SGA Formal Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, May 5, 2013

The meeting began at 7:02pm.

I. Minutes

Minutes from last week were passed.

II. Executive Board Report

Morgan Lingar: Morgan announced that Pat Whitney is no longer accepting Physical Plant Department requests. She also announced that the Executive Board have awarded Nick Zeller and Erika Hinman with the Alexandra Aitoro award, which commends people on the Presidents Council who have demonstrated the “work hard, play hard” motto.

Kareem Kalil: Kareem announced that the Kol Harvey Award has been given to Justin Deckert for his exemplary work on SGA.

Jean-Jacques Ndayisenga: JJ reported that the state of the budget is a $10,000 surplus which will go towards covering the left over deficit from last year. He explained that he was very wary about where money was going for events which helped cut down club expenses. He worked especially hard on strengthening the ZipCar program and the yearbook. He is accepting receipts for reimbursement for the rest of the week.

Monica Davis: Monica expressed appreciation for those who helped with Spontaneous Fun Day. She announced that Monique Kelly is Dorm President of the Week. Lastly, she requested that the Presidents’ Council to submit anything they might want included for the End of the Year Report.

Jack Mauel: Jack was not present at the meeting.

Anna Caron: Anna requested that the Presidents’ Council show as much support as possible in bringing the community together for the last Story Time of the year with Greg McKillop.

Rachel Jacobs: Rachel had nothing to say.

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

**IV. Community Forum**

Sarah Lyon gave a financial report for *The Echo* for the year. The report is attached below the minutes. Kareem asked who will be the chief editor next year, and Sarah announced that the responsibility is being shared by Tim Badminton and Juliana Haubner. Pasquale Eckert asked about how *The Libel*’s budget fits into the equation. Sarah referred him to Mike Langley.

Katie Curran asked if the proposal for the Multicultural Affairs Proposal was changed and if other clubs would be able to trained in multicultural affairs. Morgan said that the position this past year was required to work for four hours but the proposal is for six hours per week. Shane had talked with Dr. Bradley about doing other trainings but that is not stipulated in this proposal. Kareem said that some of the points in the final proposal are open to interpretation. Katie asked if there is a way to have the meetings more open. Morgan said that she would hope that if the position is endorsed, then the Fellow could work with other people. Katie noted that Shane’s report expressed concern about SGA’s attendance at Pugh Center events. Kareem spoke about Pledge to Pugh but noted that the should be taken very seriously for next year. Morgan said that could be a tangible priority for next year. Wayne Kim noted that he and Shane and Dr. Bradley will speak.

Wayne Kim stated that there are many vacancies for Dorm President next year and requested that Dorm Presidents share that in their newsletters.

**V. Old Business**

**Motion 1:** Monique Kelly of Coburn recommended that SGA endorse the report of the Task Force on Student Accountability and engage with the Dean of Faculty and Dean of Students to implement these recommendations. Morgan said that it should be noted that the motion is dual-purpose in that it supports the report and instills SGA engagement for next year. John Williams moved to question. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion 2:** Tionna Haynes of Dana recommended that SGA approve the attached SGA Multicultural Affairs Fellow proposal. Kareem said that Katie asked a lot of good questions about the report. Morgan said the only changes are: four to six hours, the stipend is being raised from $1000 to $1500 which is proportional to the increase in hours, and acronyms were translated into full words. Monica Davis said that it doesn’t make sense for the stipend to be so much. John Williams asked if the position is being appointed this year or next year. Wayne Kim said that the appointment would be made soon depending on whether the position was endorsed. Tionna Haynes explained the proportionality of the stipend. Morgan explained how stipends work at
Colby, which often involve being paid for less hours than are worked. Erika Hinman asked if it would make sense to make this position on the Executive Board. Morgan said that Berol Dewdney had thought the Gender and Sexuality Diversity officer position be separate because the work is so different, which is similar to the Multicultural Affairs Fellow. Connor Clancy asked if the pay actually matches up with Shane’s work. Kareem said that the position is very different from an Executive Board position. Connor said that SGA has put a lot of effort into this position and that if the Executive Board is going to be paid less than what they actually work then the Multicultural Affairs Fellow should be similar. Nick Zeller said that it would valuable for the Fellow to be at Formal Meetings. Kareem noted that the position has been primarily research thus far and that if we are paying a person a certain amount of hours and we have specifically how they’re spending time, it should not be a problem. Anna emphasized that not all students have the privilege to hold a position that takes up so much time without being paid for those hours.. Jean-Jacques noted that people might be incentivized by the money. Rachel said that we should pay the Fellow $1500 because this should be the person’s job, not as an incentive but as an assurance that the work is done well. Ben Lester asked anyone to elaborate on “Working Group on Student Success.” Morgan said that at this point it is less newly forming, but Dr. Bradley had talked about how it would be important for the Fellow to be involved with the group. John Williams said that he agreed and thought that it might be a good idea for the Fellow attend Formal meetings regularly. Kelly Ling said that she agreed that $1500 is appropriate. Kelly moved to question on the amendment. The amendment failed. Kylie said that the position has been very well established and said that the programming planned for next year will be very powerful. Given that he started second semester, he hasn’t had time to work on this. Carter Stevens said that this is the most important thing we’ve worked on thus far. Justin Deckert said he thinks that it is very important that the Fellow attend Formal Meetings. Justin Deckert moved to question. The motion passed.

