

# STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

State University of New York, College at Geneseo



## *Executive Committee*

President:	Brendan Quinn
Vice-President:	Jarah Magan
<b>Directors:</b>	
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

## *PROFESSIONAL STAFF*

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.

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***Call to Order:***

The Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm with all members of the Executive Committee present.

***Approval of the Agenda:***

Adam removed reading 40-0708. Subsequent readings should be re-numbered.  
Agenda was approved 5-0-1 with Adam abstaining.

***Approval of the Minutes***

The minutes were approved 6-0-0.

**Updates**

***President, Brendan Quinn updates:***

He attended the CAS of Board of Director's meeting and the College Budget Council meeting. He will be meeting with Dr. Dahl on Thursday. Dr. Dahl is having a dialogue on Friday afternoon in Newton about the recent incidents and racial controversy. There will be a discussion. He is excited for events coming up this weekend such as Japan Knight, MTC, LSA's dinner, and Third Eye Blind concert. Brendan reminded organizations about the logo policy. Policy on physical publicity is very straight forward. There is a logo stamp in the SA office and an electronic form on the logo on the website. SA is planning to change the logo since "supported by mandatory student activity fees" is not easy to read. He informed organizations to make sure representatives and PR officers know about the logo policy. If any organizations are planning to do any non-traditional publicity, talk to Brendan to make sure about the logo policy.

***Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:***

She attended the last CSA meeting of the semester where the insurance agent came to speak to inform members about insurance policies, etc. She had a senate exec meeting this past Tuesday. She will be having a gathering with the College Senate on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

***Director of Business Affairs, Adam Gross updates:***

GAGG's budget is frozen due to logo policy violation. He is still working on the inventory process. He will be sending out a memo on the logo policy. There will be no meeting next week due to Thanksgiving Break. Any business for the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> should be submitted by next Tuesday.

***Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Vinita Mishra updates:***

She met with Dr. Bonfiglio and attended the CAS Board of Directors meeting yesterday. She had a great time at the regional conference and was able to network and talk to others in similar positions from other schools. She was also able to give advice to others. The Power Shift Conference was talked about at the conference. IRC's presentation about the Energy Savings Contest went very well. They are going to plan for the no-frill conference that will be held in Geneseo in March.

***Director of Public Relations, Chad Salitan updates:***

Dean McKeever will be speaking during Open Discussion. Mark Scott, the new Director of CAS, will be coming to the next meeting. CAS catered food will be served.

***Director of Academic Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:***

AAC's Who's Who applications are in the SA office. Juniors and Seniors can be nominated for this. There will be an open forum discussion by the Curriculum Review Task Force on 11/18 in CU322/323. She encouraged more students to attend. Her meeting with the Provost was postponed until 11/27. If anybody has any concerns or questions that you want Diana to raise, please contact her.

***Interim Director of Student Affairs, Jason Park updates:***

He attended a new reformed group yesterday. LiNK is now called Think and they are trying to raise awareness about the situation in North Korea.

***Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy, updates:***

AC's events last week went very well. Saturday is Third Eye Blind concert. The doors will open 6:30pm. Ethos Percussion group will be performing on 12/1 and the tickets for that are \$5 for students. Next semester during Winter Week, AC is looking to co-sponsor events. E-mail AC at actcomm@geneseo.edu if any organizations have any ideas.

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

She attended the CSA meeting. Elections are over as of midnight. Official results will be posted on the SA office door after 4pm tomorrow.

***Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:***

None.

## Open Updates

### ***Club Sports Association updates:***

They had their last meeting of the semester. Cheerleading has their first competition of the year in Buffalo on 11/17. Women's Ice Hockey has a game against William Smith this weekend. Jen, from CSA, is working on the constitution and guidelines of CSA with Jarah since they are out of date.

### ***Japanese Culture Club updates:***

Japan Knight is this Saturday on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale in the union throughout this week and will be available at the door if there are any left. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$5 for faculty/staff, and \$6 for general admission. The dinner will start at 5pm and will be over by 6:15. Those of you that are going to the concert can leave after the dinner. The performance will start around 6:15. There will be modern and traditional dances, and a performance by a traditional koto player.

### ***Model United Nations updates:***

ACE and JCC are co-sponsoring an event. John Mallot, the president of Japan America Society of Washington, will be coming to speak on the 16<sup>th</sup> about life in Asia and foreign service. He will be giving a speech at 2:30pm on Friday in South Hall 338.

