

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

State University of New York, College at Geneseo



Executive Committee

President:	Brendan Quinn
Vice-President:	Jarah Magan
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Inter-Residence Affairs:	Vinita Mishra
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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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- 56 **46-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request of Geneseo Cheerleading Club, Account 1404 to accept donations from Rochester Tully’s Restaurant on 17 December 2007 to raise up to \$150.00.
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First and only reading
- 56 **49-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the budget realignment of the Womyn’s Action Coalition, Account 1903 to move \$350 from Vagina Monologues to create a new line A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and a Prayer in Line 20.
First and only reading
- 57-58 **Open Discussion**
 Executive Director of CAS, Mark Scott
- 58 **Adjournment**

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:19 pm with all members of the Executive Committee present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Jarah tabled reading 48-0708.

Agenda was approved 6-0-1 with Adam abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes

Brendan: Reading 39-0708- The chief justice does not decide whether to pursue the case or not. It is up to the court. Where it says “To impeach an officer or a justice” it should just say “To impeach an officer”. The court must hear impeachment cases and impeachment is enacted when 4 out of the 5 justices agree.

The minutes were approved and amended 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Brendan Quinn updates:

Brendan attended MTC’s Musical Revue, Japan Knight, and Third Eye Blind concert before Thanksgiving break. He attended the CAS facilities meeting yesterday, Student and Campus Life divisional staff meeting, and went to the open forum discussion on curriculum in the Union. He met with Dr. Bonfiglio yesterday and will be meeting with Dr. Dahl on Monday. If anybody has concerns or questions you want Brendan to bring up to Dr. Dahl, please contact him before Monday.

Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:

Jarah attended the Senate exec meeting. They are working on a resolution on the climate on campus. She will be attending the college senate meeting next Tuesday. There will be a Senate caucus meeting. They will be talking about some changes. There may be some Senator positions open next semester.

Director of Business Affairs, Adam Gross updates:

JCC and Men’s Water Polo budgets are frozen. GAGG and Volleyball’s budgets are unfrozen. Next week will be the last meeting of the semester. Business is due by Thursday and any two week reading will be addressed next semester.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Vinita Mishra updates:

IRC will be hosting Coffee Talk in the Union on Thursday at 8pm in the Grind. There will be arts and crafts, prizes, performances and a unicyclist.

Director of Public Relations, Chad Salitan updates:

He attended the Transportation Advisory Committee and Research Travel Grant meeting. The CAS Executive Director, Mark Scott, will be speaking during open discussion. For next week’s open discussion, Director of Disability Services, Tabitha Buggie-Hunt will be coming.

Director of Academic Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:

She attended the Student Open Forum discussion in the union. She thanked students for coming. They had a very large turn out and had a great discussion. There is a task force meeting on Thursday. If anybody has any suggestions or concerns about the curriculum, contact Diana. Who’s Who applications are available in the SA office. They are due on February 1st.

Director of Student Affairs, Jason Park updates:

Jason is now officially the director of Student Affairs. He is continuing to attend ACE meetings. He is working on the transition of ACE possibly becoming its own committee under Student Affairs.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy, updates:

AC’s last performance of the semester, Ethos Percussion will be on Saturday in Wadsworth Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students. AC is just about to reach their goal of 7000 attendees to their events this semester.

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

Last check requests for the semester are due by 12/12.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

Tamara talked about the fixing of the rugby field with Bill McDevitt and attended the Parking meeting yesterday.

Open Updates

Japanese Culture Club updates:

JCC had their big event of the semester, Japan Knight. It was a great success and thank you for coming and also for helping out.

Model United Nations updates:

2 Fridays ago, Ambassador Mallot came to speak about life in Foreign Service and Asia. Some student and faculty had a chance to have dinner with him at the Big Tree Inn and also lunch at Mia's the next day.

Shakti updates:

Geneseo Bhangra placed third out of about 15 competitive acts in Buffalo. 1st and 2nd place were Binghamton and University of Rochester.

Cheerleading updates:

They came in first in the competition in Buffalo.

Latino Student Association updates:

Their dinner, La Mezcla, was a success. They sold out and had great food and a great band come.

Old Business

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

Second of two readings

Brendan recapped that the guidelines were last revised in 2002, and before that in 1983. The new guidelines are completely redone. He made slight changes to the submissions since last week. He fixed the suggested typos such as 3 in front of Kate's title and made some word changes. Elimination of provisions were made in Article 1 section D which specifies who may not be on the court. SA executive board and members of USAEC may not be a court member. He removed a section where it prohibited elected officers of any SA funded organizations, such as treasurers and president of SA funded organizations, to be part of the court. He felt that provision was not fair since court members should have experience with SA policies and those officers should not be disqualified from applying to be justices. If a case with that officer's organization comes up, it is the expectation for that officer/justice to excuse him/herself from the case or maintain objective as much as possible.

