

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

State University of New York, College at Geneseo



<i>Executive Committee</i>	
President:	Brendan Quinn
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Business Affairs:	Tom Johns
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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

Tom amended reading 45-0607 to read “up to \$34,000” rather than “up to \$30,000.”
Agenda passes 6-0-1 with Tom abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes pass 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Brendan Quinn updates:

Brendan announced that the changes to financial policy are nearly complete. He explained that the Graphics Coordinator position is an SA employee who works to create publicity, websites, and maintains the SA computers. Clubs and organizations have been on their own, as there has not been a Graphics Coordinator since September. If you are interested in sitting in on the interviews, resumes are in the SA office, and the schedule is posted. Brendan, Jess, and Dr. Dahl went to Albany on Monday and Tuesday to lobby on behalf of SUNY. They met with several state senators and the Lieutenant Governor. They also met with Dr. Manny Rivera, Superintendent of the Rochester City Schools and the new Deputy Secretary for Education in New York State. They were able to talk about what Geneseo excels in, and expressed their pleasure that TAP was not cut under Senator Spitzer’s proposed budget. They also reiterated their support for the renovation of the Dody Building. SUNY Day was a great experience. Brendan announced that the election petition deadline was extended until this upcoming Friday if you would like to run for class officer positions or SA exec. Exec encourages anyone interested in the positions to talk with the current board.

Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:

Jarah had a Senate meeting this week and a caucus meeting last week, and both went well. She is planning an open forum for the end of this semester, which she will provide more details on. The Vacation Bus Program is sold out and bus captains have been chosen. Congratulations if you were chosen to be a bus captain.

Director of Business Affairs, Tom Johns updates:

Tom also attended the NEACURH Mini No-Frills Conference this weekend with Audrey. He is continuing work on the budget. The committee met today and accomplished a lot. They will meet again next week. Tom attended a Graphics Coordinator interview today. Other interviews will be this coming Friday, Monday, and Wednesday. The SA list serve was emailed with times you can attend the interviews. Stop by the SA office if you would like more information.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Audrey Cooper updates:

Audrey sent in her recommendations to the “Who’s Who” award, as she could not attend. She met with GEO, Dr. Bonfiglio, and NRHH to discuss the Residence Hall Environmental Energy Conservation Program. Audrey attended the NEACURH Mini No-Frills Conference this weekend. Geneseo will be hosting 350+ people from the region in about a year from now for a residence hall conference. Kari George is the National Residence Hall Honorary Member of the Year. They brought a lot of information back from the conference.

Director of Public Relations, Jess Vigars updates:

Jess announced that Referendum posters will be up by the end of the week. She is planning Cocoa Day for March 22. There will be cocoa, cookies, and information about the Referendum. Jess will be putting posters in the club mailboxes. Please remember to announce the Referendum at club meetings. Jess traveled to Albany with Brendan to lobby for SUNY, which was wonderful.

Director of Academic Affairs, Stephanie Condello updates:

Stephanie announced that she had to move her meeting with the Provost. She will meet with her on Monday. If you have any questions or concerns, let Stephanie know. AAC is still working on revisions and bylaws. They are now waiting for SA to finish financial policy. "Who's Who" applications are finished. Nominations will be made this week. College Bowl had its regional tournament on Saturday in Syracuse. They had a lot of fun and it was a positive experience.

Director of Student Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:

Diana is currently working on Budget Advocacy Day with Jess. She will be providing more information on this. She also attended the Transgender Panel today, which was great and very informative.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy updates:

Nick announced that AC has some exciting upcoming events. This Friday from 7-8:30pm in the Campus Grind, John Rush will perform. He calls himself the "Human iPod," as he knows over 600 songs. KINO is showing "Casino Royale" on Saturday at 8:00pm in Newton 202. Jack's Mannequin and Augustana tickets are on sale now. They go on sale for the general public on Monday through the Ticket Office and Ticketmaster. Nick welcomed SMA to its first meeting as an SA funded organization.

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

Kate announced that the Graphic Coordinator search is going on. If anyone would like to attend the interview sessions, resumes are in the SA office. Ask Nancy Chirico to let you look at them.

Tamara Hurlburt, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

Tamara has been sitting in on the Graphic Coordinator interviews. She also attended the Transgender Panel today.

