

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

State University of New York, College at Geneseo
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MINUTES—Tuesday, October 4th, 2011

Call to Order:

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes approved unanimously.

E-Board Updates:

Mike, Vice Chair: Oct 19th from 2:30- 3:30 pm Rock Your Semester. Hype it to your clubs! In the words of our fearless leader Justin, “It’s going to be a rock and roll semester” Also, on Nov 15th there will be a campus resource workshop. Invite any club members. GLK CAS, Upstate Escapes are all coming to the AAC meeting and bring any and everyone.

Andrew, Treasure: Reminder to the accounting club- please brings in your receipts during Office hours or drop them off in the AAC mailbox

Iwona, Comm. Director: Office hours Thursday 9:30-10:30AM. Come say hey.

Justin, Chair: Andrew is doing treasure training for the funded clubs!

Go see Nancy in the SA office for non-funded training session

Dates: October 12th @ 3:30-4:30 pm

October 13th @ 3-4 pm

October 14th @ 11:30am- 12:30pm

Again, please bring in receipt two weeks after the date of the event and add them up please, it takes forever.

Next week is fall break so there will not a meeting next Tuesday. Have fun over break.

Get excited for Rock Your Semester, it should be great. Also, it would be great if the clubs could email him favorite major courses that do not have pre reqs for freshman! This cool idea came to him in a dream.

Club Updates:

French – N/A

History- Next Friday, club members will start work at the airfield museum, constructing a transport display. They are considering doing a fundraiser for car to get to and from the museum.

PRISM(Math)- A RAU research undergrad visited and they spoke about math research.

Sociology- The club will be hosting talk between “Black and Mac” about gender.

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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Political affairs – Everyone is excited for the trip to Washington D.C.

Chemistry- N/A

Spanish- The professor panel was a success. Two professors came and answered questions that were both funny and serious. The best question went to a profess who was asked “who was asked eat lunch with Lady Gaga or Brittny Spears.” He immediately replied “GAGA!”

Geology – The club will be taking students to Owego NY on October 15th to assist with flooding relief. Anyone that is interested in helping, please contact the geology club.

Biology- “Crazy biologist.” The club is going to the Buffalo zoo for the zoo snooze. They will be sleeping in a glass enclosure while animals look at them all night. What an exciting turn of events!

International Relations- They had a presenter on Arab Spring, which brought a huge turn out. It went great.

School of Business- N/A

English- The club discussed the worst books ever with readings yesterday. Next week will be word games.

SOTA- Canada! The club is taking students for the annual trip to Stratford over fall break.

Speech Pathology- N/A

Psychology- Two weeks from now, on Monday and Wednesday, they will be having a phon-a-thon at the Battered women’s shelter. On November 2nd they will be going bowling with faculty for a faculty mixer.

Anthology- They have created subcommittees for Montreal trip to assess the interests and logistics. The interest list has grown to 180 people! Also, excellent job guys, more men attended to meeting.

Physics- N/A

Mock trial- They are getting ready for invitational in two weeks.

Provost Time:

Study abroad/study away fair is tomorrow. Go away! There are great programs and places to go. On October 13th Rochester will launch the Geneseo Shaping Lives of Persons campaign. SLOPE is its acronym. This is a great campaign. The September launch in New York City was wonderful, filled with excited alumni. The campaign goal is 23-25 million to support the college. We almost 17 million already, which is amazing. There are a bunch of launch events across country so we are hopeful that we can reach our goal. We also just got our first endowed share for college. So please encourage alum to give. Shaping lives and purpose, watch the video, it makes everyone cry. Its good!

October 20th will be the first visit of accreditors, ACCSD, NC, and Middle States will all be attending over the next 13 months. Middle states will be here on October 20th to talk to the committee and help. You will be able to look at the report and give feed back. In March you can meet with visiting team if you’d like and share your experiences being at the college.

Treasurer’s Time:

Off campus events: 3,500 dollars

On campus we have 8,000 dollars

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Justin- Lets spend money!!! Spend!

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

05112- Geology club's trip to Owego

The club is taking a trip to Owego to help with the flood relief effort. FEMA is giving aid but they are asking for help. 40 students are attending. The bus will cost \$950. They are asking for half funding. They are paying to go do work for a great project. The trip is partly sponsored by Livingston cares. The trip is a humanitarian effort with a geological theme, as they can examine the effects of floodwaters on the rocks.

Mike asks, "Have you filled all 40 spots?" The geology representative replies "that is how many fit on bus." Mike says, "Is anyone confirmed?" The geology representative answers "No, as the email was just sent out today."