Questions:

Nick said having elected officers of SA funded organizations on the court will produce conflicts of interest. Brendan answered that if someone is an elected officer in a funded organization, they are up for appointment and is elected at the time, the President is able to consider that information as well as the SA exec when voting on their nomination. If they were to become an officer of a SA funded organization after becoming a justice of the court, that is something that is a decisions that the justice has made. Once they are on the court, SA trusts their decision making. Brendan also made the point that there are not enough cases involving SA funded organizations and this provision restricts otherwise good talent to be appointed to the court. Tamara suggested the name of the guideline should be changed to Undergraduate Student Association Student Court Guidelines. Brendan disagreed since there is no graduate Student Association here. Tamara pointed out that the USAEC guidelines are called the Undergraduate Student Association Election Guidelines. She said that is the proper documentation. Adam said that the constitution of SA says "Name of this Undergraduate Student Association of the State University of New York College of Geneseo here and after referred to as Student Association." Kate pointed out that it's the legal name of Student Association. Brendan said since it is in the constitution, and the constitution is the controlling document of the guidelines it is redundant to put in "undergraduate".

Discussion:

Nick said contrary to what Brendan said, it is a potential conflict of interest to have elected officers serve as a student court justice. He moved to amend the section to say, no Justice of the Court may be a member of the SA Executive Committee or the USAEC or as an elected officer of an SA funded organization. Chad seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion to amend the reading: Nick said that as members of SA, Exec are not allowed to be on the executive board of any SA funded organization, the student Court justices should be held to the same standards. He said he understands that this provision may exclude some people to apply to be on the court but they have to make a decision on which board to be on. Vinita expressed that part of the responsibility of a justice is to maintain an objective attitude, and as Brendan said, someone with experience will be better so the guidelines should be left as is, without that provision. Chad said justices must be neutral inherently, but if they are tied to an organization, it would be impossible for them to rule justly if their organization is in front of the Court. He said the Justices should be the most neutral people possible. Adam said that as members of SA Exec, Exec understands when there may be a possible conflict of interest, and when that happens, the exec abstains from voting. The justices will still have the right to abstain if a conflict of interest arises. Diana agreed with Adam and Vinita. If there is some type of conflict of interest, that individual can abstain. Tom said that it is important for justices to have some sort of experience, but they should not be getting that experience while they are justices. The experience should come beforehand. Humza said rules governing who can run for SA Exec sets precedents for all those committees that lie beneath it. He said there is no room for lenience given the nature of the court. The court should be more stringent with issues of conflict of interest. SA Exec is wise in deciding when to abstain but there is a no reason why the court should be any different in this rule. Since it is the judicial body, it should be stricter in remaining fair. Dean said if the president of the board and the exec board take into account when they are voting for appointing someone over someone else when deciding on who goes on the court on the basis of their position as an elected officer is fine, but automatically disqualifying someone who may be completely fair is not right. Therefore the amendment should not be added. Chad said that although they have the choice of abstaining, there is no guarantee that justice would abstain. Sometimes there is a gray area where it's not clear whether one should abstain or not. There is no check to guarantee and no one can force someone to abstain. Will asked if more than one court member can be part of SA exec of

USAEC. Nick answered that with the current policy, court members cannot be members of SA Exec or USAEC. Without this document, executive board of SA funded organizations can be part of the Court. Vinita said in response to that issue and the issue that Chad brought up, it is not necessarily about abstaining. In appointing officers to the student court, those types of things will be taken into account. Someone abstaining is part of the nature of how that person makes decisions. Tom said that although those things are somewhat considered when appointing justices, it is not always guaranteed.

Voting on the motion to add “as an elected officer of an SA funded organization” to Article 1 section D, failed 3-4-0 with Nick, Chad, and Jason voting yes and Adam, Vinita, Diana, and Jarah voting no.

Nick proposed another amendment. Article 8 Section f and Article 9 section C, requiring unanimous vote is too high of a standard. He proposed that $\frac{3}{4}$ of SA exec voting in the affirmative is appropriate. Also, the numbering of the Articles is wrong. Brendan accepted the amendment to number the articles accordingly. Procedure will be Article 9 and Amendment will be Article 10. Brendan also approved the amendment to change Article 10 Section C to just require $\frac{3}{4}$ of SA exec. However, Brendan did not agree with changing Article 8 Section f since impeachment of justices must meet a high threshold and must be unanimous opinion of exec committee members. SA exec members can be impeached by 4 out of the 5 justices voting in the affirmative, and that is part of the SA constitution. However, before that, a petition of 1000 students’ consent must be filed. That is a high enough standard for one justice to disagree. However, unanimous decision of exec is necessary to remove a justice. Justices should be that independent of SA. Amendment was seconded by Chad.