Open Updates

Club Sports updates: Paul announced that Volleyball went to Syracuse last weekend. They finished third out of eight teams. They will go to Albany this weekend. Women's Water Polo played four games at Columbia University this weekend. They did not win any of those games, but were pleased that they scored in each game. They will host a tournament on March 31 and April 1. NYU, Cornell, Colgate, and Syracuse are coming to the tournament. Frisbee has tournaments coming up at Clarkson and Syracuse. Tennis is arranging a scrimmage on March 3 with University of Rochester. Women's Rugby placed sixth in a tournament at UB recently.

GEO updates: Alicia announced that GEO is launching the Residence Hall Environmental Energy Saving Contest from March 1 until the end of April. On Monday at 2:00pm in the College Union Ballroom, the program will be introduced to students. Also, Steve announced that there is an official press release regarding the contest from the Office of Communications.

Old Business

None.

New Business

44-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$22,500 from Account 4000-Discretionary Allocation Fund to support the Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant program 2007-2008.

First of Two Readings

Susan Crilly, the Director of Stewardship and Finance from the Geneseo Foundation office, presented two programs that are sponsored and cosponsored by SA. Next year will be the twentieth year of the Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant program. It began in 1989 by SA with funding of \$5,000. It has grown from twelve applicants to over 120 students awarded. Students are given the opportunity to complete faculty-sponsored research, as well as travel to present their research at a national conference. Students are eligible for up to \$600 per semester. The funds help with purchasing supplies and materials to complete the

research. Students from all academic departments are eligible to apply and must have a minimum major GPA of 2.5. Each student must have a faculty sponsor to supervise research and write a letter on behalf of the student for the application. Sue explained that applicants must also attend two writing workshops. The committee consists of representatives from SA Exec, faculty, and administrators. They meet three times per year to review applications and make awards. This past year, they awarded over \$41,000 and 123 awards. 38 faculty members sponsored students in 17 different areas. This is a wonderful program, and one that sets Geneseo apart. The program came up at SUNY day. The Geneseo Foundation is asking for \$22,500, which they will match for a total of \$45,000 for the program. This amount includes \$2,500 more from each group due to an increase in the amount of applicants.

Stephanie, who is on the committee, asked if they are taking any action to pull in more majors, as there are currently many science and psychology applicants. Sue explained that they publicize through every means on campus. Flyers are posted, there are notices in The Lamron, and emails are sent. They also use GSTV, the plasma tv screen, and the radio station. She explained that research is different in each discipline. They do receive applicants from other fields. For example, many students working on their honors thesis use the research grant. They do their best to reach all students. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, please let Sue know. Nick asked how many applicants we receive each year. Sue said they awarded 123 students this year, and not many more than that apply. They rarely turn down applicants. Some are turned down because they do not apply in the correct round. Approximately only one student is turned down each year because of the GPA requirement. At times, they will have applicants resubmit if there are problems. The writing workshops have helped, and the quality of applications has improved. Tom asked how many additional grants will be awarded with the increase in funds this year. This would depend on how many students apply and how much they apply for. Jess asked if Sue views the increase in funding necessary, as few students are turned down. Sue explained that they anticipate an increase in the amount that students are allowed to be rewarded. Nick said he thinks this is a great way to give directly back to students. As the college itself is moving more toward research, he is glad that SA supports the college mission. Stephanie explained that she supports the program. She suggested that they could work with the Provost and the department chairs of unusual majors that do not often apply for the awards. If Great Day happens each year, it would be a good way to do both programs at once. Jess told Sue that she appreciates that three representatives from SA are included on the board and involved in the selection process. This is a great display of partnership between SA and the Geneseo Foundation.

Reading 44-06-07, first of two readings, passes 7-0-0.

45-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$34,000 from Account 4000-Discretionary Allocation Fund to support the Student Association Merit Awards Program 2007-2008.

First of Two Readings

Susan Crilly explained that the Student Association Merit Awards program began in 1996 by SA for students who are involved in leadership, service, and diversity. The program awards students in funded and non-funded organizations for all of their hard work. The amount has varied throughout the years. Until a few years ago, they gave \$12,500 per year. SA is building up an endowment, so that eventually the income from that will permanently fund the awards. This year, they are asking for \$34,000, with \$10,000 going to awards. \$30,000 will be added to the endowment, and the total will help fund \$6,000 in awards. The extra \$4,000 will add to that \$6,000 to give more awards right away. Last year, they gave four \$1,000 awards and twelve \$500 awards. If that happens again this year, they will be able to give 16 awards in all three categories – leadership, service, and diversity. All classes are eligible to apply, even if you are a senior. Seniors will be written a check, and freshman, sophomores, and juniors will have the amount taken off their tuition bill. You must have a 2.5 minimum GPA for the awards. You also must submit a recommendation. They have awarded over 170 awards for over \$130,000 since the program started. The committee consists of two reps from SA, a rep from UAA, and three staff members, including Sue, Tamara, and the Director of Multicultural Affairs. If this reading is passed, the application will be available next Thursday after next week's meeting and will be due April 6.

Stephanie asked who decides on the breakdown of awards given in leadership, service, and diversity. Sue explained that this is decided by the committee before or after the applications are ranked. Brendan asked why a rep from UAA is included on the committee. Sue said the UAA student rep has been included since

the committee was formed. She is unsure of the exact reason, but this has been continued. Brendan asked if the committee would consider adding a staff member from the Center for Community, so that all viewpoints of leadership, service, and diversity are included. Sue said they would consider this. Brendan also asked if the committee has ever considered raising the GPA requirement to perhaps 2.7. Sue said it used to be 2.9, but Exec decided to reduce the requirement. The requirement was 2.9 for \$1,000 awards, and no GPA requirement for \$500 awards. They decided to adjust this to 2.5 for any award. However, Sue explained that this is SA's program, and they are willing to adjust this to what they see fit. Brendan asked if they could decide to adjust requirements if the reading is passed. Sue said they could do this. Stephanie explained that SA would discuss this before next week's meeting. Nick asked the reps if they had feelings or opinions on the GPA requirement.

Mike, from Baseball, asked if do you need a high GPA to show leadership. Jarah explained that the awards are for leadership roles in which students balance their academics and leadership. Francesca, from Pride Alliance, felt that the 2.5 GPA requirement is sufficient. She explained that there is a high rate of probation, particularly for freshmen. But, if they are able to receive an award, perhaps this would motivate them. Brendan asked if anyone felt that 2.7 is too high. Odelia, from BSU, pointed out that the RA GPA requirement is 2.4. Therefore, the 2.5 GPA seems appropriate, considering an RA is a leadership position. Vanessa, from LSA, felt that raising the GPA requirement is unnecessary. Jarah explained that students who receive the awards should be those who succeed at both their leadership role and academics. Eric, from RCC, supported a higher GPA. He explained that they should be looking for students who do not simply get by with a minimum GPA, but rather students who excel in addition to being a leader. Paul, from Club Sports, felt that the GPA could be kept at 2.5, but applicants' GPA could be taken into consideration when giving the awards. Humza, from Model UN, asked how competitive this award is. He asked what the ratio is of applicants to awards given. Sue said it is approximately 2:1. Humza suggested that the question about the GPA requirement lies in how competitive the awards are. Stephanie explained that this is an award that student mandatory activity fees partially pay for. Therefore, students who receive the awards should meet high standards, since it is an award based on leadership, service, and diversity.

Sue explained another option: if they receive 30 applications, and they have funds for 16 awards, assuming four \$1,000 awards and twelve \$500 awards, those amounts can be changed as well. For example, if they would like the program to be more competitive, they could give more \$1,000 awards. The committee can make these decisions. Brendan thanked everyone for their opinions on this topic. Exec will be discussing these requirements. Nick said that this is another great program, and he is glad that it will eventually be self-perpetuating.

Reading 45-0607, first of two readings, passes 7-0-0.

46-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,600.00 from Account 1099-Budget Increases to Account 1400-Club Sports Association for Club Baseball uniforms.

First of Two Readings

Mike Gleason, from Club Baseball, explained that the team is requesting more uniforms due to the increased interest this year. Also, they had problems last year with seniors keeping their uniforms and not returning them. They currently only have enough uniforms for people on the field. Players on the bench do not have uniforms. This has caused them to have to change uniforms on the field.

