

SUNY Cobleskill

Student Government Association

SGA General Meeting

October 29th, 2019

Attendance:

Senators: Cheyanne Mutulewich, Ashley Reinoso, Abigail O'Brien, Alex Smith, Kyliene Philips, Bennett Ashley, Isaac Rys, Alex Allen, Paige Winks, Sage Blackmat, Mikara White, Eric Mariano, Tyreek Alicea, Christopher Parker, Ian Molinaro, Kristen Schmelzle, Ruben Vasquez

Guests: Emily Arnold, Ryan Marriner, Olivia Rogers, Joshua Burdick, Gavin Cobb

Greek Life: Kiarenton Desir, Tatiana Wright, Tyreek Alicea, Brittany Davis

Club Delegate: Christopher Parker, Katerina Weingarten, LeeAnne Sellick, Melissa Keller, Christian Akpan, Issac Mrys, Joshua Kline, Angelica George, Julianna Ciccotelli, Abbie Brunnelle, Gianna Bevilacqua, Ryan German, Evelise Liz, Daniel Koerner, Emma Rogers, John Frev, Laura Littrell, Ryan Morgan, Ryan Sanders, Jennifer Mckenna, Nicole Kocher, Ryan Lenning, Nick Carozza, Maclain Keovgh, Joe Wolf, Hannah Morrill, Angela Armstrong

Advisors:

Matt LaLonde, Dr. Anne Hopkins Gross

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Guest Speaker:

Katherine Waltz came to speak from Wellness Center to talk to us about nutrition on campus and the services that she and CAS provides to all students.

Nathaniel Schwartz entered the meeting.

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented by **Angela Armstrong**, second **Alex Allen**.

No Changes/corrections are (list of names of person making correction) N/A

No objections

Alex Smith and **Bennett Ashley** abstain

Minutes Pass.

Open Floor:

Jennifer McKenna shared her concerns about meal swipes and what students can use at Twisted to buy two sandwiches/dinners. **Alex Allen** added that you can call ahead for the RA on duty to use their card.

Jennifer McKenna Raised the issue with Club Delegates and having members attend. She asked why is it beneficial for our members to attend. “It shouldn’t be forced and there are no interactions with the clubs during the meetings.”

Cheyenne Matulewich responded by saying that club council was not working. Those attending the council meeting did not like that system so the board looked at other School models to base off of and having in mind that people might have other ideas or input there is going to be a survey monkey at the end of the semester to receive feedback. **Alex Allen** responded by saying how this model has been working well, the senators are able to make informed decisions about different topics but the one topic that he brought up was about the budget cut. With the input from the club delegates they were able to make a decision based on what the delegates had to say. **Nicky** suggested to find a common hour to have a Club Council Meeting that is not on Tuesday and Thursday. **Melissa Keller** interjected by saying that because of the new model she became a club delegate and was able to use the information she got from SGA Meetings. She used this opportunity to inform her club about what events were happening on campus, before there was no communication and her club did not know what was happening on campus.

Cheyenne Matulewich is still open to suggestions for new models. No one gave any suggestions.

Executive Reports:

Cheyenne Matulewich: Is going to be more transparent with body about the meetings she attends in a power point. Cheyanne talked about the recycling bin initiative that will be happening with the partnership of Facilities, 10 bins will be placed around campus.

Next **Cheyenne Matulewich** discussed the gender equity bathrooms, the two bathrooms here in the Bouck has been decided that because of there being no urinal in the men's bathroom, that the signs will be changed to gender equality signs. The bathrooms in the quad buildings and Weiting already have single use, gender neutral bathrooms, but unfortunately the freshman buildings will take longer.

Then **Cheyenne Matulewich** discussed faculty evaluations resolution from last week, the meeting with Faculty Governance President Professor Brabetz. Final week implication is in the works to fit all adjuncts and majors, Sue Zimmerman offered to have a forum to offer overall concerns with students writing down their concerns. **James Wilson** asked about what difference will it make if professors already have tenure? Is there anything in place? **Cheyenne Matulewich** responded that the professors with tenure will be held accountable too with the evaluation since it will be imposed on tenured and non tenured faculty. We are still thinking about the peaceful protest walk for evaluations.

Pizza with the Presidents: Mon. Nov. 4, 4:30 pm Lower BYP; meet the president, let her hear about what is going on around campus

Anne Rogan partnership for a campaign to start a plastic free campus, biodegradable silverware; Cheyanne asked if any student wants to be on this committee: **Bennett Ashley, Eric Mouriano, Olivia Rogers, Abigail O'Brien, Brittney Davis, Reuben Vasquez, Dylan Koerner**

Three students in attendance left due to other commitments.