Discussion on the motion to amend the reading: Chad said in order for a justice to be removed, 11 people must agree unanimously; 4 justices and 7 SA exec. That is a very high standard, too high. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the exec is still 6 people and having 6 members agreeing is still a high enough standard. For example, it would only take one person out of the 11 to be best friends with the justice being impeached to not have the reading approved. It is not realistic to have 11 people vote unanimously. Adam said difference between 11 and 10 is not big enough. It would not be hard for 11 or 10 people to agree to how much the justice wronged. Diana also said that if somebody has clearly shown incompetence, getting 11 people to vote unanimously will not be difficult.

Voting on the motion to amend Article 8 section F, failed 2-4-0 with Chad and Nick voting yes.
39-0708, second of two readings, passed 6-0-0.

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.

Second of two readings

Ben recapped from last week. The Lamron is looking to purchase a second camera since they currently have 2 professional cameras that they are working with; one being Ben’s personal camera, but he is graduating and the Lamron will lose access to one camera. By having the second camera, they will avoid inefficiency next semester. He answered the questions asked last week. Difference between the XT and the XTi is that XTi has better megapixels, 10 instead of 8, sensor cleaning mechanism, and other technical changes. It is also built better, and since it is the newest model, it will last that much longer, had more options and produces better quality pictures.

Questions:

Chad pointed out that last week Dean McKeever said if there is a megapixel difference, The Lamron would have to discriminate which event gets the better camera. Ben responded that that would be an issue if the difference is between a professional camera and a regular point and shoot. Between 8 and 10 megapixels, that should not be an issue. Chad asked if there is not a big difference in quality of pictures, why is it worth spending \$150 more dollars to get the XTi instead of the XT. Ben said that is not the only difference. The screen is bigger, there are technical changes, and it is an all around better camera. If the difference is just the megapixel, it may not be worth to spend more money but due to the other improvements, it is worth getting the newer camera. Adam asked if the pictures will look different on the actual paper if there is a megapixel difference. Ben said he can’t say since he never used a 10 megapixel camera. Kate asked how the new staff will learn to use the new camera if it comes in after Ben graduates. Ben answered he has been training his current staff and they are comfortable with the system. Also, he will still be living in Geneseo and will be able to offer his services to train the new staff. Ben asked if he could increase the allocation to \$775 since the price of the camera may rise by a few dollars and having a few dollars leeway will be better. Adam said the price of the camera has gone down. Ben said he does not want to get stuck in a situation not being able to order it if the price goes up a little bit.

Discussion:

Chad moved to amend the reading to allocate up to \$612.64. He does not see sufficient reasons to spend \$150 more for a newer version that will not make that much difference in quality. Vinita seconded the motion.

Discussion on the amendment: Jarah disagreed and said they should get the newer camera. Canon is improving its products and The Lamron should have the opportunity to use a good camera. Jen from CSA agreed with Jarah. Getting the newer model mean the camera will have a longer life expectancy, and when it comes time to phase out the older camera, it will be easier to pick which one to phase out. Mike asked if the camera doesn’t improve quality of the pictures that much, what it improves. Ben said the newer camera will capture images better. Printing quality may not be different but chances of getting a better picture improves. Humza pointed out hat if life expectancy of both cameras are the same, it will get old at the same time and SA will have to spend a lot of money buying two cameras in the future. It is better to stagger.

Voting on the motion to amend the reading, passed 5-2-0 with Adam and Jarah voting no.

Nick said he understands that it’s very likely being short one camera can negatively affect the Lamron but there is no proof of that so far. He said it is more prudent to wait until next semester before spending approximately \$600 on something we don’t know if they need or not. Jarah disagreed with Nick and said the Lamron has proven that with using the two cameras they currently have. Chad

moved to amend the reading to allocate up to \$617 since Ben brought up a good point that the camera may cost a few dollars more when the Lamron actually purchases it. The motion was seconded by Jarah.

Voting on the motion to amend the reading to allocate up to \$617 was passed 7-0-0.

GSTV said they have had instances where they needed all their three cameras out at the same time since there were simultaneous events going on. The Lamron will definitely need two cameras to capture all the events.

40-0708, second of two readings, passed 5-2-0 with Nick and Diana voting no.

New Business

42-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$22,500 from SA Reserves, Account 4000 to SA Programs, Account 1002 to support the 2008-2009 Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant Program.

First of two readings

Sue from the Geneseo Foundation, explained the Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant Program. The program was started and funded by SA. After two years, the Foundation joined in and has been funding half of the money so the program can award more grants. Since the start, funding increased from \$5,000 to \$22,500, totaling \$45,000 each year. This grant is for student faculty sponsored research throughout all disciplines across campus as long as the student is working with a faculty mentor. The student can get up to \$600 a semester for either a travel grant to present research findings at a scholarly conference or to purchase supplies and equipment to conduct research. Requirements to apply for the grant are: full time student, GPA of 2.5. Those are the only major requirements and a letter from the faculty sponsor validating your project. The awards are made through a subcommittee of the student research council comprised of faculty, staff, and student members of SA. The program started in 1988 and since then, 1444 students have been funded for over \$555,000. There are three rounds of awarding and there has been one round so far. \$17,000 awarded to 35 students so far in the year. The program usually awards 100 per year.

Questions:

Jarah asked how the program is publicized. Sue said that they use every avenue on campus, The Lamron, GSTV, plasma TV screens, e-mail, and flyers on campus. Jarah said it seems like the program is limited to certain majors and it's not very wide spread. She suggested that the program should encourage students of majors that do not necessarily apply. Sue answered that those majors rarely do apply but there have been applicants. Everyone is eligible and the foundation lets the faculty aware as well. It is more common to see applications from students in the sciences and the social sciences. The program will try to push advertisement in areas that do not typically apply. Jarah said the program is very beneficial to the students, and the faculty should be more informed. Sue added that the only other requirement is that attendance at a grant proposal writing workshop is necessary. Since that requirement has started, the quality of proposal writing has increased.

Discussion:

Nick said the program is great and he is happy that SA is able to support it since it rarely gets a chance to support academic related programs.

42-0708, first of two readings, passed 7-0-0.

43-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$30,000 from SA Reserves, Account 4000 to SA Programs, Account 1002 to support the 2008-2009 Merit Awards Program.

First of two readings

Sue explained that the program started in 1996 through SA. The awards are scholarships of \$500 and \$1000 given to students who excel in the areas of diversity, service, or leadership. The program will award \$10,000 each year. One change this year is the GPA requirement. It rose from 2.5 to 2.7. All classes are eligible to apply even seniors. If a senior wins, he/she will get a check instead of having the award applied to next semester's bill. The other requirement is that the applicant needs a statement of recommendation from anyone other than a student. It can be an employer, advisor of a club, etc. \$135,000 has been given to 179 students since the start of the program. Committee that decides on the winners is comprised of two reps from SA, one rep from UAA, Sue, Tamara, and the Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs.

Questions:

Brendan asked if Sue was going to be working with Tamara to change the application. Sue said she is planning to. The application will change slightly and it will be out in March and will be due in April. The foundation tries to have them out at least a month in advance so there will be time to advertise and time for students to get letter of recommendation. The application will be revamped and will be easier, but the guidelines are not changing. Jarah asked why there is a representative from UAA. Sue answered that is due to no other reason than it's always been that way since the first year of the program. Jarah asked if they can look into removing that individual since this is the SA Merit Awards. A student representative would be more appropriate. Tamara asked who Jarah would recommend instead of the UAA rep. Jarah said another student appointed by Brendan would be more appropriate. Kate asked how much money is in the endowment now. Sue explained that this is the third year the foundation is asking for \$30,000. The endowment is growing at the foundation so the money will not have to be given every year. Eventually, the endowment will grow so that \$10,000 can be given every year without a representative from the foundation coming to SA every year to ask for the money. Sue said there is about \$130,000 currently in the endowment. Brendan asked how much money is needed in the endowment for that to happen. Sue said depending on the market growth, it needs to be about \$200,000. Chad asked if all of \$10,000 had to be given out every year. Sue said that is not the case. If the applications are subpar or if there are not a lot of applicants, all of \$10,000 is not awarded. That is what happened last year. Only 5 awards were given away. The application needs to be good, and the money will not be given out just because it is there. Brendan said so few people applied last year. He encouraged students at the meeting to apply since the application

process is very easy and everyone is eligible. Danielle asked if a senior is awarded, if the scholarship had to go to future academic endeavors. Sue answered that a check will be given to them during the leadership ceremony and it does not have to go towards future academic endeavors.

Discussion:

Jarah said the program is wonderful and a lot of people can benefit from it. Danielle expressed her concern that if a senior wins, SA has no control of what happens to the money given. It can be spend on things that are prohibited under SA policy such as alcohol and other things. Nick said that SA gives money in forms of stipends and such to individuals and that it is not monitored either.

43-0708, first of two readings, passed 7-0-0.

44-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$3,000 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Student Association, Account 1002 to replenish the Student Organization Conference Line, Line 20.

First of two readings

Brendan explained that more money needs to be allocated to the student organization conference line. This year, more money has been requested by SA organization than anticipated. When it is financially possible, SA exec would like to consider programs on merits, not if there is enough money for the program or not. This allocation will raise the ceiling of the line a little bit in anticipation of some upcoming conference requests. Adding \$3000 will bring the account to \$5400. If an organization plans to go to conferences and is aware that the money in the line is low, please let SA exec know so they can move more money into the line if it is possible.

Questions:

Tom asked how much money is in the line now. Kate answered there's \$2306.76.

