

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2018

Attendance:

Advisor: Jeff Foote

Officers: Roy Garrett, Josh Foust, Mariah Meachem, and Angelica Armlin-Sorgen

Members: Serene Boronow and Shannon Perrone.

Guests: Mamoudou Camara, Anne Hopkins-Gross and Shiloh Jakowlew-Dahlhaus.

Roy Garrett called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

Open Floor

Mamoudou Camara asked if the meal plan prices would decrease in the next semester. Anne Hopkins-Gross explained that the reason the meal plan prices are so high is because all the fees are incorporated into it, making it higher than some other colleges that do not incorporate their fees into the meal plans. Shannon Perrone stated that she is still going to be sitting on the Health and Wellness committee this semester.

Approval of Minutes

Shannon Perrone made a motion to table the approval of minutes from December 5 to the next meeting. Serene Boronow seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion passed.

Executive Board and CAP Reports

There was nothing to report from executive board or CAP reports.

Committees

Elections: The date and time for elections committee is to be announced.

Constitutions: Cyber Security is still on the board to becoming a new club. Otaku Nation still needs to hand in its constitution. While some other clubs were emailed on their lack of minutes from last semester. The date and time for constitutions committee is still to be announced.

Finance: The time and date for finance committee is still to be announced. However, people are needed to help revamp the budget process for this current semester.

Public Relations: Public relations will be meeting at 11:00 am on Fridays and has plans on creating flyers to attract more members.

Old Business

Vacancy

Letters of intent are due on January 23 for the President's position. The election is open to current Student Government members and will be held on January 30 during the Student Government meeting.

Retreat

The idea was voiced at the end of the semester to have a retreat on the first weekend of the spring semester. The plan was to go over administrative things and then do something fun. However, Anne Hopkins-Gross is unable to attend this weekend so the administrative/legislative topics will be postponed for a later date. Instead a fun activity will be held on Saturday, January 27, will possibly be an escape room in the morning followed by lunch in Albany.

Advisory Committee

The idea of an advisory committee was brought up last semester, Michael Accetta and Shannon Perrone had volunteered last semester to be on it. Shannon expressed her still interest in the committee that will be headed by Roy Garrett. Ed Asselin and Anne Hopkins-Gross will also be on the committee to look into the advisory policy. The plan is to have the committee to present their findings at the Student Government meeting on March 6th.

Serene Boronow made a motion to accept old business, Shannon Perrone seconded the motion, there was no discussion, the motion passed.

New Business

Blood Drive Sign-Up

The Blood Drive will be held on January 31st in Bouck Ballroom. A sign-up sheet for both tabling in Champlain and sitting at the registration desk was passed around the room.

Leadership Institute

Jeff Foote explained that an allocation was made in the budget to have a guest speaker come and give a presentation to future leaders in the college. The speaker usually overlaps with the Resident Assistant weekend workshop, however this year it does not. The date for the presentation is April 14.

Student Government Plan

Roy Garrett explained that the definition of what Student Government is and does is going to be looked into. An open forum for students around campus will be held to have them express what they think Student Government is. As well as plan for the future of Student Government will be decided. Shannon Perrone suggested that there should be a tagline for the open forum to get more people to come.

Concerns and Announcements.

Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will take place on January 23 in Bouck Ballroom from 11:30am-5:30pm.

Bill of Rights

The Bill of Rights will be looked into again once the Advisory Committee is done.

Martin Luther King Jr Day

Jeff Foote explained that there is a service series going on, on campus and the blood drive is part of it.

Name Change

Jeff Foote explained that a name change for the Student Life Center is being looked into and if anyone has any suggestions to pass them forward. Some names that other campus have for this department is: Student Activities, Student Evolvement, Campus Life, and Student Life.

College Food Pantry

Anne Hopkins-Gross explained that the Governor is putting forward a law that every SUNY school needs a food pantry on the campus. Anne explained that she wants one Student Government member and a commuter student on the committee to help look into it. Shannon Perrone and Josh Foust both volunteered to be on the committee.

Adjournment

Shannon Perrone made a motion to end the meeting; Serene Boronow seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.