**Tentative Motion 1 → Motion 3:** Joseph Whitfield of the Class of 2015 proposed that SGA approve next year’s appointed Executive Board with: Dan Sunderland for Residential Life Chair, Maddie Hunsicker for Publicity Chair, Philip Hussey for Parliamentarian, and Kelsey Cromie for Administrative Assistant. John Williams moved to question. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tentative Motion 2 → Motion 4:** Joseph Whitfield of the Class 2015 propose that SGA approve stipends of $3000 for each of the two Co-Presidents and Treasurer, and $1000 for each of the appointed Executive Board. Connor Clancy asked what the numbers are based on. Jacob Kandel asked how many hours we worked per week. The Executive Board approximated how much they work per week, explaining that they work more hours than they are paid for. Connor Clancy suggested that they be paid more. Nick Zeller said that they work a lot. Monica Davis said that they would feel bad if the Executive Board took more money from the budget. Ben Lester moved to question. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. New Business**
Kareem Kalil thanked everyone who worked on Junior/Senior Soiree.

Kareem also said that the affirmation is a work in progress and hopes that it won’t just sit there.

Michael Loginoff talked about the residence hall vandalism motion. The process is going to be going forward into next year: open dialogue for next year, philosophy behind things, and logistics.

Matt Mantikas said that the parking ticket money goes into the Colby Fund, but if there is something specific that you wanted to give, then the torch is being passed to Wayne.

John Williams has been working with Pat Whitney to get a water fountain for the outdoor track.

Morgan Lingar encouraged everyone to remember that the two paragraphs at the bottom is going to be a small part of the effort but not everything.

Monica Davis said that what Tionna about the Multicultural Affairs Fellow is very important because it’s very difficult to have hard work that is not seen.

Nick Zeller suggest to give the Purple Heart to Pasquale Eckert for his sustained injuries during his tenure on SGA.

Elliot Marsing spoke about the importance of transparency about Executive Board positions for next year.

John Williams, for the last time, moved to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 8:05pm.
The Colby Echo Annual Financial Report Summary

Mission of Paper
- Inform the College about events occurring on campus and in the local community
- Provide an objective standpoint concerning College policies, SGA initiatives, and more
- Entertain students and inform them about members of the Colby community, sports teams, theater productions, and more
- Provide a forum for members of the Colby community to voice their opinions

Major Expenditures
- Estimated 2012-13 year total: $32,753.88
- Student employment payments:
  - Yearly total as of period ending 4/16: $13,173.98
  - Postage: To date: $720.32
- Printing Invoices:
  - Estimated yearly total: $15,454.00
  - Note: I met with a rep. from a new printing company the other day, could look into printing cheaper

Revenue
- Money from SGA: $20,000 + $5,000 (extra)
- Estimated Profits: ($89.99)
- Total expected revenues: $32,663.89
  - Including ads, subscriptions, Colby ads revenue

Major Articles from This Year
- Recaps of every SGA meeting
- Interview with commencement speaker
- First GSD director resigns
- Students speak out at Bicentennial Convocation
- Adams discusses post-Colby plans
- Woodward to receive Lovejoy award
- Interview with new football coach, captains
- Plans for Going Forward
- Possibly receiving greater funding from SGA from the beginning
- Hired business manager
- Establishing an advisory board consisting of former editors

JJ and I have spoken with Ben Herbst, the editor-in-chief for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years, who is likely going to be a part of this initiative

Budgeting/spending on the Echo has been an issue for the past several years, former editors could help address this/give advice
Multicultural Affairs Fellow Position Proposal

This initiative is an opportunity for a student who is interested in exploring and implementing campus change and learning around experiences and issues related to historically underrepresented and marginalized students, multiculturalism, and social justice. This position will work in conjunction with already institutionalized structures, such as the Pugh Center, Pugh Community Board, and other entities that actively engage in providing student support, affecting campus climate, encouraging dialogue and programming, and ensuring SGA has an active and supportive role in this process.

The position of Multicultural Affairs Fellow will
• Weekly work six hours and report to the SGA President and Vice President and the Pugh Center director
• Attend and complete a series of multicultural competency and awareness sessions, culminating in attending the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in May.
• Become knowledgeable about and assist in directing students on the Multiculturalism Working Group and other students who have expressed interest to campus resources that provide student support, promote multicultural and social justice awareness, and encourage student success through intentional interactions
• Serve as a representative to the newly forming Working Group on Student Success
• Work with SGA to provide opportunities for learning and awareness trainings, including a diversity awareness training or retreat
• Communicate opportunities for collaboration with Dean of Students (Pugh Center Director and Gender and Sexual Diversity Program Director)
• Serve on the Pugh Club/Organization Committee

This position will be effective upon appointment and will be paid a yearly stipend of $1500. It will be appointed by the SGA President and Vice President with input from student organizations that regularly work on issues of multiculturalism (such as the Pugh Community Board, SOBHU, and other Pugh Center clubs). Cover letters and resumes will be analyzed with regard to leadership ability, experience in areas of multiculturalism, and concrete plans for their responsibilities. At the conclusion of the 2013-2014 academic year, the position will be put up for reevaluation.