Nick asked how they will prevent seniors from taking the uniforms again this year. Mike explained that the selection process will be much better in the future, and they will all be more responsible for the uniforms this year and next. Paul, from Club Sports, explained that Kate has forms in her office for members to sign out their uniforms. If they do not return them, they will know who has the uniform. Tom asked about the rules and regulations of the association. Mike explained that everyone needs to be dressed in the same uniform. If they break this rule, a player may be asked to leave, or the game can go up for protest. They currently have 10-11 uniforms and 20-25 players. Jess asked how they are receiving the 50% off discount. Mike explained that the NCBA works with this company and the team is therefore given the discount. Tom asked which of the three uniform options they wish to purchase. Mike said they are going with the third option. Tom said that that total comes to approximately \$1465, but the reading lists \$1600. He asks why there was a discrepancy. Mike explained that this is to account for extra uniforms they may need to order

more than 25. There are other members they keep in contact with that they are waiting to here from. Mike said this would also include taxes. Tom explained that SA is tax-exempt.

Tamara asked if Baseball has a working roster. Mike said he could bring it next week. Nick requested that they know the exact number for next week. He also requested that they look into any shipping costs. Stephanie asked how long the uniforms would be good for. Mike said that, assuming they are not lost or stolen, they would last until the next time Baseball is up for new uniforms. Stephanie also asked if they anticipate the team to grow again next year. Mike said they do expect an increase. Jess asked if they have a place to store the uniforms over the summer. Kate said if they come back clean and accounted for, they are kept in the back room. Tamara asked that, since baseball has had a problem in the past with uniforms being returned, is there something they can do to ensure that players are responsible for uniforms that do not get returned. Mike explained that players will sign out their uniforms and be required to return them at the end of the season. Kate said that SA would work with the team to get all of the uniforms back, clean, and accounted for. Stephanie asked if Mike knew how many players would be returning next year. Mike said there is only one graduating senior this year.

Brendan asked Paul about the rotation of sports uniforms. He asked if this would put Baseball back at the bottom of the list. Paul said that it would. Audrey asked how many years the rotation is for. Paul explained that with twelve teams, and two teams receiving new uniforms each year, the rotation is for six years. Stephanie asked what would happen if they had, for example, 40 people on the team next year. Mike said that they would only be able to dress 25 people. Everyone would be able to play, but not everyone would be dressed. Jess asked what kind of fundraisers the team is looking into. Mike said they have looked into a magazine fundraiser, car washes, and other simple fundraisers. Jess asked if any have been planned yet. Mike said they have not been planned yet, as their schedule is busier in the spring. Jarah suggested that it is best that Baseball have the correct number of uniforms to dress their team. Jarah asked if the uniforms would say the Mudcats or Geneseo, and they will say Geneseo. Tom said it is responsible of the team, especially because the rules went into place this year.
Reading 46-0607, first of two readings, pass 7-0-0.

47-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,300.00 from Account 1099-Budget Increases to Account 1909-Geneseo Environmental Organization to pay for the prize of the Residence Hall Energy Saving Contest.

First of Two Readings

Steve Tulowiecki, from GEO ,gave a power point presentation on the Residence Hall Energy Saving Contest. He explained their objectives: they would like to reduce SUNY Geneseo's environmental impact by lowering collective usage. This will lower CO2. They would also like to raise awareness in the Geneseo community through personal impact on climate change. The contest will be among all the residence halls. The hall with the greatest electricity savings per student will determine the winner. Steve provided data from the past three years from the months of March and April, with the exception of Putnam which is only two years old, and Ontario. They determined that the savings from each hall will be determined by historical average use per student minus the average use per student during the months of March and April.

The numbers of residents change per week. They will have teams of data for each week of the affected months. They received all of the averages per hall per student, which Steve shared with us. He explained that we will not only be saving environmentally, but also financially. They will receive data and provide updates throughout the contest. Steve gave us an example of how students can go about saving energy in the residence halls. If we propose that half of residents leave their computers on overnight, and if half of those students begin turning off their computers overnight, they will save 84,000 lbs. of CO2 from moving into the atmosphere. GEO has decided on a Mama Mia's pizza and CAS ice cream party for the winning hall will be the prize. Also, they have also spoken with Dr. Bonfiglio, who is interested in rewarding some kind of environmental prize. For example, the more energy we save in the contest, the more energy-efficient light-bulbs that can be purchased. GEO has begun distributing flyers and posters in the residence halls. They have also spread them around other buildings. The Lamron will be putting an article out on the contest tomorrow. An official press release has also been put out. The school has been very interested in the contest. It will be a great thing if we all start saving. GSTV and WGSU will both be advertising the contest.

