

SUNY Cobleskill  
Student Government Association  
Meeting Minutes  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Attendance:**

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

Members: Eric Mariano, Stephanie Zacharias, Erin Denman, Brittany VanDuzer, Ryan Luffman, Alex Smith, Brycen Franek, Conor Brinkworth, Sage Blackmar, Angela Armstrong, Adam Meyer, and Julia Rainville.

Advisors: Jeff Foote and Matt LaLonde.

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

**Open Floor**

Jeff Foote stated that next week the campus has many events, as it is Ag Week. These events are being advocated via flyers and the weekly blast as well. A comprehensive Ag Week flier will be distributed soon.

Conor Brinkworth commented that Spring Fling ended up on an awkward weekend, as it is a holiday weekend. Cheyanne, Jeff, and Matt LaLonde commented that there are various events lined up for the next weekend, which would have conflicted.

Angela Armstrong thanked SGA for providing the menstrual dispensers as she saw that they were finally put up. She also stated that the Commuter Organization is having a free lunch across the street on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-1:30pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Brittany VanDuzer made a motion to accept the minutes from April 9th, 2019. Conor Brinkworth seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

**Executive Board**

Cheyanne announced that there are two more meetings left and asked for all voting members to come on the last meeting, as we will be voting on the budget.

**Committees**

Elections: Veronica Collazo stated that the time of SGA meetings will always be 12:00 for mingling and food and 12:30 for the meeting on Tuesdays. This shouldn't be a conflict as it is common hour, but there are classes that do run during this hour so she asked to be aware of that. Matt asked how many students have classes during the common hour, as that is supposed to be a time for club functions as well as faculty meetings.

Affiliations: There is a new honor society being formed, Delta Alpha Pi. This honor society is geared towards students with disabilities. Their meetings are on Thursdays at 5:00pm in EOP lounge, for any questions contact Wendi Richards.

Finance: Mercedes Hernandez stated that some clubs have credit cards, but they aren't always getting disbursement forms on time. Something that was advised is that the cards would shut down on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Ryan Luffman made the motion to enforce this policy, and Conor seconded the motion. There was no discussion, Mercedes abstained, and the motion passed.

There were also three motions to move leftover money into additional funds. The first was to move \$100 in the blood drive line into additional funds. Angela made the motion, and Alex Smith seconded. Mercedes abstained, there was no discussion and the motion was passed. \$357.35 was left in the secretarial line, and Mercedes asked for a motion to move it into additional funds. Eric Mariano made the motion, and Sage Blackmar seconded. Mercedes abstained, there was no discussion and the motion was passed. Lastly, \$400 remained in the officer elections line. Sage made the motion to move it into additional funds, Conor seconded the motion. Mercedes abstained, there was no discussion and the motion was past.

Lastly, Mercedes asked for members to come to finance committee to go over the budget as that will be voted on during SGA's last meeting for this semester.

Public Relations: Jennifer McKenna announced that Pizza with the presidents was cancelled and is pending reschedule. The Veteran's dinner is also Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. SGA will fund members that want to attend.

### **Old Business**

Cheyenne passed around three resolutions.

Period Act- Free and Equal Access to Menstrual Products. There is currently a pushback about funding for the actual products inside the dispensers. Joe Batchelder was implying that there might be a different fee or have a .25 cost for it. This is in the works currently. Cheyanne stated that other schools that have done trial runs went smoothly.

Brittany asked if facilities provided us with the cost of upkeep of products. Cheyanne stated that that cost has not been calculated yet. A concern is that students would abuse it, especially in the men's bathrooms (the goal is to have dispensers in 1/3 of men's bathrooms as well). The two schools that did trial runs had no problems whatsoever.

Stephanie asked if we could have a care package for feminine products through the Wellness Center. Allison stated that the care packages are all state funded, and this would not be which is why the Wellness Center cannot currently shoulder that cost. They also stated that the current student fees would not cover sanitary products.

Brittany asked about accessibility in the bookstore, to which members stated that they were not positive, but though that they are available to purchase with flex points as is it medical.

Child Care Recommendation- Cheyanne is trying to schedule a meeting with the director of the child care center. The aim of this resolution is to make child care more affordable and accessible for students.

The last resolution is to add a 50 cent fee for every SUNY student to fund SUNY SA. SUNY SA has always been state funded, but got recently a 2% cut. This would also SUNY SA to have more freedom with programming as they wouldn't be as obligated to another entity for funding them.

Alex mentioned that not a lot of students would notice a 50 cent increase. Cheyanne agreed, but stated that it is our job as SGA to bring this to awareness and be visible. This resolution will be voted on in June.

Jeff asked for clarification on the difference between a resolution vs a motion. A resolution is a carefully worded, strong moral statement that holds more weight than a motion. A motion is a proposal from a member of the meeting whereas a resolution reflects the general opinion of the board. Generally speaking, not all motions can be resolutions but all resolutions come from motions.

### **New Business**

Steve Leary, our liaison to Red Cross, is retiring and this past Blood Drive was his last. Based on our long relationship with him, SGA would like to support him and put forward this resolution in his honor. We are also planning on inviting him to one of our last meetings to thank him.

Cheyanne asked for a motion to approve this resolution. Conor made the motion to accept this resolution, and Brittany seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was passed,

### **Concerns and Announcements**

Cheyanne asked for help to schedule the Club Appreciation Dinner to recognize clubs for their accomplishments, school spirit, and presence on campus. The date is currently to be determined.

### **Adjournment**

Julia Rainville made a motion to end the meeting; Conor seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.