

SUNY Cobleskill  
Student Government Association  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2018

**Attendance:**

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

**Members:** Michael Accetta, Callie Maxim, Sage Blackmar, Mariah Meachem, Josh Foust, Angelica Armlin-Sorgen, Serene Boronow, Abigail O'Brien, and Shiloh Jakowlow-Dahlhaus.

**Advisor:** Jeff Foote, Anne Hopkins Gross, Barb Sprouse, Matt LaLonde.

**Guests:** Lyndsey Wanits, Cody Cooper, Nathaniel Shuart, Ashley Reinoso, Taylor Clerkin, Alejandro Fernandez, Sharon Restrepo, Angela Armstrong, Christina Perillo, Joe Miles, Ben Swezey, Andrew Gombick.

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

**Open Floor**

Jeri Usatch was introduced and spoke on behalf of the campus store. The first question of concern was in regard to the original marketing of free two-day shipping. Jeri explained that there was very little time to transition to the new online book store and get faculty orders. Once orders are received they are sent to the publisher, then it needs to be stocked, and only after that is it shipped out. Moreover, there should be a much quicker and smoother transition for the spring semester in January due to a greater amount of time. Regarding downtown dollars, there is no current compatibility. Due to the transition with blackboard, it will not happen right away. It was asked what will happen with RA funds, which traditionally have been useable in the bookstore for books. Jerri stated that there is no current plan, possibly a collaboration with financial aid, but that is a conversation that needs to be had with Ed Asselin in the future.

Officers of the Turf Club introduced themselves and expressed that they have worked very hard to establish a presence on campus. That being said, they were told they would get their budget during the first week of the fall semester and have yet to receive any information. Cheyanne apologized for any confusion and explained that during Club Council they will receive their budget.

**Approval of Minutes**

Serene Boronow made a motion to accept the minutes from September 4, 2018. Michael Accetta seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

**Executive Board**

Cheyanne thanked everyone for their help with the Blood Drive. There were 136 units collected, which is a good turnout. The next Blood Drive will be in about 7 weeks, on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. The t-shirts went over very well. Jeff Foote explained that the first drive is the most difficult, as there is little time to advertise and get the word out. The second should be incentivized to optimize turnout. This discussion should occur in October.

Mercedes Hernandez will be meeting one on one with club treasurers outside of Club Council. Cheyanne asked for members and guests to, if possible, bring a friend to next week's meeting, in an effort to further recruitment.

### **Committees**

Elections: There was nothing new to report.

Constitutions: The Biological Society's constitution is currently being revised.

Finance: Student Pastry Arts club submitted a request to raise funds for their September 18-20<sup>th</sup> cupcake sale for their trip in December.

Ducks Unlimited submitted a request for a credit card. The credit card is a Bank of America card, and the money comes from their lines. This was approved out of committee. Shiloh Jakowlow-Dahlhaus asked for clarification on what the circumstances are for whether a club should or should not have a credit card. Barb Sprouse explained that in the past some clubs with big trips and/or events that would benefit from having a credit card were initially chosen. If a club feels that they would benefit from a credit card they can apply for one. Joe asked if it was a permanent credit card and how to pay for gas for a trip, etc. Jeff explained that there are various methods of reimbursement, and that it is a big responsibility to have the credit card. It was also asked what happens if the request is not approved. Barb clarified that nothing happens, but if it is approved she will go about securing a new card from Bank of America. Shiloh asked if it was a formally submitted proposal, to which Barb stated that the advisor approached her in the spring semester. The conversation was tabled until a representative from the club comes in during the next meeting to explain why they would benefit from the card. Jeff also suggested that an agreement be established when applying for the credit card. The members felt that it should be more regulated so that their votes feel more informed.

Mercedes asked Cheyanne to entertain a motion to suspend the fundraising incentive program to work on an alternative and reevaluate it. The current budget is \$2000, as opposed to last year's budget of \$6500, and she would like to make sure that smaller clubs can earn money as well. With the current set up, one or two clubs could earn all the money in one or two fundraisers. Serene asked if all of last year's budget was used, and Barb verified that it was close. Currently, an alternative being considered is to purchase materials needed to fundraise instead of getting a reward after. This helps smaller clubs get on their feet. Abigail O'Brien suggested setting up a max of \$100 maxed a semester with regards to the current fundraising incentive program. Serene also suggested matching 50 cents to every dollar.

Shiloh made the motion to suspend the current fundraising incentive program for reevaluation. Callie seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Public Relations: There was nothing new to report.

### **Old Business**

Club Fair update: Cheyanne stated that there were 27 signups for SGA.

### **New Business**

Cheyenne proposed to entertain a motion to take \$2700 out of additional funds to be used to purchase new computers for two SGA officers. The computers are about 8 years old and need to be replaced as they are not functional. Serene made the motion to take \$2700 out of additional funds to be used to purchase two new computers for SGA. Callie seconded the motion and Jennifer McKenna and Veronica Collazo abstained. There was no discussion and the motion was passed.

### **Concerns and Announcements**

#### **Active Member Policy**

A “New Member Profile” will replace the letter of intent, to give more clarity and consistency. Serene made a motion to amend the active member policy to replace the letter of intent with the new member profile. Veronica seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

### **Adjournment**

Serene made a motion to end the meeting; Jen seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.