Next, Steve explained the breakdown of prices for the prizes. The maximum cost would be if Onondaga Hall wins. 60 sheet pizzas at \$16.00 each would cost approximately \$1,000. They would need five tubs of CAS ice cream at \$10.00 per tub. If Wayne or Putnam Hall wins, they will have about one-fourth the cost. Additional costs for supplies and drinks will cost approximately \$50. The total cost range is from \$480-\$1,300. They can apply for the CAS grant to help offset the cost. IRC and NRHH have also expressed interest in helping to promote the event. GEO hopes that the program will become a campus tradition.

Stephanie said that she really likes the idea of the contest. However, she suggested that they rework the numbers for pizzas, as IRC has put on several hall pizza parties and never needed that much pizza. She explained that you should account for the fact that not everyone from the hall will attend the party. She also said that they do not even go through four tubs of ice cream at orientations. Steve explained that they wanted to keep their estimates in the higher range, in order to account for everyone that may attend. Tom asked if GEO has consent from CAS to bring the food into the halls. Kathleen, from GEO, said that this will not be a problem. Jarah asked what would happen if there was not a change in the totals for energy use over the two months. Kathleen explained that the prize would not go to the hall with the lowest energy use, as there would be discrepancies in the size of the hall. Jess asked if they have begun advertising yet, and they have. Nick asked if GEO has considered getting funding through the IRC Wellness Fund. Steve explained that they were concerned with “double dipping” in SA and IRC. Nick said he felt it would be more appropriate to go through the Wellness Fund for two reasons: SA funded programs are supposed to be open to the entire student population, and not all students live on campus. Also, if SA were to fund the program, GEO would be given \$1,300. The Wellness Fund works for reimbursement. Therefore, whatever amount they ended up paying, they could be reimbursed through the fund. Steve explained that the program would be available to the majority of students, as over 50% live on campus.

Kathleen explained that they are hoping to have the party on Friday, May 4. Francesca, from Pride Alliance, said that this is a great idea. She lives in a residence hall and knows how much energy usage takes place. She thinks it would be great to make people aware of this and try to cut back. Stephanie expressed concern in the amount of pizza they are asking for, and would have a problem approving that amount. Also, she thinks that it is important to make the program available to all students. She agreed with Nick in that the Wellness Fund may be a more appropriate avenue. Eric from RCC agreed that the program is a good idea. He said it sounds like the IRC fund sounds more appropriate for the purpose. He agreed that they should try to modify their costs. Steve said that he did not know that they would want to consider students not coming. He did not feel like this was a fair thing to do. Tom disagreed with the assumption of the Wellness Fund. He said that it is used for off-campus programming as well. It should be open to all students as well. Eric from RCC asked if the residence halls could cosponsor GEO. Tom said that they could speak with the hall councils. Jess explained that the idea is for GEO, as an SA funded organization, to give a prize to an entire residence hall as motivation.

Tom said that one thing they may want to think about is that programming during finals week is somewhat frowned upon. Diana agreed with that point and asked what would happen if Residence Life did not approve of the programming during finals week. Alicia explained that they were thinking of finals week because this is a time when students do not often leave their rooms due to studying. This way, they can simply walk down to their main lounge. Also, students will be running low on their meal plans at this point in the semester. Kathleen said that if it is a Friday, they will not have finals the following day. Jess explained that there really is no programming campus wide during finals week, including in the residence halls. Stephanie suggested that, because this is a two week reading, GEO talk to IRC and the residence halls to get a better grasp of costs, and also think about how the contest could be open to off-campus students. Alicia asked if adjustments can be made for next week’s meeting, and they can. Steve explained that the school is starting to take notice of this issue. For example, they have formed the Environmental Task Force. Kathleen explained that professors, administrators, and faculty are concerned with these issues. Steve explained that this is why they came to GEO with this concern. They hope that the program brings attention to our college in terms of environmental practices. He asked if off-campus students would feel cheated with their funds if money went toward this program. Brendan said that the concern lies more with the fact that rules state that SA funded programs must be available for all students.

