

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

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Call to Order:

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Adam: 43-0708 should be second of two readings, remove reading 50-0708, and number the following readings accordingly. Agenda was approved 6-0-1 with Adam abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Brendan Quinn updates:

He attended IRC's meeting on Monday. He also met with Dr. Dahl on Monday to discuss campus issues and issues pertaining to the SUNY budget and the state government. He may come in next semester during open discussion to talk about these issues. They also touched on the diploma issue. There may be a group put together to make a recommendation to the college cabinet. There is a College Council meeting on Friday. He will be meeting with Dr. Bonfiglio. There is Midnight Breakfast hosted by Late Knight and the Freshmen Class on 12/10 at 9:30pm. If anybody has any questions over break, feel free to e-mail the exec board over break.

Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:

She will be meeting with Jen, from CSA, to go over the guidelines and the constitution of CSA. She attended a College Senate meeting yesterday. They had a Student Senator development workshop.

Director of Business Affairs, Adam Gross updates:

Today will be this semester's last meeting. He will be accepting business until Thursday. SA Exec may take a look at them before break, but the rest of the business will be addressed next semester.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Vinita Mishra updates:

Coffee Talk, held last Thursday, went very well. She thanked those that came and helped out. Dr. Bonfiglio came to IRC's meeting during open discussion. She is beginning to plan the IRC exec board's re-treat for next Semester. IRC will be hosting Karaoke at the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza.

Director of Public Relations, Chad Salitan updates:

Free coffee on study day will be brought to you by SA in Milne at 11pm. Dean Susan Bailey is retiring. There will be candidate interviews on 12/14 in CU324. Chad was able to visit most of SA funded organizations this semester. He plans to visit their meetings next semester as well.

Director of Academic Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:

AAC's last meeting of the semester on Tuesday went very well. She will be meeting with the Provost on Friday. If anybody has any questions or concerns, please contact Diana and she will bring it up to the Provost. She is still accepting Who's Who applications. Juniors and Seniors are eligible. They are available in the SA office and the deadline is 2/1. AAC's Vice Chair and Communications Director will be resigning this semester. If anybody's interested, please contact Diana.

Director of Student Affairs, Jason Park updates:

None.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy, updates:

He is working on some promotional items for next semester. He thanked those that attended AC events this semester. They reached their goal of 7000 attendees this semester.

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

The Program Advisor candidate will be coming in on Friday for an interview.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

None.

Open Updates

Club Sports Association updates:

The Cheerleading fundraiser will be on 12/17 at Tully's restaurant. Women's Ice Hockey lost against Brockport but their players improved drastically this semester. Jen, from CSA, will be meeting with Jarah to go over the guidelines and the constitution.

Student Music Association updates:

They will be hosting a Holiday Party in the Blackbox from 4-7pm on 12/14. There will be food and live performances.

Geneseo Area Gaming Group updates:

Their annual convention, GAGG 12 "Gladiators", will begin at 2pm on 1/25 and will last until 6pm on 1/27. They will also be having a charity auction for the Ronald McDonald House. They have raised \$15,000 to date.

Japanese Culture Club updates:

JCC held elections since the President is graduating this semester. The new president will be Ryosuke Komatsu, and they have a new historian, Satoko Hirano.

Geneseo Environmental Organization updates:

They have results for the energy saving contest. 5th place, Niagara, 4th place Wyoming, 3rd place Steuben, 2nd place Wayne and 1st place is Suffolk. The celebration brunch will be in the Knight Spot on Saturday from 11:30 to 1:30. There will be free food and presentation. You will be entered in a raffle if you bring a renewable mug, etc to the brunch.

GSTV updates:

Their annual telethon will be from Friday at 6pm until Saturday at 6pm. They will be raising money for Chances and Changes.

Late Knight updates:

They will be hosting the Holiday Jubilee Extravaganza from 10pm to 2am in the Ballroom on Saturday. There will be a lot of organizations hosting activities and performing on the stage. LSA will be collecting food and NRHH will be collecting school supplies to donate.

Council for Exceptional Children updates:

They will be holding a book fair on Thursday from 5-8pm and Monday thru Wednesday from 12-3pm in the School of Education lobby.

Womyn's Action Coalition updates:

Auditions for the play will be at 8pm on Wednesday and Thursday in CU322/323. There is no preparation required.

Old 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 recapped from last week. This program was started in '88 by SA. They currently award \$45,000. Half is funded by SA and the other half is funded by the Foundation. A student can get up to \$600/semester to purchase supplies to conduct research, travel to do research, or travel to present research findings at a scholarly conference. Applicants must be a full time student and must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the major. They also must attend a writing workshop or meet individually with the Director of Sponsored Research. They must also have a faculty sponsor and they must write a letter for the applicant as part of the application. Since the beginning of the program, they awarded \$555,000 to 1444 students.

