

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

State University of New York, College at Geneseo



<i>Executive Committee</i>	
President:	Brendan Quinn
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Academic Affairs:	Stephanie Condello
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Inter-Residence Affairs:	Audrey Cooper
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Student Affairs:	Diana Zuniga
Student Programming:	Nicholas Guy
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Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer

Student Association meetings are Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the College Union Hunt Room. All are welcome to attend.

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm with all SA Executive Committee present.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda passes 6-0-1 with Tom abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes

Jarah corrected the discussion of reading 33-0607 to read "Dean Bailey, Dean of the College" rather than "Dean of Students" on page 73.

Minutes pass 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Brendan Quinn updates:

Brendan attended the Division of Student and Campus Life staff meeting. Dr. Bonfiglio shared statistics from the SUNY Student Opinion Poll. Hundreds of students responded to the poll in April, 2006. Geneseo was third among the SUNY schools for how well the mandatory student activity fee is used. We were in the bottom third for the rating of campus food. We came in second for faculty respect for students. Geneseo was last for the satisfaction with our book store. We came in first place for the overall satisfaction of your college experience, which we were last year as well. Brendan has been working on Financial Policy. Brendan announced that elections are coming up. He will run again for President. However, if you are interested in running for that position, Brendan encourages you to talk to him about the responsibilities of the position. He is still working on having a book list available for students. If you agree with this idea, Brendan asks you to share your specific stories and concerns with him before Spring Break. You can email him at sapres@geneseo.edu. Brendan will meet with Dr. Dahl tomorrow morning. If you have any questions or concerns, please let him know tonight. He will be meeting with the Dean of Residence Life Search Committee. Finally, on Monday and Tuesday, Jess and Brendan will be in Albany to lobby on behalf of Geneseo. If you have concerns dealing with the state legislature, let Brendan know before the weekend.

Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:

The Vacation Buses for Spring Break are sold out. Thank you to everyone who bought their ticket. Jarah had a Senate Exec meeting yesterday, which was very exciting. They discussed enlarging the Honors Program, which will be beneficial. The class council drawing fund is going well.

Director of Business Affairs, Tom Johns updates:

Budget hearings are officially over. Now it is time for analysis. Tom requested that you do not ask him if your budget is done, as this is a long process. He is meeting with students who are interested in filling his position next year. Please talk to Tom about this if you are interested. He will be presenting a bid in Rhode Island this weekend.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Audrey Cooper updates:

Audrey will meet with Steve, the president of GEO, tomorrow, along with Dr. Bonfiglio. They will discuss particulars for the environmental conservation program. She will be working on the School of the Year bid which will be presented on Saturday morning in Rhode Island. Audrey had her budget hearing. She is on the "Who's Who" committee. She will be giving her evaluations on Wednesday. Also, tomorrow is the Dean of Residence Life Search Committee meeting, which Audrey will attend.

Director of Public Relations, Jess Vigars updates:

Jess attended GODA, JCC, and GEO meetings this week, which were fantastic. She is currently working on the referendum, which she will discuss in open discussion. Tomorrow, Jess will attend the CAS Advisory Board meeting. If you have any concerns about CAS services, please let Jess know.

Director of Academic Affairs, Stephanie Condello updates:

AAC had its first meeting for PAC, President's Academic Cabinet. The President's of each academic organization attended. AAC focuses on allocating money, social faculty mixers, and major academic issues on campus. This is an opportunity to work with the club presidents on various issues. There will be two more of these meetings this semester, and it will most-likely be added to the constitution for next year. "Who's Who" applications were due yesterday. There will be a committee meeting next week for this. They are working on constitutional revisions and bylaw revisions. Stephanie will meet with the Provost next week. Let her know if you have any questions you would like brought up.

Director of Student Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:

Diana sent out emails to the multicultural organizations about creating a committee involving campus climate and other issues on campus. Please check your email and respond to the message as soon as possible.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy updates:

Nick returned from the NACA conference in Nashville last night with five other members of AC. They viewed great acts that they will hopefully be able to bring to campus. Nick was happy to announce the Spring Concert on April 21: Jack's Mannequin with Augustana opening! Tickets go on sale on Monday. They are \$15.00 for students and \$22.00 for the general public.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:

Kate attended the NACA Conference. She is also working on recruitment for Program Advisor. Letters will be going out to area colleges in New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. It is a one year position and Joey will be leaving in June.

