Election Guidelines:

1.) The SGA Parliamentarian is responsible for coordinating all elections and scheduling all election events. (Ibraheem Baqai – mibaqai@colby.edu)
2.) Campaigning must not begin before the date and time designated by the incumbent parliamentarian and may continue throughout the voting period.
3.) Additionally, for any SGA election there shall be no campaigning in academic buildings, negative campaigning, or candidates coercing students to vote for them (i.e. standing behind students while they are voting or forcing a laptop on students and asking them to vote). Any of these actions will result in automatic disqualification from the election.
4.) All voting must occur online and the voting window must be 48 hours. In order to win any election a candidate must have a majority of the votes cast. In the event that no candidate wins a majority in an election a run-off will take place between the two tickets with the most votes.
5.) There must always be a write-in option in the initial voting round but never in the run-off.
6.) Candidates must not exceed expenditure limits of $25 and should turn in receipts
7.) Candidates are permitted to use social media to campaign. The social media format(s) may be created, but cannot be made public until the specified date when campaigning begins. Social media includes, but is not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, blogs and webpages. All candidates may urge students to vote, tell them the website of where to vote, but cannot physically show them the website on a computer in front of them as that would be a violation of rule 4.

Position Descriptions

Class Presidents-

1. Each class shall have two voting class presidents to the Student Government Association who shall be called the class presidents.
   i. When voting on SGA, class presidents from the same class year must vote in accord on motions, if they cannot reach a consensus, they must abstain from the vote on that motion
   ii. Each class president will be responsible for representing the interests and concerns of their respective classes on the SGA and for informing their classmates of SGA motions, programs, class specific events and other information as deemed necessary by the SGA executive board.
   iii. All class presidents must attend weekly SGA meetings, apply to serve on one all-college committee, and serve on one SGA Working Group.
   iv. Both class presidents shall organize a class council, which should receive class feedback, plan class programs, further class identity, and enhance school spirit.
v. First Year class presidents are responsible for planning one class dinner per semester and creating the First Year Class Council.

Class presidents shall, at the discretion of the Executive Board, be required to come back before school starts to assist the Executive Board.

Dorm Presidents-

1) Each dorm bloc shall have one voting representative to the SGA who will be called the Dorm President. Candidates for Dorm President must reside in the dorm bloc they wish to serve.

2) Each Dorm President is responsible for representing the interests and concerns of their residents to the SGA and for informing the residents of their dorm bloc of SGA motions, programs, and other information as deemed necessary by the SGA Executive Board.

3) All Dorm Presidents must attend SGA meetings, post bi-weekly newsletters (must include name, dorm bloc, dorm, room number and email), and apply to serve on one all-college committee. Dorm Presidents must work together with the CA(s) of the dorm bloc in which they live, and interact with other members of the dorm bloc regularly. Dorm Presidents should be willing to take on projects that will improve student life at Colby.

4) Dorm Presidents candidates must inhabit the dorm bloc in which they are seeking dorm presidency and are only allowed to campaign within 50’ of their dorm bloc.

5) Each ticket will be able to put up five 22” by 28” posters, use all threads of the General Announcements, create a campaign website, create a Facebook group, chalk with the prior approval of Campus Life, and wear and distribute campaign apparel (such as T-shirts).

6) The sum of all campaign expenditures may not exceed $25.

Dorm Blocks

Alfond
AMS
Coburn & Marylow
Dana
East
Foss & Woodman
Heights

Johnson, Piper & Drummond
Off-Campus
Pierce, Treworgy, Perkins-Wilson & Grossman
Roberts & Goddard-Hodgkins
Taylor, Sturtevant & Leonard
West & Averill
Williams & Marriner
Election Timeline:

Wednesday, September 9th: Elections meeting at 8:00pm in Lovejoy 213

Thursday, September 10th: Elections meeting at 8:00pm in Lovejoy 213

Saturday, September 12th: Signature sheet and Code of Ethics due to the SGA Office, by noon (no exceptions). Place your paperwork in the folder labeled “Code of Ethics and Signature Sheets” located on the bulletin board to the right of the door. You may start campaigning at noon if your signature sheet and code of ethics is turned in.

Wednesday, September 16th: Elections open at 9:00am and voting begins.

Friday, September 18th: Elections close at 9:00am.

Friday, September 18th: Results announced by noon.

If there is a runoff

Friday, September 18th: Polls reopen this afternoon

Saturday, September 19th: Polls close at 3:00pm

Saturday, September 19th: Runoff results will be announced in the evening
SGA Code of Ethics

The Student Government Association of Colby College is committed to initiate positive and realistic change and, through the Presidents’ Council, to provide a forum for the gathering and expression of ideas and concerns from all students. As campus leaders and role models for the student body, we are dedicated to increased campus unity and school spirit; to full and open communication and explanation of events, issues, and proposals for change in College policy; and to the accessibility of views from all students.

The members of the SGA Executive Board and the Presidents’ Council have a responsibility to the student body to uphold the SGA Constitution, to adhere to all rules and regulation of the College as outlined in the Student Handbook, and to be an active and positive member of the Colby Community.

The integrity of the SGA must always be maintained by each member. Members will at all times be conscious of their status as representatives of the student body and will avoid involvement in, or remove themselves from, situations which may tend to lessen the perceived credibility of the SGA. We realize that we are equally accountable for our actions under the aforementioned guidelines of conduct.

My signature below indicates that I have read the above statement. I understand that should my actions result in a review by the SGA Judiciary Committee, all records pertaining to the incident in question will be released, in confidence, to the SGA Judiciary Committee.

Printed Name: ________________________________
Signature: ________________________________ Date: ____________________
Signature Gathering Sheet

Hand in to SGA Office by Saturday, September 12th at noon 12pm.

Your name: ____________________________________________
Your Student ID numbers (s): ____________________________
Dorm Bloc you’re running for: ____________________________
Date: __________________________________________________
Number of Signatures: ____________________________________

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