

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
February 5th, 2019

Attendance:

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

Members: Cody Cooper, Sage Blackmar, Angela Armstrong, Serene Boronow, Lyndsey Wanits, Brycen Franek, Alex Smith, Taylor Clerkin, Ashley Reinoso, Michael Accetta and Erin Denman.

Advisors: Jeff Foote, Dr. Anne Hopkins-Gross and Matt LaLonde.

Guests: Toby Cooper, Zack Port, Anna Camporese, Josh Foust, Isaac Rys, Eric Mariano, Michael Nieves, Matt Barney, Conor Brinkworth, Adam Meyer, Julia Rainville, and Tileisha Joseph.

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

Open Floor

Jennifer McKenna announced that during every meeting there will be a slideshow behind the Exec Board that will keep everyone up to date on different events. She also asked that everyone follow the SGA Facebook page.

Lyndsey Wanits stated that there is going to be a conference in Albany on February 11th from 10:00am to 3:00pm to fund disabled students that are looking to excel in college. This is a press conference as well as a meeting. There will be workshops, lunch, press conference, and then a call to action. Unfortunately, transportation will not be provided. For more information, please contact Wendi Richards in CASE.

Jeff Foote stated that on March 10th there will be a conference about identity and social systems in Cortland. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch. There will be more information presented in the future.

Approval of Minutes

Angela Armstrong made a motion to accept the minutes from December 4th, 2018. Cody Cooper seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Lyndsey made a motion to accept the minutes from January 29th, 2019. Alex Smith seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Executive Board

Cheyanne passed around the Election Policy (SGA Policy #9) to be reviewed.

Cody inquired about the TV's in the library with advertisements on them, and if candidates can advertise there. Given that this is not under SGA, Cheyanne suggested contacting the Library themselves to see if that is an opportunity available.

Cheyenne asked for a motion to make this change to the Election Policy. Lyndsey made the motion to accept these revisions to the SGA Policy #9, and Brycen Franek seconded the motion. During discussion, Dr. Anne Hopkins-Gross questioned the slander, and if that includes social media. Cheyanne then asked to make an amendment to the main motion to add social media to the list of prohibited slander. Angela seconded the revision to the motion, and Cody seconded. There was no discussion, and this passed. There was no further discussion to the motion on the table, and so the motion passed.

This past weekend, SGA officers went on a leadership retreat where they planned out different programming, goals, and policies for this upcoming semester. SGA's mission statement and strategic plan will be voted on during next week's meeting. Dr. Anne Hopkins-Gross asked if this could be sent out beforehand to be reviewed. Cheyanne also mentioned that the constitution will also be sent out, as revisions will be voted on in two weeks.

Committees

Elections: On behalf of the Elections committee, Veronica Collazo asked to recognize Erin Denman as an official member of SGA. She has fulfilled her obligations to SGA, which include attending 3 SGA Meetings, and she has tabled at the past two Blood Drives. Brycen seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Constitutions: Allison asked that members come to her meetings.

Finance: Mercedes Hernandez had 3 requests to raise funds that were approved out of committee. The first one was from Matt Barney to fund students to attend the Alternative Spring Break in Tennessee. Ashley Reinoso made the motion to move \$1500 out of additional funds and Michael Accetta seconded the motion. Mercedes abstained, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Student Leadership asked for \$250 to be moved to a special events line to go towards a basketball event. The student who makes the half-court shot will receive \$500 to go towards textbooks. Angela made the motion and Brycen seconded. Mercedes abstained, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

OSL asked for \$1500 to host "Pitch a Program." Finance Committee approved \$1000. Erin made the motion to move \$1000 out of additional funds, and Michael seconded the motion. Mercedes abstained, there was no discussion and the motion passed.

Additionally, the fundraising Incentive Program was revised to help smaller, newer clubs to be able to fundraise. The new Fundraising Kickoff Program will help start the fundraisers, instead of helping after the fundraiser. Clubs are eligible for up to \$100 dollars for supplies. These forms are due two weeks before the fundraiser. A section was added for the Office of College Advancement to approve or deny it on record. Motion Mike, second Brycen. Allison asked how much money is in the program. Mercedes stated that it is \$2000, which is why the maximum amount is \$100 for supplies. Mercedes abstained, there was no further discussion and the motion was passed.

She also announced that budgets will be due at the end of February and will be working on them for the next academic school year budget.

Public Relations: Jenn asked that someone be the Chair of the Hospitality Committee. She also stated that there will be surveys at the beginning of the meetings to try and get feedback from members and guests. The surveys can be anonymous, and they help us gauge the needs, interest, and knowledge of our members.

Old Business

Blood Drive Update: We had 88 units collected!

Charity Volleyball: This will take place on April 2nd, and the winners will decide what charity the proceeds go to. Matt LaLonde stated that there will be an awards banquet during the same evening, which prompted the officers to state that they will investigate rescheduling. Matt Barney asked if Greek Life will be able to participate, to which Cheyanne said that of course, this is open to any club or organization.

New Business

SUNY SA Liaison: Cheyanne asked that members review the expectations for a SUNY SA Liaison and email her if they are interested.

Concerns and Announcements

Club Con: February 14th, 2019. Clubs need to register beforehand.

Club Council: February 7th, 2019.

Adjournment

Erin made a motion to end the meeting; Brycen seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.