Committee Reports:

Affiliations: Constitution and bylaws binder with old and updated forms (new club handbook) the committee meets at 2:00 pm on Tuesdays

Jennifer McKenna and **Reuben Vasquez** left

Finance: Four request to raise funds forms were presented.

Bennett Ashley: Questioned if raffles were illegal on SUNY campus? **Alex Smith:** responded that if they attach an item then it's legal.

No opposed, **Alex Smith** abstain.

Request to Raise Funds was passed.

Spirit Committee: **Kyliene Philips** asked for senators to sign up to table for blood drive. There will be a social media campaign for the blood drive. Reminding the club that Melissa Ruiz is coming for the Swift Kick Nov. 13 6-8 in Bouck theatre, two club members are asked to attend and if two can't be in attendance then it was asked to have at least one person from each club there. Charity Volleyball is Nov. 7th at 7pm **Hannah Morrill**: asked about the entry fee for charity volleyball?

Kyliene Philips: Responded by saying the entry fee is \$40-\$45. The constitution is updated on the SUNY Cobleskill website, but we are making a new website for ourselves.

One person in attendance left

Old Business:

None to discuss

New Business:

Senator Vote-in:

We Voted in **Zyere Molinaro** as a senator – First **Alex Smith, Bennett Ashley** seconded

No opposed, no abstain.

Secretary Vote-in:

The four candidates gave a little elevator speech as to why they should be voted in as the secretary.

Questions:

Bennett Ashley: What other commitments do the candidates have?

Abigail O'Brien: Responded by saying that she works in the OSL office, Plant Science Club, and school work

Zyere Molinaro: Responded that the only commitments he has are school work and SGA

Melissa Keller: Responded by saying that she is the Block and Bridle president, a treasurer in a few other clubs, and school work

Mikara White: Responded by saying that she only has school work and SGA

Alex Allen: wanted clarified who lived on campus or off?

Abigail O'Brien: Responded by saying that she lives on campus.

Zyere Molinaro: Responded with saying that he lives off campus.

Melissa Keller: Responded that she lives on campus.

Mikara White: Responded to the body by saying that she lives on campus.

With the final question the candidates left so that voting can continue.

Abigail O'Brien won the election and was appointed secretary.

Emma Rogers and another person in attendance left the meeting.

Matt LaLonde left after the count.

Following the secretary election **Ashley Reinoso:** presented the policies that were edited and changed into bylaws. The main aspect of the edits was mainly verbiage and an added sentence into the Election Bylaw

A motion was made about the changes to the new bylaws first **Isaac Rys**, second **Tyreek Alicea**

Discussion: **Alex Allen**, there was only three, not four. Ashley showed there was four there.

Bennett Ashley: Questioned if the bylaws should be separated for voting purposes.

Ashley Reinoso: Made a motion for division of the question to separate the Election bylaw from the other three presented.

Bennett Ashley first, **Alex Allen** seconded

Eric Mariono: asks what the purpose of separating the three verbiage, and vote in the election one. **Bennett Ashley:** responded by saying that if you are against one of the new bylaws you can separate them and vote on one separately if you so wish to do so. Cheyanne stated the parli prop term is Division of the question.

In favor: All

Opposed: none

Abstain: none

Motion for the three bylaws: **Alex Allen** first, **Angela Armstrong** second

In favor: All

Oppose: None

Abstain: **Bennett Ashley**

Elections Policy: **Isaac Rys, Angela Armstrong**

Discussion on the Election Bylaw:

Bennett Ashley: Didn't like the new sentence saying that if candidates were to start campaigning before that start date that they would be nullified as potential candidates.

Daniel Kourner: asked the board about when can you announce your candidacy? When can we start campaigning? **Cheyenne Matulewich:** responded by saying that it depends but campaigning starts sometime in February.

Bennett Ashley: asked if candidates could use social media before campaign started. The Board responded that using social media before the start date for campaigning breeches the bylaw.

In favor: All

Oppose: **Bennett Ashley** and **Daniel Koerner**

Abstain: no one

Angela Armstrong left the meeting.

Announcements:

Camp O this weekend Nov. 1st – 3rd

Blood drive is Tuesday Nov.5th

Charity Volleyball November 7th 7pm

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40