### ***Geneseo Environmental Organization updates:***

The results from October of the contest are in. In first place is Suffolk hall. They have 59.4 points. Niagara is in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 41pts. Some halls have negative points. There was a problem with Jones since their electric meter was broken. They made an estimate and placed them at 9<sup>th</sup> place. GEO is working on the party at the end of the contest. Professor Felice will be talking at the party. The contest will end on the 30<sup>th</sup> so there is still time to make your hall number one. There is a facebook group, I'm an Electricity & Water Conservation Contest Participant, where updates and news are listed. 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Wayne hall and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Wyoming.

### ***Latino Student Association updates:***

Their catered dinner event, La Mezcla, will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm in the Interfaith Center. Tickets are on sale in the union for \$5 for students, \$6 for Staff/Faculty, and \$7 for General Admission.

## Old Business

**37-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$157.13 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Model UN, Account 1914 to increase to number of delegates attending the McGill Conference.

### *Second of two readings*

Humza, from Model UN, explained that they will not be sending 4 more delegates to the McGill conference since registration is closed. The conference is at capacity and cannot take any more delegates. Model UN is looking into sending those four delegates to Harvard but nothing is set in stone yet.

37-0708, second of two readings, failed 0-6-0.

## New Business

**39-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached guidelines for the Student Association Student Court.

### *First of two readings*

Brendan explained that the student court guidelines have not been changed since 2002. They were changed in 2002 and in 1983. Although it was changed in 2002, it was still a very messy, confusing document which conflicted with the SA constitution. To change the guidelines was one of Brendan's goals for the year. He has been working on the guidelines for a while and is looking to have an active court. In order to have that, the guidelines needed to be rewritten. It was a very long process, but the student is an important body. After the new guidelines are adopted, justices need to have a GPA of at least 3.0 to be on the court. The student court also hears appeals about SA policy or college policy. For example, if SA exec violated policy and froze LSA's budget, LSA is able to file a petition and put in a complaint. The chief justice decides whether to pursue it or not and 2 justices need to agree to hear the case. The hearings can be open or be an executive meeting if the information in the meeting is sensitive. The complaint will be given to SA, Kate, and other interested parties. Those that are accused will be able to submit a reply. The Court will also hear appeals from USAEC. Candidates can file an appeal if election rules are broken. If the court hears cases from the USAEC, it needs to be in an open meeting. The court is required to have one public meeting each month of the academic year and requires the chief justice to attend so they can gather what goes on in SA and report back what the court is doing. The student court is also the final arbiter of impeachment hearings. To impeach an officer or a justice, the SA constitution requires signatures of 20% of the student body with clear charges. The petition can be presented to USAEC. If the petition is valid, then they give it to student court. They can deny or decide to hear the case if 4 out of the 5 justices agree. There are two new procedures. USAEC members can be impeached. Every student officer given the power to make decisions over other students should be able to be removed from their office if they are refusing their position or is not performing their duties. Members of the court are also subject to impeachment. The court members are appointment and they do not go out of office until they resign, are removed or leave the college. They are not per year appointments. They can be removed if other justices feel they are not doing their job; then justices can bring it as a reading in front of

SA. SA Exec's decision needs to be unanimous in order for the reading to be passed. There are some wording changes and there will be other changes before next week's reading.

Questions:

Tom asked if student court members knew of these changes. Brendan answered that these changes were submitted to the new chief justice. In an executive meeting, these changes were presented. Some changes were made with the chief justice. He submitted them to the court, made necessary changes and reported back. The Chief Justice had some changes he wanted Brendan to consider and submitted them to Brendan. Tom pointed out a spelling error in Article 6 section D. It says "SA 3 Program". Adam asked if they should amend it now. Brendan responded he will make some more changes and Tamara made suggestions for next week.

Discussion:

Nick said that he and the exec reviewed and is comfortable with the document. He personally can say that he feels comfortable with it. He encouraged people to read the document and come back next week with questions and suggestions.

39-0708, first of two readings, passed 5-0-0.

**40-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$771.76 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to The Lamron, Account 1501 to purchase a Canon Digital Rebel XTi.

*First of two readings*

Ben, from The Lamron, explained that the request is for the camera and basic accessories. They have 5 photographers and one camera that works pretty well. However, sometimes there are conflicts since there are many events that need to be covered. When that occurs, Ben uses his personal camera to cover the events but he is graduating this semester. There will be at least 5 staff using one camera, and there will be conflicts where two or three events are going on at once. It is easy to send writers to conflicting events to cover the event but to gain the full paper experience, photographers need to be at the events as well. They are requesting the camera to maintain the professional quality of the paper. Students working on the paper can have the experience of using professional equipment and the readers can enjoy a more quality paper.

