

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2018

Attendance:

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

Members: Michael Accetta, Brycen Franek, Lyndsey Wantis, Serene Boronow, Ashley Reinoso, Katherine Mohan, Sharon Restrepo, Cody Cooper, Alex Smith, Christina Perillo and Abigail O'Brien.

Advisor: Jeff Foote.

Guests: Mandy Babirad, Beth Orgeron, Travis Vester, Sabrina Long, Tiarra Rosado, Frank Cassese, Jocelyn Gramit, Erin Denman, Alejandro Fernandez, Sage Blackmar, Hail O'Donnell, Nathaniel Shuart, Jahdiel Hood, Kaylin Klein, Joel Fitzgerald, Carmelo Breton and Stephun Samedi.

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:23 p.m.

Open Floor

Mandy Babirad, public services and outreach librarian and Beth Orgeron, dean of library spoke of keeping the library open extended hours. According to their data, it would be beneficial to keep the library open until about 2:00-3:00 am, then again from 5-6 am. To help move this forward, SGA will be compiling a list of volunteers and their availability. Beth explained that keeping the library open longer is one of their most common requests, and they cannot pay workers to do so due to their union. Regarding the volunteers, no services will be required so they do not need to be trained. They will also be working with the Wellness Center to provide healthy snacks for students.

Approval of Minutes

Lyndsey Wanits made a motion to accept the minutes from October 2, 2018. Michael Accetta seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Executive Board

Camp O: Cheyanne Matulewich announced that 19 students went to Camp O and asked for feedback on the experience from any member or guest present. Erin Denman recapped some of the activities, such as zip-lining, the high-ropes course and hikes, along with various other teambuilding exercises that help leaders and emerging leaders grow. Jocelyn Gramit didn't have any preconceived notions, as she found out through Coby Quest. She enjoyed the experience and suggested better communication to get the word out about the event.

Stay Woke- Representatives from the Democratic Party and the Green Party spoke on campus to help bring more awareness of politics and promote voting and being involved. For the future,

Cheyenne suggested moving the location to be more visible, as well as sending out invitations in May for next year's county elections.

Personal Safety Committee: Meetings will be held Fridays at 10am.

Committees

Elections: On behalf of the elections committee, Veronica Collazo made a motion to recognize Cody Cooper, Brycen Franek and Katherine Mohan as official members, as they have fulfilled their obligations to SGA. They have attended three SGA meetings, two committee meetings or events under SGA, and submitted their new member profile. Ashley Reinoso seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Constitutions: Allison Finch is working on a constitution revision with the Pre-Vet club, as well as actively working with two interest groups. The Weightlifting Club is an interest group that meets every other Wednesday at 6:30 om in Bouck 120, and are looking to reserve the weight room for future meetings with the help of their advisor coach Kollar.

Abigail O'Brien requested that the Weightlifting Club come into an SGA meeting and speak about their club and their goals.

LASO (Latin American Student Organization) is an interest group that was struggling for a while, but has since proven that they have a lot to contribute on campus. Cheyenne asked to entertain a motion to recognize LASO as an official club on campus. Cody Cooper made the motion, Mike seconded the motion, and Veronica abstained. There was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Finance: Mercedes Hernandez had three requests to raise funds. The Woodsmen team are having a cornhole game and raffle and a chainsaw raffle which is ongoing until April 27th to raise money for the woodsman scholarship. SPAC is having a cookie sale from October 25th-26th to raise funds for an overnight field trip. Tri Beta is having a Halloween Bake Sale October 30th- 31st from 11:00am to 12:00pm to raise money for a district meeting. All three were approved out of committee.

Trout Unlimited requested a budget revision to move money to restock materials. The funds would be moving within their own lines, not coming from anywhere else. Cody Cooper made the motion to move funds, Serene Boronow seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Biotech submitted a budget request of \$475 for trips, events, and promotion. This money would come from additional funds. Abigail made a motion to approve the request, Serene seconded the request, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Public Relations: Jennifer McKenna will be working with Mike Wacksman on Tuesday, October 23rd at 8:00 pm to carve pumpkins outside of Bouck. Anyone is welcome to come.

Old Business

Cheyenne asked to entertain a motion to revise the New SGA Member Policy (Policy #28) to revise requirement #4 to state “Participate in any two committee meetings or two events under SGA.” Ashley made the motion, Lyndsey seconded the motion, and Cheyanne, Jen, and Veronica abstained. There was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Cheyenne also stated that SGA will be working on increasing the amount of recycle bins around campus to help recycle more and be more sustainable as a campus.

New Business

Charity Volleyball will be held on Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 pm. The team sizes are usually 6-8 people, and proceeds will go to the Charleston Animal Society. Sign ups will be emailed out, and the price for a team to enter is \$40 for our 4-legged friends.

Concerns and Announcements

SUNY Assembly: November 16th-18th

Bike Repair Workshop: Wednesday, October 24th from 2:00-5:00 pm outside Bouck. This is a mobile workshop that will help and repair basic issues for free. There will be two more in the spring as well.

Adjournment

Lyndsey made a motion to end the meeting; Brycen seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.