



Hill Whispers

A Student Publication

EDITOR'S NOTE: One week ago today, your student council approved a new Student Government Constitution. It is now being presented to the student body for consideration and suggestion. Read and talk it over with your fellow students. A mass meeting will be held to hear the opinions and suggestions of the student body.

In order to bring this in front of the student body as soon as possible, HILL WHISPERS has come out with this supplement issue. The next issue will be March 15. Deadline for information, articles, or ads is March 7, tomorrow. FGG

PROPOSED STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION

Introduction:

The Student Government is a representative group elected by the students to act for them in matters which promote the interest of the College and the entire student body. Through the expression of student opinion on college programs and policies, a spirit of cooperation between administration, faculty, and students is developed. The Student Government derives its authority from the College Council (which is appointed by the Governor of New York and derives its authority from Section 356 of the New York Education Law) and from the Student Body.

Article I - Name and Purpose

The name of this governmental body shall be: The Student Government of the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill.

The purposes of the Student Government are:

1. To recommend matters that are of interest and of value to students to the President of the College. To recommend to the President of the College that important student matters be presented to the College Council for their consideration.
2. To establish and maintain a system of courts to adjudicate all violations of the student code of conduct and to insure due process of law.
3. To manage the funds derived from Student Activity fees and the budgeting and disbursement of said funds.
4. To charter all campus clubs and organizations. No new student organization will be authorized to represent itself as associated with the college unless it has been chartered by the Student Government.

Article II - Membership

The membership of the Student Government shall be elected from the student body and one representative of each of the following campus organizations: WSGA, Student Union Board, IFSC, Freshman and Senior Classes, and Hill Whispers.

Section A. Election of Student Government Members

1. Each campus organization listed will elect one representative.
2. The following procedure will be used for the election of the Student Government representatives elected by the student body.

The Senior representatives shall be elected in the spring of the Freshman year. Each division shall hold a meeting to nominate and hear the qualification speeches of the candidates. Two (2) Seniors from each division will conduct the nomination procedures for their respective divisions. Election will occur one (1) week after nominations. Each division will elect one (1) representative per fifty (50) Senior students enrolled in that division at election time. Only students in each division may vote for their respective division representatives. The representatives will be elected by plurality vote. The Senior class will run the polls and tabulate the results. The Senior representatives become members of the Student Government upon election and will work with the existing members of the Student Government for the remainder of the year to help orient the new members.

The Freshman representatives will be elected in the fall of the Freshman year at one (1) representative per 50 Freshman students. The election procedures will be the same as the Senior elections.

Section 2. Expulsion or Resignation of Members

A member of the Student Government may be expelled at any regular meeting of the Student Government. An expulsion case must be brought before the Student Government and must require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to expel. A representative must be given a chance to defend himself before the Student Government can take action.

If a student fails to achieve a 2.0 accumulative average his or her immediate resignation is required.

If a vacancy occurs due to expulsion or resignation the division in which the vacancy occurs will hold a special election. The election will take place at the same time as nominations.

Article III - Officers

The following shall be considered officers of the Student Government: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 1. Election of Officers.

a. The President and Vice-President will be elected in the spring of the Freshman year for the coming year by the newly elected Senior representatives. A special meeting will be called by the existing President, at which time the candidates will give a qualification speech and be subject to questions from the delegation. A majority vote will be necessary for election. The runner-up will become the Vice-President.

b. The Secretary and Treasurer will be elected at the first meeting after all Freshmen representatives have been elected. These offices may be held by either a Freshman or a Senior. The candidates must give a qualification speech and be subject to a question period. A majority vote will be necessary for election.

Section 2. Duties of Officers.

a. The President shall preside over meetings, appoint committees, and coordinate the work of the Student Government. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

b. The Vice-President shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

c. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings and correspond with the Student Body, Hill Whispers, and the President of the College.

d. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements of the Activity Fee Funds. He shall give regular reports of said funds. He shall be chairman of the finance committee.

e. The President may acquire the services of a Parliamentarian.

Section 3. Resignation or Expulsion of Officers.

Any officer may be expelled from office at any regular meeting by the members of the Student Government. The Student Government shall decide if expulsion is necessary. An officer must have the right to defend his case. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote is necessary for expulsion. An officer may be expelled for not fulfilling and/or not being able to fulfill the duties of his office. In case of resignation or expulsion of the President, the Vice-President becomes the new President. If the Secretary, Treasurer or Vice-President is expelled or resigns, a new election will occur.

Article IV - Meetings

The Student Government shall hold a meeting at least every other week or whenever deemed necessary by the President.

The meetings will be conducted in a business-like manner and supported by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

A quorum shall consist of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Student Government representatives and will be necessary for the transaction of any or all business.

Article V - Advisors

The Student Government shall have two (2) advisors appointed by the President of the College in September. The term of advisors will be one (1) year, but their appointment may be renewed by the President of the College. The advisors shall express the views of the faculty and administration and advise the Student Government regarding State University policies, guidelines and regulations affecting students. Advisors will not determine policies affecting student life, nor will they in any way inhibit students from representing themselves to the President of the college.

Article VI - Amendments and/or By-Laws

An amendment and/or by-law to this constitution may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Student Government and action on this proposed change or addition may take place no sooner than the next meeting of the Student Government. A vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ will be required for an amendment or by-law to pass. Amendments and by-laws must be approved by the College President before they may be enacted.

BY-LAWS