Discussion:

Nick said he is happy to see many organizations asking to attend conferences this year. Conferences are beneficial to each organization is it is good to be able to provide them that opportunity. Jason also agreed, and said it is good that organizations are taking advantage and going to conferences.

44-0708, first of two readings, passed 7-0-0.

45-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2454.64 from Student Association, Account 1002, the Student Organization Conference Line, Line 20 to Model UN, Account 1914 to attend the Chicago Model UN Conference from 6-9 March 2008.

First of two readings

Outgoing treasurer, Humza, treasurer elect, Dean and Vice President, Mike gave a powerpoint presentation explaining what Model UN does and their request to go to the Chicago Conference. Humza explained what Model UN does. He said they debate in various formats such as United Nations, Cabinets, specialized committees, and crisis committees. UN format is usually in the format of the General Assembly of the Security Council. Cabinets are cabinet of a given country. Specialized committees are different international organizations such as the Red Cross and the WTO. Crisis is two or more different cabinets against each other, creating and solving crisis. Mike explained some changes and improvements that Model UN had this year. Model UN had a huge increase in membership this year. In years passed, Model UN was a small group and they did not advertise very well. Meeting were 8-10 people throughout the whole year. However, most of this year, approximately 30 people come to each meetings, and all the regular members are reliable and active. Model UN had many on campus events this year such as the Night of a Thousand Dinners which they hold every year to raise money for land mine victims. New programs this year raised awareness of the club and members were involved in then even if they did not get to go to conferences. They had Late Knight events featuring international crafts, risk, and other games. It was very successful. They also held their own joint cabinet crisis for their members. Ambassador Mallot came two weeks ago and many members were able to learn a lot from him. Mini-models are small versions of conferences to competitively select which students to take from campus to the competitive conferences like Chicago. Due to the increased membership, mini models have become more selective since 30 to 40 people apply to go to conferences. Dean explained why it is important for delegates to go to another conference. Model UN is able to represent Geneseo academically. They have competed at Georgetown, Harvard, and McGill Model UN conferences. As Geneseo improves academically and tries to get our names out there, Model Un competes against some of the nations best schools like West Point, Harvard, and Yale. The Model UN delegates compete and win against delegates from those top schools. In the past delegates have won in North Korean cabinet, Pakistani cabinet, Japanese cabinet, and have had outstanding speakers in committees like the African Union. Model UN can represent Geneseo and show that we can compete academically. Mike explained that Model UN currently goes to three conferences per year. However, McGill and Harvard are at the beginning of the spring semester and the rest of the semester is open. They have had a problem historically filling this open time since their mission is to go to conferences. The most popular conference they hear about is Chicago which is taking place March 6 to the 9th. Top schools that we usually compete against, and they often compete, will be there. The Chicago conference is a little bit different than the conferences they generally go to. It is exclusively crisis committees and no tedious large General Assembly committees. Historically, delegates have succeeded in these crisis committees. This year at Chicago, there will be committees like Abraham Lincoln's cabinet, and Czarist Russia vs. Edwardian England. The conference lines well with their organization since they have succeeded in cabinet committees the most. Humza outlined the cost. Minivans will be \$68.88 per vehicle, hotel rooms will be \$149 per night for four people. There is a \$75 delegation fee for the whole team and each delegate fee is \$75. There is a parking fee of \$27, which was confirmed by the hotel. The total allocation is \$2,454.64. It is more expensive than normal since usually, the Political Science department funds transportation. However, the stipulation is that they send an advisor. However, with the long distance, no department members were willing to come as an advisor. Usually the conferences costs about \$100 to \$120 per delegate but this

conference will be \$153. Humza explained that they tried to cut costs by not asking for food and trying to make the conference affordable for everybody.

Question:

Chad asked how they were able to rent the vans for less when everybody is under 25. Humza answered since the vehicles are being rented with SA money, Enterprise is willing to give them the lower rate. This was also true for the JCC trip to DC. Tom asked with the higher delegation fee if member were able to afford it. Humza said the club handed out a questionnaire couple of weeks ago asking their members if they were willing to go, and able to go. Four conferences were available to choose from and all the members said they were interested and are able to afford Chicago. His main concern is to keep it affordable. Mike added that since more people are applying to go to conferences, they do not have enough spots for everybody. By being able to go to the Chicago conference, they will be able to send more members to conferences. Brendan pointed out that the unit price of the vans is \$56.72 per day per vehicle. He asked what the \$274 is for. Humza answered that is for basic coverage for \$11.49 per vehicle per day. Nick asked who the contact person will be for the event since Humza is graduating this semester. Humza said the treasurer elect, Dean will take over. Nick asked since there are parties involving alcohol at some of these conferences, and even if this reading passes if it turns out to be alcohol at this conference, SA cannot fund it. Humza said that should not be a concern since Chicago should not have any subsidized parties. Chad asked Humza if he could get a list of people that are dedicated to pay the high delegation fee. Humza said until a mini model is held, they cannot give SA a set list of names. Model UN decides who goes to the conferences based on participation, performance at previous conferences, and more importantly by how the student does at the mini model. They are hesitant to give SA a list of names since they tried sending four extra delegates to the McGill conference, and before they were able to get the approval from SA, the registration closed. They were stuck in an odd situation of having to disappoint few delegates. Therefore they do not want to make a list in case the reading does not pass. Dean also added that the mini models are accessible to all students as long as they can prove themselves at the mini models. There are members that could not participate this semester since they had other commitments such as the FED challenge and those members will be present next semester and cannot confirm if they can go to the conference until closer to the date of the conference. Jarah asked if they can get a list of those that are interested and are able afford it. Humza said that is a possible list. Brendan asked Humza to ask members if they are interested in going and if they can pay \$153. Jarah added that it would be comforting to know that there are individuals willing to go. Nick asked when they are going to hold the mini model since registration is due by January 15th. Humza clarified that the registration is always paid before mini models. The conferences just want to know how many delegates a school is sending at that point. He said there will be more than 16 people that will be interested in attending the Chicago conference. The mini model will just shave down the list to the necessary 16. Kate asked what the refund policies are since last year Model UN could not go to the Harvard conference due to weather issues. Humza said there is a cutoff date with refunds. Harvard was more lenient with their refund policy than the hotels. He said he will come back next week with refund policies of both the hotel and Chicago.

Discussion:

Nick said conferences to Model UN are very important and they have been successful in the past. He is happy to support this reading. Jarah expressed her concern since it is a lot of money. She made a motion to amend the reading to allocate up to \$1227.32 and cut the delegation to 8 instead of 16. Vinita seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion to amend the reading: Adam suggested that the cost will not exactly be half since they still have to take vehicles. Humza clarified that they will be taking 2 sedans if they are going to take 8 people. Chad commended Model UN for obtaining and retaining its new members and said he would support 16 delegates, not 8. Vinita said the success of Model Un has been fantastic and it's great to see that they are growing but she would feel more comfortable with 8 delegates since this is a new conference. Humza said one of the issues with sending only 8 delegates is that they cannot accommodate all their active members. They would like to give active members a chance to go to conferences. Jarah said although that is a concern, Model UN is going through their transition year. It's great that they had a huge increase but they need to maintain that attendance. Jason said since it is a two week reading, he would like to see a tentative list of how big the interest is before making a decision. Tamara asked if Model UN is trying to send different members to conferences each time. Humza answered that in the past, everybody went to the conferences it is a small group. Now, there is a core that gets to go to multiple conferences since they are award winners or is on the e-board. For the McGill and Harvard conference, there are only three people that are going to both conferences excluding the e-board; rest are different members. Dean added that in order to go to the conference, he/she does not have to be a club member as long as they compete in the mini-model, so it is open to the entire student body. Trisha pointed out that although having less delegates and being on the conservative side may have potential gains, detriment to the club and the nature of the club may be greater than that possible gain. Mike said last year was the first time Model UN went to the McGill conference with 16 people and they were very successful. Amongst the circuit of conferences that schools goes to, Chicago and McGill are most highly regarded and most talked about. In respect to quality of conference, they are confident that Chicago is a good conference. Andrew asked how many committees are in the Chicago conference. Humza answered all the committees are less than 20 so there will be one person per committee. Andrew said by sending more people, it is comforting and encouraging for the members. Chad asked in addition to the list of names, their year and if they are capable and willing to drive. Maggie said she is a member of Model UN and expressed that everybody in the club is excited to go to Chicago since it is all small committees. They are hard to come by and are very good experience, so sending as many delegates as possible is beneficial. GSTV asked if Model UN sent only 8 people, if they still had to pay \$150. Humza said due to SA policy, SA pays half of the conference, so the delegates would still have to pay. Adam said if they only sent 8 delegates, it will be \$1312.09. Vinita withdrew her previous comment. After all the things that were brought up, she feels comfortable with sending 16 delegates.

Voting on the motion to amend the reading to allocate up to \$1312.09, failed 1-6-0 with Jarah voting yes.

Kate asked for next week what the basic coverage is.
45-0708, first of two readings, passed 6-1-0 with Jarah voting no.

46-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request of Geneseo Cheerleading Club, Account 1404 to accept donations from Rochester Tully's Restaurant on 17 December 2007 to raise up to \$150.00.

First and only reading

Erin explained their fundraiser. Tully's will donate a percentage of their sales made by Cheerleading's supporters. Tully's will give coupons to parents and friends of Cheerleading. Any sales of alcohol will not be included in the fundraiser. The money raised will go towards competitions.

Questions:

Chad said he appreciates all the work they did to make sure no sale from alcohol is going to be included. However he pointed out that the fundraiser was going to be during finals. Erin answered that the actual cheerleaders do not need to be there for the fundraiser. Their parents and friends around the area can go.

Discussion:

Jarah said although the fundraiser is during finals, it is not forbidden to conduct fundraisers during finals if they have the time so it should not be an issue. Cheerleading Club is very good at fundraiser and she wished them luck

46-0708, first and only reading, passed 7-0-0.

47-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$580.50 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to the Academic Affairs Committee, Account 1100 to establish the March of the Penguins Conference at SUNY Geneseo on 02 February 2008.

First of two readings

Tom, treasurer of AAC, explained that AAC is one of the standing committee of SA like IRC and AC. Academic clubs are not aware of many of the resources that are available to them on campus. Instead of bringing in speakers during open discussion, AAC is planning to create a conference which will introduce those clubs to services available to them. The money will go towards funding t-shirts, lunch and dinner, and supplies. The shirt will be pink with a black penguin on the front and "march of the penguins" on the back along with the logos. They are planning to have the provost come as a guest speaker since she is the most fitting, but they are looking at other options in case she cannot make it to the conference. The conference is a retention and recruitment conference.

Retentions in terms of helping clubs develop programs, and program to multiple majors, as well as given clubs an opportunity to talk to each other in a round-table setting to discuss issues. Recruitment in terms of contacting academic clubs that are not currently funded by AAC and is seeking to get funding or become recognized by AAC. The New Organization Recognition Committee, which Tom is a part of, is planning to allow 4 to 5 new academic clubs by the end of the year.

Questions:

Nick asked Tom if he got any feedbacks as to if people are interested in attending the conference. Tom said AAC has been telling the representatives who represent each of the department. He talked to them about the schedule and point of the conference. Several of them were excited and invited their clubs and clubs within the department. Nick asked if Tom can bring in names and numbers of how many people are coming so they have an idea of who is interested.

Discussion:

Jarah said this conference will build relations between clubs and services that are available and can be utilized. It is well put together. Chad also agreed and said it is a great idea.

48-0708, first of two readings, passed 6-0-1 with Diana abstaining.

49-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the budget realignment of the Womyn's Action Coalition, Account 1903 to move \$350 from Vagina Monologues to create a new line A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and a Prayer in Line 20.

First and only reading

Katherine explained that WAC is planning to put on a different show. They have always done Vagina Monologues in the past and this new story is by the same author but a little bit different. They wanted a different show with a similar message. They have contacted V-day the foundation that controls the shows and have gotten approval. They need SA approval.

Questions:

Kate asked what the contract involved. Katherine explained that in order to get the contract from V-day, they have to get the right to do the show, agree to do certain amount of shows, agree that all the money will be donated to an agency fighting against violence against women. Kate clarified that Brendan would have to sign that contract. Brendan told WAC to contact Nancy for further instructions about the contract.

Discussion:

Nick said it is great that WAC is mixing it up and doing a different show. The Vagina Monologues has always been successful and he hopes for the same for the new show.

49-0708, first and only reading, passed 7-0-0.

