

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
February 26th, 2019

Attendance:

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

Members: Eric Mariano, Alex Smith, Zach Port, Brycen Franek, Sage Blackmar, Adam Meyer, Taylor Clerkin, Julia Rainville, Joshua Foust, Lyndsey Wanits, Ryan Luffman, and Angela Armstrong.

Advisors: Jeff Foote, Matt LaLonde, and Anne Hopkins-Gross.

Guests: Stephanie Zacharias, Brittany VanDuzer, Tiarra Rosado, Sarah Easley, Joshua Burdick, Brittney Davis, Mike Wacksman, Divontay Huggins, Megan Kruzinski, Kimberly Doughty, Lynn Berger, and Amanda Hantho.

Cheyenne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m.

Open Floor

Lynn Berger stated that her sub-committee of the DEI Action group has been working on a draft statement on how to create a welcoming and supportive environment for students, faculty and staff. A draft was passed around for all to review. A survey was also passed around. Sage Blackmar asked about the nature of the committee. The DEI Action Group has split into three committees to tackle three different tasks. One is addressing the vision statement, and another on the website. She also asked if there would ever be any posters about diffusion situations or taking action, to which Lynn thanked her for that suggestion. It was asked if there would ever be tabling and awareness programs, to which the suggestion will also be taken into consideration. An overall theme is to make an intentional movement on campus towards inclusivity.

Joshua Burdick, a member of BCC stated that the etiquette dinner is March 4th at the Pit, and there are 4 out of 30 seats still available.

SUNY Canton will be hosting a study abroad fair from 10-2 on March 4th.

Ryan asked how a student could register to study abroad utilizing another SUNY school's study abroad programs, to which it was answered that they must first go through Cobleskill's process before the other school's.

Approval of Minutes

Lyndsey Wanits made a motion to accept the minutes from February 19, 2019. Taylor Clerkin seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

A motion was made to amend the minutes to include an advisor and two guests in the attendance. Taylor made a motion to accept the amendment to the minutes. Zach Port seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Executive Board

Cheyenne recognized an SGA member, Lyndsey Wanits for being honored as a Vanguard Award winner. SGA is looking to make it a tradition to honor the achievements of its members going forward.

Committees

Elections: On behalf of the Elections committee, Veronica Collazo asked to recognize Eric Mariano, Adam Meyer, Julia Rainville, Ryan Luffman, and Josh Foust as official members of SGA. They have fulfilled their obligations to SGA, which included attending 3 SGA Meetings, and two committees/events under SGA. Brycen Franek seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

A sign-up sheet was also passed around for members to sign up to table during the elections.

Constitutions: Allison Finch is going to send a draft of edits to constitution by Friday to be voted on next week.

Finance: There was nothing to discuss at this time.

Public Relations: There will be playlists before meetings at 12:00. Jenn is looking for a DJ for different meetings. Students can submit songs that are important to them.

She is also thinking of doing a "Life of an Officer" program to teach members what we do and to get more of an idea what officers do on a day to day basis.

Old Business

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

New Business

Pizza with the presidents had 15 attendees. Some issues discussed included vans, new sidewalks, and future projects. The next Pizza with the Presidents is later in March.

March 5th at 8:00pm we will be hosting The Debate for the candidates to be asked questions from the elections committee.

Concerns and Announcements

Ryan asked what club council is. Cheyanne stated that at least one representative from each club comes to review any policies SGA is changing or implementing, and to keep clubs and SGA in the loop.

SUNY SA- Three people aside from new officers will be given the opportunity to attend.

Adjournment

Conor Brinkworth made a motion to end the meeting; Zach seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.