

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2018

Attendance:

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

Members: Sharon Restrepo, Taylor Clerkin, Cody Cooper, Angela Armstrong, Brycen Franek, Ashley Reinoso, Alex Smith, Abigail O'Brien, Michael Accetta, and Lyndsey Wantis.

Advisors: Jeff Foote and Anne Hopkins Gross.

Guests: Kaylin Klein., Travis Vester, Sage Blackmar, Tiarra Rosado, Sarah Easley, Teresa Klem, Jarid Conti, and Erin Denman.

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Open Floor

Matt Barney spoke on behalf of Greek life on campus. There are currently four local organizations (not recognized, but the college has been putting together guidelines and ground rules over the course of 1 ½ years), and two nationally recognized organizations- all of which are considered colonies.

Every Friday at 3:00pm in Brickyard, two representatives from each organization meets for Greek Council. A goal for Matt is to have Greek reps in SGA if possible, and vice versa. Seeing as how in terms of community service the various Greek organizations have almost 1,000 service hours, Matt wanted to thank SGA for stressing the importance of community service.

Erin Denman stated that there will be a Fright or Flight Zombie Chase hosted by the Dramatic Tigerians on October 31st from 6:00-8:00pm and there is a \$5 entry fee per team.

Jarid Conti announced that the Weightlifting Club, which is a new interest group on campus, has reserved the weight room Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00pm for members and guests to work out and/or be helped to form a work-out program that would help them reach their goals.

Cheyanne announced that Thursday, November 1st there will be an APA Academic Resource Rally in CASE from 3:30-4:30pm.

Approval of Minutes

Lyndsey Wantis made a motion to accept the minutes from October 23, 2018. Taylor Clerkin seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Executive Board

Cheyanne announced some revisions made to the Advisors Policy, including the inclusion of a preamble and that advisors must be present for at least 50% of a club's meetings. If anyone has

any questions, Cheyanne asks that they come see her during her office hours as listed in the Office of Student Leadership.

Committees

Elections: There was nothing to discuss at this time.

Constitutions: There are various interest groups Allison Finch is working with, such as the Weightlifting Club, Ski and Snowboarding, and an Acapella group (Coby Clefs).

Finance: Mercedes Hernandez had four requests to raise funds. Trout Unlimited will be having a t-shirt sale within their club to have club generated funds, Plant Science and Sustainability will be selling home-made apple cider in CANR until November 2nd to raise money to go on a trip, and Pre-Vet Club will be selling chocolates in CANR and Wheeler Hall to raise club generated funds. These three requests were approved out of committee. The fourth request is from the Bee club, and Mercedes asked members to come to the finance committee to vote on it so it can be passed or not passed.

Public Relations: Jennifer McKenna was pleased to announce that pumpkin carving had an amazing turnout, and Jen hopes to work with CSA again in the future.

Monday, November 5th SGA will be working with Mike Wacksman again tabling at the Commuter Lot for the Blood Drive. Any help would be appreciated.

Old Business

Charity Volleyball will be held on Thursday, November 1st at 7:00pm, and proceeds will go to the Charleston Animal Society. SGA will also be participating as a team.

New Business

Advocacy Tabling

If anyone has any worldly concerns, SGA is willing to table, advocate, and educate the community about them in an effort to make a difference. Cheyanne is planning to talk about this during Club Council.

Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will be November 6th, and a sign-up sheet was passed around for tabling before and during the event.

SGA Dinner

Friday, November 2nd at 5:00pm SGA will be hosting a member and guest dinner at Justine's, all are welcome to come.

Holiday Open House

Jeff Foote spoke on revamping the event. Traditionally, there is an office party style where the lounge can be decorated and there will be games and food. To compensate for a larger event to

attract more, the anticipated cost would be \$600. It was suggested that OSL pay \$300, and SGA covers the rest, also \$300. This would take place on December 7th. Cheyanne asked to entertain a motion for SGA to allocate \$300 to go towards this event. Ashley Reinoso made the motion for the transfer of funds, and Alex Smith seconded the motion. Cheyanne Matulewich, Mercedes Hernandez, Jennifer McKenna, and Veronica Collazo abstained. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed.

Concerns and Announcements

SUNY Assembly: November 16th-18th

Charity Volleyball: Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 pm in the Bouck ballroom.

Adjournment

Taylor made a motion to end the meeting; Ashley seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm.