would they actually save? I just see it as a mental burden - if campus isn’t educated about what this person is trying to do - looks like a paid stitch - I can’t imagine that not becoming stigmatized - it can’t be an authoritative figure - is it even really going change or save anything? Especially since building is so big. Will it just become stigmatized? Where does this stop? If Heights has a comparable amount of dorm damage, I don’t know where it will stop.

Andy: It’s clear that a lot of us are in favor of this but it’s really important that it’s very carefully looked at. For example, I think that a security label - having a shirt that says security - it becomes tricky -- why isn’t security dealing with X? I’m in favor of Nick’s idea of having CAs do this - some person that’s not immediately associated with security. I think it’s a better implementation.

Lori: I was just wondering if Nick could talk -- have oyu had an experience when you were on duty of seeing RHV and how that worked out?

Nick: usually it plays out well - we are told to not ever be confrontational if there’s a fight or something going on - from experience if RHV is seen, whether witnessed or just seen, at the end of every shift we have to complete a community violation form - really easy process to report vandalism after that - hasn’t been a problem. It’s all about the safety of the situation and how safe the CA feels.

Ramon: I’m worried about it being a paid and security thing - like Will’s point - hall monitor is going to be this person that people don’t like - I like the idea of a neighborhood watch - if we want to show that we want to be accountable and take care of our home -- then give up a weekend -- part of living in the apts where vandalism happens is making a requirement that your 6 man is on duty with a CA for this weekend and you have to do that.

Cole: I agree with Will.

Michael: Move to table -- can Connor draft up formal proposal with job description of what this job would do. In next two weeks maybe Nick and Connor could have some discussions about overlaps w/ CAs. We can come back in 2 weeks and re-visit this. Move to table.

Seconded by many.
Phil: Any opposed to tabling? Motion tabled. Jacob, can you get some feedback on security of possibilities with this and report back to Connor?

Brittany: do we want to make a task force?

Connor: We can talk at the informal meeting.

**VI. New Business**

Kelly: Kaitlyn and I on HFAC drafting motion -- two main heads of healthcare on campus are Paul Berkner (health center) and Eric Johnson (Counseling) -- big issue in that building because there's not a lot of space - patients have to encounter people in the health care center - they shouldn't be using the same space - shouldn't be intermingling -- health care advisory committee wants to push administration to build a new healthcare building - we're really behind on a lot of codes - we're not up to our peers standards

Kaitlyn: Basically they want to expand mainly the counseling portion because right now the waiting room they have is so small - we want to create a better space for counseling - going to be asking for an SGA endorsement

Kelly: I don't know if you want to talk about it at an informal meeting and midnight mules too

Justin: First, I put in a funding request to Lori to purchase squash racquets and basketballs that can be rented out for students at the gym because there aren't many so I think it would be cool so the athletic desk person would be in charge of maintaining that equipment

Ramon: can we expand that to soccer balls?

Justin: We can look into that. It would be cool if we can get iPlay or the athletic dept to help with funding. Second, Joseph and I have finally booked the date for Jr Sr soiree -- May 10th which is the day after the concert -- apps for next years Exec board will go out tonight - Michael and I will send an email to prescouncil to send as newsletter - it will also be in the general announcements and as an official -- urge people to apply. We're changing things up a little bit we're keeping all positions except res life chair -- adding multicultural affairs chair -- taking Shane's position and making it an official position

Connor Mc: Switching up coffee in dining halls - right now it's espreto (?) which is a sodexo brand - been talking with Joe and Larry - they offered to switch it to green mountain in exchange for closing Dana a half hour earlier during the week -- save money -- the 3 of us are in favor of it because they said the average amount of people that come in between 8:30 and 9 is about 16
Tim: We plan on polling, but it’s something that we wanted to tell you guys before we made a decision to close the dining halls 30 mins early. We’ve talked with many athletes. I feel like this affects athletes more because of practice schedules. I think part of the issues is that they don’t maintain all the meal options until 9 each night. We do want your feedback.

Phil: Could you guys put something together to put down via email? Breakdown of this is what it is and this is why it would happen and a link to a poll. Let’s refrain from offering feedback tonight.

Jacob: Can you tell all your residents to stop stealing silverware and plates? It costs us $30,000 a year

Tim: It accounts for all flat wear and silverware -- includes dropped stuff

Jacob: Colby gives sodexo money to buy all the stuff - if we steal it all, they can’t buy nice food - return stolen stuff!

Maddie: In response to Kelly and Kaitlyn - personally and based off anecdotal evidence about using counseling service center, I would say it’s a waste of time unless they hire more counselors - having 3 counselors isn’t enough - if they’re going build a space, that’s great, but if they don’t have more people to fill it, then it’s a huge loss - I would pass along that there needs to be another counselor

Cole: is the MC position going to be different? Can you bring a write-up?

Emma: I’ve been talking with Eric Johnson a lot about health center - having a big space we could hire a secretary and they don’t have one right now which is part of why the online system is so awful - if you email a counselor they’ll get you in, but everybody thinks they can only email in emergency situations - they need to hire a secretary which makes getting into the counseling center easier

Maddie: MC affairs chair - I would urge you to talk to Pugh Club leaders to see what they think about that position - but I think pretty much 100% success depends on buy in from Pugh Club Leaders so I would encourage you to do that

Justin: First we talked to Dr. B and Emily about the change but that’s our plan of action for the next step

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52.