Questions:

Chad asked Ben what The Lamron is doing with the second camera that is listed in the inventory. Ben answered that that camera is a point and shoot type that most people have. However, the quality of that camera is not where the paper is now. They do not feel comfortable putting pictures from that camera on the current paper. Nick asked if there are any differences between XT, the camera The Lamron purchased last year, and the XTi. Ben said that XTi is the next model in the series. It has more megapixels, is lighter, and menus and things have changed. XT is still on sale but they decided to go with the XTi since buying the best means it will last that much longer and when it comes time to retire a camera, they will retire the older one. But the XT is still working great. They would like to get the XTi to continue the success that XT brought to the paper. Brendan asked how the camera will be stored. Ben said that the current camera is locked in a filing cabinet which is locked unless somebody is there. Only the photographers have the key and they sign out and sign back in whenever they take the camera. Tom asked if there are any comparable items to the XTi. Ben did some research but many comparable models are same across different brands. Nikon and Canon are standard in the business and the prices are about the same. With the Canon, the new camera and new lenses are interchangeable. They do not have to invest in different batteries, memory cards, or lenses. If they get the Canon, they do not need to invest in two different systems. Chad asked how the staff will learn to use the new camera once Ben leaves. Ben answered that he will still be in Geneseo after graduation and he will offer his services, and hold a session on how to use the camera. He taught the current staff and they know how to use the camera. He will stay involved to help people improve. Chad clarified if they need two cameras due to conflict of events. Ben said that they are already working on a two camera system which includes his personal camera. The new camera will replace Ben's camera so they can continue the two camera system. Vinita asked if there was a significant price difference between the XT and the XTi. Ben said the XT is still fairly expensive but there may be about \$50 difference. Brendan asked if other college papers used this type of camera or something way more. Ben said although other schools use a similar set up and Nikon or Canon cameras, their cameras can cost from 3 to 5 thousand dollars. Brendan asked if the lenses are larger than a normal digital camera. Ben explained that the lenses can be changed and they are like the professional styles seen at sporting events. Brendan asked if XT and the XTi lenses are interchangeable. Ben answered that the lenses work on old cameras as well. All Canon products are made to work together. Diana asked if they found themselves backed up before the camera was bought last year. Ben explained that that was not an issue last year since everybody had a simple point and shoot camera. Ever since they increased the quality of the paper, and the papers are printed by a better professional printer, they needed a better camera to get the quality up. Kate asked how many times the camera is signed out every week. Ben said that it is signed out by everyone at least once or more every week. It is hard to count since there are different numbers of events every week and one photographer may cover one event after the other in one day. There is also the new photo page this year and there are more opportunities for photographers to use the camera. Brendan asked if those numbers included him going to events. Ben said that it did not. Brendan asked if The Lamron was going to continue the photo page. Ben said that everybody seems to be happy with it, including the readers so they are planning to continue it.

Discussion:

Nick noted that there was a great increase in quality after the purchase of the XT last year. However, he feels that this reading is in anticipation of a problem that will arise once there is only one camera. It may have a detrimental effect on The Lamron but it is not possible to know without actually having to go through the experience of having one camera. It may not be the best choice to buy it in advance without knowing what will actually happen. Jarah clarified that The Lamron covers approximately fifteen events not including what Ben is covering. Not having an extra camera will take away from covering events. Sarah, from The Lamron, said that

the paper has come a long way compared to a couple of years ago. She feels that it is important for them to have another camera to cover the full breadth of events. Adam said that since then the printing quality has gone up. Before, the printing quality was low and could only produce point and shoot camera photos. Now that the quality is up, having one high quality and one point and shot will not cut it. He said that it is necessary for them to have two cameras. Vinita agreed with Jarah and Adam and said that it is necessary for them to have two cameras. It also helps people learn to use a professional camera. Chad said that if The Lamron is not using the other old camera, they need to surplus it. He is convinced that a professional camera is needed but would like more clarification as to why they need the XT<sub>i</sub> over the XT. He would like to know the exact prices of a XT<sub>i</sub> for next week. Diana said that there are aspects that she agrees with Nick and Chad. However she would like to see what The Lamron can do with what they currently have. If there is a dire need for a second camera, they can come back. Beth said that the XT<sub>i</sub> is much faster, has higher megapixels, and is overall a much better camera. Dr. McKeever said that some events will get the better camera. The Lamron would need to decide which event gets what camera and that may lead to disappointments. She stressed that consistent quality is important. 40-0708, first of two readings, passed 4-2-0 with Diana and Nick voting no.