Tamara Hurlburt, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

Tamara saw the Mackenzie Project on Saturday, which was excellent. There are also a few seats left for the alternative spring break trip to Mississippi. If you are interested in going, please see Kay Fly. If you are interested but concerned about the cost of the trip, there may be some funds available for you.

Open Updates

Club Sports updates: Paul announced that there is a Club Sports meeting tomorrow in Schrader 1 at 12:45pm. Volleyball is going to a tournament in Syracuse this weekend. Fencing Club contacted RIT to try and set up a tournament. Crew Team is competing at Brightonburg next Saturday. They will also be going to South Carolina for Spring Break. Women's Ice Hockey is trying to set up a scrimmage for this semester.

GAGG updates: Bill announced that GAGG had its annual convention this past weekend, which went very well. They pulled in \$4,306.00. They will now begin planning next year's convention.

IRC updates: Vinita announced that IRC is looking to form a Hall Council Improvement Committee. They would like to gather a diverse group of people to discuss how to improve hall councils. Applications will be emailed out and are due on Friday. Please consider this and email Allison Keddie at ajk5@geneseo.edu if you are interested.

LSA updates: Vanessa announced that LSA had its Latino Awareness Week last week. Despite the snow, it went very well and they had their flower sale. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Election update: Jess Vigers announced that as elections approach, SA Exec encourages anyone interested in running to come and talk to them about their respective positions. Also, if you know anyone who would be perfect for a position, let exec know and they may be able to contact them.

Old Business

33-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$150.00 from Account 1099-Budget Increases to Account 1002-SA Programs to fund the start up budget for Student Music Association for the Academic year 2006-2007.

Second of Two Readings

Dave Gordon explained that since the last meeting, he researched about two main problems that came up. He met with Tom and discussed the problem of publicity. He is now very clear about what can and cannot be publicized. If he has any further questions, he can talk to Tom or Stephanie Murdock from AC. Since the last meeting, Dave received an SA performance contract and became familiar with it. Stephanie asked Dave to explain the purpose of the organization again. SMA will work to organize concerts on campus, bring musical speakers to campus, and help students to enrich their lives with music. Jess asked who will take over the organization for next year. Dave said that he is a junior and will still be here. Paul, from Club Sports, asked if the music department has a club that is part of AAC. He was still unclear about how SMA is not an academic organization. Stephanie explained that AAC has a representative from each department. Certain organizations are considered academic. Others, such as MTC, are not. Dave explained that he views music like a sport. They get together and practice, and then have big events. Therefore, he does not view music as an academic organization. Stephanie explained that certain organizations will be under AAC. Some events, such as educational speakers, would require that they go to AAC, as long as they do not also go to SA. Dave said they would take necessary precautions.

Kate explained that at the last meeting, SMA said they would take precautions as far as publicizing for organizations that are not college recognized. There are policies against this. She asked how they would be sure of this. Dave explained that, from his understanding, they would need to sign a contract if they are not recognized. Tom explained that if they are doing an event where money is exchanging hands and signed a contract with a college recognized organization, then they can publicize for the event. Kate explained that she needs reassurance that precautions will be taken each and every time they plan to publicize such an event. Dave said they will. For example, they would take the same precautions as GSTV when they ask South Side Boys to participate in an event. Brendan received a letter from Suzanne Sharp to remind groups under SA to be careful of what they do with groups that are not college recognized. He asked that the college recognition process is respected. Brendan explained that if there is a violation, SA can freeze budgets. The college could potentially pull a group's recognition. Dave said he would take all necessary precautions and preserve the reputation of SA and the college.

Jess asked to clarify. She wondered if they would have groups sign a performance agreement in order to advertise for a concert. Kate explained that if a group does something in which an individual is responsible, SMA needs to be aware of this. It will affect both SMA, any groups involved, and SA. Jarah thanked Dave for getting the information asked for by SA. It seems that he took this very seriously. Francesca, from Pride Alliance, said that SMA is a very good idea. It will be nice to have one place to go in order to receive information about all musical groups.

