The meeting began at 7:00pm.

I. Minutes

There were no minutes to pass.

II. Executive Board Report

Wayne Kim: Wayne greeted this year’s SGA and expressed his excitement at getting started.

Cole Yaverbaum: Cole welcomed the community members who were in attendance and thanked them for coming to the meeting. She shared a few reminders with SGA about events to come, including the Club Expo on 9/10 on Dana Lawn with an all campus barbecue and club booths including an SGA table. She noted that SGA is looking to fill Dorm President vacancies and that the SGA table will be looking for interested students. She also noted that the SGA, SPB and PCB sponsored 9/11 memorial service will be on Wednesday 9/11 from 8-9 PM at the flagpole. The rain location is Page Commons. There will be 2 library lunches on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 for SGA members to meet librarians and learn about the resources in the libraries, providing a chance for SGA to connect with the library and library staff. Both lunches are from 11:30 AM – 1 PM. She discussed the art museum opening on Thursday 9/12 from 6-9 PM, SGA is cosponsoring that event and Cole expressed excitement and urged all members to attend. Finally Cole brought up the Pugh Club Palooza on Oct. 3 and encouraged SGA members to begin brainstorming activity ideas for the SGA office that evening.

Madeline Hunsicker: Madeline announced that all SGA members should attend the museum opening and work hard to publicize that. She encouraged all Dorm Presidents to make a dorm event out of it to promote attendance from many students. She said there will be live jazz music as well as catering from Waterville restaurants.

Kelsey Cromie: Kelsey announced to SGA that a groupme text message group would be created soon to facilitate easier communication within SGA outside of email. She also explained that committee applications would be forthcoming once all new SGA members have been elected.

Dan Sunderland: Dan shared that his beginning of the year meetings with dorm presidents went well, and that presidents without specific projects should be looking to collaborate and share the projects that others have begun to work on. He says there are a lot of independent ideas that will need help and support and encouraged Dorm Presidents to collaborate on their projects. He announced that the SGA sponsored Rocky Horror Picture Show is this weekend that he is working on and asked that Dorm Presidents publicize or make dorm events out of that event as well. Dan began to explain that he is in the early stages of his project to help combat
residence hall vandalism and asked that anyone with ideas or input to reach out to him to help with that project, one he will be starting this week.

**Lori Ayanian:** Lori also expressed excitement about the museum opening that she believes will be a wonderful event. She announced that there will be mandatory club training sessions for all club leaders on club policies, SGA funding guidelines and how to get funding from SGA. She urged SGA members to stop by her office hours with questions about funding events.

**Shane Rogers (Multicultural Affairs Fellow):** Shane announced that this week in Pulver there is an exhibit called the Race Experience Kiosk, a machine that when students are sitting inside it simulates changing your race. It takes a picture and manipulates it in different ways to give students that simulation experience. He also noted that the Colby United Project Party will be Monday Sept. 16 at 6:30 PM. This will be a chance for students who have gone through the training to take pictures with their “I Stand Against” sentence and decorate their poster to hang somewhere. He asked SGA members to spread this news to the greater Colby community.

**Carey Powers (PCB Vice Chair):** Carey explained that her duty as Vice Chair of PCB is to come to formal SGA meetings and participate as PCB’s voice. She also announced the 9/11 memorial service on Wednesday night, and clarified that the service may be closer to a half hour than an hour. She urged all students in attendance to go to the museum opening and thanked SGA for the financial support. She said there will be free t-shirts, an open bar with alcoholic (21+) and nonalcoholic beverages as well as delicious food.

**Nick LaRovere (CA Liaison):** Nick noted that as the CA liaison to SGA it is his job to help broker a connection between the CAs and SGA, especially for projects and events because Dorm Presidents work on dorm events as well as the CAs. His job is to connect these ideas, as well as serve as a voice for the CAs to SGA.

**III. Dean’s Report**

There were no deans present at the meeting. Cole Yaverbaum noted that the reason for this was because nearly 1/3 of SGA has not been elected yet, and that her and Wayne decided it would be more beneficial to wait until all SGA members were in attendance to bring deans to talk.

**IV. Community Forum**

Thomas Gregston asked if there was a system of communication in the dorms without dorm presidents right now because until they are elected these dorms are unaware of what is happening in SGA.
Cole responded that he had a good point, that all vacancies would be filled before the next meeting, but in the meantime SGA will reach out to those dorms without a Dorm President.