**41-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request of the Geneseo Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Club to provide security for the Third Eye Blind Concert on 17 November 2007 to raise up to \$250.00

*First and only reading*

Chris explained that the team will be working as security at the Third Eye Blind concert to raise money. Their money will be put towards tournaments and equipment such as new discs, but mostly for tournaments.

Questions:

None.

Discussion:

Jarah said that security is a big responsibility. Jason mentioned that they must be emotionally ready for the job.

41-0708, first and only reading, passed 4-0-2 with Nick and Adam abstaining.

### Open Discussion

Dr. Kerry McKeever, the Associate Dean of the College, came to talk about the registration and advisement process. She made the Open Discussion question and answer session about registration. She felt that all the students at the meeting have gone through registration and wanted them to express any concerns or ask any questions. Francesca, from LSA, asked why the registration was changed to early morning this semester. Dr. McKeever answered they changed it since many students skipped class in order to register. There was a significant decline in student attendance. Most universities have a variety of times to start; some start at midnight, some at two or three in the morning. If it is at seven in the morning, it decreases student pressure to skip class. There will be no registration time that is perfect other than the one you want. Dean said that he would personally prefer registration to be later at night after all classes are finished. Dr. McKeever said that since this is the first time they tried the new time, they are open to any suggestions. They might be able to play around with that idea, possibly start at 10pm. Francesca pointed out that students are up later at night. Sarah expressed that she likes the early morning registration. She was able to get up, get it done and go back to bed afterwards. She asked Dr. McKeever to bring back that feedback to her department as well. Shazia said that it was nice to have it in the morning since if she has any trouble or questions, she can call up the office. If the registration was at a later time, she would not be able to do that. She asked since there are only three slots per day, if there were more people bunched up together. Dr. McKeever answered that the servers can handle it. The system here is very specific and it was a way for the servers to limit people but now there is no need since the servers are more powerful. Shazia asked if they could have more slots per day in the future. Putting all those people in three slots cause classes to fill up quickly. McKeever said that that is a new suggestion since many complained that there were too many slots per day. The department is open to all sorts of suggestions and discussions. Sean asked if the alternate PIN's are necessary. He felt that they are necessary for freshmen since they need to see their advisors. Dr. McKeever said that there are instances where it is necessary. Also, it is a standard security feature. It's like pin numbers to protect bank accounts. It can cut down on some of the abuses of the system. Sean said that once someone is logged on, they can just find the alternate pin number. If someone left the Knightweb logged on, others can log on. Dr. McKeever said it would be hard for people to do that and all they can do is change people's schedule around, and for what? Also one must be responsible for what he/she shows to the world. It is an inconvenience but that security measure is not going to go away. Aidan asked if the time slots were still by credit. Dr. McKeever said a lot of schools only have one slot per grade and that is the predominant method. However Geneseo takes in consideration, for example, super seniors, seniors in the middle of the realm, and students that just became a senior. Dean said Knightweb does not recognize minors. It makes students with minors not be able to register without getting some paperwork done, and by that time, that particular class may already be closed. Dr. McKeever said that that problem is not due to Knightweb. Knightweb is fed by Banner and it cannot recognize minors. Sungard which produces Banner is currently working on a model that will be able to recognize minors. Webcapp cannot recognize minors as well. Brendan expressed that many students nearing graduation have concerns about the diploma. They are plain type, small, and do not indicate a major or double major. Dr. McKeever said she did some research on this and found out that universities with highest rate of credibility and performance all have simple diplomas like the one here. Other schools that may not be as reputable have fancier diplomas. Reputable schools believe that it's not the piece of paper itself that demonstrates the value of work you did. As for the second major issue, she clarified that the baccalaureate degree is filled with the first major. Therefore, the diploma depicts that. Not a lot of people are going to ask for your diploma; your transcript is the official record. Both first and second majors will be on the transcript. Jarah asked if there could be a middle ground; something still elegant

