SGA Formal Minutes

I. Dean’s Report
   ● None

II. Minutes
   ● Approved

III. Executive Board Report
   ● **Sam** - focused on student support with trustee weekend. They really wanted to know what the best way was to move forward with providing good support services to students. We also talked about class deans, whether they are being experienced as helpful - wants to send a survey out to students about how useful class deans are. There’s a generational gap with the trustees and their understanding of mental health… some older members think that if you have a mental health concern you just get over it rather than being treated. The suicide protocol was looked over and what was very focused on was the imminent threat section - people were very concerned about calling the colby security in that instance (some are concerned that 911 will be faster, but there is also the argument that colby security knows the campus better). With respect to multiculturalism we talked about Lexie and their position and helping them with programming on a limited budget. We tried to gently request more funding for multicultural events and we also used Avery’s point of how do we define multiculturalism and how even though the pugh center focuses on multiculturalism, it is something that requires collaboration.

   ● **Taylor** - we’ve been working closely with Colby Dems (lily hermann and thom klepach) for getting people to voting on election day - we have a shuttle for that day and are looking for ways to promote voting and also our shuttle service. trustee weekend was this past weekend and I have been preparing a lot. There were great conversations. I was very pleased with the board having a big focus on improving student experience and they want to understand how we are experiencing our time here. Was the admissions sell accurate? Sam and I talked alot about mental health on campus with the trustees, looking at how to create a balanced and holistic health colby experience. Looking more at community engagement. Trustees are very passionate about what the future of the colby social scene will look like - inclusive and fun for all students… social scene right now probably isn’t actually that way. We are thinking about what spaces are available and what kind of activities we will do… continuing traditions and also creating new activities. Also, what we brought up was the shuttle, the second weekend incidents, security and SGA relations, student health on campus, multiculturalism and the pugh center, community engagement, laundry, downtown dorm. We believe that pugh is very powerful and isn’t necessarily getting the resources that would be equivalent to the impact that it has on our campus and how it is tied into a holistic experience at colby for many many students. The trustees also seem very passionate about this.
• Zack - OCOC going well, ordering official nameplates, people need to start submitting motions (office hours for Zack MONDAYS 1-3), you are required to submit two motions per semester as a Senator - deadlines will be Thursday or Friday prior to formal meetings

• Tyra - working with jess and danielle and nathan to streamline reimbursement process and confusion that students have with using the campus life card, trying to make everything less confusing and more accessible, drafting an email to annual budget clubs or all clubs with reminders about everything we went over in club training and other things we need to bring to attention, met with margaret mcfadden about clarifying what our role as SGA is in supporting students (making sure students know that we are not the only funding source and that certain events are better funded by other groups)

• Molly - business forum in downtown dorm (waterville businesses publicizing their stuff), community engagement committee is going to soup kitchen on december 1 (if you want to join email molly) also going to sewing club at yard goods (email if you want to join), planning main street waterville cleanup, SPB and SGA are moving winter festival to first weekend in february. Also meeting with nathan tomorrow because karlene has thoughts about window decorating downtown - each window decorating project would be supported by a club.

• Laura - doing lots of advertising, sending all school emails (let me know if you need things included or if people need complaints or events publicized), working on fixing parking issues, trying to advertise updated parking map

• Maddie -

• Diego - meeting with Lexie and setting up meetings for MLK committee, story time going well, added to BIPR committee, what matters to me and why is tomorrow 12-1 with adam howard in pugh, meeting with pugh club leaders

IV. Community Forum

• Jess Mano - Campus Life: last time I was here security was a big topic and I just wanted to come in and talk with you guys and check in. just trying to get to know you guys and what is important to you all and trying to understand what is important to you etc. do you all have any other comments questions or concerns.
  - Sam K: security committee is looking to foster more positive communications and interactions with students. We’re trying to do little posters of each security member with some facts about them in the spa hallway near pugh. We are also looking for ways for students to see security guards on campus in off duty times so people can get to interact with them. Also creating flowcharts about how to interact effectively and positively with security.
  - Jess: Fill the stands was amazing yesterday!
  - Graeme: I’ve heard complaints about security guards watching the cameras.
- Jess: we have talked a bit about that. We heard concerns that facilities were
  watching the cameras and that is something they should never be doing and now
  those computers are password protected and facilities will not be watching, but
  the security guards can check in on them when necessary.
- Sam Lee: how did the concert go last night?
- Jess: concert was fabulous. 965 tickets were sold and 875 folks checked in, but
  most people that bought a ticket came. Setup was easy and teardown was quick.
  We did a poor job of marketing tacos in the spa and water bottles. There were 4
  intoxication incidents and 3 of those were transported (over the weekend - not
  related to the concert).
- Taylor H: there are a lot of athletics teams competing at bates this coming
  weekend. Is there anything we should be doing as SGA and Campus Life?
  Possibly a bus?
- Jess: We can look into that.
- Tyra: Danielle has done this in the past where she can get busses together pretty
  quickly, but I don’t want to get anyone’s hopes up. We will look into it though.

