

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
January 29th, 2019

Attendance:

Officers: Cheyanne Matulewich, Allison Finch, Mercedes Hernandez, Jennifer McKenna, and Veronica Collazo.

Members: Brycen Franek, Cody Cooper, Angela Armstrong, Alex Smith and Tayler Clerkin.

Advisors: Jeff Foote and Matt LaLonde.

Guests: Isaac Rys, Conor Brinkworth, Adam Meyer, Zach Port, Toby Cooper, Travis Veste, Ashley Sisson, Anna Camporese, Eric Mariano, Miranda Hill, Erin Denman, Brittany VanDuzer, Tiarra Rosado, Sarah Easley, Heather Heckman, Joshua Burdick, Christopher Simmons, Brittney Davis, Bailey Godson, Renee Handy, and Julia Rainville.

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

Open Floor

Griot B, black history hip hop story teller, introduced himself and spoke of how he educates through music. He is on tour all around America, and will be rapping about black and Latino history in Bouck Ballroom.

Taylor Clerkin, vice-president of Ski and Snowboard Club introduced herself and expressed that the new club is looking for new members and looking forward to enjoy the snow while it lasts. They meet in Warner 018 from 12:15pm-1:00pm

Adam Meyer suggested renovating and having a bigger gym, or workout stations in residence halls. Cheyanne stated that SGA can serve as an outlet to help get things rolling, even though its own budget can't fund that. Matt LaLonde stated that this is a great forum to speak on where funding goes to and projects that are in place. Currently there are logistical issues such as health and safety concerns, but those amenities are currently being looked at.

Jennifer McKenna asked if renovating the bowling area is in the works. Matt stated that there are multiple phases that are in motion for Bouck Hall, including the bowling alley. The campus wants to create as many resources as possible for students and to utilize student space.

Brittany VanDuzer stated that Ag Business comes up with a trip every year. This year's trip is to San Diego and tour up the coast. The club needs 20 students to make it happen. This will take place May 12th-20th, and the estimated cost is about \$1900.

Linda Serdy works for Admissions in Knapp Hall and is reaching out to speak about Accepted Students Day. Most students that come in want to know about clubs, thus Linda proposed to include clubs in ASD. Clubs could have a table, sell merchandise, etc. This would be a great

opportunity for networking and getting membership in clubs. Jeff Foote asked how many clubs they are looking for, to which Linda stated that 6 would be an ideal.

Matt Barney oversees orientation, community services and engagement, and Greek life on campus. In regards to alternative spring break, an amazing opportunity has presented itself for spring 2019. This year is to the Nashville Metropolitan area. We will be working with children through the Boys and Girls Club and doing educational programs and building a community garden. Students would leave on Saturday the 16th of March, and returning on March 27th. He is looking for 6-7 people, and applications will be reviewed in a couple of weeks.

Alex Smith asked who is paying for this, to which Cheyanne stated that the students will not be paying for it.

Alex also asked that clubs hang up their club fliers outside the Office of Student Leadership, as when Student Ambassadors give tours to prospective students, they like to be able to show how many clubs are active and available on campus.

Executive Board

Active Member Policy: Cheyanne explained that there is a requirement of a leave of absence letter to continue to be a member if you are unable to make meetings. Along with this, Cheyanne asked that if members know that they will not be able to attend a meeting, she asks that if possible they send an email in advance.

Elections are coming up- all officer positions are open. By February 18th you must declare candidacy with a letter of intent. You also must become a member by that time as well. Immediately after, campaigning starts and will run through elections, which will take place on March 11th-13th. Policies on campaigning will be presented during the next SGA meeting.

Committees

Elections: Veronica Collazo introduced herself and spoke of the elections committee, and how this semester it will play a big part in the elections this March.

Constitutions: The objective for this semester is to look over SGA policies and constitutions.

Finance: Mercedes Hernandez has a couple of requests for additional funds, and will also be looking over the next academic year's budget.

Currently, she asked for a motion to be made to fund SGA leaders to be able to attend retreats/conferences. Alex made the motion to move \$2500 from additional funds. Angela Armstrong seconded the motion and Mercedes abstained. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed.

Public Relations: Jenn is looking into helping Mike Wacksman with the coffee in the commuter's lot. She is also looking to plan programming. Lastly, she is looking for a chair for the hospitality committee to get the food beforehand.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

New Business

Allison spoke about a new position within SGA- a SUNY SA liaison. This individual will be a member that would handle any information going back and forth between SUNY SA and our SGA. They would also be welcome during Executive Board meetings to keep us informed. In order to become the liaison, we ask that they submit a letter of intent. SUNY SA is similar to the SGA of all SUNY SGAs. The skills we are looking for include good communication skills. These will be due next Tuesday, February 5th, 2019.

Blood Drive

We are the #1 school in SUNY with regards for percentages, and are hoping to keep it up this semester! The first blood drive is Thursday, January 31st from 11:30 to 5:30 in the Bouck Ballroom.

Club Con

SGA is looking for clubs to table at 12:00 pm in to promote their club. There will be a prize for the club with the most spirit, etc.

Concerns and Announcements

DEI Action Group

Looking for student members- this opportunity provides experience, leadership opportunities, something to put on your resume, as well as personal professional growth.

Adjournment

Angela made a motion to end the meeting; Mercedes seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.