

SUNY Cobleskill  
Student Government Association  
Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2018

**Attendance:**

Officers: Cheyanne Matulewich, Allison Finch, Mercedes Hernandez, Jennifer McKenna, and Veronica Collazo.

Members: Brycen Franek, Sharon Restrepo, Ashley Reinoso, Nathaniel Shuart, and Angela Armstrong.

Advisors: Jeff Foote and Matt LaLonde.

Guests: Matthew Barney, Tiarra Rosado, Kris Criscione, Sarah Easley, and Travis Vester.

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

**Open Floor**

Kris Criscione stated that he is trying to start a forestry club. He is planning on working with the plant science club, but they would distinguish themselves by starting a project on campus and label trees, possibly for an Earth Day Fair.

**Approval of Minutes**

Angela Armstrong made a motion to accept the minutes from November 13, 2018. Brycen Franek seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

**Executive Board**

Revisions made to the Advisors Policy will be voted on after Thanksgiving. Cheyanne will provide handouts of the revisions.

SUNYSA– Jennifer McKenna, Veronica Collazo, Mercedes Hernandez, and Allison Finch spoke on their experiences. Jenn spoke on her experience in the workshops with stereotypes and bias, Veronica spoke of One Love and a possible Valentine’s Day program with the Wellness Center, Mercedes spoke of attending a workshop with the Student Activity Fees, and Allison spoke of how we have a constitution, but we lack bylaws, which are flexible, can change, and are easier to navigate. She is planning on working with an SGA Vice-President from another college to gather more information. As our representative in the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Action Group, Sharon Restrepo attended the diversity workshops, which dealt with issues such as mental health and prompted attendees to come up with solutions to problems. Ashley Reinoso attended a drowsy driving workshop, which is very common among college students and communities, as students can be impaired and are not aware of it.

SUNYSA in the spring will take place April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Matthew Barney spoke on Adopt a Family, and SGA offered to adopt a 5-person family. \$500 would come out of the income line or hospitality line due to it being a charity. Angela made a

motion to designate \$500 to go to Adopt a Family, Ashley seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

### **Committees**

Elections: There will be three empty lines added to the Membership Profile Forms, given that it is hard to keep track of which guests attend which events in terms of membership eligibility. Also, Veronica asked that when signing the sign-in sheet to please print your name, as if it is illegible you cannot be marked as present.

Constitutions: There was nothing to discuss at this time.

Finance: Mercedes stated that the Honey Bee and Pollination club will be having a Holiday Sale in Champlin and CANR. This event is ongoing.

Public Relations: There was nothing to discuss at this time, however Jenn stated that there will be during the next PR meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **Holiday Parade**

This will take place December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. SGA will be judging for the most creative club, winner will receive \$100. SGA will be handing out hot chocolate and dressing up as elves.

### **New Business**

Matt Barney asked SGA to partner with Greek Life to help spread awareness that there is a high need for hygiene products in the Cobleskill food bank.

### **Adjournment**

Brycen made a motion to end the meeting; Angela seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.