V. Old Business

- Zack: Does anyone want to talk informally about issues they want to bring to the table?
- Graeme: planning to draft a motion to return to the old frame of sending out civil
  discourse to everyone via email… it is a good way to start conversations and better
  understand campus climate.
- Taylor H: can you describe civil discourse
- Graeme: it was sent out daily and students would draft and submit thoughts to the entire
  school about anything (specific issues or things that happened on campus)
- Sam K: I completely agree - a few years ago we talked to communications about getting
  that on the daily email and we were met with a lot of stubbornness. This is worth
  revisiting and talking to them with a stronger tone and tougher demands.
- Ben F: I think the data that came out of that was that the people who actually use the civil
  discourse via the app is so small. Only about 250 students had downloaded the app and
  were using the civil discourse.
- Graeme: yes. Using those numbers and some of the things that the free speech task force
  has been talking about can help.
- Sam L: We have Louisa, our Colby echo rep and also Fatimah from 2019!
- Ben F: Another motion idea - getting a more centralized page of office hours of faculty.
  Colgate has a portion of their website where it has all of their faculty’s office hours listed.
- Ashlee: in the spirit of more centralized communication we have been talking about
  instagram presence
- Laura Polley: we are thinking of doing story highlights for each class to centralize that
  info
VI. Committee Reports

- **Academic Affairs**: talked about making Jewish studies a major, Middle Eastern studies a minor and creating an overseeing committee. It is a contentious topic. There are also some new courses being approved.
- **Academic Honesty**: chugging through different dishonesty cases on campus and firing off a campaign to promote academic honesty awareness so people are aware of what that looks like and starting a dialogue between students and teachers about what honesty looks like in their classes. We are designing posters for that.
- **Budget**: we met but Doug Terp wasn’t there so it was a conference phone call thing talking about this year and last year’s budget. Most of that is pretty confidential, but if you want details contact me or Doug. A lot of money is going into student experience but most of that is being spent downtown. There are a lot of other components of student experience that don’t seem to be invested in enough, so if you have thoughts on that that you want me to bring up, contact Tyra.
- **College Affairs**: have a meeting tomorrow and are putting together
- **Mission and Priorities**
- **Student Conduct Board**: Joe Atkins is now in charge, but only works part time, so conduct stuff is going to get started in 4-5 weeks.
- **Admissions and Financial Aid**: meeting on Wednesday
- **Athletics Advisory**: met and went over some of the schedules for spring
- **Campus Life Residential Program**: haven’t heard
- **Cultural Events**: we’ll be voting on proposals first of the month
- **Diversity and Inclusion**: they have no idea what is happening with that
- **Information and Technology**: haven’t met, but meeting on November third
- **Library**: met a couple weeks ago and didn’t do a ton, did intros and voted on who you wanted to lead the group.
- **Off-Campus Study Advisory**: meeting October 30th
- **Parking Ticket Appeals**: meeting November 7th. Also been talking with Eileen about making parking more clear
- **Security**: everything mentioned to jess and also a map about where everyone can park because there are only areas that where people can’t park. And talked about including a physical bus stop. Also from now until the snow blocks are up, the dirt areas in Mary-Low are available until then.
- **BIPR**
- **Dining Services**: first meeting on Wednesday
- **Health Care Advisory**: haven’t heard anything
● **Finance**: met and are re-doing what our goals are. I’m looking to finance committee as representatives from diverse groups around campus and looking to them for what parts of campus need more support. We went over department funding and how we should manage academically oriented clubs and whether they should be funded through departments or through SGA. Dean McFadden seems to be open to funding things. Also there were some new clubs who are getting approved budgets. We are going to start having clubs with big budgets come in and do full budget proposals for us. We are in a tricky spot supporting a lot of roles this year and we don’t want students to feel like we as a finance committee are shutting down ideas.

● **Housing and Facilities Advisory**: there were a few good meetings about what will happen in the spring semester and when rooms open up in the downtown dorm. Since it is an application process what will that look like for abroad people. Looking into wellness housing for next year and whether we want to continue

● **Community Engagement**: talked

● **OCOC**: approving new clubs there’s a meeting coming up tomorrow.

● **Publicity**: meeting end of this week or beginning of next

● **Traditions**: working on fall ball (nov 9) and spontaneous fun day. We are having an issue with the location for fall ball… possibly page OR bobby silberman or foss.

VII. **Class Reports**

● **2019**: assembled class council and are planning a class dinner and we worked on fill the stands and that was great. We have bar nights scheduled for the rest of the semester and we are working on the pub crawl. Also sending out a calendar for the rest of the semester with themes (with the pub possibly - karaoke nights, working with vendors) locations and random events.

● **2020**: had a great class council meeting. We are having an event this thursday - halloween trick or treat crawl for other juniors in costume that night (cheese tasting room, a room for dancing, a fortnite room). You guys can come in costume too! Fill the stands went really well.

● **2021**: fill the stands was great. We also have a big event with 2022 coming up (a fall themed event with a gratitude tree). We are going to do a class dinner, an open mic night, a trivia night (you’re all invited to all of those)

● **2022**: we are getting off the ground with things. Trying to diversify communication to our class (an instagram and snapchat subscription). Fill the stands was great. Working on getting our class council together. Also doing that event with 2021.

VIII. **New Business**

● **SGA ball** - november 30th and molly will be hosting in her apartment. If you have theme ideas let sam kane know.
● Tyra - for all new members, Jess is our advisor/liaison and she is super supportive and helpful so try to get a meeting with her
● Sam - nathan reached out. He is heading to a programming seminar in connecticut on thursday - that will be sent in an email