

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2018

Attendance:

Advisor: Jeff Foote

Officers: Roy Garrett, Josh Foust, Mariah Meachem, and Angelica Armlin-Sorgen

Members: Serene Boronow, Alysha Thornton and Shannon Perrone.

Guests: Mamoudou Camara, Cynthia Izenwata, Neissa Gelin, Ricardo Del Real, Shazia Kaurejo, Katie Rossano, Abigail O'Brien, Anne Hopkins-Gross and Shiloh Jakowlew-Dahlhaus.

Roy Garrett called the meeting to order at 12:29 p.m.

Open Floor

Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves and stated why they joined Student Government.

Approval of Minutes

Shannon Perrone made a motion to accept the minutes from December 5, 2017 and January 23, 2018. Serene Boronow seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Election

The election was held for the President's position. The only candidate was Roy Garrett. Roy left the room and all members (four in total) cast a secret ballot. Secretary Angelica Armlin-Sorgen obtained from voting and counted the ballots. The vote was unanimous and Roy Garrett was elected President.

Executive Board and CAP Reports

There was nothing to report from executive board or CAP reports.

Committees

Elections: Angelica Armlin-Sorgen went over what elections committee does and stated that elections committee will be held on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Student Life Center.

Constitutions: Roy Garrett went over what constitutions committee does and explained that he will be the chair till a new Vice-President is elected. As well, constitutions committee will meet on Tuesdays at 11:45am in the Student Life Center.

Finance: Josh Foust went over what finance committee does and stated that finance committee will meet on Fridays at 10:00am in the Student Life Center. The committee brought forward one request to raise funds from National Wild Turkey Federation who want to host a chicken BBQ on February 11, Shannon Perrone seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Public Relations: Mariah Meachem went over what public relations committee does and stated that public relations will be held on Fridays at 11:00am in the Student Life Center.

Old Business

Advisory Committee

Roy Garrett explained that a time will be arranged for the advisory committee to meet.

New Business

Graduation Appreciation

Dr. Anne Hopkins-Gross stated that she has been talking to Dr. Zimmerman to see if there ways to plan more activities or events around graduation for parents to attend. One idea brought up was to move the Student Leadership Awards closer to graduation. The Student Government graduation dinner was also brought up and explained that it was not well attended last year and neither was the hooding ceremony. Anne Hopkins-Gross stated that she wanted students input and suggestions. Abigail O'Brien suggested having the senior leadership awards during the Student Government graduation dinner. As well, Anne Hopkins-Gross brought up the idea of having a few Student Government members on the committee for graduation events.

Charity Volleyball

Roy Garrett explained what charity volleyball and that the charity that the winning team donated the money to last semester was UNICEF. The topic of should the winning team decided the charity or having a charity already decided for the event was brought up. The members and guests both gave their input and decided that the winning team should be able to decide the winning charity.

Vacancy for Vice President

The vice president's position is now open for Student Government members to run for. If a candidate is not already a member then they must become a member on the date of the election. The election will be held two weeks after the vacancy of the position, February 13. To become a member a student needs to attend three Student Government meetings, two committee meetings, and write a letter of intent.

Diversity Grant

Jeff Foote explained that Student Government created a grant program. A total \$2,800.00 was set aside for a grant based on diversity, equality, and inclusion. Jeff explained that the grant program in the past was an open theme and helps promote Student Government. The program can take submissions in one of two ways, either a rolling application or have all applications due at a certain date. Anne Hopkins-Gross stated that she is adding \$1,000.00 to the grant, for a total of \$3,800.00. The money needs to be used before the end of the semester.

Concerns and Announcements.

Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will take place on January 23 in Bouck Ballroom from 11:30am-5:30pm.

Charity Volleyball

Charity Volleyball will take place on March 28 in Bouck Ballroom at 6:30pm.

Club Council

The Club Council dates for the semester are February 8, March 1, March 29, and April 19 and will take place in the Tigers Den at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Serene Boronow made a motion to end the meeting; Alysha Thornton seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.