Committees Report
Wednesday, October 10, 2012

**Academic Affairs Committee:** The main issues that will be addressed this year on AAC include the Colby Undergraduate Research Symposium (CURS) and the prospect of canceling classes, the second year of the multicultural literacy assessment, and the diversity requirement. In terms of the CURS, different models for dealing with classes on the day of the symposium were discussed. Currently, all presentations are scheduled in the late afternoon and evening without canceling classes. The first model considered is a single-day symposium with classes cancelled, likely a Thursday; the next day, Friday, Thursday classes would meet; the reasoning is that more classes meet on Thursdays than on Fridays. The second model considered is a two-day symposium, each with condensed classes from 8am to 1:10pm; then, the symposium would take place over the course of two afternoons. Most people preferred the first model.

**The Administrative Committee:** Has not met yet.

**Admissions and Financial Aid Committee:** Has not met yet.

**Advisory Committee for Off-Campus Study:** The Advisory for Off-Campus study will not meet until spring semester.

**Financial Priorities Committee:** Has not met yet.

**Independent Study Committee:** Has not met yet.

**Information Technology Committee:** Has not met yet.

**Library Committee:** Has not met yet.

**College Affairs Committee:** The topics that will be discussed this academic year will be: the tobacco-free policy and its
practical procedure and sanctions; registered party policy and protocol; alcohol use of College funds for SGA events; religious holidays and calendar recommendations for new academic year; the Colby Undergraduate Research Symposium and efforts to increase participation in this event; student accountability and support for the trustee task force and reminders to present identification when asked; communication between the CAC and the student body; and the First Year Experience, which is a new program out of Campus Life. Currently, the CAC is focusing on determining student sanctions for violations of the tobacco-free policy. The goal is to establish a disciplinary procedure that is effective as a deterrent, and is also proportional to the degree of the violation. Once these sanctions have been decided upon, they will be published to the student body and the CAC will move on to address other issues facing the student body.

**Athletics Advisory Committee:** Has not met yet.

**Cultural Events Committee:** Has not met yet.

**Health Care Advisory Committee:** Has not met yet.

**Student Security Advisory Committee:** Discussion centered around incidents associated with intoxication. There has been one incident of a student confronting an officer. Security emphasized that Community Advisors (CAs) are always called upon first to attempt to calmed down a situation, before Security gets involved. Also, it was emphasized that Security can escort students who have drunk too much to the hospital, which can avoid court summons. Security is currently looking into some form of restraint, as the procedure now is to call the Waterville Police Department whenever a restraint is needed for a student (e.g., when a student becomes physical, when a student refuses
to present ID); this would allow Security to deal with these cases on campus without contacting WPD, and would help diffuse situations before they could escalate.

**Multicultural Affairs Committee**: Has not met yet.

**Committee on Race and Racism**: Has not met yet.

**Traditions Committee**: Has not met yet.

**Housing and Facilities Advisory Committee**: Has not met yet.

**Dining Services Committee**: Has not met yet.

**Publicity Committee**: The SGA Publicity Committee has posted the Dorm President of the Week, Kylie Van Buren on the SGA bulletin board in Pulver. The prospect of collaborating on 1,001 Smiles (a project that collects donations of gifts and cash to be distributed through the Kennebec Valley Community Action Project during the holiday season) was discussed. Also, the first episode of Behind the Hill, a short video report from representatives of the Presidents Council was posted in dorm newsletters, on Facebook, etc.

**AEATAG**: The NESCAC alcohol results reported in the Echo were discussed. Better ways of distributing information about alcohol to students is being considered, such as a video about how alcohol has affected people at Colby. Ways to involved faculty to illustrate how alcohol affects grades is also being considered.

**Interfaith Committee**: Has not met yet.