Nick explained that he thinks it is a great program, but is uncomfortable with the numbers, and therefore moved to table the reading. Diana seconded the motion. Stephanie suggested that it would be acceptable for GEO to return next week after some questions have been answered. Motion fails 2-4-1. Jess explained that, while SA fully supports the program and the work GEO has done, the concern comes from details in the reading. Steve offered that this reading has built-in flexibility. He stressed that this is a huge, complex project that they have been working on all year.

Jarah explained that she has reservations due to the fact that she does not see how the program will be opened to off-campus students. Steve asked Tom to explain the difference between the SA funds and the IRC Wellness Fund. Tom said that the Wellness Fund is open to any program that will benefit the entire campus. Either way, GEO needs to work in off-campus students. Audrey explained that for IRC, if you put on a program for campus, the prizes would not be differentiated from the program. Jarah explained that, although this is a great program, exceptions should not be made. Jess said that, because it is a two week reading, they should allow for GEO to make amendments for next week's meeting, and the program can be addressed then. Jarah said she does not know how off-campus students can be worked in to a residence hall contest. Tom said that that is up to GEO to decide. Audrey asked if the entire campus, on and off, would benefit from an overall energy reducing campaign. Andrew, from Shakti, pointed out that every student is required to live on campus for some time. Therefore, wouldn't the program be available for all students at some point. Stephanie explained that, while the program is going on, not every student will be able to participate. She would like to see what GEO comes back with next week. Stephanie, from SMA, suggested that GEO put on a festival or some kind of information session as part of the program that every student could take part in and benefit from. Brendan explained that the discrepancy involves people interpreting policy differently. Steve asked if a solution could be explaining that energy-saving light bulbs could be put into academic buildings. All students use those buildings. Brendan explained that this is something they would have to look into more closely, as this involves facilities. Stephanie explained that anyone can join GEO and help with the program. She asked if this technically made it available for all students. Jarah said that the issue is that they are asking to fund the prize.
Reading 47-0607, first of two readings, passes 5-1-1.

48-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,915.00 from Account 1099-Budget Increases to Account 1404-Cheerleading to pay for the Cheer NY Nationals Competition.

First of Two Readings

Lindsay Wolford, from Cheerleading, explained that the team was invited to attend the NY Nationals Competition at Hofstra College. The fee is \$50.00 per member, with 29 members. The total comes to about \$1,450. The team signed a contract and paid the deposit for a bus. Instead of asking for the bus cost, they decided to pay for the rest themselves. They are planning to stay at a parents' house on Long Island. The team thought it would be a great experience to get Geneseo recognition across the state. Also, they would have a big support group, as many of the girls' parents live in NYC.

Stephanie asked if they got a contract with the bus company. Lindsay said that they have one, but Brendan did not sign it. The also paid the deposit of \$525. Nick explained that SA policy prohibits anyone other than the SA President to sign a contract concerning SA money, which poses an issue. Brendan explained that any contract involving SA money needs to be signed by the president, as well as a representative of the college. They have not spent SA money at this point. However, they usually expect the organization to submit a contract before a request for money comes in. Brendan explained that what Cheerleading did is agree to pay for the bus. Jess motioned to amend the reading to \$1,450, which is the cost of the competition, and exclude the price of the bus. Jarah seconded the motion. The motion passes 7-0-0.

Vanessa, from LSA, asked if they were invited to the competition, and Lindsay said they have the email inviting them. Paul, from Club Sports, asked if this would be considered a regional competition. Lindsay said that it a NYS competition. Paul said that the Club Sports budget has money to assign to regional/national finals. Kate explained that they have to qualify. She explained it would have to state that in the email. They would have to rank in a high spot to qualify for the tournament. Lindsay explained that last year, they were grand champions. She was not sure if that is what made them qualify. Tom read this section from the budget. Humza, from Model UN, asked if it was possible to get a copy of the email which

invited them. Lindsay said she could try to do that. If not, she can email them back and ask them to state why they were invited. Kate asked if the deadline for registering is March 5. She asked if it would cost more if they did not meet the deadline. Lindsay said the highest amount would be \$50. Kate asked if they could even attend if they do not meet the deadline. Lindsay was unsure. Jess asked how many members were going, and there are 29. Lindsay explained that they voted on which competitions they wanted to attend. Stephanie asked if they have already registered. Lindsay said they will officially register when they send the check and registration form. Nick explained that the check would not get there by the due date, as it would not be available for a while. Lindsay said she could address this when she emails them. Audrey said that conferences for IRC often allow them to bring the check to the event, so she suggested Lindsay ask if that is possible.

