

SUNY Cobleskill

Student Government Association

SGA General Meeting

October 1st, 2019

Attendance:

Officers: Cheyanne Matulewich, Ashley Reinoso, Alex Smith, Sharon Restrepo

Advisors: Dr. Anne Hopkins Gross, Matt LaLonde

Senators: Ryan Luffman, Ben Ashley, Sage Blackmar, Brittany VanDuzer, Kyliene Philips, Alex Allen, Shane Long, Ruben Vasquez, Angela Armstrong, Kristen Schmelzle, Joshua Kline

Guests: Zyere Molinaro, Joshua Burdick, Paige Winks, Katerina Weingarten, Melissa Keller, Jacob Hanley, Mary Radliff, Lyn Ontll, Matt Currie, Tyreek Alicea, Lanz Plaza

Greek Life: Brittney Davis, Alan Rhem, Morgan Hauslauser, Will Britt, Andrei Rensch, Christopher Simmons

Cheyenne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Open floor:

Matt Barney spoke about the Exceeding Expectations Program and the requirements to complete the paperwork, about Homecoming/tractor trolley tours, and the Yard Show at 1:00 p.m. in front of Twisted Whiskers on Saturday, October 5.

Kyliene Philips spoke about safety at night here on campus and in town, using a buddy system late at night/early morning, and asked “What are students allowed to carry with them for defense?” **Matt LaLonde** responded by saying using resources, i.e. UPD, and as for defense, just research to see what is legal and what is not legal to carry around with you.

Joshua Burdick advocated the Business Career Club’s etiquette dinner occurring Friday night at 6:00 p.m.

Bennet (Ben) Ashley asked why Everbridge did not alert the students about the incident that occurred during the weekend. **Angela Armstrong** agreed with Bennet

and said that students did get an alert, but it took a couple of days to receive the message. **Dr. Anne Hopkins-Gross** responded to the Everbridge issue by saying that her office is in charge and that once her office gets the notification, then they will send out the notification. So, her office may have received the notification late. **Bennet (Ben) Ashley** asked about what would happen if there was an active shooter on campus and if the students would get an alert from Everbridge. Again, **Dr. Anne Hopkins-Gross** replied by saying if there was an incident of that sort, then the students will be notified immediately.

Jacob Hanley spoke about head baseball coach, Lance Ratchford, and him are restarting intramurals this semester. There is one for yoga, which starts this Thursday at 6:15, and will continue every week after that, in the multi-purpose room (located in the hall with the Women's Locker Room in Bouck Hall). Email to Jacob to get more info or pitch more ideas.

Ryan Luffman asked for a Moment of Silence for President Terenzio's father.

Dr. Anne Hopkins-Gross stated that only 20% of the student body has signed up for the Everbridge system and asked that you please spread the word about it to other students. Then she gave more information about the program itself and how it came about.

Joshua Kline from Cyber Security Club advertised that they are hosting a lab about learning ethical hacking practices and how to set up a better system program. It is occurring Friday night at 6:00 p.m.

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were not presented, thus not voted on.

Executive Reports:

Cheyenne Matulewich: Officer Vacancy for Secretary; looking to appoint secretaries; if interested, send a letter of intent to Cheyanne by this Friday; main qualifications are full-time student, dedicated, passionate, and detail oriented; hoping to appoint a senator over a regular student.

Sharon Restrepo: Homecoming is this weekend and we are making a float for the parade; float theme is a chicken on fire to represent a past event; apparel is in the process of being picked and ordered; ordered umbrellas, pens, and chap stick/lip balms for giveaways.

Ashley Reinoso: asked the body for what improvements they would like to see in the library.

Kristen Schmelzle: outdated, dingy, moldy, not quiet in designated quiet area, new tables and chairs; **Bennet Ashley**: add a small coffee shop/café; **Tyreek Alicea**: rentable laptops are out of date; **Angela Armstrong**: add more natural lighting; **Alex Allen**: wants the writing center to come back; **Kyliene Philips**: advocate more for services available, marketing what students can rent out; **Shane Long**: include more graphic novels and manga into the collection

Committee Reports:

Affiliations: working on updating our policies and changing the name from “Policy” to “Bylaw”

Finance: four forms for Requests to Raise Funds, one from Ski and Snowboard to sell a coolie in the bookstore day of Homecoming; three from Biotechnology Club, one to collect bottles and another to collect loose change at Homecoming festivities to raise money to give to a charity of their choice, and the last one to make DNA Pendants and sell them to raise money for their Club Generated.

Alex Allen called for a motion and was seconded by **Kyliene Philips**.

Discussion: **Bennet Ashley** asked how much money Ski and Snowboard was asking for, but **Alex Smith** answered with they were selling the product, not asking us to help pay for it. **Alex Allen** asked if the proceeds that Biotechnology Club raised was a 100% given to the charity. **Alex Smith** answered with yes, all money that they raise will go the charity.

The motion passes with **Bennet Ashley** opposing and **Alex Smith** abstaining.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Resolutions: Cheyanne Matulewich and Angela Armstrong presented about advocating for the subject of homelessness/housing insecurity with students during breaks. If students do not feel safe to go back home or have no home to go to, we want to find a way to fight for free housing on campus during Fall, Winter, and

Spring breaks. Otherwise, student must either vacate the Res Halls and go to a stressful environment or pay a fee for each night they stay.

Kristen Schmelzle called for a motion and **Shane Long** seconded.

Discussion: **Kyliene Philips** asked about paying the staff that must stay to keep the Res Halls open? **Cheyenne Matulewich** stated that she wants the college partner with other organizations and charities to help with cost.

The motion passes with no opposition and **Cheyenne Matulewich** and **Angela Armstrong** abstaining.

Voting Policies In:

Alcohol: goes to SGA then Student development to allow alcohol at a club event

Club Operations: got rid of the reasonings and changed line #3

Club Charter Process: four meetings with minutes before submitting interest form and then four more meeting with minutes after submission to be voted in as a club

Kyliene Philips made the motion and **Alex Allen** seconded.

Discussion: **Bennet Ashley** asked about what club officers do to get trained. **Ashley Reinoso** answered by expressing that the SGA executive board can do an informal training during office hours. **Joshua Kline** was inquiring why the requirement went up to 8 meetings with minutes from the original 6. **Ashley Reinoso** stated that this way it shows that the interest club is dedicated to becoming a club and will not disband, plus it is the same timeline as before.

The motion passes with **Joshua Kline** and **Shane Long** opposing and **Kyliene Philips** and **Ashley Reinoso** abstaining.

Announcements:

Homecoming - this weekend

Camp O - October 25-27th

SUNY SA – November 15-17th; email Sharon Restrepo NO LATER than Thursday, October 3rd if you would like to attend

Adjournment:

Ryan Luffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m., **Joshua Kline** seconded, and the meeting ended.