Reading 33-0607, second of two readings, passes 7-0-0.

New Business

40-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE fund North Korean Awareness Day for \$67.50 from Account 1099 to Acct 1002 SA Programs to create a new line called North Korean Awareness Day-Button Sale.

First of Two Readings

Sandra Choi requested that changes be made to the original reading, which she passed out. Also, she requested that SA waive the first reading because the event is taking place tomorrow. She explained that they would actually like to request \$77.50, rather than \$67.50, due to the cost of buttons, balloons, and posters. Nick motioned that the reading be changed to reflect the change. Audrey seconded. Jarah asked why there was a change. Sandra explained that there was a miscommunication between the officers. Also, they decided to use their own printing balances for advertisement. Tom noticed that there was not a raffle or prizes. Sandra said they decided to omit that. Stephanie asked if the posters would be used for advertising or for the actual event. Sandra said that they will be part of the event. There will be activities in

the College Union that they will be used for. Stephanie asked if they have already purchased the materials. Sandra said they purchased the poster boards with their own money. They have not purchased the balloons or cloth. They have also already purchased the buttons.
Motion to amend the reading passes 7-0-0.

Sandra explained that they are having their second annual Korean Awareness Day. Last year, they raised over \$600.00. They would like to spread awareness of the events taking place in North Korea. Stephanie explained that she likes the idea. However, she had a question about planning. They put the reading in for last week on the snow day. However, this would still have only given them two weeks, and the event is tomorrow. She asked if there was a reason why they waited so long to submit the reading. Sandra explained that it was difficult to get people together after break. They would have requested that the first reading be waived last week as well. Jess asked Sandra to explain what will happen tomorrow for the event. Sandra said that tomorrow from 12:45-3:00pm they will have tables set up in the College Union with poster boards of different aspects of North Korea, such as human rights and the government. There will also be a presentation and a dramatic reading. They will have a screening of "Soul Train," a documentary about human rights in North Korea, at 6:00pm in Newton. Tom asked if there was a reason that they chose tomorrow. Sandra said there was no specific reason. Nick asked if they have the rights to show the movie. Sandra said that KASA took care of this. It is a joint production between KASA and LiNKaGE. Brendan asked that they get the rights in writing. Without the rights, they may be responsible for the cost. Sandra asked if they could get the rights through email. Brendan said this would be acceptable, as long as it was from the director or the producer. This needs to be submitted before they get the money.

Jess asked if advertisements are already in effect for tomorrow's event. Sandra said that the fliers have been made. Kate asked if they are doing the posters, balloons, and cloth. Sandra said they are only doing the buttons right now. They currently have a bill for them. They have already purchased the posters with their own money. The balloons and cloth depend on how the reading goes tonight. The buttons are already selling. Kate asked where the money is being deposited. Sandra said that KASA is taking care of that. Jess asked why KASA is taking care of this. Sandra said that KASA took care of the funds last year. They are an established organization and are funded by SA. Sandra said they are looking to open an account. Stephanie asked what the buttons have on them. Sandra said they have pictures and words on them, and they are selling out.

Nick said that, due to the snow day and circumstances beyond their control, he motions to waive the first reading. Audrey seconded the motion. Jarah explained that she has concerns. The snow day does not seem to be the problem, but rather, that the reading was submitted late. Motion to waive the first meeting passes 6-1-0 with Jarah opposing. Jess asked if the SA logo is on the advertising, and it is. Nick explained that there is confusion about the responsibilities of KASA and LiNKaGE. He requested that they be a bit more organized next year. Stephanie explained that she is uncomfortable funding the buttons, as this would be retroactive. Also, there seems to be poor planning, despite the snow day. Jarah agreed with Stephanie. Stephanie motioned to amend the reading to read \$40.00 so that the buttons are not funded. Jarah seconded the motion. Jason, from KASA, asked exec to explain the motion. Stephanie explained that SA does not usually fund retroactive things. They should have submitted the reading well in advance so that they were funding for the purchase of the buttons before they were actually purchased. However, she does not have a problem funding other materials that have not been used yet. Jess explained that the motion would make her more comfortable in approving the reading.

