



SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
General Meeting Agenda
Tuesday March 31st, 2020

Attendance:

Senators:

Cheyenne Matulewich, Zyere Molinaro, Alex Smith, Kyliene Philips, Julia Rainville, Angela Armstrong, Daniel Koerner, Bennett Ashley, Innes Belshe

Guests:

Anna Post

Greek Life:

Brittney Davis

Advisors:

Matt LaLonde, Christina Pratt, Anne Hopkins Gross

President Cheyanne Matulewich Called the meeting to order at 12:34

Open Floor:

Senator Bennett Ashley states the business careers club event for tonight is cancelled

President Cheyanne Matulewich reads President Terenzio's letter to the senate.

Senator Angela Armstrong responds saying that despite efforts given she doesn't think they apply to those who are care givers. In trying to carry the full credits her child is not in school and she doesn't know when they will be in school, her husband is also working for his company, so she is trying to care for her child and be a student as well. But physically, mentally and emotionally not possible. She's worried her grades are going to be affected. She has reached out to many people and she feels she's being pushed to the side. Yes, there are supports available but that doesn't help people who have to care for others and what are they are offering in that case.

President Cheyanne Matulewich responds saying our executive board is advocating for a pass/fail option, but not sure that can happen due to the presidents' letter. She is drafting an email to Sue Zimmerman about required courses and not and we will continue to advocate.

VP for Student Development Dr. Anne Hopkins Gross says the decision is made and this pass and fail will not be an option.



Senator Angela Armstrong said IT is maxed out and have limited resources left and what their offering isn't always feasible and realistic in the real world. How are these students able to achieve, accomplish what they have started?

PR Kyliene Philips agrees with Angela and states that graduation is important because many people don't have the money to continue.

VP for Student Development Dr. Anne Hopkins says that she understands it's an unfortunate decision but for those students who feel that way need to work with their faculty on a case basis.

President Cheyanne Matulewich asked if faculty has been given direction to be flexible with those students

VP for Student Development Dr. Anne says yes, they have

Senator Julia Rainville asked about an election for the summer officer

President Cheyanne Matulewich says that it will not be because SUNY SA offered an appointment issue.

Senator Angela Armstrong asked about students who fall ill during this time

VP for Student Development Dr. Anne states to work with faculty during that time and offer a legit doctor note

Approval of Minutes

Will be done before next meeting (wasn't able to access student body email list)

Exec Board Reports:

Advocacy Efforts

- advocating for opt out opt in for the rest of the semester due to the semester. email sent out yesterday

Senator Brittney Davis asked, what does it do to GPA?

President Cheyanne Matulewich stated that it doesn't not affect your GPA it just gives you a pass or fail?

VP for Student Development Dr. Anne states that Monday at 3:15, letter was sent out

SGA Elections

Senator Bennett Ashley asked we were going to allow more people to run due to the date being postponed.

President Cheyanne Matulewich answers that we didn't talk about that so give us another week.

Senator Bennett Ashley says he is against this

Anna Post asked we are to continue campaigning for next semester.



President Cheyanne Matulewich answered there will be campaigning but there hasn't even been a date set yet. Campaigning will be at least another 2 weeks

Brittney Davis says a meet and greet would be nice to refresh everyone

President Cheyanne Matulewich says we have one officer who isn't sure about moving forward yet but we will keep you posted on what happens

Student Fee Referendum

Treasure Alex Smith states that the postponed elections has also postponed the mandatory vs. voluntary fee until the fall of 2021 to keep in cycle with the 2 year process.

President Cheyanne Matulewich summed it up, voting on 105\$ fee and it is put off. States how important this is due to the situation.

Anna Post asked if we are getting refunds and how?

Assistant VP for Student Development Matt LaLonde said that its still being worked out and to look forward to an update in the near future. As we are trying to make it a smooth process

Senator Julia Rainville asked, are refunds different for every student- meal plans and room and board?

Assistant VP for Student Development Matt LaLonde answered, yes

Committees:

Affiliations

Wednesdays at 2:00pm

- Moved the time, working on an electronic meeting bylaw so we can meet like this in case something else happens, look for an invitation for her committee

Finance

Thursdays at 4:00pm

- Still looking at ways to do budgets with finance committee because they are physical not electronic, application almost done for SGA, time did change and will send out an invitation to all senators

Spirit

Thursdays at 2:00pm

- All dinners cancelled, looking for an option to move the dinner to the beginning of next semester

Election

Fridays at 4:00pm

- Changed time to Friday at 4, sending out invite to senators, they will decide when the election will be, and campaigning



Old Business

New Business

Electronic Meeting Bylaw

- Don't have quorum so this will happen next week.

Concerns and Announcements

ALL DINNERS ARE CANCELLED

See you next week... virtually

President Cheyanne Matulewich explains to attend meeting because your senatorship will be in jeopardy if you miss 2 or more. SUNY SA cancelled.

President Cheyanne Matulewich adjourned meeting @ 1:12pm