

SUNY Cobleskill  
Student Government Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2019

**Attendance:**

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

**Members:** Travis Vester, Toby Cooper, Zach Port, Cody Cooper, Alex Smith, Erin Denman, Conor Brinkworth, Sage Blackmar, Ashley Reinoso, and Brycen Franek.

**Advisors:** Jeff Foote, Anne Hopkins Gross

**Guests:** Megan Kruzinski, Anna Camporese, Ryan Luffman, Branden McAuley, Karen Weller, Jonathan Dortch, Julia Rainville, Adam Meyer, Eric Mariano, Stephanie Zacharias, and Josh Foust, Joe Batchelder

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:29 p.m.

**Open Floor**

Joseph Bachelder has been at SUNY Cobleskill for 5 years. He is director of facilities management, and covers construction and maintenance/operations. There are various other functions he oversees on campus, such as vehicle rental, and overseeing any property owned by the campus. For example, CAS is not state owned, and not under his jurisdiction. That being said, they work so closely that you could hardly tell. There are two very separate and distinct forms of money with regards to this. One is capital improvement money, which allows to make large scale monetary investments into renovations, etc. Campus operation money is used towards smaller scale needs, such as sanitary items. Cheyanne mentioned the concern brought up by SGA to put a sanitary bin in each academic buildings, and how we are working with facilities to do so.

Eric Mariano asked if facilities has any plans to renovate Frisbee, Alumni, the Old Gym, etc. seeing as how it looks compact and run down. Joseph stated that we have to abide by the state historic preservation guidelines which limit them. He also said that there have been significant changes to the Old Gym in the past 5 years.

Allison Finch asked how the project with Prentice going. Joseph stated that there were some minimal technical difficulties that take time, but everything is going well and the contractor is very good. It is anticipated that it will be open for the summer.

Stephanie Zacharias asked which projects are the most difficult, and how could they be categorized. Joseph stated that his colleagues generally agree on a couple of things. The first and foremost is that they try to not cause any troubles for the students and stay under the radar and minimize impact on the students. This is a main priority for them with regards to their projects.

With regards to the survey passed out prior to the meeting, this campus has about 77 significant structures on campus.

Cody Cooper asked if the debate could be moved, as some of the candidates have conflicts. Cheyanne stated that this will be looked into.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Alex Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from February 12, 2019. Brycen Franek seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

### **Executive Board**

29 Clubs came to Club Con, including SGA.

With regards to last week's concern about faculty and communication methods in the event that classes are canceled. Sue Zimmerman, the provost, said that she will be looking into a text form of communication. Cheyanne also spoke about online drop forms, and the discomfort that comes with

### **Committees**

Elections: On behalf of the Elections committee, Veronica Collazo asked to recognize Conor Brinkworth as an official member of SGA. He fulfilled his obligations to SGA last week, which included attending 3 SGA Meetings, and two committees/events under SGA. Alex seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

The candidates for the 2019-2020 Student Government Executive Board are as follows:

#### President:

Cheyenne Matulewich  
Cody Cooper

#### Vice-President:

Ashley Reinoso  
Travis Vester  
Connor Brinkworth

#### Treasurer:

Alex Smith  
Zach Port

#### Public Relations:

Sharon Restrepo  
Toby Cooper

#### Secretary:

Veronica Collazo

Constitutions: Two updates. It had been established that there were concerns with feminine hygiene products and wellness packages. There was an issue and concern with the quality of the products. All products and supplies are provided statewide and FDA approved. Another thing is that if you do not want to order a package, you can always come into the Wellness Center to pick one up discreetly. Another notice is that the constitution will be sent out via email, along with proposed edits next week. This is the two week notice for the vote.

Finance: There were two request to raise funds forms. Ducks unlimited will be hosting National Blank Day throughout the semester. Basically, throughout the year there are national donut days,

etc, thus they will be selling themed goods. Student Veteran's Association will be having their spring dinner April 18<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm. Both requests were approved out of committee. Budgets are coming in for the next academic school year, and Mercedes asked that members and guests come to the meetings.

Public Relations: Jenn stated that next week we will be having a Soul Food venue through CAS. She will also be doing polls through the Facebook page. That being said, the surveys provided at the beginning of the meetings and thanked all of the participants as it is valuable information.

### **Old Business**

Sage Blackmar has been appointed as our SUNY SA liaison.

### **New Business**

SUNY SA will be April 6<sup>th</sup>, however we will be leaving the night of the 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be attended by the officers of the 2019-2020 academic school year. Members will also have an opportunity to attend.

Cheyenne went over the proposed changes to SGA's Strategic Plan and the Mission Statement. Cody Cooper made a motion to accept the proposed Student Government Association Mission Statement. Ashley Reinoso seconded the motion, there was no discussion, and the motion was passed.

Alex Smith made a motion to accept the proposed Student Government Association Strategic Plan. Brycen Franek seconded the motion, there was no discussion, and the motion was passed.

### **Concerns and Announcements**

Debate Night will be rescheduled after the candidates find a time that works for all.

Charity Volleyball will be Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm in the auditorium.

UPD Chief Forum are in the Tiger's Den in Bouck Hall at 4:00pm on February 29<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup>, and February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Wacksman stated that the money given by SGA to half-court shot has been returned as the shots weren't made, but the spirit was there and he is very appreciative.

### **Adjournment**

Cody made a motion to end the meeting; Ashley seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.