Tom was not entirely sure that the buttons are retroactive. He explained that the reading was submitted two Fridays ago and the buttons were made this past Friday. A bill has not been acquired yet. Nick said that the cost has been incurred. The reading still would have taken until today to pass if the first reading had not been waived. Therefore, the buttons should not have been made prior to today. He said that they are more concerned about incurring the expense when the money is not yet allocated. Tom said that there have been past readings in which a bill was not yet added that have been approved. Jarah said that those memos involved realigning money that they already had. Tom said that this is realignment. Stephanie said she is uncomfortable comparing the reading to memos. Memos are usually on a case-by-case basis. The problem is that the buttons were purchased and sold too early, despite the snow day. Tom said that he compared the reading to the memos because it is based on SA's working policy. Jason, from KASA, explained that the

buttons were made this past Friday. A bill has been written, but neither organization has paid yet. Jess explained that they needed to be prepared to pay for the expenses if the reading was not passed. Submitting a reading does not guarantee funding. Tom said that they could not guarantee that they did not have the funds from SA.

Audrey asked if the discrepancy was over the fact that a non-funded organization made buttons which SA owns equipment to. Would it make a difference if the buttons were not made there? Stephanie explained that the problem is just that it is retroactive, regardless of where the buttons were made. Motion to amend the reading to read \$40.00 passes 5-2-0 with Tom and Audrey opposing. Reading 40-0607 passes 7-0-0.

41-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE fund Alternative Spring Break Button Sale for \$25.00 from Account 1099 to Acct 1002 SA Programs to create a new line called Alternative Spring Break Button Sale.

First of Two Readings

The presenter of this reading was not present at the meeting. Jess motioned to table the reading. There was not a second to the motion. Nick pointed out that because the presenter was not there, Nick did not see a reason for the reading to be tabled. Paul asked if the reading was supposed to be on the agenda for last week's cancelled meeting. Tom said it was. However, he let the presenter know that the meeting would be moved to the following week. Stephanie asked when the button sale was supposed to take place, and it would have been Feb. 22. Diana pointed out that policy states a reading must be failed if the presenter is not in attendance. Nick said that it also states that exec has the right to wave this.

Reading 41-0607, first of two readings, fails 0-7-0.

42-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the realignment of \$350.00 from line 20-Cheer for the Cure, NYS Competition and COA Nationals to a new line in line 20-SUNYACS Competition in Account 1404-Cheerleading.

First and Only Reading

Lindsay Wolford explained that Cheerleading is going to the SUNYACS Competition. They were budgeted for 35 members, and they currently have 29. Also, they are not attending Cheer for the Cure, so that \$100.00 can be used toward SUNYACS. All SUNY schools are invited to the competition at Cortland on April 1. The team thought it would be a great experience to go with all the other schools. The team fee was \$350.00. Nick asked if removing the \$100.00 and \$150.00 amounts would be acceptable for that line in their budget. Lindsay said that they do not need that amount due to their decrease in members. Jess asked Lindsay to clarify what the amounts were being taken from. Lindsay said that \$100.00 is from Cheer for the Cure. \$150.00 is from the NYS Competition. An extra \$100 is from COA Nationals. Tom asked how the cheerleaders are chosen for the competition. Lindsay said anyone on the team is invited. They decreased in number from 35 to 29 over the course of the year. Kate pointed out that the reading is a realignment, and should therefore only be one reading. The reading originally stated a first of two. This correction was made. Reading 42-0607, first and only reading, passes 7-0-0.

43-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allow Account 1911-Korean American Student Association to fundraise up to \$300.00 for "North Korean Awareness Day-Button Sale," on February 19, 2001 to February 25, 2007.

First and Only Reading

Jason, from KASA, said that this reading was somewhat covered in the LiNKaGE reading. LiNKaGE and KASA are putting on a North Korea Awareness event. They decided to sell buttons for \$1.00. They will be taking donations tomorrow and the rest of the event. They will show "Soul Train" in Newton at 6:15pm. In the reading, they are asking for money to help pay for the buttons they made. He acknowledged that the LiNKaGE reading was adjusted to not cover the buttons because of the retroactive argument. Jason explained that because LiNKaGE and KASA are doing this together and they are both Korean ethnic awareness groups, they agreed to support LiNKaGE. They decided to have LiNK ask SA for funding because KASA does not have an extensive budget right now.

