



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

State University of New York, College at Geneseo
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MINUTES—Tuesday, January 31st, 2012

Call to Order:

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes approved unanimously.

E-Board Updates:

Mike, Vice Chair: N/A

Dara, Secretary: No new updates.

Iwona, Communication Director: If you are on the professor recognition ceremony committee, there is no meeting tonight. Everything is going well.

Justin, Chair: Rock your semester is March 21st during all college hour in the Union lobby. Right now we only have three tables, so there is a possibility that we will have a rotation system. College Bowl is Geneseo's team trivia tournament. It will be in the Knightsport from 2-10 PM on Saturday, February 18th. You can register in the SA office, CU316. Come up with a fun team name. You can win upwards of 24 dollars for first prize. Finally, SA elections will probably happen before spring break. If you are interested in running, talk to a member of SA. Justin's office hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10:30-12:30 PM

Club Updates:

Mock Trial: The club's invitational this week, so they are reaching panic point right now. Hopefully all goes well.

Political Affairs: The first meeting of the semester was last Thursday. Their next meeting will be Thursday at 6PM in Newton 219

Cothurnus: At 4PM on Friday the club will be meeting outside the Black Box Theater. They will be building a set for Stop Kiss.

French: They planned a trip to Montreal and played a name game.

Philosophy: Sex! That is the club's fun topic for their next meeting. They will discuss sexual orientation, and ethical connotations of bestiality, incest and other sexual interests. This will be Thursday in Welles 111 at 7PM.

Psychology: The club's first open meeting was yesterday, and they had a good turn out.

PRISM: Their first meeting was last Wednesday and they played taboo.

Physics: Meetings are Thursdays at 5PM.

Geology: "We talk a lot about rocks."

Executive Board

<i>Chair:</i> Justin Shapiro	saaac
<i>Vice Chair:</i> Michael Vaughn	mpv4
<i>Treasurer:</i> Forrest Regan	frr1
<i>Secretary:</i> Dara Gell	drg7
<i>Comm. Director:</i> Iwona Drapala	iad1
<i>Advisor:</i> Provost Carol Long	long

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Biology: Their first meeting was last Tuesday, but regular meetings are on Wednesdays. They are thinking of a city trip to see biological things. They also have tons of interests from transfer students.

Chemistry: No new updates

History: Their first meeting is next week in Welles 111 where they will play Sporcle! The club is going back at the air museum this semester and is always looking for new volunteers. Everyone is welcome.

Geography: The club is talking about shirts and designs. They are also planning their end-of-the-year picnic

English: They held an interest meeting. The club is currently taking submissions to opus until Valentine's Day.

MAPS: The club's first meeting was postponed, but all events for the semester have already planned.

Anthropology: They broke up into committees to do philanthropic things. Anyone with any cool ideas should let the representative know.

Sociology: They had juice boxes and cookies at the last meetings. Their meetings are Thursdays in Sturges 105.

Prelaw: They meet on Thursdays at 7:30PM in south 238. Come if you are interested in law school.

Spanish: The club is having a speaker next week.

Justin reminds the representatives that if they want to submit readings over \$1000, they only have three more weeks.

Provost Time:

“The RYSAG summer program from Xerox center is great. We just submitted another grant to fund that summer learning program. Hopefully this will work for students here and in Rochester. This is the year of accreditation. On February 19th AACSB will be here looking at the School of Business. Middle states will be here in March and later in the year our education department will be looked at for accreditation as well. We learn a lot from the whole process.

We have the general education committee revising our Gen Eds from the bottom up. At this stage they are looking for student interest and input. Maybe your clubs will be interested. This is the first time in 30 years that they have been revised. If you have an interest, I hope you have a voice.

I recently attend the Foundation board meeting in New York City. It was a good meeting, and they work very hard. The campaign has currently raised 18.1 million dollars! I was in Ghana for a week with our partner school. We have had biology students, student teachers, and faculty in that school over the years. Think about doing study abroad! If you clubs are interested in doing something international, we would be happy to support that. Also, I got just back from Washington D.C, as we are doing a teal grant to learn about distance mentoring.”

Justin says, “On February 21st maybe we will have food and we will definitely have a discussion about the Middle States accreditation.”

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Treasurer's Time:

N/A

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

17-1112- Mock Trial Regional Competition in Buffalo, New York

The mock Trial representative says, "This club's big competition at Buffalo State. We are asking money for food, transportation, and accommodations. We will be staying the night, as we got stuck in a blizzard last year. Hopefully we will do well."

Justin asks, "Where are you staying?"

The Mock Trial representative says, "A pet-friendly hotel. I hope we don't get any loud animals around us!"

Discussion:

The MAPS representative says, "They are having nine people attending and they are taking three cars. Is that unnecessary?"

Justin says, "Good point, I'll look this over and send them an email."

Political Affairs asks, "But is it only the nine students going? And maybe they have luggage. Lets allow them to be comfortable."

Justin says, "Still a fair point, I'll look into this issue."

Reading passes unanimously

Open Discussion:

There is a special announcement from the SA office assistant Catherine. She asks everyone to please sign a petition helping her brother fight deportation back to Thailand.

Elections for the treasurer position

Forrest Regan, a Political Science and Economics double major sophomore, is our new treasurer! He is voted into the position unanimously.

Adjournment:

8:14 PM