

SUNY Cobleskill
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2018

Attendance:

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

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

Advisor: Jeff Foote, Anne Hopkins Gross, Barb Sprouse

Guests: Deja Murray, Heather Heckman, Angela Armstrong, Cody Cooper, Alex Smith, Emma Rogers, Christina Perillo, Sharon Restrepo, Nathaniel Shuart, Ashley Reinoso, Brycen R Franek.

Cheyanne Matulewich called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Open Floor

Matthew Barney introduced Nathan, who is on campus for Greek Life recruitment for Alpha Gamma Rho. The fraternity prides itself on having a nationwide presence, no pledging (and being the first fraternity to do so), as well as being very social and promoting community and culture. They are looking for males with an affiliation with agriculture and natural sciences, and they must have spent at least one semester at SUNY Cobleskill prior to joining.

Matt Barney introduced himself and stated that he will be working with Greek life on campus. Fridays at 3:00pm there will be an all Greek council meeting.

Ashley Reinoso expressed concern about the bookstore- ecampus. While it has been advertised as "2-day shipping" for any order, it is 1-5 days or more, up to 2 weeks.

Callie complimented the commuter parking lot. Abigail expressed concern with regards to the quality, advised to keep an eye on it.

Approval of Minutes

Callie Maxim made a motion to accept the minutes from August 28, 2018. Serene Boronow seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed.

Executive Board

Blood drive: Veronica announced that there will be a Blood Drive September 5th, 2018. A sign-up sheet to table was passed around.

T-shirts: It was announced that there will be tie dye tonight at 5:00pm in front of Bouck.

Jen spoke of the Food Committee. There will be different food every week. It is hoped to form more community engagement, as SGA is looking to outsource its food within the community.

Committees

For clarity due to new guests attending the meeting, officers re-introduced themselves.

Elections: Veronica Collazo was introduced as the officer in charge of this committee.

Constitutions: Allison Finch was introduced as the officer in charge of this committee.

Finance: Mercedes Hernandez was introduced as the officer in charge of this committee.

Public Relations: Jennifer McKenna was introduced as the officer in charge of this committee.

Old Business

Amended minutes: Shiloh Jakowlow-Dahlhaus made a motion to accept the minutes from May 8, 2018. Callie Maxim seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion was passed. Jeff spoke of the importance of following parli pro and having correct minutes.

New Business

All club officers are expected to attend the first Club Council meeting on Sep 13 @ 5 in the Tiger's Den. It was stated that if you cannot make that time, it can be worked around. Jeff spoke on behalf of SGA to say that we want a vibrant, robust communication with the clubs on campus. It was also noted that it is important to be aware of implicit/explicit bias and to remain viewpoint neutral as a member of SGA. As a member of SGA, one should vote on behalf of the students as a whole, regardless of personal affiliations.

Cheyenne mentioned the qualifications to become an SGA member: 3 SGA meetings, 2 committee meetings, and a letter of intent.

Mercedes stated that a club's budget will be frozen if they fail to comply with Title IX training.

Concerns and Announcements

CSA partnered with Pete Dominick, a comedian and alum. He often targets diversity and incorporates SUNY Cobleskill into his skits when speaking on campus, giving it a personal feeling. He will be speaking tonight at 8:00.

Camp O

Camp O will take place Oct 12-14. SGA has traditionally paid for one officer from any club to attend this retreat.

Student Assembly

Described as the student government for all of SUNY, this conference will take place in Albany on Nov 17th.

Homecoming Weekend

Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for Sep 28-29.

Club fair

Club Fair will take place this Thursday at 12:30 in front of Bouck. Clubs receiving funds through SGA are expected to recruit new members.

Adjournment

Josh Foust made a motion to end the meeting; Serene Boronow seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.