



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

State University of New York, College at Geneseo
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MINUTES—Tuesday, December 6th, 2011

Call to Order:

Approval of Agenda:

Proposal by the Geology Club representative to amend reading 15-1112 from \$981.01 to \$917.64 to account for tax that cannot be compensated.

The amendment passes unanimously

Agenda approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes approved unanimously.

E-Board Updates:

Mike, Vice Chair: We have had a few subcommittee meetings for the Teacher Recognition Dinner. The ceremony will be held towards the end of next semester. We are working to get the nominations in order, and nominations are now open. Advertisements will appear more this week. Please tell everyone in your club, because most people have had a teacher that has been important in their lives, and this is an important way to honor them

<https://www.geneseo.edu/survey/15719/lang-en>

<http://www.facebook.com/events/148711128566917/>

Andrew, Treasurer: This is the last meeting and tomorrow will be my last office hour. If I don't have receipts in by Wednesday you can't be reimbursed. My office hour is tomorrow at one o'clock in the SA office.

Dara, Secretary: Have a wonderful break

Iwona, Communication Director: N/A

Justin, Chair: The final checks will be issued on the 21st of December. If you want the check mailed to you directly, give Andrew your home address. Just to be clear, if you want to be reimbursed for food, you need to specifically have that filled out on your money request form. My meeting with Provost Long went great. The school's academic structure is only improving and things will be looking different in a great way in five years. I brought up all of your concerns. Finally, I had a great time at Japan night, it was very spooky.

Club Updates:

Geography: The club will be tabling tomorrow for their fundraiser, which is helping to build a school in Ghana.

History: The club is wrapping up at the museum. They will be providing free food and coffee on study day at the library!

French: No new updates.

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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PRISM: No new updates.

Sociology: No new updates.

Spanish: The spelling bee went great. They had 40 participants, and a big audience. T-shirts have arrived, and the club's E-board will be changing next week.

Political Affairs: No new updates.

Psychology: No new updates.

MAPS: They will be attending four medical conferences next semester. They will also be holding a de-stressor night tomorrow.

English: The club is opening Opious submissions.

Biology: They had their last meeting last week. Shirts are on the way. The club is also trying to bring a cool speaker next semester.

School of Business: The Society for Women in Business is going on the Harvard dynamic tour on February 25th and there seems to be a lot of interest.

Geology: No new updates.

Mock Trial: No new updates.

Provost Time:

Provost Long says, "I continue to hear good things about all that your clubs are going. I heard about the great job History Club at the museum!

There are two issues I would like your feedback on. For interdisciplinary minors, we are starting a faculty group to discuss enrollment management. There is a great deal of pressure around that issue. We want you all to graduate on time and take everything you want, but it is a challenge to manage everyone. So we will be talking to faculty about how to manage this better. IF you could tell us about particular classes that you have trouble getting into, that would be helpful. They have discussed many different ideas such as major caps. If you have any thoughts on what would make your time here simpler, please tell me. Anything from Gen Eds to major structure to the flow through the curriculum. Any ideas you have, please inform me, especially if your particular clubs are directly affected.

Study space is also a problem with students. Of course this is a problem that gets worse during the end of the semester. We spoke to the consultants and they all said we need more library space. Geneseo breaks up improvements into five-year plans, and in our next five-year plan (starting in 2013) we plan on expanding the library. This won't help you this finals time, but we are all thinking about the future. So, watch for your opportunities to provide suggestions there. Perhaps we could open other buildings during this finals time. There is a push/pull between wanting to keep space open for you and for security of the buildings, but we are looking into that option."

Justin asks, "Where should we forward these comments?"

The Provost says, "Please send them to me at long@geneseo.edu."

Treasurer's Time:

Off campus events: 6,500 dollars

On campus events: 3,182.55 dollars

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Old Business:

15-1112- Geology club's annual holiday dinner. The dinner will be going on next Monday. They changed the price because AAC cannot cover the tax. Also, on Friday night there will be a dinner in the ISC where people bring in homemade food.

Justin says, "Please give us the list of all attending."

Geology asks, "Can we give it in with the receipts?"

Justin says, "Yes that's fine."

Discussion:

Justin says, "I am enthralled by my own voice."

The reading passes unanimously for the amended amount of \$917.64.

Justin says, "Just a reminder, please no alcohol on the receipts."

New Business:

16-1112- Mock Trial competition

Mock trial is going to an invitational next semester on February 4th- 5th. Although it is next semester, the club wanted to get it approved now. It is in Rochester, which works out well, as their previous conference in buffalo was cancelled. They will not be staying there over night, which cuts down the costs a lot.

Discussion:

PRISM motions to wave the first reading, history club seconds the motion.

Justin says, "what if something goes horrible wrong?"

PRISM says, "We usually only have a week between readings, I feel like a month is a long time to wait for the next reading."

Justin asks for a vote on the motion.

Motion to wave the first reading fails 5-8-1.

Mike says, "Can an alternative to this be a reattachment of this form at the next meeting so that we don't forget in a month."

Justin says, "Yes, we can do that."

The reading passes unanimously.

Open Discussion:

Justin hopes you guys aren't mad at him

Also, the College bowl is next semester. Get in teams of four, prizes will be awarded!

Sociology asks, "What kinds of questions are they?"

Justin responds, "They are random just like jeopardy, and there will also be a rule packet. It will be February 18th in the Knight Spot. Registration begins at the start of next semester."

Adjournment:

8:00 pm