Humza, from Model UN, asked if this event counts as a conference, or if it would fall under line 20. Tom explained that this is more of what Cheerleading does as programming. All of their competitions fall together as programming. Tom explained that it is more of a tournament than a conference fee. Humza explained that SA can only fund 50% of conference fees. He asked if that applies to this reading. Paul explained that they were referring to line 60 of the Club Sports budget. The Cheerleading budget does not have a line 60. They are asking for money to put into line 20. Humza asked if they would only be able to pay 50% because of the rules of conference policy. Tom explained that this is not actually considered a conference, but rather a tournament. They have run into the problem of distinguishing between conferences and tournaments, which they are working on right now. Conferences imply that the organization will bring back educational information for themselves or the campus. Brendan said they are working on these changes. Kate explained that almost all of Club Sports have to collect dues in order to offset the costs of tournaments. Stephanie requested that reps who participate frequently in the conversations sit toward the front of the room.

Vanessa, from LSA, asked whether this is a conference or a tournament. Tom said it is a tournament. She asked if they then need to qualify for it. Tom explained that would be if they were using the Club Sports budget. Jarah said the Cheerleaders are very good, and she thinks this is a great opportunity for them. Humza, from Model UN, suggested that a basic review of policy would be beneficial before next week's meeting. Stephanie said that financial policy is being reviewed. Tom said that they are working on distinguishing between conferences and tournaments. Brendan thanked the reps for taking part in the discussion and calling attention to policy. He also pointed out that the Cheerleading team's success was brought up in Albany.

Reading 48-0607, first of two readings, passes 7-0-0.

Open Discussion

Jess introduced Fatima Johnson, the Director of Multicultural Affairs, who led open discussion. Fatima gave us a bit of background about herself. She is originally from Buffalo, NY and commutes to campus each day. She came to Geneseo from the National Conference for Community and Justice, which is a national organization that addresses bias, bigotry and racism across the country. Her past four months at Geneseo has been a very interesting time. She has been able to take time and decide what the needs of campus are and what the goals of the office should be. One goal is to provide resources for faculty, staff, and students. Resources include personal advisement, referrals, moderating events, cosponsoring programs, and a variety of different things. Secondly, the office works with multicultural groups and organizations and helps them with their efforts and their goals. They look at issues that perhaps they have not looked at before. The office also asks students to look at the experiences and attitudes to bring to Geneseo. Lastly, the office pays specific attention to African American, Latino, Native American, and Asian students. Students of color make up about 11% of students here at Geneseo. Therefore, the office is designed to assist students with transitional issues.

The office brought the MLK kick-off speaker in January. They had the kick-off for Black History Month. They put on the Transgender Panel. The office and residence life sponsored a poetry event. There are several other events in the works. Fatima expressed her interest in working with all of us and invited any student to come to her office at any point. Her office is located in the Center for Community, College Union 353 B. She also wants students to understand that her office is not just for students of color; it is for

all students. If you are having a transitional issue, for example geographical or socio-economic transitions, these are issues Fatima can help with.

Stephanie asked Fatima to give everyone her email: johnsonf@geneseo.edu. Brendan asked how long her commute takes. Fatima said it takes about an hour, and she takes four or five different routes. She explained that it has been a cultural experience for her at Geneseo, as she lives right in the inner city. Jarah asked Fatima to share her educational background. She worked for eight years with the National Organization, which has 65 offices. She has worked with education, corporate, government, police offices, and other sectors. Fatima went to Nazareth College for two years and then transferred to Fredonia State, where she received her undergraduate degree. She went to Canisius College for her masters in higher education. She worked at Canisius in academic advisement, teaching courses, and has experience in the higher education opportunity program. Brendan asked how often the office deals with other types of minorities, including students of various faiths and political minorities. Fatima explained that multicultural does not just mean cultural. She has had experience with the religious groups on campus. She has not dealt with political minorities yet. She explained that the office does need to stay somewhat focused so that it can be most effective. Brendan thanked Fatima for speaking tonight.

Adjournment

Thanks to everyone for coming! The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Monnat,
Recording Secretary