Colby SGA Informal Minutes

I. Intros
   ● Eboard - Sam Taylor Laura Maddie Tyra Zack Molly Diego
   ● 2019 - Merrill Matt Graeme Tanner Holly Olive
   ● 2022 - Avery David Laura Ellie Nena Morgan
   ● 2020 - Julia Matt Sam Sarah Ben (absent Shivani)
   ● 2021 - Ali Ashlee Hannah Gen Sam Justin

II. What are the problems/hot topics you see at Colby?
   - Avery: reevaluate what inclusion means and how to get to that and also support for the arts and other extracurriculars besides athletics
   - David: bridging the gap between international students and other students and also bridging the athlete and student gap
   - Laura: bridging the athlete and other student gap and also working with Taylor on laundry issues
   - Ellie: it’s hard to say if this is a problem because I haven’t been here yet but getting more voices heard and more class involvement in SGA activities
   - Morgan: lighting on campus and other schools have dining dollars that they can use to eat other places outside of Colby
   - Nena: a lot of different backgrounds and areas in the US at Colby and we forget that people don’t always feel like they belong here, so just making people feel like they belong regardless of who they are and bridging the gap and encouraging people to be leaders on campus… shuttle service and the jitney are unreliable in terms of how close they are to being here and also
   - Matt M: Parking issues, security issues,
   - 2020: accessibility to administration and transparency between what deans are saying and what students want and making that more well known. Making sure SGA is acting to represent students to the administration. Impact of downtown on Waterville and the spending that is occurring.
   - Talking about the shuttle and how to make that eco friendly and making it reliable for students for when they need to go downtown. General rules for spending as a whole on SGA and better managing out budget and creating very detailed rules as to what clubs can be spending on. Not spending on personalized swag. Growing responsibilities for students…. everyone at Colby seems cross-sectionally involved and sometimes there is a concern that students don’t have time to fully engage in some endeavors because they are spreading themselves too thin
   - 2021: ways that Colby may sometimes forget about the income disparity (considered laundry costs). Addressed security and transportation…. Colby is expanding and becoming less of a secluded campus and the school needs to provide better transportation. Also as Colby becomes more with Waterville we should find other ways for us to volunteer (not just a random day).
   - Talked about bringing back multicultural literacy again.

III. What do you as a class want to achieve this year?
   - David: trying to improve communication and the medium to do that is difficult (finding another way to promote events
- Avery: also having CAs to be a means of promoting things
- Laura: setting an example for inclusion and getting the whole class together
- Ellie: encouraging people to get to events where you can branch out and meet new people
- Avery: I agree it was an awesome thing but there is an institutional failure
- Avery: MOCA, SOBLU, SGA, Theater and Dance
- David: SOLBU, MOCA, Outing Club, possibly Natural Sciences
- Laura: Softball, SAAC, SGA, Outing Club
- Ellie: SGA, Track Team, Outing Club, Colby Dancers
- Morgan: CCAK, SGA, Partners in Health, Frisbee, Dems
- Nena: SGA, WOCA,
- 2019: Well coordinated bar nights, activities, and senior week. Activity at the pub has been pretty limited, it is privately owned and kind of struggling (so we are hoping to host themed pub nights or doing a pool tournament etc)

IV. **What do you think SGA as a whole should focus on?**
- 2019: promoting community forum and further connection with student body… bringing back the civil discourse

V. **What can SGA do related to these topics?**

VI. **Other Thoughts**
- Crosswalk near softball/baseball
- Accessibility just in terms of getting place to place on campus (very difficult to even get from Cotter to Diamond)
- Free bike program
- Transportation is a HUGE issue
- Parking ticket appeals being more lenient? Bob was sort of but sort of not open to
- Accessibility: also possibility of shuttles to take people to and from athletics or other places on campus
- People having been denied ride services to get to therapy and other locations off campus that they need
- Also transportation to pick up prescriptions is essential

VII. **Announcements**
- Email maddie with contact info (phone number) and ID numbers (if you are on the unlimited meal plan)
- Send out your newsletters
- Class councils make sure you have class councils
- Fill the stands is happening on October 20th (if you are interested in helping with this reach out to Sam)
- No meeting next weekend because fall break
- Storytime tonight with Carolyn Jones
- SGA Ball - Sam Sarah Laura Olive Graeme