

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

State University of New York, College at Geneseo



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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 corrected readings 60-0607 and 62-0607 to read "Second of Two Readings," rather than "First of Two Readings." Tom also corrected reading 69-0607 to read "587.20," rather than "\$1,000.00." Jerry from GAGG explained that the amounts in the agenda were approximate amounts. Jarah asked why the realignment amount was so much higher than the total approximate amount in the reading. Jerry said he realigned what was left, while leaving a significant amount for programming. Jarah said that the problem is that there would be a remaining \$400.00 according to the estimated amounts. Stephanie asked if this could be addressed during the reading. Tom withdrew his change. Kelly, from GODA, asked if the amount for realignment in reading 67-0607 was correct. Brendan said this would be addressed in the reading. Agenda passes 6-0-1 with Tom abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes

Under her updates, Diana corrected that the speaker was sponsored by ACE and Pride, not BSU. Minutes pass 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Brendan Quinn updates:

Brendan had a meeting with Dr. Bonfiglio last week. He had to cancel office hours yesterday and today. He will be making them up tomorrow evening and Friday morning, as posted. He has had many meetings, wrapping up the semester. Brendan explained that there will be three meetings over the summer.

Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:

Jarah announced that the Vacation Bus Program Survey is finished. She will be reviewing the results and writing bid letters. The student senators open forum was cancelled due to planning issues. They hope to hold one next semester.

Director of Business Affairs, Tom Johns updates:

Tom has been reviewing appeals and preparing them for the committee. He met with Adam Gross this week to discuss the Director of Business Affairs position for next year. The last due date for 2 week readings is Friday at 12:00pm. Be sure to get them in.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Audrey Cooper updates:

Audrey announced that IRC did karaoke with Pride this weekend, which was a lot of fun. Coffee Talk is on Friday at 10:00pm in the Campus Grind. Fatima Johnson attended IRC and facilitated a discussion on racism on campus. If you are a residential student and are interested in running for a position on IRC to represent your hall, talk to Audrey. IRC will vote on bids for hall of the year, program of the year, and resident of the year, which will be very exciting.

Director of Public Relations, Jess Vigars updates:

Joey Walker, the Program Advisor, is leaving this week. If you have worked with Joey and would like to say goodbye, stop by his office by the SA office. They made him a card and had a party, which went really well. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Director of Academic Affairs, Stephanie Condello updates:

Stephanie announced that AAC is still looking for a Secretary and a Communications Director. If you are interested in either of these positions, talk to Stephanie. You must be a student and pay the mandatory activity fee. The AAC social faculty mixer is next Thursday, April 19 during all-college free hour. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in discussion.

Director of Student Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:

Diana met with Vinita today to discuss the tag sale program they would like to do next year in the residence halls. It is coming along very nicely.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy updates:

Nick announced Koresh Dance Company on Sat. April 14 at 8:00pm in Wadsworth Auditorium. Tickets are available for \$5.00. Next Sat. April 21 is the Jack's Mannequin and Augustana concert. There are a few tickets left. Sat. April 28 is Spring Fest. It takes place outside the College Union. There will be inflatables, novelties, bands, and chicken. Everything is free, except the chicken. It is a fun way to get outside with friends before finals start. Accents is presenting a speaker on the Rastafarian Movement on Monday, April 16 at 6:00pm in Newton 204. Rory Kennedy, a documentarian and one of the last members of the Kennedy family, will speak at Contemporary Forum at the end of the month.

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

A program advisor candidate is coming in tomorrow. If anyone is interested in sitting in on the interview, it is at 1:00pm in the College Union Boardroom.

Tamara Hurlburt, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

Tamara has had the pleasure of sitting in on the AC elections.

Open Updates

Club Sports updates: Brendan announced that Volleyball is in Louisville this week for nationals. Ultimate Frisbee has sectionals this weekend.

KASA updates: KASA's annual dinner is this weekend in the College Union Ballroom at 6:00pm. The theme is "Grease." Tickets are on sale; \$6 for students/\$7 for faculty and staff/\$8 for general public. Jason introduced David, the new treasurer for KASA.

LSA updates: Vanessa announced LSA's dinner next Saturday at 5:00pm in the College Union Ballroom. It will be over by 7:30pm so that everyone can go to the concert. Tickets go on sale on Monday in the College Union Lobby. Tickets are \$5 for students/\$6 for faculty and staff/\$7 for general public. The theme is a love triangle.

Model UN updates: Humza announced that the Night of 1,000 Dinners went very well. They pulled in over \$250.00. Approximately 75-100 people attended. A member's father is a lieutenant colonel in the US Army and has spent time clearing minefields. He came from West Point and spoke at the event. It was a great time.

Geneseo Idol updates: Tom announced that Geneseo Idol is after the concert on Saturday. Auditions are the night before. They begin at 8:00pm. Sign-ups will be posted outside the Late Knight Office. Come and cheer on your friends!

Old Business

60-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve Account 1201-Inter-Residence Council's Constitution and Bylaw changes.

Second of Two Readings

Audrey explained that she discussed the changes last week. In the interest of time, she asked if anyone had any questions. Jess asked if the executive board has confidence in the constitution that has been submitted to SA. Audrey said that the executive board made the changes and they are confident in them. Jess said they did a great job with the thorough changes.

Reading 60-0607, second of two readings, passes 6-0-1 with Audrey abstaining.

62-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve Account 1100-Academic Affairs Committee's Constitution and Bylaw changes.

Second of Two Readings

Stephanie explained two grammatical changes. In the bylaws in section 2 part 2, she removed an unnecessary semicolon. Also, in the constitution, “intern” should be changed to “interim.” Tom motioned to change the reading as specified. Nick seconded. The motion passes 6-0-1 with Stephanie abstaining. Otherwise, Stephanie explained that the reading is the same as last week. The executive board and the newly elected members for next year support the changes. Nick said he looks forward to seeing the effects of the changes and the addition of the director of the academic candidate.

Reading 62-0607, second of two readings, passes 6-0-1 with Stephanie abstaining.

63-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$623.00 from Account 1002-SA Programs Line 20-Conferences to Account 1801-Council for Exceptional Children to help fund the conference “Council for Exceptional Children National Conference.”

Second of Two Readings

The presenter for this reading was not present at the meeting. Therefore, the reading must fail per financial policy.

New Business

64-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request from Account 1411-Geneseo Ultimate Frisbee, to work concert security for Jack’s Mannequin, to raise up to \$500.00.

First and Only Reading

Brian, from Ultimate Frisbee, explained that the team will provide security from 8:00am-11:00pm in Kuhl Gym. They will be raising \$500.00. Brian explained that the fundraising will replace their carwash. Jarah said she thinks this is a great idea. It is good to see Concerts using another SA organization, Club Sports. Reading 64-0607, first and only reading, passes 6-0-1 with Nick abstaining.

65-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request from Account 1401-Club Baseball, to work concert security for Jack’s Mannequin, to raise up to \$125.00.

First and Only Reading

Zach, from Club Baseball, explained that the team will be splitting the 5:00pm-12:00pm shift with Men’s Water Polo. Therefore, they will only bring 8 members and will raise \$125.00. This will offset the fundraising money in their budget. Jarah said it is great to see Concerts using other SA funded organizations. Jess said that keeping the concerts safe is an important job. Reading 65-0607, first and only reading, passes 6-0-1 with Nick abstaining.

66-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request from Account 1303-Activities Commission-Limelight, to sell ribbons for American Cancer Society, to raise up to \$189.45.

First and Only Reading

Jess, Limelight Coordinator, programmed a series before it was announced that the Relay for Life would be on the same night as Koresh Dance Company. Last year, they had an AC team. They are unable to have a team this year because many members will be at the dance performance and the Limelight and Accents Donor Reception. In order to get the community involved, they plan to sell purple ribbons, the same color as the American Cancer Society promotional materials. They would like to sell the ribbons for a dollar donation to everyone in attendance. Jess said she plans to sell 200 ribbons. The latest ticket count was 231. She plans to buy the cheapest supplies that Walmart offers and assemble them on Friday. Tom asked if they spoke with the performers about doing this at the concert. Jess said that the performers are fine with it, as long as it does not interfere with their merchandise sales. Jess Vigars asked how they will secure the money. Jess said they would use a cash box. Steph asked where they got the money to buy the ribbons. Jess said she has not purchased anything yet. She priced everything according to what she will need. Jess Vigars said this is a great idea that supports a very worthy cause. It also reflects other things being done on campus. Nick thanked Jess for a very professional and thorough reading.

Reading 66-0607, first and only reading, passes 6-0-1 with Nick abstaining.

67-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the realignment of \$1,200.00 from Line 20-Deaf Awareness Day to create a new line in Line 20-Deaf Awareness Week in Account 1806-GODA.

First and Only Reading

Kelly, from GODA, explained that they have a Deaf Awareness Day each Spring semester. They have had poor attendance in the past. This year, they plan to try something different by having shorter speakers and activities throughout the week and evening. They need to change the line name to reflect this change. Jess asked if it was a dollar amount under Deaf Awareness Day or if it was broken down. Kelly said it is just a dollar amount. Nick asked if they have ideas for specific events yet. They have three potential speakers, a crash course in sign language, and a few activities planned. Jess asked when they are planning the event for. It will be the last week in April. Tom motioned to amend the reading to read "\$940.00" rather than "\$1,200.00." Jarah seconded the motion. They had already realigned money out of this account. Motion passes 7-0-0. Jarah said it is good to see GODA being innovative and trying to increase their attendance. Jess said that this is a small detail that could be overlooked, but she is glad to see GODA following the procedures in place.

Reading 67-0607, first and only reading, passes 7-0-0.

68-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$7,369.37 to Account 1504-GSTV from Account 2000-Permanent Equipment to purchase two Mac Pro Towers, an external terabyte drive, and LCD Dual Monitors for the Dual Computer Final Cut Pro System.

First of Two Readings

Colleen, the general manager of GSTV, apologized for the length of the reading and for all of the paper. She also explained that their chief engineer and executive producer both have class scheduled during this time, which is why Colleen presented the reading. She started by requesting that the first reading be waved and move directly to the second reading. She realized that this is a huge amount of money, but the equipment is urgent. If the products are not ordered soon, they will not have time to install them and make sure that they are working properly before the end of the school year. If they wait to install the equipment until next semester, they run the risk of delaying production. They will not have time to return any faulty products.

Colleen gave some background about their current equipment. The computer that they edit on is a Mac Pro. It broke down and it took a couple days for CIT to diagnose the computer. They advised GSTV not to repair the current equipment because of the damage done to the main boards. They have already been waiting for approximately two weeks, which is why they are looking to rush the reading.

GSTV is requesting a dual computer editing program using Final Cut Pro on the Apple computers. They are requesting two dual core Mac Pro Towers specified for non-linear editing and dvd based output. One will be a replacement for the FCP computer that was diagnosed by CIT as not worth fixing when the main logic board burned out. The other will be a second editing computer to create longevity in the editing set up and to alleviate the congested editing situation. Colleen explained that while they are requesting the Apple towers, they are also requesting two monitors from another source along with an external terabyte drive to accompany the set up and maximize its efficiency. All of the components must pass in order for the system to work. It is much cheaper to order the monitors and terabyte drive from another source, as they do not need to be Apple. They are using the two monitors from the old system along with the mini dv/vhs converter ordered with the old system. They are using a dvd player recently purchased and a dvd signal converter box which is worth over \$200.00 that was ordered before the old editing system died. With the dual system they want to set up, it will only be necessary to have the converter systems that they already own, instead of having two of everything.

GSTV's need for the dual computer FCP editing system of full capacity stems from a notable spike in GSTV participation. In the past year, they have debuted three new shows which are either partially or entirely pre-shot and edited. A single editing system in the facility has created a bottleneck effect. Between regular weekly news packages and shows there has been an influx of people learning how to edit and using the system. Thus, a single system has proven counter-productive and over three years, the old system crashed.

GSTV currently has over 20 members who can do non-linear editing and more underclassmen that are eager to learn, as this is a valuable real world skill. GSTV alumni Ellen Crooke, current News Director for WGRZ TV in Buffalo, said in a talk on Thursday, April 5, "anyone who has any nonlinear editing skills is seen as the most valuable member of a television staff, and with the convergence of media today, it is a necessary skill in the radio and newspaper worlds as well." Colleen also shared another quote from Ellen Crooke in an email from today: "GSTV is vital in training Geneseo students the actual skills to be hired in today's workforce. A broadcast and internet news organization is nothing without the proper tools needed to edit news stories. There is no greater investment in the future of Geneseo students who wish to work in broadcast and internet journalism than to grant that request."

While one of the main reasons for this request in to replace the old system, it is also necessary due to an update in technology. GSTV currently records all live programs on to dvd and generally receive requests for program copies in dvd format. It would make sense to switch to a dvd based editing system. The frustrating part about working with dvd and mini dv based production is that they are real time based and monopolize production. When it takes an hour and a half to digitize an hour and a half long concert, then an hour and a half to edit the program, then an hour and a half to print the program to dvd or mini dv, over six hours of computer time is monopolized by the program, as multiple processes cannot be done while digitizing or printing a program. This is the problem with having only one editing system. Colleen emphasized the congestion of twice a week news broadcasts, three other live shows, at least four other pre-taped shows, editing home hockey broadcasts, 24 hours of telethon footage, and all other special programming and commercials.

GSTV attempts to reflect a commercial television station in their production methods. This is why they are asking to continue improving the system. It reflects the programs and setups in the real world. They also have shifted to editing more and more, even for live shows, as pre-packaged formats have become more popular and professional. They are more reliable than live broadcasting and ensure higher production quality. There is a distinct gap in live show and taped shows for GSTV in particular due to the age of equipment. Their pre-taped shows are where the majority of their creativity and artistic license take place and make the station unique. With the recent addition of Youtube to GSTV's broadcasting spectrum, it makes the most sense to have high quality editing systems to differentiate their production from that made on a home computer.

Colleen explained that it would be pointless to order anything other than Apple Computers with Final Cut Pro, as this is the premier and most popular editing system. It is also used by CIT in Newton Hall as well as the Communication Department and the School of Performing Arts. For this reason, they are using Apple and have priced a variety of systems. Their first choice is the cheapest choice. They priced computers that come fully outfitted with monitors and extra storage, but they are more expensive and do not have higher quality.

Colleen explained that GSTV understands that this is a huge request. They have put in the effort to make it affordable while being functional, efficient, and professional. This would be a long term investment with the potential of lasting a decade. They are currently using studio equipment that was part of a \$30,000plus upgrade in the early 1990s. They have survived by using equipment for as long as possible and they only ask for large requests when absolutely necessary.

Colleen then explained the request for the external terabyte drive. Currently, they own two 100 GB external drives for editing purposes. With the crash of the FCP editing system, this was not sufficient for their current editing needs. Any non-linear editing system now operates on external terabyte drive storage, an option that was not available when the old system was ordered. By using external storage, it is not only cheaper than ordering Macs with this amount of storage, but also safer. While Macs rarely crash or burn out, it becomes a more plausible outcome when high stress activities such as editing are involved. An external terabyte drive is necessary to the system so that information can be shared between two computers. If one started editing a show on one computer, and used the other to finish it, all of the information would be available. Requesting this piece is contingent upon the approval of the Mac computers. GSTV is asking for the middle priced drive, as going too cheap is risky, and it is unnecessary to spend over \$600.00 on a terabyte drive. The Maxor's quality is highly rated and requested.

Lastly, GSTV is requesting two Samsung LCD monitors to be used in conjunction with the FCP editing system. They do own two monitors that would go with one tower, and will use those two monitors to go with one tower. The new monitors will go with the second tower. It is not necessary to buy Apple monitors because they are not of greater quality, but are more expensive. It is necessary to have two monitors when editing because it allows for greater efficiency as you can see more of the project at once. It is impossible to edit a program that has graphics, titles, needs sound adjustments, transitions, and has a variety of video clips with just one monitor. Other editing stations on campus use the dual screen method as well, and it is popular in the actual production studios. Large monitors are very expensive.

Humza, from Model UN, was confused as to why the only options for the towers were Apples. Traditionally, Apples are the best for visual editing because of the Motorola processors. In the last couple of years, however, Apple has moved to using its own processors. Therefore, there is parity between Apples and PCs. He suggested that it would have been a more complete reading if they gave at least one PC option. Colleen explained that campus generally uses Apples for editing on campus. This is what CIT has recommended in the past. Due to the immediacy of the reading, GSTV was under the assumption that CIT would recommend the Apple. Also, their alumni recommend MACs. They also do not have experience using PCs for this purpose, so they would like to stick with the MAC. Nick asked if GSTV has the FCP software. Colleen said they do not have the software. The purchase will include the software. Jess asked what will happen with the current computers. Colleen said they do not work. The main board is fried. CIT said it could be fixed for \$400-500, but they explained that with the work the computers have been through, there could be others problems with them. It is not worth fixing an editing computer that is over three years old.

Jess asked how the lack of the editing system affected GSTV. They can still do live broadcast and have been able to do some editing in Newton. However, they have had to do everything live. It has really affected GSTV. Students have been working on interesting news stories and they've been unable to make a package out of it because of the lack of editing abilities. They are also unable to access past work and edit for resumes and other projects. Jess asked Colleen, out of 100%, at what percentage is GSTV functional right now. Colleen said they are about 20-30%. Their quality has drastically decreased since before spring break. If they were a 7 before the crash, they are now at a 3 in terms of quality. Nick asked if they still had the media 100 system. Colleen said that system is gone. She explained that everyone stopped using reel-to-reel editing, causing the media 100 system to jam up. For about a year and a half, they had two editing systems, which gave them high productivity. They were able to separate the editing and edit more than one project at a time. Stephanie explained that she is okay with everything in the reading, except for waiving the first reading because of the large amount of money. She would like to make sure that they have a week to address anything that may come up. Colleen said that the earliest it would come in is the last week of classes if the reading is not waived. She understands that it is a large amount of money, but they really cannot wait any longer. They need to be able to set it up and make sure that everything works properly before school ends. They had a problem last year where a piece of equipment came in and it was missing a couple components, but it was too late to do anything about it. Colleen said she would have liked to have more time to research, but there was not time for this.

Brendan asked where the two computers will be located in the studio. Colleen said they have two editing suites and the computers will be located in those. Brendan asked if the computers will have network access. Colleen said they do not right now. This is something they may look into for the future. No one currently logs onto the computers. They could have this changed to a password system. Jess explained that she was originally of the opinion that this reading was in need of two weeks. However, from Colleen's description, it is clear that GSTV is in need of the equipment as soon as possible. Humza asked if they have considered needing more than 1GB. Colleen said that they can always ask for more gigabytes. Audrey asked if Colleen feels confident with the system as the leader of GSTV. Colleen said she is 100% confident in the reading. She said she would not request something like this if she did not see it lasting for the long run. She has dealt with equipment this year that has been a waste money, and she would never request something that she thought would be a waste of money. She would not have put the hours of work into the request if she did not think it would be worth it.

Jess motioned to waive the first reading due to the need for immediacy of the equipment. Audrey seconded the motion. Stephanie explained that she understands the need for the equipment, but because it is such a large purchase, she felt the reading deserves a second week. This would provide for any needed changes or adjustments that may come up. Dave, from GSTV, said that they ordered a teleprompter computer at the start of the year. It took 5-6 weeks to arrive and be used. 5-6 weeks from now is after finals. Therefore, it makes more sense to have the equipment in the hands of the current managers and engineers, rather than waiting for new students to learn about the equipment for next year. Tom asked whether GSTV is more concerned about the computers, screens, or terabyte drive. Kelly, the executive producer of GSTV, explained that everything was selected on the basis of need. Colleen said that none of the pieces can function on its own. She said they are unable to prioritize the need of each part. Tom said that the biggest concern in terms of waiving the first reading is whether the parts will all work. Colleen said their biggest concern is making sure everything works when it is assembled. They need to make sure that the system functions together and is installed properly. They would also like CIT to approve the system. Kate said CIT would usually like to see what is being purchased before they actually purchase anything. Colleen said they have waited for CIT to come down to check equipment in the past and it has taken a very long time, which is another concern of theirs. Kelly said they do not want to burden next year's e-board with setting up the new system.

Stephanie asked how long it would take to make sure everything is compatible. Kelly said it would take a couple days to run tests to make sure everything works together. She explained that she has done this on a professional level as well. She said she is confident in the computers they have chosen, but they want to make sure they learn the equipment in order for it to be passed down to the new members. Colleen said they want to have time to teach people about the new system, which can take a fair amount of time. Stephanie asked if it would take approximately 3-5 days to set up and learn, and it would. Kelly said it is more of an infrastructure concern, rather than a technical concern. Jess said that the reason a reading is made a two week reading is to ensure that all questions have been answered. Jess said that Colleen and GSTV has done a great job researching and answering questions. She thinks that they should focus on the quality of the reading, rather than the dollar amount. Diana asked if next year's executive board would be able to return items if the reading took two weeks. Colleen said that Apple would probably allow for this, but not necessarily the terabyte drive. Tom said they usually have a year long warranty.

Jarah said that she understands the need for the equipment, but there is no way she would feel comfortable approving this amount of money in one week. Humza asked what would change in the reading if it was delayed for another week. Stephanie said that it is not a matter of whether the reading was thorough enough, but rather a matter of a large amount of money. They want to ensure that nothing comes up in the next week. This will require GSTV to be flexible, but they need to ensure that the money is being spent responsibly. Colleen said that it would be somewhat ridiculous for SA to expect GSTV to spend their time during and after finals working on the system when other students are home and starting jobs. They are trying to get this done during the school year, as this is something they could not predict. She does not feel that they can rely on others to take care of the equipment while they are gone and teach the new members how to use the system. She understands that there are hesitations, but she cannot imagine anything coming up in the meantime. She is very confident that CIT would approve of the system, as it is similar to other systems on campus. Jess, from AC, said that it is SA's job to be an advocate for students and to help organizations to flourish. She thinks this is something GSTV needs and it will encourage collaboration between GSTV and other organizations. Audrey asked if anyone on SA exec has discrepancies for GSTV to take back the pending motion. Stephanie asked if CIT has approved the system yet, and they have not gotten back to them yet. Colleen said that CIT has diagnosed their current equipment as unable to be fixed. She said the computers they are requesting are not that different from their current computers, so she does not see why CIT would not approve the request.

Jess asked what Colleen would do if CIT came in and did not approve the system. Colleen said she would ask them what their recommendation would be. Tom asked what a comparable program is to FCP. Kelly said that it is hard to name a comparable program. Avid is an editing program, but it is outdated and no one on campus uses it. As a CIT employee, she would not recommend it. Tom asked Kelly why a PC was not looked into. Kelly said that the PC is not something they are used to in the organization. She is more acquainted with FCP, which can only be run on a Mac. She has been using this program for six years. This

is also what everyone else on campus uses. She feels it would be counterproductive to order a different system, and it would not save money in the long run. Humza said that the whole point of having a Mac or a series of Macs is so that GSTV is acquainted with the equipment they use in the real world, which extinguished the issue for him. Tom said he understands the educational value, but the PC is still a comparable item.

Jarah said that she does not feel comfortable supporting the motion due to the amount of money. Also, the request states that the products will arrive in 2-3 business days, which will allow them enough time before finals to install the system. Stephanie agreed with Jarah. Also, if CIT does not approve the system, and they are unable to place their order, they may not have a system at all. Audrey asked if they could retract the reading if CIT does not approve the system. Brendan said that they can choose not to purchase the system. However, they would only be approving GSTV to purchase the items in the reading. They could not use the money for any other purchase. Stephanie pointed out that they could amend the reading for next week to reflect the proper changes if this were the case. Colleen said that there is no guarantee that the items will arrive in said time. Tony, from GSTV, asked if SA has been to the studio recently, and they have. Kelly explained that GSTV is unable to function as an organization right now. She does not want to prolong this situation, as it would be very problematic. Motion to waive the first reading passes 4-3-0.

Nick pointed out that SA does not provide for tax. Tom said that the amount was already amended. Nick said he is behind this reading because they would be paying for GSTV to function. Stephanie said that she still does not feel comfortable funding this amount of money in one week. Jess motioned to amend the reading to fund half of the amount. The motion was not seconded. Audrey said that if the only thing stopping the reading is that they are awaiting CIT approval, and they would be unable to submit another reading before the end of the semester, she does not see why the reading would not pass, as next year's eboard would simply have to submit a new reading. Brendan, from Club Sports, asked if they could spend the money even if CIT did not approve the system, and they could not. Danielle, from WAC, said that she has had experience with CIT and that it often takes time. She expressed concern for GSTV in the case that CIT could not approve the system until after the second reading. Jarah said she is in favor of the reading, as she could not control the fact that the first reading was waived.

Reading 68-0607, second of two readings, passes 6-1-0 with Stephanie opposing.

69-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the realignment of \$1,000.00 from Line 20-Tech/OT to Line 10-Supplies-Library additions for Account 1922-Geneseo Area Gaming Group.

First of Two Readings

Jerry, from GAGG, explained that he is trying to realign money from the Tech/OT line which was not used since SA thankfully picked up part of GAGG's tech bill into the library additions line. The basic idea is that the current amount is insufficient as per the prices in the justification. They would like to realign monies that will not be used in the current line toward the purchase of games. They would like to purchase games with economy-of-scale benefits. It does not make sense for individual members to purchase the games which require several people to play. Nick asked Jerry which games they are looking to buy. Jerry said the games listed in the reading are a preliminary list. They are items that have been played but are not owned by the club. He explained that he has not spoken with the club about which games they would specifically like to purchase, because he wanted to know how much money they could use. Jerry also said that he listed expansion books which are frequently multiple books at that rate. They also need to replace Dungeon and Dragon books, which were lost to an alumnus that is no longer locatable.

Jess asked where they would purchase the games. Jerry said their general vendor is Boldo's Armory on Monroe Ave. Jess asked where the games would be stored and secured. Jerry said the problem was that the games were not returned. He currently has a book in his room, but they currently have storage space in 130B. Jess said that SA funded equipment should be stored in the College Union or in an office. Jerry said he would work to make sure that happens. Audrey asked if SA usually approves a realignment that does not have a precise breakdown of the use of the funds requested. Tom said they usually do not. He explained that the realignment is a movement within the budget. It is important that they have numbers to explain why the amount of money is being realigned. Jarah explained that the allocated money totals about \$600, but they are requesting \$1,000. She asked Jerry to elaborate on this number. Jerry said he did not go

through the treasurer training seminar, so his understanding was that he is shifting money to be spent on different items. He said that the number was meant to be informative for the SA board, rather than to be a hard budget. Jarah asked why he did not decide on a set budget. He explained that last year, he was present when they decided what to buy. What they decide to buy is directly influenced by the amount of money they have. He explained that they would love to own the WoW board game, but if they only had \$200, it may not be their top priority. Therefore, it seems impossible to choose what to purchase without knowing how much money they have.

Jarah said that the point of the reading is to prioritize what they would like to purchase and ask for that amount of money. Stephanie asked Jarah if she would like to table the reading until they have the information. Jarah said she would approve of that. Stephanie motioned to table the reading. Jess seconded the motion. Stephanie said this would allow GAGG to discuss what they would like to purchase. This way, SA would feel more comfortable knowing where the money is going. Audrey asked Kate if the reading needs to have a price breakdown. She asked if the money left over could be freely moved. Kate said they can do this with an existing line. It is up to SA to decide whether the amount of realignment is appropriate. Humza asked if they could tally the amounts in the rationale and amend the motion to reflect that amount. Stephanie said the reason she did not propose that was because the amounts in the reading are not exact prices. This would give GAGG a week to determine exact prices. Jess said she understood the way the reading was presented, but that it is backward to the way SA operates. She also did not feel comfortable assigning an arbitrary amount. Jerry said that he would be ok with reallocating because the prices are fairly accurate, but he could not state that he had talked with the group. Jerry said he could clarify items and prices with the group for next week. Motion to table the reading passes 7-0-0.

70-0607: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the Account 1301-Activities Commission's Constitution and Bylaws.

First of Two Readings

Nick explained changes they have made this year. Under the composition of the board, they added that no one person shall hold more than one voting person at any time. Also, the chair, who is not a voting member, may not hold a second voting position on the board. They made the Assistant ACE/Accents Coordinator and Assistant Limelight Coordinator voting members. This will fulfill all of their duties of board members. They removed the word "Geneseo" from the Concerts Coordinator position, to fall in line with everything else. They said that proxy voting shall be allowed in matters of elections and impeachment proceedings, as opposed to just elections. They used to follow Roberts rules and orders, but this is not something that AC generally follows. Therefore, they removed this and stated that voting must follow procedures decided by the general council. Nick explained that they added a section under the impeachment proceedings: 3 unexcused absences by a board member from either general council meetings or executive board meetings will result in automatic impeachment hearings. He pointed out general word changes throughout the constitution. In the bylaws, they moved the election section around a bit to have it make more sense. One figure they added is that no current member of the general council shall be permitted to run for another position on that board should another position become available. This is so that they do not have a position become open and have a board member run for the position and have to resign from their previous position. There were also wording and duty changes regarding minutes and agendas. The Special Events Co-coordinators' responsibilities were consolidated.

Jess pointed out that the change involving the voting procedures to be determined by the general council is very vague. She asked who would be in charge of the procedures. Nick said it would be the responsibility of the general council as a whole. The voting members would discuss and establish a set of procedures. Jess asked why this duty is not given to the chair. Nick said this would make it fair and ensure that everyone on the board is comfortable. Jarah asked why they decided not to follow Roberts rules. Nick said that AC is generally more casual in the way it runs. Roberts does not mesh well with the way AC is run. Stephanie said that this is in their constitution, so they should be using it. She said that if it is taken out, something else should be put in its place. It is dangerous to not have a set of rules established. Stephanie asked for clarification involving a member running for a second voting position. Nick said that if you decide to run for a second position, you have to resign your first position, because as a board member, if this passes, you would not be allowed to run as a current board member. Stephanie said they may want to look into other ways. This change does not seem to fix the problem. Colleen asked if the person running must abstain from

voting. Nick said the issue is that they do not want a member to run and be elected, and then resign from their previous position. Colleen pointed out that if that person is not elected to their new position, two positions would be left open. Nick said this would be an issue. Jarah said that it denies someone the right to run for a position. Jess suggested that Nick talk to the board about specific voting procedures. She also recommended clarifying the issue involving a member holding two positions. Nick said this is not the issue of one person having more than one vote. Kate said that if the organization has to establish rules for voting, they will end up spinning their wheels to come up with procedures, rather than executing programming. Stephanie said that, aside from the two issues at hand, AC made a lot of great changes to their constitution and bylaws. Jess said she still has concerns about the requirement of a member to resign in order to run for another position.

Reading 70-0607, first of two reading, passes 5-1-1 with Audrey opposing and Nick abstaining.

Open Discussion

President Dahl led open discussion about the executive budget. He stated how pleased he was to be invited to present, as he is always happy to attend SA meetings to present the budget. He began by giving an overview of the state budget, and then moved on to discuss what has happened in budget advocacy season this year. Dr. Dahl said that the state legislature put together a budget by April 1. In the preceding ten years, this deadline was not met. He thanked SA on behalf of the college administration for assisting them in advocating for funding. They took a small delegation to Albany, including Brendan and Jess, who were main advocates. Brendan said they were affective and were able to speak with the lieutenant governor, which was great. Dr. Dahl said the lieutenant governor would be giving the commencement address.

Dr. Dahl gave context for the state budget, which is \$40,117,200 appropriated by the state legislature and consists of state tax dollars and the money students pay in tuition and fees. This is only \$40 million, out of \$101 million in the SUNY Geneseo budget. He explained the other elements, such as the Income Fund Reimbursable; the DIFR, which is dormitory revenues; SUTRA, which comes in from summer school, international programs, etc.; and other state wide funds and a non-operating budget. Next, Dr. Dahl broke down this year's budget for 2006-2007. We receive \$15,905,500 from state tax dollars, which is 39.6% of the total state purchase budget. The rest comes from tuition and fees. Over 60% does not come from the state. This is one of the realities of SUNY funding. We are state assisted, not state funded. We are looking, however, to increase these numbers.

Dr. Dahl explained that there are two parts of the budget. One part is the base-level budget, which is necessary to maintain effort in the next year. It includes inflation, negotiated salary increases, and utilities. The other half of the budget request is program initiatives. Dr. Dahl explained what SUNY asked for in the base level request for state operated campuses. The request was for \$62,802,000 in base level increases, which includes negotiated salary increases, inflationary increase on the equipment and supplies budget, and utilities funding. In addition, the university requested \$69 million in initiatives. This is historically interesting because, under previous administrations, SUNY has not gone in to ask for any new money. For the past two years, however, SUNY has gone in and requested over \$100 million in new money because we have been under-funded. Dr. Dahl illustrated what we asked for in initiatives. We requested \$35 million for access to affordable and attainable education, which includes money to cover the cost of additional full-time faculty and additional enrollment. Secondly, we requested \$5 million for economic development, high needs programs, which includes areas such as nursing, engineering, and some of the sciences. We requested \$5.0 million for academic performance and innovation, which is money for additional quality in our education. \$14 million was requested for achieving the margin of excellence, which includes money for undergraduate research and funding the honors college initiative. Also, we requested \$10 million for the geographic differential.

Next, Dr. Dahl showed us the university's total state-operated request. When the base-level budget and initiatives are added, they total \$131 million. The adjusted 2006-2007 base for the state operations budget for all of SUNY is \$1,106.8 million. With the increase of \$131.0 million, the total state tax dollar support is \$1,237.0 million. They accepted the 2006-2007 adjusted base which included \$30 million of utility money set aside as a lump sum last year, and an additional \$6 million for the Empire Innovation Program. This is

the program to hire sophisticated faculty to do research. The money funded from last year's base is still going into next year's base. They funded \$49.6 million of the \$62 million from this year's base level request. \$13.2 million was left unfunded, but contractual salary increases, inflation, and energy at requested levels were all fully funded. The enacted budget includes no tuition increases for any programs. Next, Dr. Dahl explained what was done with the initiatives. First, \$10 million is budgeted for "enrollment growth, full-time faculty, and expansion of opportunity and high need programs." The unfunded initiatives include access to education (\$25 mil), economic development (\$5 mil), performance and innovation (\$5 mil), margin of excellence (\$14 mil), and the geographic differential (\$10 mil).

Dr. Dahl explained the additions in the budget that were not asked for, but that could be quite useful. First, \$2.3 mil is included for educational opportunity centers, \$6.1 mil for ATTAIN (Advanced Technology Training and Information Networking), \$.840 mil for EOP additional funding, \$.5 mil for small business development centers, \$.5 Cornell cooperative extension money.

One of the key budget issues is the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). The best news in the budget is that cuts were not made to TAP for the first time in 12 years. Also, TAP was not substantively changed by the Legislature. They added \$12 mil to the fiscal cost of the TAP program. There is also a capital budget, which pays for building new buildings and fixing old ones. The governor added \$100 mil in critical maintenance, which will give us about \$2.4 mil. It also added \$279.7 mil in project initiatives, which includes \$12 mil for the renovation of Doty Hall. This will provide space for communicative disorders and sciences, admissions, international students, and a new recital hall. Next Dr Dahl explained where Geneseo stands now. We will gain in the adjusted 2006-2007 base due to \$30 mil in utility funds. We receive about \$1.3 mil in additional funds, \$300,000 of which is through additional revenue, \$985,200 in mandatory cost increases, and \$315,800 in other funding. The 2006-2007 base is \$40,117.2 mil. The adjusted base is \$40,794.6 mil, state tax dollar increases total 927.8 mil, and campus revenue increases total \$301.5 mil. This makes the 2007-2008 allocation \$42,024.0 mil, which is an effective increase. Dr. Dahl said this is not everything we need, but it was one of the best budget years he has seen. He is very appreciative of SA's support in the budget this year.

Sean, from GEO, asked what 22 positions on campus are non-unionized. Dr. Dahl said his position and other executive positions are non-unionized. This has to do largely with the fact that, if you are in a unionized setting, there must be a few positions that are "management." Though he is a faculty member, he probably cannot belong to the union. There are 22 positions like this out of 900. This is a minimal number. This reflects that Geneseo has a relatively flat administrative structure. Nick asked what the status of the Honors College is. Dr. Dahl said he would like to go ahead with the Honors College. One of his disappointments in the chancellor's departure is that he was very supportive of the idea, and was very interactive with students. Deborah, from MTC, asked if it was true that if the Honors College is established, the honors program will be discontinued. Dr. Dahl said that this is probably not true. The honors program is being expanded at this point and is increasing in size. He said he does not know what will happen. Even if they get all the money they are asking for, nothing will happen immediately. All changes will be phased in through a period of time. They are looking to make the honors program bigger and even better.

Humza asked about the specifics that will come along with the Honors College initiative. Dr. Dahl said that the change will be a continuation in the direction we have been moving. SUNY Geneseo will become somewhat more selective, but we will continue to be a public liberal arts school. They want to provide an even better education for everyone – an honors education for all Geneseo students. If the Honors College is implemented, the number of faculty will increase. We currently have a student-faculty ratio of 19-1. This is too many students per faculty member. We rely on our faculty to be very hands on. They hope to have a student-faculty ratio of 13 or 14-1. Secondly, they want to provide enhanced student services. This includes better admissions in terms of recruiting international and out-of-state students, more programming in international studies, and an opportunity for every student to study abroad. They also want to provide more volunteer and service learning opportunities. They would also like to have every Geneseo student complete a capstone project in their field. An Honors College is going to provide an enhanced liberal arts education for all Geneseo students. It will be, in essence, a heightening and intensification of the high quality aspect of SUNY Geneseo education.

Sean, from GEO, asked what specific skills students will attain from going to an Honors College. Dr. Dahl said that he would call them leadership abilities, rather than skills. A Geneseo education is a liberal arts education. An Honors College education would provide a global diverse framework for civil engagement and leadership in the world. It would give students intellectual skills to see long term, rather than short term. Nick asked if we are getting “too good too fast.” Dr. Dahl said he does not think so. SUNY Geneseo has a long tradition of working hard to do things better. We also keep things in perspective. We try to recruit students with multiple talents, such as the arts, athletics, and interesting backgrounds. Dr. Dahl does not think we are getting too big for our britches. For example, if we are moving too fast, why do more and more people want to apply each year? Secondly, students are asked to fill out a student satisfaction survey, which they monitor very closely. They are carefully measuring whether they are doing a good job. They also look at what students do after graduation. Dr. Dahl favors an optimistic, bold approach which states, “let’s be the best we can be.” SUNY Geneseo also tries to focus on intangible things, such as character, community involvement, and appreciation for diversity. This is difficult to measure, but our programs work hard to cultivate these things. This is what students truly need to succeed in this century. They constantly ask if they are doing a good thing for graduates and if they are striving to be the best public liberal arts school. This is why Dr. Dahl loves working with the students and faculty in his job. Dr. Dahl thanked everyone for inviting him, as he is always happy to attend.

Adjournment

Thanks to everyone for coming! The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Monnat,
Recording Secretary