V. Old Business

Tentative Motion 1 → Motion 1
Michael Loginoff of the Class of 2016 propose that Colby Alliance for Renewable Energy (CARE) becomes an official Club. Thomas Gregston, Erin Love and Casey Ballin were in attendance to discuss the club. CARE had been a committee of EnviroCo, it had tried to become separate last year but because of the club freeze was unable to do so. CARE was started by a group of freshmen excited to do activism on campus. It began in the Green Cluster in an environmental activism class where students began to take what they were learning in class and applying it. They joined a national divestment campaign and have had meetings with President Adams as well as other administrators and trustees to encourage divestment and sustainability at Colby. They have brought national activist movements to Colby and tried to connect campus to the whole country. Erin Love, Co-President of EnviroCo supported CARE’s petition to be a separate club because they have outgrown EnviroCo’s committee structure, have their own governing board and having them under EnviroCo is creating more work for everyone involved. They have between 15-20 people at their meetings and 50+ on their mailing list, took members to Portland, Boston and Washington DC for protests and rallies as well as held a mock oil spill on campus that was written up in the Morning Sentinel. Tionna Haynes (Class of 2015) asked what divestment means and where have they received funding and what it paid for. Divestment is moving investments away from fossil fuel. CARE received funding from SGA and the Environmental Studies department to go on trips to the protests as well as meet with students running similar campaigns from around the state and country. They need funding for programs they want to run on campus. Jacob Kandel (Sturtevant) asked how EnviroCo is different. EnviroCo focus on environmental issues on campus and runs Earth Week while CARE is specifically focused on environmental activism and issues that stretch beyond Colby. CARE has a very specific focus, while EnviroCo has a much broader focus. Kelly Ling moved to question. The motion passed unanimously.

Tentative Motion 2 → Motion 2
Michael Loginoff of the Class of 2016 proposed that The Alexander Hamilton Society - Colby Chapter becomes an official Club. Jesse Coulon was in attendance to explain that The Alexander Hamilton Society is a national society with 50 college chapters including one at Amherst and Williams. It is an organization focused on international relations and creates discussions. It either brings experts from the field to Colby to debate a Colby professor in front of the student body or brings a panel of experts to Colby to answer questions from the students. This club would need no SGA funding, as the national foundation would provide all funds necessary to bring people to campus and pay the Colby professor for their participation. Emma Clay (East) asked if the Alexander Hamilton Society would be associated with the Global Studies department… it will not be. Brittany Chin (Class of 2016) asked if there was any expressed interest… the club currently has 5 members but has not existed during the school year. The leaders were flown down to Washington DC to meet with other chapter leaders. Nick LaRovere asked how often debates would occur… the first year there would be one in January and one in the spring with an open house each semester. Traditionally there will be an event
each semester and one during January. Jacob Kandel asked if it would work with the Goldfarb Center… the organization could split funding, but it would have to be an AH society event, they could not financially support a Goldfarb event. Kelly Ling (Class of 2014) asked where the money will come from and what the foundation’s incentive to fund the program is… the money comes from grants and donors, they will fly experts to Colby and pay a faculty member to participate, 2-3 thousand dollars for each expert and 500 dollars for a Colby professor and it is to raise awareness on campus. Kylie Vanburen (Mary Low) moved to question. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. New Business**

Arjun Sahgal (Coburn) reminded SGA about his idea for Dorm Olympics. He is hoping to move forward with the idea before Sept. 21, wants the event sooner rather than later because its focus is community building. It would take different groups of dorms and have them compete with each other and then the winners would compete on a school wide level. Games would be like egg racing and orange handoffs and other smaller events and school wide competitions would be tug of war and dodgeball. There would be a winner announced at the end. Kylie that’s a cool idea, but putting it on a Saturday alienates athletes, all fall athletic teams have events have games on the 21st, could we move it to a Sunday. Arjun said Sunday would work. Kelly Ling asked if he ever got in touch with CAs or asked dorm presidents to do that. Arjun - talked to Nick LaRovere about it, and asked dorm presidents to reach out to CAs and run the idea by them, suggested some dorm presidents could go to CA meeting tomorrow evening and propose to all CAs. Tionna Haynes (Class of 2015) noted not all dorms have dorm presidents and asked how we can move forward when a substantial amount of dorms are without presidents.