Tom clarified that the reading is meant to ask for permission to do the fundraiser, rather than to ask for the money. The form is only intended to ask for permission to hold the fundraiser. Tom said they ask for the

price breakdown so that they know how the money will be spent. Jason said that they are putting on the event to increase awareness about the violation of human rights in North Korea. Stephanie asked if this reading was submitted for last week or this week. Jason said it was submitted for this week. Jess asked when they would be selling the buttons. Jason said the sale started on Monday, but they completed their permission from College Union to do so. They will continue the sale into next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Nick asked if all the money was going toward charity. Jason said yes, and the charity is Tim Peters "Helping Hands Korea". The money will go toward helping North Korean refugees in China. Stephanie asked why they did not put the reading in before they started selling buttons. Jason apologized for poor planning. Nick stated that this is a retroactive reading, which is an issue to think about. Jess was concerned that SA received little information about the charity, other than a write-up from Time Magazine. Jess would like to have seen contact information and other important details proving that they are an established organization. Sandra explained that they approved the same charity for last year's event. Kate was asked if DASA did this last year. Kate said that KASA did not have a problem concerning an illegitimate charity last year. Jess asked if they knew any contact information. Stephanie said this is something they can look into if the reading is approved. Brendan said that they cannot write the check if they find out that the charity is illegitimate.

Tom asked Nick what he suggests they do because the reading is retroactive. Jarah explained that they are not asking for money, but are asking to fundraise. Stephanie asked if they would be paying for the buttons with some of the money they make from fundraising. Brendan said they cannot do that if the reading is approved. Stephanie agreed with Jarah in that this is a case-by-case reading. Approving a fundraiser is different than requesting funds. Jess read a section of financial policy stating that fundraising must be approved and given to a legitimate charity. Brendan explained that the policy does not explain about the approval of a retroactive fundraiser, but rather about procedures taken after it happens. Jess explained that she supports approving the fundraiser, despite the poor planning. Peter, from KASA, asked how SA would determine whether a charity is legitimate. Jess said that it would be a recognized, accredited organization, such as American Red Cross. Peter explained that they recognize the poor planning, but there were several paper work issues. The charity is run by Tim Peters under the organization called Family Care Foundation. This organization recognizes Helping Hands Korea as a project partner. Peter guaranteed that this is a legitimate charity.

Reading 43-0607, first and only reading, passes 7-0-0.

Brendan pointed out that a memo regarding retroactive activity will be coming out. He suggested that organizations avoid retroactive readings. If you have questions, speak with Tom, Brendan, or Kate.

Open Discussion

Jess led a discussion about the referendum. She explained that the referendum is a vote that occurs every two years which gives students the option of having either mandatory activity fees or voluntary activity fees. If the fee is mandatory, it is incorporated with tuition and you pay it automatically. If the fee is voluntary, you can ask for it back by applying. Kate explained that the college would charge the fee, and each student who wanted it refunded would just have to ask in writing. There used to be a voluntary transportation fee that SA was in charge of.

Currently, the fee is mandatory. Jess explained that this is why the logo is so important. The logo informs students that the event was funded by their mandatory activity fees. It ensures that students know what SA and mandatory fees are funding. The fee is currently \$85.00 and funds student clubs, organizations, and other things on campus. The fees are under the discretion of SA exec. That is why organizations must come to SA to ask for student money. Exec wants to make the best use of the fees. All of the club budgets are also funded by student activity fees. Exec decided to keep the fee at \$85.00 for this referendum. Two years ago, it jumped from \$75.00 to \$85.00. They kept this in mind when making their decision. Jess provided a list of organizations that the fees fund. The new clubs this year include RCC, Men's Tennis, Women's Ice Hockey, and now SMA. Jess explained that the organizations include special interest groups, multicultural organizations, and volunteer groups.