but bigger for example. Dr. McKeever said they are looking at models and ways of doing that. She said that they want to keep it as a serious document and keep the elegance. BSU representative said that she does not see a need of getting a fancy diploma to know what you did. Dr. McKeever said that one should be proud of it and wish to display it. There is no harm in that. It's a certain kind of transference. She is looking for ways to enhance it without making it garish. Humza asked if they looked into going the more ivy league route and writing it in Latin. Bill, from GAGG, said that Latin seems more ostentatious. He feels that what Geneseo has now seems acceptable. Dr. McKeever feels that what she remembers is the work I put into it, not the diploma. She hopes those things she learned comes out in what she does and the work she does. It's an emulation of what she did. Adam asked why the registration is so centralized in one dean in the School of Business with processes like overloading. Dr. McKeever said that overloading in any class is discouraged. It is discouraged across campus, not just the School of Business. She is looking into making an online waiting list for classes. Compassionate professors may be swayed by all students. This registration session, two faculty members overloaded significantly. Overloading is a complicated process. It does not take in account the size of classrooms. Overloading may overload classroom capacity and break fire codes. Overloading does not mean seats are taken away from seats that are specifically saved for new students. Adam said that he did not mean specifically overloads. Some people need to take classes but can't get into them easily. He asked why it was centralized in one dean, Barbara Howard. Dr. McKeever explained that the School of Business controls its own courses. It is up to School of Business to decide how they are going to schedule their classes. They are able to decide what they are going to teach, capacity, prerequisite requirements to make sure students have the knowledge to do well in the class. If students have classes that they need to take, they can fill out a "must have request" to the dean to make sure that that student is going to get the course he or she needs to graduate. She feels that many students are not aware of that process. Students can appeal to the office of the dean, the dean reviews them. The dean needs to make sure that that class is a must have. It really depends on how many faculty we have to teach, class size, etc. Everything is really stretched. Other schools may have it easier but they may offer very large classes while the Geneseo mission values small class sizes. Shazia expressed concerns about the add/drop. There is only two days to add/drop. It is difficult to evaluate within the week to see if that class is worth taking or not. Dr. McKeever said that they are talking about the possibility of doing something radical with the add/drop period. They are thinking about opening add/drop right after orientation and mail-in registration are over. Everybody can exchange classes starting mid-July. The reason they do not have the add/drop be longer is that there is a false start to the semester. Faculty tries to do less important things during add/drop since they know students will be going in and out of their class. Shazia said that much of the class and the grades depends on the professors. She said she would like more time, more than one class to evaluate. Dr. McKeever feels that it is part of the college experience to get variety of professors. Some students may like a certain professor but others may not like that same professor. If the add/drop period was longer, everybody will be "shopping" for classes and that will cause problems. Trisha said that she ended up taking a class that she didn't learn anything in since she realized the level of the class after add/drop was over. Dr. McKeever advised students to fill out the SOFIs. Aidan said that it is not necessarily just the professor but also the amount of work in the class. Some students may misunderstand what the class is about or miscalculate the workload. McKeever asked how long students would like the add/drop period to be. Shazia said she would like it to be a week. Dr. McKeever said that is too long and would be really tough to do. But she said she would let her department know. Dean said that everybody should be able to go to the class at least once since some classes are only once a week and is later in the week. However it is the student's responsibility to make up the work and catch up if they decide to add/drop. Humza said in terms of which classes to take, there is not a formula. You may have a professor that you may not necessarily like, and the syllabus is not what you thought it would be. It is not a shopping experience and it's about you going through college and doing things you don't want to do. Dr. McKeever said she tries to remember all her college experiences to help her make decisions. There are times when one must take classes that he/she does not like but it is possible to learn from them. She talked about some new improvements that are coming up. The department is almost finished with developing an online transfer articulation system. If a student takes a class somewhere else, they can use the site to see how that course articulates from one school to the other. Professors can use it for advisement, transfer students, and students that take summer courses can use it as well. She hopes to also have an absolute comprehensive online advisement handbook site by January. There will be a section for faculty, students, and parents. There will be quick links to departments, concentration advisements, internships, information on foreign language placement, withdrawal policies, etc. So instead of running to all these departments, the site can be a one stop shop. They are looking into possibly transferring forms like withdrawal forms on to the web. Her department is always open to suggestions. Email her at [mckeever@geneseo.edu](mailto:mckeever@geneseo.edu). They are glad to take suggestions to Records, the Dean, etc, and promises that she will bring all concerns to the table so that students are heard.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nobu Iwata  
Recording Secretary