Arjun - we can propose that when you run for dorm president you must include in your campaign how you’ll have a successful dorm olympics, which could streamline process, help judge people in process, make aware of what is going on. Madeline Hunsicker (Publicity) agreed it is a bad day because of athletics and asked how do you get people to buy into an event so far into semester, she was worried attendance will be low, it is a big commitment, is there a way to entice residents, is there a prize? Arjun - not much of a prize, trophy because of funding, must advertise and make people buy into it, house prize, if you hype it up enough there doesn’t have to be a prize because people will take pride in it. Tim Gallagher (Williams) explained the CA and freshmen in his dorm seemed excited, although might be a more appropriate date, something we should talk about as a group and not just write off the project. Cole Yaverbaum - there’s a list of all CAs, she will send it out so SGA can reach out to them. Madison Mcleod (2015)- date is just coming up really fast, freshmen getting used to being here, not even being a house, don’t have an established house culture, not used to it, because we’re in first year we should be more careful about it because otherwise it might not be successful or continue, shouldn’t rush it, should make it sustainable. Connor Clancy - lots of work to do, we should work on it during the informal meeting. Phil - someone could propose a working committee to hash out the ideas that have been discussed. Cole - if we wait until informal meeting it is too late to have an event early in the semester. Kelly - SPB has agreed work event, earlier means people aren’t as routine, not as much work, if it gets colder we might not get as many people involved, it might have more attendance sooner rather than later. Nick - at the core we have to look at if its a good event, he thinks so, are we all behind it, logistics will work themselves out, working committee can figure it out, if its a good idea we should go for it and learn from mistakes, good ideas will carry themselves. Connor McCarthy (Piper) - what role are dorm presidents playing? Arjun - dorm pres works with CAs to work event, but also stay with dorm and create that community bonding experience, create interaction with dorm. Emma Clay of East motioned to create SGA working committee on Colby College Dorm Olympics and report back by the latest next weekend. She noted that hopefully the group can get to work right
away. The motion was moved to vote. The motion passed, the working group was created and Arjun Sahgal was appointed chair. All SGA members interested were to report to Arjun within 24 hours, Arjun was to report to Cole and Wayne for logistics of a subcommittee. Michael Loginoff (2016) – noted it’s important the committee has substantial work by informal meeting next Sunday because it will be a good place to flush out their ideas. Kylie Vanburen wants to work with Dan Sunderland on residence hall vandalism, Bates has a community service policy to work with janitors early Monday mornings and pick up beer cans or work in dining hall if they’ve been caught committing vandalism which would help people realize the work they create when they do dorm damage. Tionna reintroduced Pledge to Pugh - something she started last year and with SGAs help they are keeping it going, it is a multicultural campaign where members commit to going to at least 2 multicultural events each semester, which helps them go out of comfort zone, learn about people different than themselves, last year SGA participated, she noted it would be great if SGA could promote it and attend events to get to know constituents and ourselves, includes Storytime, but would hope attendance isn’t only at Storytime, once you sign up, you receive an email once a month with multicultural events, interested email Tionna Haynes or pughcenter@gmail.com. Wayne Kim reiterated that Pledge to Pugh is also open to the rest of the community as well. Tionna explained everyone can be aware of different people and experiences. Dan explained that using community service as a deterrent to dorm vandalism is not necessarily new to SGA but hasn’t been flushed out enough as a response to residence hall vandalism, his first steps to meet with Kim Kenniston and security to find out policies and clarify reporting process so that it is as easy as process, clarify penalties, working on deterrents as well, community service would be a great one, gives back to school, he is assessing efficacy of passing Alfond residence hall policy. Wayne brought up the Student Affirmation. He’s been in contact with Morgan Lingar and Keith Love who were members of the task force last year, he is trying to find out if they’re allowed to change language, meeting with Dean Terhune to get his impact. Kelly Ling noted that many of the amendments made last year to the SGA constitution are not included this year. Phil said he would look into that. Wayne asked for an example. Kelly says junior class presidents are required to write monthly newsletters to constituents abroad. Madison - Pledge to Pugh important for all, but especially dorm presidents, can tell constituents around the dorm, very close to them, plug it, one of our goals as SGA this year. Shane Rogers – multiculturalism is a goal of SGA, Dr. Bradley asked if after participating in a Colby United Training SGA would help co-sponsor Colby United trainings to a wider Colby audience and sports teams, to run them throughout the year, Shane is in training in order to give the program on his own, he would like SGA to help sponsor that. Emma asked if SGA is involved in presidential search. Tionna is but all questions need to be directed to Michael Gordon, Chair of the search committee. Phil explained elections are coming up, there would be an official announcement in the near future for freshmen and vacant dorm president positions, get freshmen to run for class and dorm presidents, there is an informational meeting Thursday from 8-9 in LoPo with elections the following week, all election questions should be directed to Phil Hussey.

Kylie Vanburen moved to adjourn. Meeting ended at 7:45 PM.