Questions:

Chad asked if the committee that picks the awardees were comprised of 5 professors and three students appointed by SA. Sue said it is composed of 4 professors and three students. Chad expressed concern since the professor make majority of the voting power when the program is funded half by SA. Sue said it generally does not come down to a vote. The decision is usually very unanimous. At their last meeting to award for Spring '08, it came down to a vote but that is very rare. Chad asked if they can have 4 students instead. Sue answered that can be done since there's nothing that says they can't have 4 of each. Brendan asked if that can be done this year. Sue said it can be done for the February 8th round. She just needs to know who the 4th person will be. Brendan said if anybody is interested in serving on this committee, contact him.

Discussion:

Nick said this is a great program and can expand one's education. Vinita said she appreciates the flexibility to constantly make the process better and efficient.

42-0708, second 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 answered two points raised last week. There is \$110,000 currently in the endowment, and with this reading, it will be \$140,000. Two more years of funding at \$30,000 will make the endowment approximately \$200,000 which is the amount needed to continue to award students \$10,000 every year without asking for more money. Sue will be meeting with Tamara on Tuesday to go over the

application to rework it a little bit. The application will come out in March. The program was started in '96-'97 by SA and it was fully funded by them. Awards are in the field of leadership, service, and diversity. Awards are \$500 or \$1000 and all classes are eligible. Students must have minimum GPA of 2.7 and a recommendation from anybody but a student. Last year, 5 awards were given. They do not give out awards just because the money is there. The applications must be worthy of an award. There is \$3000 left from last year and they will be using an addition of \$7000. Also, the UAA rep on the committee can be replaced with another SA rep.

Questions:

Dean asked how to apply for the award. Sue answered that there will be applications coming out in March and it will be due in April. It will be due back at the Geneseo Foundation office. Jen, from CSA, asked where the endowment was being invested. Sue said the Foundation invests the money. It is part of the many endowments that the investment manager invests. Brendan asked for clarification on how much is in the endowment. Sue said \$135,000 has been awarded so far and there is \$110,000 currently in the endowment, and it will be \$140,000 with this reading.

Discussion:

Jarah said this program is a great program and she is proud that SA is part of it and is able to fund it. She encouraged those at the meeting to apply. Brendan asked if Sue could calculate how much money SA has donated in total for both of these programs since both of these programs were conceived. He wanted the information for the next foundation meeting. Sue said she will e-mail Brendan.

43-0708, second 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.

Second of two readings

Brendan is requesting to rebuild the conference line. There has been so much interest in student groups attending conferences that they were not able to anticipate and have never been to before. They have not had this much interest in many years. The conference line needs to be built back up again. This is the 2nd time in the year. This is done so that there is room to consider the readings on merit rather than money. If any organization is planning to submit a reading that requires more than \$1,500, they should let SA know.

Question:

None

Discussion:

Nick said he supports the reading and said conferences are valuable opportunities to student organizations.

44-0708, second 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.

Second of two readings

Humza came back this week and answered some questions that were asked last week. He brought a list of possible delegates that may go to Chicago. At their meeting, they asked their members if they were able to go, if they are able to afford it, their class year, and if they are 21 and is willing to drive or not. They had 28 valid surveys and 23 willing and able, including 8 valid drivers by 3/6. Kate asked about the basic coverage last week. Humza explained that Enterprise has a damage waiver, which covers any damage done by the delegates in an accident for \$8. PAI covers personal injury. If anybody in the car gets injured, they will be covered for \$2.50. SLP is supplementary liability protection which covers any damage done to the outside of the car or a third party. Basic coverage includes the damage waiver and the PAI. Dean spoke to the head of Chicago Model UN and asked about their refund policy. Humza explained that last year, they were able to get their money back from Harvard when they could not go to Harvard due to a snow storm. Dean said like Harvard, Chicago will refund ½ of the money if the cancellation is a month in advance. If one person can't go, half of that person's delegation fee is refunded if it's one month in advance. Other than that, they usually do not give refunds except in extreme circumstances. Mike explained that since the delegates are able to get a special hotel rate due to the Chicago Model UN conference, the refund policy is bound to the conference policy. If something happens and they can't go, they will negotiate through the Chicago Model UN and they will in turn deal with the hotel for us.

Questions:

Brendan asked if Marie was worried about driving to Chicago in early March, and if that may pose danger to the people in the car. Humza said having students drive is always a liability from a technical standpoint. However, they went over the pros and cons and talked about it seriously with the e-board for the last 7-8 months. They asked themselves if they were comfortable sending their delegates with students driving vehicles that far. They agreed that it would be okay. Brendan asked if Marie also believed that as well. Humza said she does not. E-board voted on the issue, and the majority said they should send students to Chicago. Mike said Marie was not so much concerned about the travel but was concerned about the conference in general. He added that there are 8 people willing to drive, so they can switch off drivers. As for the weather related incidents, they drove to Montreal last year for the McGill conference and they did not have any problems. Dean also said that students drive to every one of their conferences. All the students that are driving understand that it's a serious responsibility. Tamara pointed out that driving to Chicago in March is a lot different than driving to Quebec. She asked if they talked about driving to Chicago in March and the weather related problems that could arise. Humza said considering other forms of transportation was not an option since it will be more expensive. He said that

they have driven to Montreal when there was snow on the ground, and weather is worse in north in terms of snow. Weather is always an issue and Harvard is also in a crazy time of the year. If they think it's dangerous at the time, they will not go. However, there is a consensus among the e-board that it will not be such an issue. Brendan said SA is putting together a new agreement for people who are driving. He asked Dean to make sure to get those when they determine who will be going and who will be driving. Dean asked if they were guidelines for drivers. Brendan and Tamara said it will be a list of expectations for drivers. Tamara asked if the list of possible delegates included the e-board. Humza said that it does. Eric, from RCC, asked which insurance they will be picking up. Humza said the basic insurance with Enterprise. Eric, from RCC, asked why they were not going to pick up the full insurance to reduce liability. Humza said things like backing into poles are more of an issue. They have not had a situation where their moving car hits someone else. They did not feel the need to get the full insurance. Brendan explained that Model UN prioritized. If they had gotten the full insurance, it would have put them over the conference cost cap. If someone does harm to a third party or another car, SA is not obligated to pay and it will be the drivers' responsibility. Eric also asked if the liability is about a student driving. Chad asked why they had a lot of freshmen when they are probably not as good as upperclassmen. Humza said they have very strong freshmen. Dean said one of the award winners at Georgetown this year was a freshman. He said everybody gets an equal opportunity. They just have to have good public speaking and debate skills. Anybody with those skills can make their way into their conferences. Kate asked if all the e-board got to automatically go. Humza said they do. Kate asked how that is justified since everybody else has to do a mini-model. Mike said the e-board has to set up and take care of businesses at the conferences. It would not make sense to send 16 people who have never set up a conference and expect them to take care of everything. Humza said there has to be people who chooses who gets to go. The e-board chairs the mini-model. For the Chicago conference, they will hold a cabinet committee and they need 2 chairs and 2 crisis people. The e-board has to chair the committees and cannot decide if they themselves performed well. Dean said they held a constitutional convention and asked its members if that policy was okay and the members said yes. Humza added that all the changes made on the constitution were voted by their members. Tamara asked who their faculty advisor was. Humza said their advisor is the one that goes with them to the conferences. It cycles between Professors Grace, Drachman, Farmer, and Goeckel. Tamara asked if Model UN approached them to go to Chicago with them. Humza said they proposed it to the department to ask for funding and to ask if any advisor wanted to go. None of the professors could take time off their schedules to go so they could not get any funding from the department. Tamara asked if anybody approached them this year. Humza said yes they have but nobody was willing to go. Tamara asked when they did that. Humza said this semester, Marie took care of it and last semester, the entire e-board asked the entire department.

Discussion:

Jarah said she has not changed her opinion. She said there is a delegate party at the conferences. She urged Model UN to make every effort to check if there will be any alcohol at the delegate party since if there is, SA will not be able to fund the conference. Brendan suggested them to e-mail the conference to urge them to not have alcohol. Eric, from RCC, said he supports the reading. He said if people can go to another country and fight, you should be able to drive and handle the responsibility to drive to Chicago. Nick said he is excited that they are excited to go to a new conference.

45-0708, second of two readings, passed 6-1-0 with Jarah voting no.

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.

Second of two readings

Tom explained the conference AAC is planning for the academic organizations. It is a way to lead to development of organizations that are funded by AAC through SA. AAC is a standing committee of SA. AAC wants to help organizations with their programming. Programming tend to be the same things over and over again. The conference aims to help them foster unique programs and tell them how to collaborate with other major clubs. The conference will help with through the networking component built into the conference. There are 20-30 people interested. That does not count the 3 organizations that were absent. The interest is more than what they had anticipated. They hope to develop this into a yearly thing. They want to develop this in the fall in the coming years to start the year off with great ideals and goals in mind while planning programs.

Questions:

None

Discussion:

Nick thanked Tom for getting the numbers of those that are interested. He said he is happy that they have a greater interested than anticipated. It is a great idea to address any issues.

47-0708, second of two readings, passed 7-0-0.

New Business

Nick made a motion to un-table reading 48-0708. Adam seconded.

Voting on the motion to un-table the reading, passed 7-0-0.

48-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request of GSTV, Account 1504 for the telethon on 7-8 December 2007 to raise up to \$1000 to donate to Chances and Changes.

First and only reading

Becky, the special events coordinator of GSTV, explained about their fundraiser. They are holding their 7th annual telethon this weekend. Every year, they pick a different charity to support. This year will be Chances and Changes. They are a Livingston county based organization that serves victims of domestic violence and abuse. They provide counseling services and other services to victims who do not want to stay in their homes anymore. They do counseling over the phone, rape crisis program, and has beds and kitchen stuff, clothes, and all sorts of support to those who would like to escape from the abuse they have encountered in their own homes. They held an interview with two members from the organization and they will be broadcasting that during the telethon. They are in need of money since they provide care for certain people 24/7. Becky said it is really great to be able to raise money for them especially because they are based in Livingston County and they also help students at the college who may be in abusive relationships. The telethon will showcase organizations from the school. They will have a date auction, auctioning off members of the e-board as well as SMA and MAC. There will be tons of musicians. Some are from the radio station. It is great that GSTV is able to build campus relations with the radio. There will be a new episode of Cribs based on the MTV show. They are showing the Union off, hosted by Chip Matthews. There will be performances from 6pm on Friday all through 6pm on Saturday. She said hopefully it will be a great time and raise about what they raised last year of just over a thousand dollars.

Questions:

Brendan asked how they were getting word out to off-campus students so they don't miss their donations. Becky said they are doing word of mouth publicizing to off campus students. Many of their e-board members live off campus. The bands that are involved and are from the Rochester area have been promoting to students in Rochester area colleges. Nick asked for the phone numbers that people can call. The number is 585-245-4567. She said GSTV will be handing out information in the Union on Friday. They will also broadcast the interview with Chances and Changes often during the telethon. At the bottom of the screen, there will be the two phone numbers that donators can call. Everyone that pledges a donation will be entered in a raffle to win 2 or 3 gift certificates. No donation is too big or small. WAC asked if they were taking any donations of clothes or toiletries. Becky said they were planning to just collect money but if people are willing to donate those things they will take that as well. Jason asked if GSTV extended its performance to cultural groups. Becky said they did but they could not get answers from any of them. Amanda, from GSTV, asked Becky if there were any slots still open. Becky said there are two half hour slots open if anybody wants to perform anything. Adam asked if they are hoping to raise more than \$1,000. Becky said she does not want to be pessimistic but the donations will probably stay around \$1,000.

Discussion:

Adam made a motion to amend the reading to raise up to \$1,500. There was no objection from GSTV. Jarah said telethons have always been successful and wished them luck and hope they raise a lot of money for Chances and Changes. WAC encouraged people to donate even a few dollars since it costs \$97 dollars per night for someone to stay at the house of Chances and Changes. 48-0708, first and only reading, 7-0-0.

50-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the Academic Affairs Committee Constitution as per the attached document.

First of two readings

Diana said she and her e-board have been working on the constitution since the beginning of the year. The changes made last year were not good. They reworded sections, condensed some things, and made sure everything is consistent. The big change is Article 3 section II which was added. Historically, organizations seeking funding from AAC, came as they please, and left when they did not need the money. They established a section where any organization that wants to get funding from AAC has to hand in a form within the first week of the semester. This added the structure they were lacking now. They tried to make the document more clear and easier to understand.

Questions:

Nick asked if this revised document was brought to the whole e-board and voted on. Diana said that it was.

Discussion:

Jarah commended AAC for working hard to better itself. She said the changes are necessary and well done. 50-0708, first of two readings, passed 6-0-1 with Diana abstaining.

51-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the Academic Affairs Committee By-Laws as per the attached document.

First of two readings

Diana explained that they rewrote the by-laws. The wording was very difficult to understand. They wanted to make it clear for the organization where the money is coming from. They also defined what a social faculty mixer would consist of on campus. They have two drawing funds, academic enriching events and off campus conference funds. They broke off the off campus trips from the first document. All these things were mashed into one section and is difficult to understand. It was not worded correctly and was not in line with SA policy. They kept some things the same. The biggest change is in Section 5 for bad financial standing. Currently, AAC does not have a structure like IRC for bad financial standing. They continue to have some clubs come and go as they please. They are able to come and request money even if they missed meetings. It would be important to add this to make it fair for the clubs that do come every week and have consequences for clubs that do not come.

Question:

Chad said there is no section 4. Brendan said in addition to some wording changes and the renumbered by-law section, there needs to be a part in the by-laws and the constitution which points to the SA constitution and financial policy as the controlling documents which themselves point to NYS and federal and SUNY laws.

Discussion:

Vinita said the addition of bad financial standing will help hold clubs accountable and that it is a necessary change.

Open Discussion

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm. Have a great break and see you next semester!

Respectfully Submitted,
Nobu Iwata
Recording Secretary