

SUNY Cobleskill  
Student Government Association  
Meeting Minutes  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Attendance:**

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

**Members:** Taylor Clerkin, Sage Blackmar, Alex Smith, Brycen Franek, Adam Meyer, Julia Rainville, Conor Brinkworth, Ryan Luffman, Michael Accetta, Josh Foust, Cody Cooper, Zach Port, and Erin Denman.

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

**Guests:** Megan Kruzinski, Stephanie Zacharias, Christopher Simmons, Brittney Davis, Jonathan Dortch, Bryan Marhaver, Deb Bechtold and Travis Whitmore.

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

**Open Floor**

We will be livestreaming The Debate, however members and guests are strongly encouraged to attend.

Mike Accetta stated that there is an emergency light by the barns that might be out of service.

Bryan Marhaver, Deb Bechtold and Travis Whitmore from CAS spoke on changes coming to the meal plans and dining halls in the upcoming year. Next semester Prentice will be opening back up, but Champlin will be closing for two semesters. A renovation is coming for Twisted Whiskers in the future as well. For the next two semesters, the unlimited meal plan will no longer be an option while Champlin is shut down. It costs 6 million dollars to run everything. His recommendation is to increase the plans by \$250, but is looking for feedback from the students. Stephanie asked if bonus meals will go up along with the increased cost of meal plans, to which the answer was no. They are looking to increase downtown dollars by \$100 and adding a shuttle that goes into town once a day. It was asked with the closing of Champlin, what will happen to workers. Bryan stated that they will move to Prentice. He does not want to lay anyone off, just to move them around. It was also asked if the hours be the same as before it closed down, to which Bryan said that Prentice will be open from 7am to 7pm.

Another change rolling out next year there is that there will be a new way to use your id- on your phone.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mike made a motion to accept the minutes from February 26, 2019. Josh Foust seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

## **Executive Board**

The Debate is at 8:00pm in the Bouck Ballroom.

## **Committees**

Elections: Veronica Collazo stated that we finally got in our pad folios and asked that all new members that do not have one come in and get one.

Constitutions: Allison Finch asked for members to come to her committee meetings.

Finance: Ski and Snowboarding Club has sent in their budget, and they are asking for a total of \$375. This was approved out of committee. Conor Brinkworth made motion to allocate \$375 to the Ski and Snowboarding Club and Sage Blackmar seconded the motion. Taylor and Mercedes abstained, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society is looking for money for their 24<sup>th</sup> annual Wildlife Festival on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. They asked for \$1500, and out of committee \$1000 was approved. Brycen made the motion to approve the \$1000 and Ryan seconded the motion. Mercedes abstained, there was no discussion, and the motion was passed. The interest group the Forestry Club is going to be selling cupcakes this month as well.

## **Public Relations**

Jennifer McKenna spoke about starting some new traditions as SGA, possibly including an annual Carnival. Mike has talked with Matt Barney about traditions often, and one idea was a chicken barbeque, which had an interesting story that has to do with an event that happened on campus in the past. Conor mentioned that at his last school the Dunk Tank was very successful. Stephanie Zacharias suggested ticket stubs as a way to monitor admittance to rides, etc.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

## **New Business**

Constitution revisions voting was tabled until the next meeting.

## **Concerns and Announcements**

Student Forums for Student Conduct in Bouck Hall Theater

1. March 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00 Caitlyn Carroll
2. March 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00 Erica Faulkner

Debate Night – March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Bouck Theater at 8:00pm

Club Council – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Tiger's Den at 5:00pm

## **Adjournment**

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