



Colby College — Student Government Association  
Student Body President Report  
*November/December 2022*

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**November Goals**

- Elect and train a new VP! :)
- Finalize website
- Get follow through on Athlete Title IX motion
- Meet with Class Presidents and reevaluate goals
- Develop DEI education campaign for weekly emails
- Begin Runnels space proposal
- Fulfill two sustainability working group goals
- Pick 1-3 organizations to partner with for fundraising

**November/December Accomplishments**

- VP elected!
- Met with Class Presidents and re established relationships
- DEI weekly campaign
- Continued YikYak discussions and supported Art Against Hate campaign
- World Cup viewing room
- Attempted to get progress with Title IX motion: hit some road blocks
- Passed motion to amend election campaign guidelines
- Met with Brian Clark about new dorm and Runnels
- Met with UseFull to discuss next steps for sustainable to-go
- Prom!
- Thrifted dresses and suit jackets to give away for prom
- Assessed winter clothing funds for First-Year low income students and connected Karin Weston with two companies that will cut all costs in half to better allocate funds
- Reevaluated second semester budgets
- Focus groups for multicultural housing
- Discuss a spring fundraiser

### November Addressed Feedback (ongoing)

- Engaging in conversations with other white folks on race is important. Burden to have these conversations cannot be on POC.
- Professors should be updated on what goes on on campus so they can better respond
- SGA members should be showing up to events they sponsor. They should be supporting a diverse range of events.
- Need to survey student body on current needs for club and student spaces
- May need an SGA motion to push yikyak efforts
- SGA needs better practices for teaching people how to be on SGA

### January Goals

- Host winter bus trips
- Support Saddleback Learn to Ski event
- Address mental health concerns by reevaluating the capacity of the health center
- Begin planning The Happiness Project and get the speaker set up (Gretchen Rubin & Dr. Laurie Santos)
- Starting thinking about a possible Colby, Bates, Bowdoin battle of the bands
- Begin/continue collecting feedback for Runnels proposal

Questions or concerns? Please provide feedback to these members using [this link](#). This form will be checked weekly and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

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