The meeting began at 7:00pm.

I. Minutes

There were no minutes because this was the first meeting of the year.

II. Executive Board Report

Morgan: The State of the College is at 7pm on September 10 in Ostrove Auditorium. She requested that the president's council bring friends and come prepared with questions. On Tuesday, the 9/11 Memorial Service will be at 8pm on Miller Lawn. She also requested that the President’s Council bring attend and bring friends. On Friday September 14, Kareem and Morgan will be meeting with Dining Services. They asked that any questions or ideas related to t to Dining Services be emailed to them. The campus wide Club Expo is on Wednesday September 12, and she asked underclassman members of President's Council to volunteer to work the Expo.

Kareem: The first informal meeting will be on next Sunday, September 16. The last 15 minutes will be dedicated to discussing more about how formal meetings work for new members, but all are welcome to join that discussion. Also on next Sunday, September 16, the first Story Time event will be held at 9pm in Pugh Center. Story Time is a student-led speaker series to further our notion of multiculturalism. There will be coffee and cookies.

Monica: Monica is pushing things in terms of publicity. She emphasized the importance of newsletters as a voice of SGA. She thanked you to Richie Lund for helping out with the off campus meeting that happened last week. She will be sending out more Official Notices about elections for the Class of 2016 class presidents and the Williams dorm president.

Jean-Jacques: Jean-Jacques has allocated the budget to the Echo and the Colby Outing Club, two of the three biggest spenders. He is waiting to meet with leaders of the radio to discuss budgetary issues, as well as the a cappella groups to develop a plan for their stay during senior week. He is meeting with club leaders on Thursday, 9/12 at 7pm in Diamond 122 to discuss finances for the year, and will be delivering monthly reports for transparency.

Jack: The meetings held during orientation with each individual dorm president went well. He is confident in this year’s President's Council. Jack has changed the policy for meetings during the year so that he will meet with each dorm president once mid-semester, rather than monthly. Newsletters are due on Monday at midnight.

Anna: Minutes will be taken throughout the meeting, and the meeting will be recorded on Audacity. She will go through the minutes during her office hours on Monday mornings after each formal meeting to clarify and reword as necessary. Formal meeting minutes will be posted on the Monday following each formal meeting by 12pm. Most of the members of President’s Council have submitted committee applications; for those who haven’t, she reminded that they are due at midnight tonight. She also reminded the President’s Council that committee and Student Conduct Board application for the general student body are being accepted until Friday, September 14, and encourage President’s Council to talk with friends who might be good candidates for committees.
Rachel: She welcomed PCB representative Brittany Thomas and CA representative John Kalin to the formal meeting. Brittany and John will be attending all formal meetings. Elections for 2016 class presidents and Williams dorm president are approaching and there will be more information about that coming soon.

III. Dean's Report

There were no deans present at the meeting.

IV. Community Forum

No community members were present at the meeting.

V. Old Business

Motion 1: John Williams proposed that Dumela be approved as an official campus club. The Dumela representative Grace DeNoon reported that a Colby graduate who graduated in 2009 worked on this project. Dumela is an organization that works with internally displaced people (e.g., refugees, victims of natural disasters, people removed from homes with no new location to live). The club is focused on being an awareness club right now. They are not looking for a lot of funding because the club would be more for educational purposes. They hope to hold fundraiser events, for which they might need support. Jenny Sher asked what the specific purposes of the club would be. Grace spoke about speakers who might come to Colby to talk about the issue at hand, which will need funding (e.g., bake sales; Halloween haunted house). They are just trying to get Dumela off the ground at Colby. Morgan Lingar asked if there are other campus organizations who they could work with. Grace replied that Amnesty might be a good ally, and there might be more partnership later on, but that right now its mostly independent. Justin Deckert motioned to move the question. The motion passed unanimously. Dumela is officially a campus club.

Motion 2: Bowen Tretheway proposed that Roosevelt Institute be approved as an official campus club. RI is an organization with six subsections that focus on equal justice, health care, economic diplomacy, alternative energy, etc. The club’s president Paul Macklis, who is pre-med, is interested in improving the pockets of the local population that are not supported currently. Jack Mauel asked how they would get students to attend these meetings. Paul said that this is a club that would be looking for ideas rather than just time and energy (e.g., Colby-hosted roundtable events). Justin Deckert asked what kind of funding they would need. Paul said that they would need little to none because they could get grants. Jenny Sher asked if there would be on-campus initiatives. Paul said yes. Monica Davis asked since the club seems to focus on health care if the other five branches would be addressed. Paul said that they want to start off with a project that everyone can rally around. He wants to know what the club wants to pursue and see where it takes them. Bowen Tretheway moved the question. The motion passed unanimously. Roosevelt Institute is officially a campus club.

VI. New Business

Tionna talked about Pledge to Pugh and brought sign up sheets for SGA members to sign. Kareem Kalil requested that everyone sign the sheet, which commits you to attend at least two Pugh Center sponsored events per semester.
Erika Hinman heard from fellow students that breakfast is taken away too early on the weekends and was hoping that someone on the Dining Services Committee asked that if breakfast can be left out until noon. Justin Deckert had complaints from his constituents about the loss of salt and pepper shakers on the tables. Also, Justin heard complaints about how in the Spa boxes now cost 35 cents on top of your meal. He doesn’t know a lot about the revamped Take 4 program but would like others to speak about it. Monica Davis said that there is a new rotation: one week of sandwiches, one week of burritos, and one week of pasta. When there is pasta, there is no salad.

Jack Mauel was approached about having a campus golf tournament. He is unsure about funding, but encouraged members of the President’s Council to take on the project. Perhaps there could be a prize.

Monica Davis is going to send out more information about Dinner with Dorm Presidents soon.

Monica Davis made posters for the State of the College and would like each member of President’s Council to hang up two posters before the event.

Cole Yaverbaum is very interested in doing a dinner for Sodexo workers as a thank you for all that they do. She hopes we can do something around Thanksgiving. She is contacting Heather from dining services and will keep us posted.

Jean-Jacques Ndayisenga asked about the Better Announcements. John Kalin said that he has been working with Jeff Carpenter and they are now working on a more useful way of doing what the General Announcements attempts to do. SGA has funded the website for the Better Announcements, and anyone who has an @colby.edu email can sign up for them. He feels that this a good tool for us to increase students ability to get information. Jean-Jacques said that last year SGA funded the website and that they are trying to get as many people to work on it as possible. He requested that President’s Council sign up themselves, and that they try to get other people to sign up. They’re trying to see whether people like the BA better than the GA. Monica Davis said she would send the link to the President’s Council. Wayne Kim asked if the Colby Box was back. John Kalin said that Jeff Carpenter thinks that the TV needs a computer to be turned on which he is working on, but it should be up soon.

Milton Guillen has been hearing more about financial aid issues, and is going to meet with SFS next week. If anyone has question they can talk to him.

Justin Deckert moved to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 7:30pm.