Open Discussion

Mark Scott, the new Executive Director of CAS, came to speak during Open Discussion. He began working in October. He talked about what he has seen and what he is going to work on. Ginny Geer-Mentry, Director of Dining Services, also came. He said CAS had a defined objective in the last 6-7 years. That was to ensure solvency of CAS entity, CAS operation. Today, their opportunities are rooted in improving their infrastructures. Mark explained that pillars of CAS must be strong. Their pillars are people, operation, financial, service, innovation and one or two other pillars. They have quantitative and qualitative metrics to hold people accountable to you, faculty, etc. They are striving to have a transparent operation so its customers can understand what their intentions and goals are. They try to engage as many people as possible. Decisions can't be made in a vacuum and they try to include students in the process. They value cleanliness, treating people fairly, and listening to people. They are going to pursue succession planning that seems to be lacking in many businesses today. CAS is making sure that people that are serving you are the best and the brightest. They are all hard working people determined to provide the campus with excellent service. Geneseo prides itself on academic excellence, and CAS's reputation must be on par with that kind of excellence. They value consistency in service and quality of service. Every person on the CAS team is committed to providing the best service. Will asked how the proposal to increase mandatory years living on campus will affect CAS and the interest of the town. Mark said first and foremost, that decision of residency requirement is not a decision that CAS makes. It is made on the President's level. Nick asked Mark to go over some of the changes proposed to Letchworth and Books 'n Bites. Mark said CAS is always thinking about how they do and what they do and how they can do it better. When he was looking at reports of Books 'n Bites, he was astounded by the volume of people that went through Books 'n Bites. The service configuration there is a nightmare and possibly a safety hazard for those people that have to work there as well as the students and faculty that visits Books 'n Bites. CAS is planning to expand the space in Books 'n Bites. There are number of challenges and it is still at the assessment stage right now. They are planning to improve the menu selection. Mike pointed out that there is a layout problem in the Taco Bell area as well. Mark agreed. The wrap, sandwich and Taco Bell line meets, there is only one register and there are same challenges downstairs of MJ as well. They are looking into how they can improve that too since layout can affect service. Humza asked if there is any talk of expanding the Taco Bell menu beyond the express menu. Mark answered that when there is a limited space like that, Taco Bell will only give you license to produce so many items. They may ask for a bigger licensing fee, monthly royalty fee, etc. Ginny added that they can look in to and ask to be licensed to be a full restaurant but she doubt they will get it since our Taco Bell is in direct competition with the Taco Bell on 20A. CAS nearly lost the Taco Bell here when that Taco Bell was opened. The company does not want its franchises within certain miles. CAS had to convince the company that these two Taco Bells were not in competition. Mark said CAS also needs to ask how to efficiently take orders at the Taco Bell since there are issues with order entry and the POS input. Dean asked what the \$300 on campus meal plans go towards since many students assume that it is going towards assumed stolen goods which would not be fair if that is the case. Mark responded that taking \$300 from the meal plan is not something that is uncommon. The three hundred dollars is an overhead assessment. They must account for variable expenses and fixed expenses. If they do not, CAS could very well be in a situation where they are not here anymore. Basic costs such as personnel, state owned equipment, investment in facilities must be met. If this overhead assessment cost is not taken from meal plans, the school would have to subsidize CAS as a whole. Some other colleges have assessment costs that are half the meal plan. Tom asked if CAS looked into meeting those costs by increasing the actual cost of food. Mark said that is possible but people have concerns with that as well. Ginny added that that would grossly impact the all you care to eat meals. The \$300 in large part goes to subsidize all you care to eat meals. It mostly only supports the two entities, RJ and Letch. That is one of the things you want to consider. Providing all you care to eat without an overhead assessment cost is impossible with the current variety that CAS is providing. The meals will be at least 2 to 3 dollars more and that would quickly use up students' meal plans. GSTV asked if the money left over at end of the semester can be carried over to next semester. Mark said due to New York tax laws, it does not allow CAS to do so. Ginny added that in order to keep the meal plans tax exempt that must be done. New York State recognizes the process as you buying a meal plan, not putting money on an account. They see it as a student purchasing a meal plan for the semester at SUNY Geneseo. In order to save the 8.25%, this is necessary. Jarah asked what the construction at the Big Tree was for. Mark said they are making improvements to the front and the back. They are installing a gazebo and a porch in the front that would be able to seat 26. It will be additional servicing space, and patrons who want to sit outside during the summer can do so. Improvements in the back are to increase space for banquets. They are taking off the back porch that does not get used much. This will open up the space, and increase capacity to do banquets which are highly profitable. The Big Tree is currently missing significant amount of business due to the lack of banquet space. Big Tree needs to be a self-supported business with four strong pillars of banquets, tavern, restaurant and lodging. Their pursuit to break even led to a push for the construction. The front porch should be ready by 12/15. The back will be complete by graduation and will be open to the public by 6/1. Andrew asked why the students can only pay for themselves with the meal plan at the Big Tree. Ginny explained that is due to NY State law as well. The meal plans are for individual use. The Big Tree went under extreme scrutiny during audits so they have to be really careful. Tamara asked if that goes for the dining halls as well. Ginny said they never looked at the dining halls but it should be the same. But CAS does not enforce it on campus. Big Tree was a problem since it is for profit and CAS is having meal plans used up there. Humza asked why there was a day restriction on when the meal plan can and cannot be used. Mark said that CAS is trying to pursue equilibrium when it comes to customers and accessibility. Friday and Saturday nights are busy days and CAS wanted to make it accessible to cross reference of people as possible, not just students. Ginny added that that helps to make the Big Tree profitable by having more cash business on Friday and Saturday. Mark said the Big Tree is something that needs to be worked on to make it a success. Emily commended CAS for providing for Vegans. She said CAS had gone above and beyond what she expected. Mark said that they try to make sure they are doing every dish well even if it is limited in offering. Especially for vegans, there may be only one choice and we must make sure that it is a good meal. Emily said it is hard to be a vegan even when cooking for yourself but CAS provides vegans with different salads,

soups everyday. The staff is also very accommodating and helpful as well. For example, in MJ, if you do not see anything you like, staff will help you so you can have a good meal. She said CAS had done a good job to accommodate people with dietary restrictions. Mark finished up by saying he is accessible and if anybody has concerns or questions, he is available to answer them.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm. Next week will be the last meeting of the semester. Thank you for coming and see you next week!

Respectfully Submitted,
Nobu Iwata
Recording Secretary