Justin mentions that there will not be a meeting next week and it needs approval before then.

Motion to wave first reading, Justin says that is fine.

Motion passes unanimously

Discussion

Andrew asks the committee "Where is Owego?" A representative informs him that it is near Buffalo University.

A representative asks, "We are funding 40 people? So if they don't fill bus do they keep money?"

Justin replies, "As it stands now they are asking for 40 people bus. We are paying for the bus, if they cant fill it its ok, they don't have to spend the full amount, if they take 20 people and can get cheaper bus we will fund that. The committee can ask for a list of people that attended if you would like."

A representative says, "This is a question about AAC funding. Members of a club pay their way to the actual event and then AAC reimburses them later?" Justin responds, "It depends on what your doing but it is a reimbursement system only"

The committee votes on the reading, which then passes unanimously. Justin says "have fun in Owego"

061112- Mock Trial's trip to Buffalo

The Mock Trial team is going to Buffalo for a practice trial before they go to regional's. Mock Trial will argue a case in a Queens City class. BU puts on this trial every year and Geneseo's Mock Trial attended last year. This is a great practice experience for the new club members who have no previous experience with Mock Trial. The team has grown this year so 16 people are attending the competition. The Buffalo hotel costs \$20 a night, and there is \$70 registration fee. This is being paid for so far by contributions, the team is hoping for some reimbursements.

French club motions to wave first reading. The motion passes unanimously. Justin says, "Word."

Justin informs Mock Trial that to make a statement for food reimbursement, everyone needs to have individual food receipts so everyone please hold onto receipts so we can give you back as much as possible. Justin also says that Buffalo is a great city.

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The reading passes unanimously.

07-1112- Political Affairs Club's Washington, D.C. Every year the club goes to DC for a educational opportunity and to meet alumni. They will have private meetings and gain personal insight. This trip is valuable for political careers after graduation. Last year they met with President Obama's Iowa campaign manager last year and several prominent lawyers. They also met with several bureau workers that were able to provide detailed descriptions of their jobs. All majors are welcome to the trip. This year they have math majors, communications, and others. Their faculty advisor is Profess Koch. Networking is great!

They have been advertising through emails to all.

Justin reminds them to keep receipts separate. No alcohol or Sudafed on receipts please, as they are not allowed on SA funded trips!

Discussion-

Provost Long says, "This is a great trip, everyone should go! You can meet wonderful alumni's, including Professor Koch, who is an original alumni of the trip. So, approve it and go."

The French club representative motions to wave first reading.

Justin says, "This is a big chunk of money, worth discussing in second week."

Vote: approves- 8, opposed-6, abstaining-0. The motion passes.

The reading passes unanimously.

08-1112- Anthropology club's Montreal trip. They are asking for \$1500.00. 32 students are confirmed to go to the Montreal conference, but many more are interested. They are driving, with seven cars for definite people. With funding, the trip will cost \$170 per person. At this conference there will be a large graduate school fair. Students can learn everything that's happening in the field of anthology. There will also be a networking event. This is the biggest trip for club, with several different majors represented, including art history, political science, math, and more.

The conference will also include a summit discussion about the current job market. It will focus on how to link the study of anthropology and practices. The club plans to start registration next week. Pre registration is October 15th.

The anthropology representative asks if it would it be possible to get the funds in one check.

Justin responds, "If you have an SA funded account then yes you can have one check."

Justin then reminds the club, "even though its Montréal, no alcohol on receipts, please"

A representative asks, "What if they get more people?"

Justin answers, "It doesn't matter because they ask for the most."

The history club representative motions to wave first reading

Discussion-

The PRISM representative says, "they are asking for maximum amount or money so it is not a good idea to wave first reading."

Justin says, "Also the second reading is important because there is an exchange rate so it is important that their funds match evenly with exchange rates."

The motion is voted on approves-4, opposed- 10, abstaining- 0

Motion to wave second reading fails. Justin says, "This is the best committee ever!"

Reading passes its first week unanimously.

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Open Discussion:

ACC speaker series- Email Justin by after fall break so we can start search!

Also, SA was audited and they spent a lot a lot of money last year, so we have to be a little more careful about spending money.

Iwona – Publicity presentation. “Advertising on campus!” See attachment. Great job Iwona, way to get creative.

Anthropology and SOTA representatives say that flash mobs are also a great way to advertise.

Adjournment:

8:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Dara Gell, Academic Affairs Committee Secretary