

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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MINUTES—Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Call to Order:

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes approved unanimously.

E-Board Updates:

Mike, Vice Chair: N/A

Andrew, Treasurer: We only have two more meetings and two more office hours before the end of the semester, and most people haven't given in receipts. Remember that your clubs are constitutionally obligated to turn in those receipts if you want reimbursements.

Dara, Secretary: Attend the information session for the incredible internship in Uganda this summer. The session is Wednesday, 11/30 at 2:30 in Welles 123, or email asp8@geneseo.edu for more information.

Iwona, Communication Director: Our subcommittee has been approved so we are moving into the advertising phase! Be excited!

Justin, Chair: I will be having a meeting with Provost Long on December 2th, so please if you have any questions, comments concerns on anything! Registration, professors, or anything to do with academics. Just email me I'll tell her.

The College Bowl will be on February 18th. It is similar to Jeopardy at the Vital. It will be lots of fun, with free food all day. Sign ups are going to start in January

Also, there is a SA meeting tomorrow and lots of money may be spent. Come to the meeting; have your voice heard on the matter.

Club Updates:

Geography: The club will be tabling for their beads fundraiser. They also just voted on shirts and will begin selling them soon.

History: History club will have a movie potluck next Monday. They are showing Band of Brothers. They are also planning on providing free food in library on study day.

French: No new updates

Chemistry: T-shirts are being delivered next week.

Sociology: No new updates

Geology: They are having a holiday dinner, which they will speak about later.

MAPS: The club went to help out at a nursing home.

Executive Board

<i>Chair:</i> Justin Shapiro	saaac
<i>Vice Chair:</i> Michael Vaughn	mpv4
<i>Treasurer:</i> Andrew S. Perry	asp8
<i>Secretary:</i> Dara Gell	drg7
<i>Comm. Director:</i> Iwona Drapala	iad1
<i>Advisor:</i> Provost Carol Long	long

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Spanish: The spelling bee is tomorrow and all are invited! You can win an Ipod shuttle! It will be in Newton 204 at 6PM.

Psychology: No new updates

English: No new updates

School of Business: No new updates

Biology: The biology shirts are in and they are really cool. Also, next Friday, to honor past school employees that have recently died, anyone interested in dropping off point seta to your department can do so through the Undergraduate Alumni Association. It is a nice way to remember people during this holiday season.

PRISM: The club just got sweatshirt orders. Also, they had “Pi Day, “ where they ate lots of pie for thanksgiving. Their last meeting is on Friday, December 9th.

Justin says, “This Friday is the last day to turn in readings for this semester. Next semester the \$1,500 dollars rolls over.”

Provost Time:

N/A

Treasurer’s Time:

Off campus events: 6,500 dollars

On campus events: 3,182.55 dollars

Old Business:

14-1112- PRISM’s Amazing Maize Maze.

The Math representative says, “It happened and it was great.”

Discussion:

The Chemistry representative asks, “What has changed last week?”

Justin responds, “The original reading was for \$163, but you changed it so that they are only being reimbursed for two cars instead of all three cars that they took. Now the reading is for \$113.79.”

The Psychology representative says, “I am confused because they already went on the trip but they can ask for money now?”

Justin says, “Our constitution is very ambiguous. This is not a precedent we are setting, we will not be reimbursing after the fact again. But yes, now they can ask for the money after the fact.”

Justin asks if there is any more discussion on the reading. Seeing none, he calls for a vote on the reading.

The reading passes unanimously

New Business:

15-1112- Geology club’s annual holiday dinner.

This is their annual dinner at Yard-of-Ale. Students talk about independent studies and making connections. It is open for anyone interested in going. The funds being requested are for food.

Justin asks, “Can you give us a list of who attended, after the fact. Also, we don’t reimburse for tax. We can cover gratuity, but not tax.”

Discussion:

The Biology representative says, “It looks like a delicious meal.”

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Justin says, "This seems great, I would love for the History department to do this."
The reading passes unanimously.

Open Discussion:

Patty, the Student Association advisor, is here to talk about GREAT Day! She says, "This is the 6th annual GREAT Day. I wanted to hear what the students think about GREAT Day, your thoughts and suggestions; you are my focus group."

The Biology representative says, "I do a lot of research and travel, and I know they have posters and speakers. What are the time constraints of the presentations?"

Patty responds, "Either 15 or 25 minutes. We do four presentation sections, with about 20 in each of the four sessions. We try not to schedule inter-department lectures at the same time."

Anthropology asks, "Do you give out a program? Is it online?"

Patty responds, "Yes, and it's online. It will be in a PDF so it will be more manageable. They are also printed and put around the union and in the presentation rooms, thanks to a great suggestion by Iwona."

Biology asks, "Have you booked the keynote person yet?"

Patty responds, "I am in the process of doing that now."

Spanish asks, "Can anyone present?"

Patty responds, "We will be doing calls for submission, hopefully by the end of this week. You need a faculty member to sponsor you. We will also be having musical, dance, and theater performances."

Justin asks, "Is it true when you present a paper, it can be published?"

Patty responds, "Yes, anyone who presents a paper and wishes to, can have their paper published in the SUNY Geneseo GREAT Day publication and you can buy it on Amazon! You can put it on your resume and graduate school applications that you have been published."

Anthropology asks, "When is the deadline for submission?"

Patty responds, "The deadline will be March 9th."

Spanish asks, "Can you be in this even if you do a directed study during the spring?"

Patty responds, "You have to present at GREAT Day, but you can finish your paper later."

Patty says, "Get the word out to freshman!"

Biology says, "When I was a freshman I would always listen to Res Life meetings, maybe talk to them."

Justin says, "Give out free food!"

Patty says, "my email is Hamilton@geneseo.edu, and last year we have 832 students and many, many papers, presentations, and exhibits. I hope to see you all at GREAT Day. This year we will be using student volunteers, so hopefully I'll see you there."

Adjournment:

8:01 pm