Some students are not in clubs, and ask what their money is spent on. SA funds several services available for all students, such as the airport shuttle, the vacation bus program, the Best of Western NY trips that go to Rochester and Buffalo, and Late Knight and programming. The Legal Education Service is also funded by the fees. Tamara explained that students are given a free hour consultation with a lawyer before they must choose an attorney. Kate explained that there are three lawyers available. Tamara said judicial affairs does not have anything to do with the program, but they encourage students to use it. Merit awards are also available for students to apply for. Other services include the undergraduate research grants, the Ticket Office staffed by SA, and the banking service for any non-funded organization. There are also the standing committees with drawing funds that groups can go to for programming, such as IRC, AAC, and AC.

Jess explained that the fee should be mandatory because of the amount of programming provided by SA that makes up our campus life. Some students take advantage of the programming, and some do not, but it is available for everyone. This is a minimal fee for the amount of rewards. SA can advocate for students when they need to be represented. If the referendum does not pass, many changes will need to be made. Budgets will not be able to be funding like they are right now. Jess provided a list of programs that would be eliminated if the fee was made voluntary, such as club sports and the MTC review. The vote will take place from March 26-28. The vote is bundled with the elections for class officers, SA Exec, and Student Assembly on Knightweb. Jess encouraged everyone to vote mandatory in the referendum so that programming is upheld.

Alicia, from GEO, asked if this information could be made available for everyone to look at. Jess said posters will be made to advertise. There will also be an information day before the actual vote. Nick asked that reps bring this information back to their organizations. Vanessa, from LSA, asked how groups will be funded if the fees are made voluntary. For example, would student groups have to pay dues. Brendan explained that for a recognized student organization, such as LSA, every student would have to be able to be a member. They could choose to ask members to put money toward events. There are ways to get money, but it would not be granted by attending these meetings. Mark, from Model UN, asked what the benefits of being college recognized would be if this were the case. Jess said that being college recognized allows groups to reserve rooms, plan activities, and use the facilities. This is a huge reason for groups to be recognized. College recognition would be maintained. Odelia, from BSU, asked why the referendum is voted on. Jess explained that the vote takes place every two years. It gives students the chance to voice their opinion and make a decision on the issue. The vote used to be once every four years, but now it is every two. Brendan explained that the undergraduate comprehensive fee is lumped together. SA is \$85.00 of this. The other \$500.00 is not decided by students. Thus, this portion is very important to SUNY, as students are given a say. Audrey asked if students would receive notification if the fee was made voluntary. Kate explained that people would know the results after the vote is made. There would be a way of telling students that they can ask for their fee back. The vote was created in 1973. Only a few SUNY schools have voted since then to be voluntary. Mark, from Model UN, asked if students who ask for their money back would be allowed to participate in the funded activities. Brendan explained that if you are not a fee-paying student, you are technically not allowed to do certain things. They would still be allowed to participate in clubs and organizations. However, they may not be able to vote anymore. Many changes would need to be made over the summer.

Mike, from USAEC, led a discussion on the upcoming elections. Student positions go up every year for vote. He explained what student government consists of. SA is the committee that decides budgets. Each member of exec has a different job to fulfill. Mike provided packets to explain what each exec position is responsible for. The class positions involve planning events for each class. For example, the senior class council plans Senior Challenge and Senior Week. The positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Student Assembly consists of a president and representative who meet in Albany and talk to reps from other schools. These positions get students involved with many policy changes, budget changes, and activities. These are great positions to include on resumes and use for networking.

If you are interested in running for a position, you must pick up a candidate pack outside of the SA office. It includes two forms that need to be filled out and returned by February 26. They include the USAEC acknowledgment form and a petition. You must receive 100 signatures to run for exec. If you are running

for a class position, you must receive 50 signatures from your class. After you have your petition approved, ballots must be initialed, and you can begin campaigning. Be sure to read the guidelines in the candidate pack. If you are running for SA exec, you must have a 2.0 GPA. This allows USAEC to verify your GPA. Ballots are put up on February 28. Elections are March 26-28. If you have any questions, email saelections@geneseo.edu. Stephanie asked if Mike could advertise for the meeting on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. He explained that the meetings are not actually mandatory. You can pick up a candidate pack at any time. Mike said that more advertising can be done to inform students of the positions.

Adjournment

Thanks to everyone for coming! The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Monnat,
Recording Secretary