

SUNY Cobleskill  
Student Government Association

SGA General Meeting  
October 22, 2019

Attendance:

Senators: Cheyanne Matulewich, Ashley Reinoso, Kyliene Philips, Sage Blackmar, Bennett Ashley, Alex Allen, Sharon Restrepo, Kristen Schmelzle, Christopher Parker,

Guests: Joshua Kline, Zyere Mollnaro, Mikara White, Paige Winks, Ryan Sanders, Mouhamed Diop, Julia Barczak, Emily Arnold, Ryan German, Brandon Shepard

Greek Life: Tyreek Alicea, Elisabete Dachaw

Advisors: Christina Pratt, Dr. Matt LaLonde

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by **Cheyenne Matulewich** at 12:30 p.m.

Open Floor:

**Bennett Ashley** has concerns over previous meeting adjournments not brought to a vote. **Cheyenne Matulewich** responded that based on parliamentary procedure, there are three ways to adjourn a meeting and only one way requires a vote. **Bennett Ashley** questioned the policy for officer vacancies and the appointment of public relations officer **Kyliene Philips**. **Cheyenne Matulewich** responded that the policy approved by the student body in 2016 was followed in order to appoint **Kyliene Philips** and that there is a proposed new bylaw for offer vacancies that would require a senator vote that will be brought before the body today.

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting are presented by **Alex Allen** and **Sage Blackmar** seconds.

No corrections.

One Opposed **Bennett Ashley**. **Ashley Reinoso** abstains. The Minutes passed.

Voting in of New Senators

**Mikara White**, **Elisabete Dachao**, **Tyreek Alicea** were called to the front of the room to be voted on as new senators. Each member as completed the membership requirements and Cheyanne Matulewich asked for a motion, a motion was made by Christopher Parker, and a second by Alex Allen. The motion carried and the new senators were voted in.

Executive Reports:

**Cheyenne Matulewich** provided an update on the CAS board. She stated that if there were any further concerns, to let her know and she can bring it up during her board meeting. Alex Allen asked when **Cheyenne Matulewich**'s office hours were held. **Cheyenne Matulewich** responded with her 8 office hour times.

Committee Reports:

Finance (Alex Smith): Alex was not present due to the scholarship luncheon and no updates were made.

Spirit (Kyliene Philips): Announcement for new Snapchat campaign was made with information on how to follow SGA on Snapchat. New logos were introduced and Kyliene called for a motion on the new logos. Alex Allen made a motion and Tyreek Alicia seconded. **Bennett Ashley** asked for an amendment to the logo to have the 'speak up' removed from the logo. The proposed amendment was brought to a vote and did not pass with any votes in support of it. The amendment was not passed.

**Tyreek Alicia** raised a question of clarification for the logo color. **Kyliene Philips** explained that there are two logos with different background colors to allow for a broad application. **Bennett Ashley** raised the concern of quorum and asked **Cheyenne Matulewich** for rollcall. Roll call was completed to prove senatorship present and that quorum was in place. **Cheyenne Matulewich** called for a motion to vote in the new logo. The motion was made by Tyreek Alicia and seconded by **Elisabete Dachao**. The logo design passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 abstain. **Bennett Ashley** called for a motion to impeach Student Government President **Cheyenne Matulewich**. **Cheyenne Matulewich** asked if there was a second, no one seconded the motion and the motion failed. **Shane Long** raised a point of privilege and asked **Bennett Ashley** to cease interruptions and interference with the agenda and business. **Bennett Ashley** responded saying that **Shane Long** is out of order for calling his comments unnecessary and then announced he was protesting and left the room. Alex Allen called for a return to the agenda. **Kyliene Philips** provided an update on the upcoming haunted trail event scheduled for Thursday. **Kyliene Philips** announced the public relations committee time to be Thursdays at 10am and that additional times would be available during her office hours. Affiliations (Ashley Reinoso):

Presentation of the proposed bylaw #33 was conducted. The bylaw for executive officers' vacancy was presented requiring an election to fill vacancies. **Ashley Reinoso** called for a motion. **Tyreek Alicia** made a motion and it was seconded by Sharon Restrepo. There was no discussion. **Ashley Reinoso** called for vote. The bylaws changes passed unanimously. **Daniel Koerner** left the meeting. An update to the constitution to reference the bylaw for officer vacancies was proposed. **Ashley Reinoso** called for a motion. **Alex Allen** made a motion and was seconded by **Elisabete Dachao**. **Alex Allen** called for a friendly amendment to add the bylaw number to the constitution. The friendly amendment was seconded by **Sage Blackmar**. **Alex Allen** asked for access to bylaws. **Cheyenne Matulewich** explained that the website is undergoing updates. **Tyreek Alicia** asked for access to physical copies of the bylaws. **Cheyenne Matulewich** explained that physical copies are available in the office of student leadership as

well as digitally sent to senators via email. The friendly amendment was passed with 9 votes in favor.

Old Business:

**Cheyenne Matulewich** presented on what a resolution is and the need and theoretical basis for feedback in the form of faculty evaluations. **Cheyenne Matulewich** ask Christina Pratt to explain the theory of systems thinking and the need for feedback. **Cheyenne Matulewich** then presented the proposed resolution of mandatory faculty evaluations. **Cheyenne Matulewich** called for a motion. A motion was made by **Tyreek Alicia** and seconded by **Elisabete Dachao**. Alex Allen asked for clarification on the date for the resolution. **Cheyenne Matulewich** explained that the date will be changed to a current date if the resolution passes. **Alex Allen** asked about formatting and alignment for the resolution. **Cheyenne Matulewich** explained that the format and alignment can be altered after a resolution passes, but the content cannot. **Cheyenne Matulewich** called for a motion to adopt the resolution. Alex Allen made a motion and **Elisabete Dachao** seconded. The resolution passed with 11 votes in favor, 1 abstain, and 0 opposed.

New Business:

**Cheyenne Matulewich** made a call for nomination for Student Government Secretary. **Mikara White** was nominated and accepted the nomination. **Abigail O'Brien** was nominated and accepted the nomination prior to meeting. Joshua Kline was nominated and accepted the nomination. **Zyere Mollnaro** was nominated and accepted the nomination. **Cheyenne Matulewich** requested a letter of intent be submitted to Student Government Association by all nominated students. **Cheyenne Matulewich** stated that an election will take place at the next SGA meeting.

Announcements:

Blood Drive: November 5

Melissa Ruiz (Swift Kick): November 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Theater

SUNY SA: November 15-17

Charity Volleyball: November 18, \$45 per club

Paige Winks raised a question voted in as a senator. **Cheyenne Matulewich** called for a motion to vote in Page Winks as a senator. Sage Blackmur made a motion and Alex Allen seconded the motion. The vote passed with 9 votes in support, 0 abstains, 0 opposed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Cheyanne at 1:21 p.m.