Committees Report
Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Academic Affairs Committee: The International and US diversity requirements and the ways that the requirement should be interpreted were discussed. The Committee considered a couple class proposals that would potentially fulfill the requirement from different departments. The possibility of canceling classes for a day to encourage participation at the Colby Undergraduate Research Symposium was discussed also.

Administrative Committee: Did not meet.

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee: Did not meet.

Advisory Committee for Off-Campus Study: Did not meet.

AEATAG: Did not meet.

Athletics Advisory Committee: Did not meet.

College Affairs Committee: Did not report.

Committee on Race and Racism: Did not report.

Cultural Events Committee: Did not report.

Financial Priorities Committee: Did not meet.

Health Care Advisory Committee: Did not meet.

Independent Study Committee: Did not report.

Information Technology Committee: Did not meet.

Interfaith Committee: The White House Challenge is a program set forth to promote interfaith communities on campuses with sustainable community engagement and through that strengthening faith. The group agreed that a focus on food in the community was important, such as collaborating with Betty Palmer from the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter, the food bank, and the evening sandwich program. The Committee hopes to engage the religious groups of Waterville to help partner in these efforts, and possibly all of campus and community youth. To make these experiences meaningful beyond the point of just volunteering, the Committee discussed integrating reflection with the Multi-Faith Council's Stories of Faith or Story Time, documenting the experiences with photos and creating a local Colby website or blog, creating meal story sharing opportunities between school and community members (which had success at Amherst College), or creating solidarity meals where students could gather together and
reflect on their experiences and own lives. In addressing community building related to interfaith
on campus, discussion centered around the prospect of speakers coming to campus to discuss
interfaith topics, incorporating an interfaith talk into the first-year seminars, the possibility of
making a class requirement that had to do with interfaith, and making an event this January with
the Multicultural Literacy course being offered for Jan Plan.

**Library Committee**: Did not meet.

**Multicultural Affairs Committee**: Did not report.

**Student Security Advisory Committee**: There have been 80 registered events by trained
hosts so far this year. Registered hosts are responsible for residence hall vandalism between
their room and the nearest exist and the nearest bathroom. There is a walk-through with
Security before and after the registered event, which will ensure that hosts are not blamed for
vandalism that their guests did not commit. Bicentennial weekend was a huge weekend for
Security in terms of the dinner, Ball, the Board of Trustees, etc., so the next Security report will
include goings during that weekend. The total call volume is mostly the same as last year, but
intoxication calls are down. There are 11 new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) being
purchased which will be located in areas such as Pulver.

**SGA Committees**

**Dining Services Committee**: Did not meet.

**Housing and Facilities Advisory Committee**: HFAC most recently discussed the prospect of
having a lip-syncing contest for first room draw pick for rising sophomores, the Alfond damage
policy recommendation passed through SGA, and vandalism fines reform. For the lip-syncing
contest, a poll will be sent to the sophomore class. The wording is being finalized with help from
the Math Department. For the Alfond motion, discussion ensued about extending this policy so
that any dorm that a vandal commits damage in will be off-limits for their future rooming. Nothing
concrete was decided in terms of this elaboration, and the committee seems to like the idea; it
is ultimately up to College Affairs Committee, however. Co-Chair Jonathan Kalin met with Jed
Wartman to discuss where the money from vandalism fines goes. Also, discussion occurred
about extending the vomit fine to include other bodily functions.

**Publicity Committee**: Did not report.

**Traditions Committee**: Did not meet.