SGA Formal Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 10, 2013

The meeting began at 7:02pm.

I. Minutes

Minutes from last week were passed.

II. Executive Board Report

Morgan Lingar: Morgan reported that the trustees task force talked about the forum and survey. Currently, the task force is putting together concrete ideas, looking for ways to get feedback, and brainstorming ways to get people who might not ordinarily get involved to participate. She announced that there are three events that volunteers are needed for: Winter Carnival which will occur Thursday through Sunday, the Club Expo on Tuesday, and the overseers meeting for Dining Services on Monday. Morgan explained that the next informal meeting, there will be a dinner at 6pm with the Executive Board to orient new dorm presidents, and then a full Council meeting at 7pm that will be used to brainstorm for the rest of the semester. The following informal meeting will be focused on issues concerning the Career Center, and Roger Woolsey and Erika Humphrey will be there for the first half.

Kareem Kalil: Kareem was not present at the meeting but sent the following notes to be stated by Morgan: There is a Story Time next Sunday with Isadora Alteon. He supports all of for Justin Deckerts motions concerning changing the position title from Secretary to Administrative Assistant. Finally, he welcomed any member of the President’s Council to join his and Jean-Jacques’ iPlay basketball team.

Monica Davis: Monica spoke about openings on the publicity committee, especially for those who are interested in applying to be the Publicity Chair next year. She announced that the Winter Carnival schedule will be finished and published tomorrow. Monica requested that the schedule and Story Time be included in newsletters.

Jean-Jacques Ndayisenga: Jean-Jacques stated that he will be sending numbers about finances for the spring soon and that SGA can expect funding requests to be more competitive than usual. For this reason, he requested that dorm events be kept under the appropriated budget.

Jack Mauel: Echoing Monica’s sentiments about Publicity Committee and a future chair, Jack stated that he will be looking to fill open positions on the Housing and Facilities Committee, and
especially would like to appoint those who are interested in applying to be the Residential Life Chair next year.

**Anna Caron:** Anna announced that she will be beginning the process of committee appointments this week. She also briefly spoke about her and Kareem’s experience as teaching assistants for the Multicultural Literacy course this past JanPlan. She described the idea of action projects that their students created and said that many of these ideas involve SGA action.

**Rachel Jacobs:** Rachel reported that elections for new dorm presidents will begin on Tuesday. She welcomed Nick LaRovere to SGA as the new Community Advisor Representative.

**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:** Marshall Donner of Taylor proposed that the North Country Mission of Hope be approved as an official campus club. Representative Parwana Mohammad spoke about this spiritually-based community service orientation founded in Plattsburgh, New York which is aimed at aiding poor populations in Nicaragua. For a Colby sector, the goals would include fundraising and sending people on trips to Nicaragua. The club would like to bring the executive director of the Mission to Colby to speak about the project. Ethan Crockett spoke about his friends from his hometown of Plattsburgh and stated that the Mission has undoubtedly had positive effects. Jean-Jacques asked about how the Colby sector would fit with the Colby Volunteer Center. Parwana spoke about the Alternative Spring Break program, and how the Mission has the potential to be an extension of that program. Justin Deckert moved to question. The motion passed unanimously. North Country Mission of Hope is officially a campus club.

**Motion 2:** Thomas Gregston of Williams proposed that Mayflower Chill be approved as an official campus club. Nick LaRovere and Jonathan Eichholz spoke about how the group will focus on R&B and hip hop music with advanced choreography. The group affords students a different opportunity compared to the already existing a cappella groups. They stated there is already a large amount of interest. Carter Stevens asked about what is expected in terms of funding a cappella groups. Jean-Jacques said that the requests primarily are for traveling and
recording. Morgan asked if Carter was talking about a cappella students staying on campus for senior week which might be being changed and asked Jean-Jacques if there has been any progress with that discussion. Jean-Jacques said the main idea is to have a cappella groups fundraise. Rachel asked if the group will be co-ed. They responded yes. Morgan asked if there was someone who is expected to be involved who安排s music. John and Nick both arrange music as well as a prospective female member. Nick Zeller moved to question. The motion passed unanimously. Mayflower Chill is officially a campus club.

