

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018

Attendance:

Advisor: Jeff Foote

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

Members: Serene Boronow, Alysha Thornton and Cheyanne Matulewich.

Guests: Mamoudou Camara, Cynthia Izenwata, Neissa Gelin, Jeri Murray, Abigail O'Brien, Anne Hopkins-Gross, and Matthew Barney.

Roy Garrett called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Open Floor

Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Serene Boronow made a motion to accept the minutes from January 30, 2018. Cheyanne Matulewich seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Executive Board and CAP Reports

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

Committees

Elections: Angelica Armlin-Sorgen stated for future members to send in their letters of intent and stated that elections committee will be held on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Student Life Center.

Constitutions: Roy Garrett stated that there was, nothing to report and that constitutions committee will meet on Tuesdays at 11:45am in the Student Life Center.

Finance: Josh Foust brought forward two requests to raise funds forms from the Student Veterans Association for bake sales on March 14 and April 11. Serene Boronow seconded the motion to accept these requests, there was no discussion and the motion passed. There was one budget revision requested by Ducks Unlimited to transfer \$107.00 from their Annual Sportsman Night Out line to their Reginal Meeting line. Serene Boronow seconded the motion made to move to accept the revision, there was no discussion and the motion passed. There was one budget request for Coby Spirit Squad in a total of \$450.00 with \$290.00 for a Performance Uniform line and \$160.00 for a dance pompoms line. Mariah Meachem obtained from the vote to accept the budget request; there was no discussion and the motion passed.

Public Relations: Mariah Meachem brought up the topics of charity volleyball flyers, possibly putting flyer in mailboxes or on Coby Now or possibly tabling for the event. As well the topic of the price for registration was brought up to be at least \$50.00 and t-shirt ideas are starting to be made. Also, the idea of making flyers for the Diversity Grant was brought up. Public relations will be held on Fridays at 11:00am in the Student Life Center.

Old Business

Blood Drive

Roy Garrett stated that there were 100 units of blood donated at the blood drive.

Charity Volleyball

Rory Garrett brought up the idea of changing the registration fee for Charity Volleyball to at least \$50.00 and if teams want to donate more than they can. Also, on the registration sheet the team will write down who they want the money to be donated to if they win.

New Business

Diversity Grant Guidelines

Roy Garrett went through the guidelines for the Diversity Grant and explained that the application for the grant is due on March 6 and that the finance committee will go through the applications. The money that is given for these projects must be used by end of June. Cheyanne Matulwich made a motion to accept the guidelines, Serene Boronow seconded the motion. Mamoudou Camara asked if the money would go to just one project. Roy explained that the money will be divided up between the projects. After discussion, the motion was passed to accept the guidelines.

Constitution Amendment

Roy Garrett went over that there is a proposed change in the Student Government constitution. Under the event of a vacancy, the wording was:

“In the event of a vacancy in one or more of the executive board positions, the SGA membership will elect an active member of SGA to the open seat. This special election must be held no later than two weeks after the vacancy of the Officer’s seat. Only active SGA members are eligible to vote in a special election. It is recommended, but not required, that said elections are conducted by secret ballot.”

The motion to change it to the following:

“In the event of a vacancy in one or more of the executive board positions, the SGA membership will elect an active member of SGA to the open seat. This special election must be held within two to four weeks after the vacancy of the Officer’s seat. The elections committee will approve the official date of the special election. Only active SGA members are eligible to vote in the special election. It is recommended, but not required, that said elections are conducted by secret ballot.”

The motion passed, and the new election date will be February 27.

SVA Fundraiser Diner

Roy Garrett explained that the Students Veterans Association handed in an alcohol request for their fundraiser dinner. Student Veterans Association wrote a letter explaining why they felt the need for alcohol to be at the dinner. Abigail O’Brien asked how the Students Veterans Association kept track of who can and cannot drink. Roy explained that it is the server who keeps track of it. Cheyanne Matulwich made a motion to accept the request, Serene Boronow seconded the motion, there was no decision, the motion passed.

American Student Government Conference

Roy Garrett explained that the American Student Government Conference is in Philadelphia on March 24 over spring break and wanted to see if anyone was interested in going. Overall, five members were interested in going on the trip.

Student Assembly Meeting

Roy Garrett explained that members of the Student Assembly would be coming to campus on Friday at 2:00 pm to meet in the Student Leadership Chamber.

Concerns and Announcements.

Charity Volleyball

Charity Volleyball will take place on March 28 in Bouck Ballroom at 6:30pm.

Club Council

Club Council will take place February 8 in the Tigers Den at 7:00pm.

Banner

Jeff Foote brought up the topic of the Student Government banner. Roy Garrett explained that the banner would be used for tabling at events. Cheyanne Matulewicz made a motion to spend \$275.00 on a Student Government banner, Serene Boronow seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion passed.

MLK Series

Jeff Foote explained that the Blood Drive that was just held was part of the MLK series that the college was holding. The other events that went along with the blood drive was a trip to interfaith, helping at the local thrift shop, and delivering lasagna from CAS.

Saturday's Beard

Matt Barney brought up the idea of have Student Government come help on February 24 in Oneonta at Saturdays' Bread. The group would leave campus around 9:30 am and return around 3:00 pm.

Adjournment

Cheyanna Matulewicz made a motion to end the meeting; Serene Boronow seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.