

SUNY Cobleskill  
Student Government Association  
Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2018

**Attendance:**

Officers: Cheyanne Matulewich, Jennifer McKenna, and Veronica Collazo.

Members: Ashley Reinoso, Serene Boronow, Angela Armstrong, Abigail O'Brien, Alex Smith, Josh Foust and Sharon Restrepo.

Advisor: Jeff Foote.

Guests: Mandy Babirad, Jason Evans, Sage Blackmar, Erin Denman, Taylor Clerkin, Kaylin Klein, Cody Cooper and Alejandro Fernandez.

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

**Open Floor**

Mandy Babirad, public services and outreach librarian spoke about possibly keeping the library open extended hours or 24 hours during finals. This could be made possible with student volunteers and increased UPD involvement, such as patrolling the area more frequently and escorting students back to their residence halls. Cheyanne asked if it would be a work-study position, to which Mandy clarified that it would be a volunteer position as they are not expected to deliver services. Jeff Foote asked if there is an increased volume of late-night students towards finals week, and if there is any data to back up the need of extended hours. It was also suggested to send out a survey to the student body, if possible.

Jason Evans spoke on behalf of Schoharie Fresh, an online farmers market run by Ag Business students. It runs year-round and about 30 to 35 farmers sell their products, which range from food to beauty items. This was the basis for the Carriage House Café and General Store. Their goal is to keep prices as low as possible. 90% of inventory is campus made, locally produced in Schoharie County, and the farthest they outsource is to Long Island for potato chips. They are open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:00pm and is run by students enrolled in Ag Business 299. Eventually, management of the store would become available as an internship. Inventory includes coffee, baked goods, ice cream, frozen meat from campus and local sources, and much more. They do not currently have a deli, but pre-made sandwiches are anticipated to be added soon. Produce that is not sold in time is given to livestock on campus, or to the food pantry. Jeff asked how SGA can support this endeavor, to which Jason asked that the Carriage House be promoted through word of mouth.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alex Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from September 25, 2018. Angela Armstrong seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

**Executive Board**

There was nothing to report at this time.

## **Committees**

**Public Relations:** Jennifer McKenna requested that members of the hospitality committee collaborate through GroupMe, as finding a mutual time to meet has proven to be difficult.

After passing around possible “SGA Swag,” methods of disbursement were discussed. Options included a point system, as members would accrue points when attending SGA meetings and committee meetings and items being worth a certain amount of points, or possibly having items available for purchase at a discounted price.

## **Old Business**

Cheyanne thanked SGA members for their participation in the Homecoming Parade. Jeff mentioned that SGA funds the float building process and that this event helps us connect as a student body and with our greater community.

## **New Business**

Cheyanne asked to entertain a motion to revise the New SGA Member Policy (Policy #28) to remove requirement #3 and to revise requirement #5 to state “Participate in any committee under SGA” instead of “assigned committees” for at least two meetings. Josh Foust made the motion, Ashley Reinoso seconded the motion, and Cheyanne, Jen, and Veronica Collazo abstained. There was no discussion and the motion was passed.

## **Concerns and Announcements**

**“Stay Woke” Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup>**

SGA will be inviting representatives from the various political parties in NYS to come to campus. This event was created to bring more awareness and promote politics, voting, and to combat ignorance and spread knowledge. SGA will also be tabling during this event, as well as having voter registration forms.

## **Adjournment**

Alex made a motion to end the meeting; Ashley seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm.