

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

State University of New York, College at Geneseo



Executive Committee

President:	Brendan Quinn
Vice-President:	Jarah Magan
Directors:	
Academic Affairs:	Diana Zuniga
Business Affairs:	Adam Gross
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Vinita Mishra
Public Relations:	Chad Salitan
Student Affairs:	Jason Park, Acting
Student Programming:	Nicholas Guy
Advisor:	Tamara Kenney

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Dir. of SA Programs,	
Personnel & Finances:	Kate Rebban
Administrative Assistant:	Nancy Chirico
Graphics Coordinator:	Kristen Fuest
Program Advisor:	
Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer

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

MINUTES #9, Wednesday, October 24, 2007

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First of two readings
- 38 ***Open Discussion***
- 38 ***Adjournment***

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm with all members of the Executive Committee present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Adam: There is a new reading 34-0708. GEO's reading will be changed to 35-0708.

Melissa: Women's Ice Hockey presenter will be Melissa, not Jennifer.

The agenda was approved 5-0-1 with Adam abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes

Jarah: Reading 27-0708 should say Adam is confident in Jarah for suggesting the right people to Brendan, not Adam.

The minutes were approved 6-0-0.

Updates

President, Brendan Quinn updates:

He attended the AAC meeting with the provost. He met with Dr. Dahl. They talked about continuing to think about how they are going to push Geneseo toward excellence when it comes to money. He will be meeting with Dr. Bonfiglio tomorrow. If you have any concerns or questions you would like Brendan to ask Dr. Bonfiglio, please contact him. Also, if you have any concerns about Student Association, please let Brendan know. There was a sad incident on Saturday. One of our students, Kaitlyn Charity passed away. There will be a bus leaving at 2am on Friday to Long Island for her service. If you are interested in attending the service, reserve your spot on the bus at the Ticket Office. The bus will be coming right back up after the service. There are 55 seats on the bus.

Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:

Jarah attended the first college senate meeting with all of the senators. CSA's hazing workshop will begin this weekend on Sunday at 11, and Tuesday at 7pm.

Director of Business Affairs, Adam Gross updates:

GODA's budget has been frozen for the rest of the semester. He is updating the conference request forms and other forms.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Vinita Mishra updates:

She attended the sub-regional conference in Oneonta this past weekend. She is glad to see that IRC and SA work so well together compared to other campuses. She also learned a lot about other schools and how their organizations work. IRC will be hosting the Rocky Horror Picture show this Saturday at 11:59pm in the Union Ballroom. The Monster Mash Bash will be Sunday at 8pm. UP will be speaking at IRC's meeting, Monday 29th, during open discussion, on campus safety and the emergency alert system.

Director of Public Relations, Chad Salitan updates:

He attended GODA, LSA, GSTV, and CEC meetings this week. He was glad to see SA representatives of each organizations presenting information from SA meetings at their own meetings. The SA meeting next week will be on Halloween. There will be candy!

Director of Academic Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:

She is still taking applications for the College Bowl. There are three spots left. She will be taking applications until next week. The applications are located in the SA office. On Thursday there will be a Task Force meeting on Curriculum Review at 5:15pm. If you have any concerns or suggestions on that topic, please contact Diana so she can bring it up at the meeting.

Interim Director of Student Affairs, Jason Park updates:

The Intercultural Dinner will be this Saturday the 27th. Tickets are on sale. There will be a rehearsal tomorrow from 8pm to 10pm. On Friday at 4:30 in MJ, they will be preparing the dinner. Cooking will start at 12:30 on Saturday.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy, updates:

AC elections were held. Lee Murphy was elected for Special Events coordinator. Kelsey Ryan and Ahmad Sheikh were re-elected to their positions as Limelight and Accents coordinators. On Friday, in Newton 214, will be Ghost of Cite Soleil. At 10pm will be a local band, Floozie. On Tuesday, KINO will be showing "The Shining" at 8pm in the Ballroom. Also, don't forget to buy your Third Eye Blind tickets. Julian Bond, the president of NAACP, will be speaking at 8pm in Wadsworth Auditorium today.

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

None.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

None.

Open Updates

Club Sports Association updates:

Men's Rugby lost to Buffalo State on the 13th but won against U of R on the 20th. Their season is over but they are still having light practices. Women's Hockey lost to Oswego this weekend. Crew had a regatta in Boston this weekend. The women came in 21st out of 44 and men came in 25th out of 44. The women's team is automatically invited back for next year since they came in the top half. There will be two races this weekend; one in Philly and a novice regatta in Rochester. Ultimate Frisbee had a scrimmage at RIT today. They have a tournament at RIT this weekend. Cheerleading participated in family day and kick off. They performed at the Expo. Tennis had a game against RIT and won 9-0. That makes a 5-0 undefeated season. Their next match is 11/3 in Syracuse.

Model United Nations updates:

Their Late Knight event with IR club and GAA went well. Humza thanked Shakti for helping them with the henna tattoo booth. Their joint cabinet crisis was a success. The crisis cabinet representing North Korea nuked Okinawa and Japan developed nuclear weapons and nuked Shanghai in the crisis.

Pride Alliance updates:

Their event, 2nd chance prom, will be held on 11/3, at 10pm at the Knight Spot. There will be photo opportunities and a chance to go to the prom again if you did not have fun at your first prom.

Old Business

None.

New Business

28-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the proposed contract between the Student Association and MTV Networks On Campus for The Lamron, Account 1501 through 12 October 2009.

First and only reading

Brendan explained that any contracts of more than one year need SA executive board approval. It is a check that Student Association has. The president has the sole authority of passing contracts, and this prevents approval of long term contracts of inappropriate things. This contract is in behalf of The Lamron. They want to continue services with their current website service provider. College Publisher has been purchased by MTV and they only offer two year contracts. The Lamron is happy with the services of the website. Alumni and off campus students can easily read the dialogue, creating dialogue and encouraging debate over issues presented in The Lamron.

Disussion:

Nick expressed that lamron.com is a great way for people to have access to The Lamron. Sarah, from The Lamron, said that their website is something they are very proud of and a big step forward to being a bigger news resource. In the last few days, they have received thousands of hits.

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Sarah, from Cheerleading Club, explained that they added this fundraiser to supplement costs for the new competition they are planning to go to. They have been very successful at competitions in the past and it is easier to go to the competitions if they raise money. The fundraising event will be on November 8th at Tully's Restaurant. They will donate 10% of all the money spent by their supporters

Questions:

Nick clarified that no money from alcohol should be put towards the fundraiser. Sarah said that the restaurant will put a disclaimer on their flyer saying that alcohol will not be part of the donation.

Discussion:

Jarah said that Cheerleading has always been very good with fundraisers and wished them good luck.

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First and only reading

SA constitution requires the president to make all appointments. The USAEC chairman was appointed in the beginning of the year. These new appointed members will be assisting him in candidate recruitment, etc. Campus wide notices were sent out, and these

people said that this is the position they want to hold. The USAEC is independent of SA and runs elections on their own. They are their own separate branch.

Discussion:

Nick said that these new members will be helpful for Bob and very efficient for USAEC to have these members. He is confident in these appointments. Chad added that there is an interest meeting at 8pm after the SA meeting for those people interested in running for class offices. There will be another meeting in Welles 118 at 8pm Thursday. Brendan said elections will be held in November for class officer positions that went unfilled last semester. The Director of Student Affairs position will also be open. Haleema thanked Brendan for the appointment.

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Brendan explained that simultaneous deadlines and information were given out to look for candidates for Student Court. He had a criteria of what he was looking for. He received many applications from qualified candidates for Student Court. Michael and Jessica are very qualified candidates. He chose Michael as the Chief Justice. Brendan noted that he lives with Michael but that has nothing to do with his decision. Michael expressed the need to change the student court guidelines and Brendan was looking for a candidate that will be able to tackle the outdated guidelines. Michael referenced these things and showed initiative to fix them. The Student Court is independent, and is the judicial branch. But at the same time, Brendan will be working closely with the five members to work on the guidelines. Michael is a senior and his appointment will expire when he graduates. Jessica is a Junior. He is glad to have a female member since they did not have any before.

Discussion: Chad clarified that there are three people already appointed and the chief justice and the associate justice makes it a full court. Vinita expressed that she is confident in the appointments.

31-0708, first and only reading, passed 4-0-1 with Nick abstaining.

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First and only reading

Melissa, from Ice Hockey, said they will be conducting a fundraiser on 10/27 at Walmart. They will be selling donuts from Dunkin' Donuts at \$1 per donut. Walmart will match whatever they make.

Questions:

Nick asked if they were still doing the fundraiser in the academic buildings. Melissa answered that they will not. Adam clarified the numbers. They are planning to sell 14 boxes with 12 donuts in each box. That comes to \$168, and double that will be a cap of \$336.

Discussion:

Nick moved to amend the reading to say up to \$336. Adam seconded.

Voting on the motion to amend the reading, passed 6-0-0.

32-0708, first and only reading, passed 4-0-2 with Nick and Adam abstaining.

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First of two readings

Sarah said Cheerleading is planning to attend a new competition. They usually compete in the Spring but they want to get prepared for coming competitions and see where they stand. The competition has a small registration fee of \$10/girl and a cap at \$200.00. The competition is in Buffalo.

Questions:

Jarah asked if they were competing against other colleges since it is not specified in the registration form. Sarah answered that the open section is for all stars. There is a school division but it is not on the registration form. They will be competing in that division and competing against other colleges

Discussion:

Nick said that the competition looks like a well put together competition and it will be a great chance for Cheerleading to expand and attend more competitions.

33-0708, first of two readings, passed 6-0-0.

34-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2500.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Account 1002, line 20, President's Executive Budget to replenish the student organizations conference line.

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Brendan explained that they need to replenish the funds since they are running low due to approval of the conference that Baseball is attending. In the past years, they have not run through these funds. The line is set at \$3,000. Brendan said it is imperative to get the money back in there so students can plan accordingly if they have any conferences planned. Adding \$2,500 will put the account back to \$3,000. This budget increase is necessary for the remainder of the year so other organizations can go to conferences.

Questions:

Humza, from Model UN, asked if more money can be allocated should more requests come for conferences. Brendan responded that organizations should make SA aware if they are planning a conference so they can allocate money in anticipation. Humza asked how much money was available to be realigned. Kate answered that there is a total of approximately \$14,000 available. He also asked if the decisions to pass conference readings will depend on the money available. Brendan answered that SA has had the luxury of looking at if the presented programs are good or not and not restrict them because of the money issue. However, they cannot allocate more money than what is in the line and organizations will need to give notice to SA if they are planning to go to a conference.

Discussion:

Nick said he is happy to see many organizations taking advantage of the conference line since conferences are great experiences. 34-0708, first of two readings, passed 5-0-0.

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First of two readings

Alicia, from GEO, said they are planning to go to a youth conference on climate change called the Power Shift. Power Shift is a new conference and has been organizing since this summer. There are 3,300 applicants so far from all over the US. This conference aims to educate students about climate change, activism on campus, and to push a piece of legislation, the Safe Climate Act. It is an act put forward by a senator in California and calls for a rigorous plan to help with the effects of global warming. GEO collected letters from professors asking Tom Reynolds to sign on to the Safe Climate Act.

Questions:

Sarah, from Cheerleading, asked what GEO will do to spread the information they receive from the conference. Alicia said they are thinking about presenting it at the energy savings contest party and also creating informational packets. They are also planning to have a seminar. Humza asked if they are doing any local or state level lobbying for this bill. Alicia said GEO is speaking to Tom Reynolds and his energy advisor. They have a meeting with him on Monday and they are planning to give him the letters from all the professors. Jarah asked if they had already registered and paid the registration fee. Alicia said that they had. Jarah explained that makes the reading retroactive and SA does not pay for retroactive readings. Alicia explained that she had a tough time getting students to commit and the registration fee was going up so they had no choice but to pay. Vinita asked why it was hard to get their members to commit. Alicia said many members were interested but they were not sure of their schedules and amount of school work. Nick asked if one of the vehicles had 6 seatbelts since they are taking 11 people with two cars. Alicia said that the second vehicle is a 6 person vehicle with 6 seatbelts. Jarah asked if GEO had paid any other deposits. Alicia said they talked to the group reservation manager at the hostel and is in the process of setting up a contract. They have not paid anything but the hostel knows that they are sending 11 people. Adam asked if one of the meals was going to be provided by the conference. Alicia said it probably will not be since there will be over 3000 students but she said she will check that out. Kate expressed concern over some liability issues and the driving. She also clarified that even though this conference is away, students will still be under the Geneseo student code of conduct and will have to have a judicial committee hearing if they get into trouble. Also, alcohol should not be consumed during the conference. Nick asked if Al Gore will be coming. Alicia said they did not know yet. He is one of the “has not responded” speakers. Tamara asked who the registration fee was paid to. Alicia answered that it was directly paid to Power Shift.

Discussion:

Jarah expressed concern since she felt that the reading was retroactive. Nick said that they cannot fund the registration fee since it's retroactive. He moved to amend the reading to allocate 1083.50 which is the cost minus the registration fee. Vinita seconded.

Discussion on the motion: Chad suggested that the cost of transportation should be changed. Adam explained that the form is outdated and the cap of \$55 per way per car does not exist anymore in the financial policy. Part A should read \$314.16. Part D will be \$0 since they cannot fund the registration fee, making the total \$2261.16. SA allocation will be half of that which is \$1130.58.

Adam asked if Nick will change the amount of the amendment. Nick accepted. The reading will now read, allocate up to \$1130.58. Vinita said the amendment makes sense.

Voting on the motion to amend the reading, passed 6-0-0.

Nick is happy to see that GEO is going to a conference and expanding their goal. It will be a great experience for them. Jarah said she cannot support the reading since it is retroactive. By registering before the reading, all the funds are already allocated, making the whole conference retroactive. Jason said he disagrees with Jarah since he feels that just because the registration fee is retroactive, everything else is not retroactive. Sarah, from Cheerleading, said that this conference is a great opportunity. Global warming is an important issue and not enough people our age are thinking about its effects. It is good to see student organizations going to conferences and bringing back meaningful information. Vinita said she appreciates all the work gone in to the reading and also commended GEO for taking initiative and asking professors to write letters to support the legislation. Nolan, from GEO, said he was not able to commit right away since he was not sure about the end of semester schedule but is sure that this conference will be a great experience. Alicia said it is pretty incredible that Geneseo is able to send 11 interested students when Buffalo only has 4.

35-0708, first of two readings, passed 5-1-0 with Jarah voting no.

Open Discussion

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm. Thanks for coming and see you next week on Halloween!

Respectfully Submitted,
Nobu Iwata
Recording Secretary