

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019

Attendance:

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

Members: Alex Smith, Michael Accetta, Cody Cooper, Angela Armstrong, Lyndsey Wanits, Brycen Franek, Toby Cooper, Zach Port, and Travis Vester.

Advisors: Jeff Foote and Matt LaLonde.

Guests: Eric Mariano, Megan Kruzinski, Mike Wacksman, Brittany VanDuzer, Coner Brinkworth, Tiarra Rosado, Michael Vazquez, Brittney Davis, and Jonathan Dorth, and Josh Foust.

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:28p.m.

Open Floor

The guest speaker unfortunately canceled due to the impending snow storm, however the survey was about UPD. Cheyanne thanked the participants for their feedback.

Angela Armstrong voiced her concerns about student safety when it comes to the weather. As a commuter and as a parent, she stated that it is very difficult to plan for the day. The original email sent out to the student body indicated that classes would be cancelled at 5:00pm. She stressed the importance of various ways of contacting students to inform them, seeing as how she was remaining on campus for an exam she had to take, but had not been able to check her email and was not aware that that class would now be cancelled due to classes being cancelled from 2:00pm forward. The possibility of phone or texting services being an option was brought up, and SGA will look into possible outcomes to help find a solution to this issue and make recommendations.

Angela also asked what the procedure is with regards to cancelled classes, and classes that overlap during those times, and what is expected, especially in the case of commuters. Cheyanne stated that she has run into these issues as well, with faculty keeping the class and even going over 45 minutes, effectively going 1 hour past when classes were supposed to be canceled.

Matt LaLonde suggested the Provost as an avenue to contact to share these concerns, and Cheyanne said that she will be in contact ASAP.

Allison Finch stated that the Wellness Center will be hosting a screening of “Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic” that will be hosted tomorrow, February 13th, 2019.

Angela stated that there is only one blue light station in the commuter lot, which in itself is an issue given that it is not in a very centralized location, but also has had an out of order sticker on it for this semester and also throughout most of the fall semester. Matt LaLonde stated that he will immediately contact the appropriate delegates to resolve this.

Mike Wacksman thanked SGA for funding ROAR and Pitch a Program during last meeting. Furthermore, ROAR is a project that is aimed at bringing students and faculty together, as well as building school spirit. This Saturday, February 16th, 2019 at 1:00pm and 3:00pm in the Bouck Gym, there will be an opportunity for students to make a half-court shot in order to win \$500 bucks that will fund textbooks. The students with the best spirit during the games will also receive prizes throughout this. The Spirit Squad, which now has around 25-30 members, will also be performing during this event.

Approval of Minutes

Michael Accetta made a motion to accept the minutes from February 5th, 2019. Lyndsey Wanits seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Executive Board

Jennifer McKenna stated that Travis, Zach and Toby are new members of the Hospitality Committee, Also, the surveys that will be available before the meetings with the food each week will be aligned with the guest speakers.

Committees

Elections: On behalf of the Elections Committee, Veronica Collazo moved to recognize Toby Cooper, Zach Port, and Travis Vester be recognized as official members of SGA. They each have completed their obligations to SGA, which included attending three SGA meetings and participating in two committee meetings and/or events under SGA. Michael seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

As a reminder, Veronica also stated that letters of intent (accompanied with a photograph) are due this Sunday and asked that they be sent to the SGA email and her email as well, as per policy. Campaigning will follow shortly on Monday.

Constitutions: Allison stated that there is a new interest group on campus, the Tennis Club. They are still in the process of figuring this all out, but they will have a flier with their information that will be displayed within the next week or two.

Also, Allison discussed the first EEP form that has been submitted from the Wildlife Society. Michael made the motion to approve the form to allow for the funds to be given for the fundraiser. Alex Smith seconded the motion, Allison abstained, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Finance: Mercedes Hernandez stated that Biotechnology Club will be moving \$50 from their travel line to their additional line so that they can pay for jackets. Pre-Vet club will be hosting their first Science day next month. The Pre-Vet Club and Plant Science and Sustainability Club are both going to be selling flowers on Valentine's Day. Both and will be selling flowers from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The Student Pastry Arts Club will be selling cupcakes on February 13th and 14th. All of these were approved out of committee.

Public Relations: There was nothing to discuss at this time.

Old Business

There was nothing to be discussed at this time.

New Business

Sage Blackmar will be our new SUNY SA Liaison. Due to her absence today, she will be inducted during our next meeting.

Cheyenne also shared our new mission statement, and stated that we will be voting on that during next week's meeting. The old mission statement and the new statement will be sent out, along with the new constitution to be reviewed before being voted on. The vote on the new constitution was announced during last week's meeting in order to give two weeks' notice.

Concerns and Announcements

Club Con is this Thursday, February 14th 2019.

Jeff Foote also stated that the comedian scheduled for tonight will not be able to attend due to the weather, and the performance will be rescheduled.

Adjournment

Michael made a motion to end the meeting; seconded the motion, Angela the meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.