**Motion 3:** Nicholas Zeller of Class of 2013 proposed that Light Zimbabwe be approved as an official campus club. Gift Ntuli and Thabiso Kunene spoke about the charity group focused on renewable energy. Colby students are already engaged in the project but would like to involve more of the the Colby community. There are 400 lamps, but they would like to spread light and need more support for fundraising power and to go to conferences. Justin Deckert asked about fundraising ideas. They are in the process of creating a website for donations and are looking for corporate sponsors. Joseph Whitfield asked whether there are students expressing interest. They said there are six Colby students interested thus far, but they have a goal of having 100 people involved. John Williams moved to question. The motion passed unanimously. Light Zimbabwe is officially a campus club.

**Motion 4:** Jasmine Phillips of Pe-Wi, recommend to the Dining Services Committee and Sodexo that all food service employees be required to wear hair-nets. She spoke about finding hair in her food. She spoke to Firouz who said they are required to wear hats. Jack spoke about how peer institutions’ catering company workers tend to wear hair nets. John Williams asked about what the state regulations and Sodexo regulations are. Assuming the company is already operating under state law, he thought it was unlikely student input would change anything. Marshall Donner said that they are required to have hair restraint devices so there are clearly rules in place, but that it would not hurt to make a recommendation. Matt Mantikas echoed John’s remarks and said he assumes that Sodexo is already abiding by state laws. Carter Stevens agreed and said that he believes the current practices are sufficient. Alexandre Caillot asked if Sodexo rules are different in different institutions. Monica suggested that if implemented, only workers who are in direct contact with food should be required to wear hairnets, which she thinks are demoralizing. Tionna Hayes noted that workers not in direct contact with food are still around food and thus disagreed with Monica. Ben Lester agreed with Monica and said that it should not affect those who are not in direct contact with food. Elliot spoke about card swipers. Nick Zeller moved to question. The motion passed with 4 no’s and 1 abstention.

**Motion 5:** Justin Deckert of the Class of 2015 called for a constitutional referendum to change Article I: Executive Board by striking rules 1 and 6 and replacing them with those on the attached sheet. Rachel reminded the council of how referendums work. The call was unanimously moved to act on the motion. Justin spoke about how the term “Secretary” has a connotation that is highly gendered. Nick Zeller asked why in rule 1 the President and Vice President would be allowed an extra appointment. Morgan explained that as the constitution currently states, the President and Vice President are allowed two extra appointments, which this year are the
Secretary and Residential Life Chair. Elliot Marsing moved to question. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion 6:** Justin Deckert of the Class of 2015 proposed to strike the by-law 12-03. Justin spoke about how with Motion 5 passed, this by-law is redundant. Connor Clancy moved to question. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion 7:** Justin Deckert of the Class of 2015 proposed that Anna Caron’s position of Secretary be changed to Administrative Assistant. John Williams moved to question. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. New Business**

Jean-Jacques spoke about the technological difficulties that are prohibiting the radio from being played in dining halls. They are currently looking for new ways to play the radio through the admissions office. Elliot Marsing said that Alumni Relations is planning on doing a lot with the radio on Bicentennial Day, including fun facts and trivia.

Justin Deckert spoke about the Learning Differences Task Force which is planning an awareness week. He said he would send a blurb about it to dorm presidents to put in newsletters.

Monica Davis reminded the President’s Council that you do not have to be a senior to be an Executive Board member.

Monica said that there would be a beer and wine night in Dana on Thursday. They are aiming to do this once a month for the rest of the semester.

Matt Mantikas asked if a list of events could be sent out for newsletters.

Nick Zeller spoke about a series of events for Save the Date including a Waterville restaurant week with discounts and taxi vouchers, programming around dating education, and a classy dance with either a swing dance or big band. Monica talked about discounts for Valentine’s Day and suggest that Nick get in touch with Brita Midness, the president of the Colby-Waterville Alliance.

Pasquale Eckert asked where Winter Carnival information will be published. Monica said that there will be an Official Notice with the entire schedule, and then individual Notices for each day of the Carnival.

Anna announced that minutes will be emailed and posted on Tuesdays from now on.

John Williams moved to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 7:48pm.