

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018

Attendance:

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

Members: Michael Accetta, Lyndsey Wanits, Abigail O'Brien, Christina Perillo, and Shiloh Jakowlow-Dahlhaus.

Advisor: Jeff Foote, Anne Hopkins Gross, and Barb Sprouse.

Guests: Sharon Restrepo, Zachary Pick, Kieran McCarthy, Katherine Mohan, Jared Saville, Sage Blackmar, Ashley Reinoso, Sabrina Long, Sarah Easley, Tiarra Rosado, Cody Cooper, Alex Smith, Eric Struening, Catherine Werth, Angela Armstrong, Taylor Clerkin, Alejandro Fernandez, Kaylin Klein, and Cathleen Donovan.

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

Open Floor

Eric Struening, the advisor of Ducks Unlimited, along with Catherine Werth who is the president this year, introduced themselves and expressed that they are a very hands-on club with a constant need for supplies, as they purchase them almost every week. They have been an active club since 2012/2013, have about thirty active members, and host events annually. Jeff Foote stated that a credit card would be recommended and beneficial due to frequent out of state travel. Anne Hopkins Gross asked what the policy is on the credit card, to which it was explained that they cannot go over their club's spending limit. It is one mechanism for them to spend their money; the money is already theirs and they are not taking from any other means. It is just easier and more convenient, as other methods of reimbursement could take a week or two to be reimbursed. Cheyanne spoke to entertain a motion for Ducks Unlimited to be granted their request for a credit card. Michael Accetta made a motion, Lyndsey Wanits seconded the motion, Mercedes Hernandez abstained, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Michael Wacksman spoke about homecoming. Twenty-three clubs painted banners, which helps clubs promote themselves and have a presence on campus. Anne asked when they will be decorating floats, to which Mike responded that this will take place next week, Wednesday and Thursday at the fairgrounds riding arena from 5:00pm to 10:00pm.

Anne stated that there was a group looking at Web Check In. After asking what the Student Government members and guests think of Web Check In and receiving comments such as "long, hard, and tedious," she expressed that she would like to meet with a small group of students next week to go over this with food or snacks for feedback.

Approval of Minutes

Michael made a motion to accept the minutes from September 11, 2018. Lyndsey seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Executive Board

To clarify where the money is coming from the food every week before each SGA meeting, Mercedes stated that there was \$9,249.86 in a line for student planners, which SGA no longer uses. These funds will be transferred, and Mercedes is also hoping to fundraise as well. This is still being discussed within the Executive Board.

Jennifer McKenna stated that she will be sending out an email requesting to know available times for those interested in being a part of the food committee to meet. She also mentioned that she is possibly considering renaming the food committee to the hospitality committee and hopes to discuss this with anyone interested.

Committees

Elections: On behalf of the elections committee, Veronica Collazo requested to recognize Christina Perillo and Lyndsey Wanits as official members, as they have fulfilled their obligations to SGA. They have attended three SGA meetings, two committee meetings, and submitted their new member profile. Michael made a motion for Christina and Lyndsey to become members. Abigail O'Brien seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Constitutions: Allison Finch stated that the constitutions committee is currently looking at the Biological Conversation Unit's constitution. There are many interest groups that are being looked at during the meetings, and all are welcome to come.

Finance Turf Club submitted a request to raise funds form for their September 29th golf tournament, which includes lunch and prizes. This was approved out of committee.

Public Relations: Jennifer is looking to find an hour block of time to, along with committee members and/or members or guests of SGA, write positive messages outside of resident halls, as well as increase tabling that SGA does to increase visibility and recruitment.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

New Business

Hurricane Florence Committee

Cheyenne asked if anyone was interested in a Hurricane Florence Committee who could contribute fundraisers and ideas, as well as any other organizations they have in mind.

Blood Drive Committee

To help prepare for the next Blood Drive, Cheyenne called for anyone interested in being a part of this committee to consider joining.

SGA Service Outing

To help the community, SGA is asking for members to go to a food bank with dinner afterwards. Current tentative dates are October 26th, 2018 and November 2nd, 2018.

SGA Swag

Jennifer asked what the members and guests would want to be ordered in terms of swag. Some ideas included t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, beanies, sweatpants, leggings, and koozies.

Concerns and Announcements

Group Photograph

There will be a group photo next week at 12:30 for the leadership board.

Title IX Training

Mercedes reminded that this week at 8:00pm there will be a Title IX training offered. All presidents and vice-presidents are required to attend, and failure to comply will result in their account being frozen. Anne encouraged feedback for the training.

Adjournment

Lyndsey made a motion to end the meeting; Abigail seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.