

SUNY Cobleskill  
Student Government Association  
Meeting Minutes  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Attendance:**

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

Members: Alex Smith, Eric Mariano, Michael Accetta, Cody Cooper, Angela Armstrong, Lyndsey Wanits, Joshua Foust, Brycen Franek, Conor Brinkworth, Megan Kruzinski and Stephanie Zacharias.

Advisors: Jeff Foote.

Guests: Toby Cooper, Zach Port, Travis Vester, Mike Wacksman, Brittany VanDuzer, Tiarra Rosado, Michael Vazquez, and Brittney Davis.

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:26 p.m.

**Open Floor**

Brittany VanDuzer asked if there's any way to work with the people who coordinate orientation to have ITS present to them. A lot of people may not know how to safely use the internet. Matt LaLonde stated that orientation will cover important topics like this and is working on reformatting to best help incoming students and will certainly take this into consideration.

Mike Wacksman stated that tonight there will be 6 groups presenting at Pitch a Program, which was funded by SGA. This will take place in the Theater at 7:15 pm.

Stephanie Zacharias mentioned that some students might not know about water being offered in the soda machines and suggested promoting it more as a healthier alternative to soda or the sugary juices.

Angela Armstrong expressed concern over yogurt selections on campus, to which Matt commented that if you communicate, CAS is generally good at accommodating request and go above and beyond.

**Approval of Minutes**

Lyndsey Wanits made a motion to accept the minutes from March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Conor Brinkworth seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

**Executive Board**

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

**Committees**

Elections: On behalf of the Elections committee, Veronica Collazo asked to recognize Megan Kruzinski and Stephanie Zacharias as official members of SGA. They have fulfilled their

obligations to SGA, which included attending 3 SGA Meetings, and two committees/events under SGA. Brycen Franek seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Constitutions: Due to elections, Allison Finch moved meeting time to 5:00pm. There are three constitutions that came in that need to be discussed.

Finance: Mercedes Hernandez received a request for budget revision from the Woodsmen team to move \$2,000 from the line for a coach into another line. Jeff Foote stressed that they need to speak with HR. This discussion will be tabled.

Public Relations: Jenn spoke of the Carnival idea previously discussed, along with the idea of having a pig roast throughout the whole day. This will be discussed during the next PR meeting.

### **Old Business**

Allison stated that there were 4 revisions to the constitution. These revisions included replacing CAP with EEP. Article 5 gives some leeway for our PR to possibly ask as a liaison with Brickyard etc, so the wording was changed to “may act” to. Another was to take out the specificity of the elections to be spring instead of April to give room for the executive board to decide what dates suit them most. This semester we had earlier elections in order to be able to have more time to train incoming officers. In terms of removal of office with regards of excused or unexcused absences, we wanted to provide some clarity. “If they fail to attend 3 SGA meetings” to “if they accumulate three unexcused absences”. Another one was special circumstances elections. Lastly, the removal of an odd number requirement for committee meetings. In the event of a tie, the committee chair will be the tie-splitter. Constitution committee will also be changed to the Affiliate committee to better represent the role.

Alex Smith made the motion to accept these revisions to the constitution, Brycen Franek seconded the motion.

Discussion included Jeff asking about temporary elections in the event an officer cannot serve vs permanent. Brittany suggested adding something about giving two weeks’ notice before returning. Lyndsey suggested adding that the extenuating circumstance will be reviewed by the president or advisor on a case to case basis. Connor suggested the final vote be up to the advisor, to which Jeff said that its inappropriate. Matt LaLonde suggested to go into depth in the other policies and put “see article 8.” This revision will be added.

Allison abstained from the vote, and the motion was passed.

### **New Business**

SUNY SA Liaison discussion was tabled.

### **Concerns and Announcements**

SUNY SA will take place on Apr 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. We will depart somewhere around 3:00 or 4:00pm on Friday and come back midnight Saturday. The new exec board will be attending, along with 2-3 members.

### **Adjournment**

Lyndsey made a motion to end the meeting; Eric seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm.