

# 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
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 6:18 pm with all members of the Executive Committee present.

***Approval of the Agenda:***

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:***

Brendan met with Dr. Bonfiglio. He will be meeting with Dr. Dahl in the near future. If anybody has any issues or questions that you want him to bring up, please let Brendan know. Brendan attended a staff meeting of directors of Dr. Bonfiglio's department and updated them on what SA is doing and gave them student perspective on certain issues. They talked about the bookstore and the situation with Sundance as well as responsibilities of professors and book lists. If any organizations have any contracts for upcoming events, please let Brendan know as soon as possible.

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

Jarah will be meeting with Jen to go over the Club Sports' constitution and handbook.

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

Budget proposals are due by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Budget hearings will start the following week. Sign up for the budget hearing meetings will be by the SA office.

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

IRC elected a new National Communication Coordinator, Jessica Resnick. They also picked a delegation for the mini conference that Geneseo is hosted in the beginning of March. They are still looking for a Vice Chair. The applications are due by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and the election will be the following Monday. Applications for RA positions are due on Friday. Evaluation forms will be due on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ralph, from Residential Life, for more information.

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

Chad will be visiting the SA funded organizations this semester.

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

Diana will be meeting with the provost this coming Friday at 10am. If anybody has any questions, comments, or thoughts, email Diana or talk to her. AAC had its first annual mini conference. Although not a lot of people came, they got lots of great feedback for next year. The conference went very well.

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

None

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

Rockapella was on Saturday and it sold out. Next Saturday at 8pm will be "Into the Wild" which will kick off Winter Week. Live Green will be on the 20<sup>th</sup>. If anybody is interested in signing up for the deliberative dialogue on that day, do so through the GOLD website. AC has a new website; actcomm.geneseo.edu.

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

The tech service fee has increased for building supervision after close or before opening in the Union.

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

None

**Open Updates**

***Club Sports Association updates:***

They will go over the constitution and guidelines with Jarah. CSA's first meeting of the semester will be on 2/13 during all college free in Schrader 4. Men and Women's Water polo will have an info meeting in Milne 222 at 6:15 tomorrow.

***Pride Alliance updates:***

On Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, they will have a panel discussion during all college free called "gay, fine by me". T-shirts will be handed out.

***Geneseo Environmental Organization updates:***

Live green day is on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Check out [livegreen.geneseo.edu](http://livegreen.geneseo.edu) for more information. To sign up for the deliberative dialogue during the Live Green day, do so through the GOLD website.

***Womyn's Action Coalition updates:***

Tickets for their show, "A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant, and a Prayer" will be sold in the union from 10:30 to 1:30. The show will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Old Business**

**52-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,500.00 from Student Association, Account 1002 Line 20 Conferences to Cheerleading, Account 1404 to help fund the Battle at the Capitol Competition from 7-10 March 2008.

*Second of two readings*

Jena brought the roster of girls attending the competition, list of colleges signed up for the competition, and their schedule of competitions for the semester.

Questions:

Nick asked how many colleges are attending the competition. Jena said there are three so far but the list will be updated on 2/15 when more colleges sign up. Brendan asked if they expect more colleges to compete. Jena said yes since their name is not yet on the list either. Jarah asked if they paid the registration fees in the past week. Erin said they have.

Discussion:

Adam proposed to change the numbers in the reading since there was a reduction in numbers of cheerleaders attending the competition. Erin said there are 27 girls instead of 28 now. Jarah expressed concern since when the registration fee is incurred, the entire expense of the conference is incurred. This makes the reading retroactive. She said she disagrees with the reading since if they paid the registration fee, it means they have committed to the conference as well as all the costs involved in the conference. Brendan asked if they made the schedule just for SA. Erin said all the cheerleaders have the schedule. Brendan asked for clarification about the tumbling. Erin said the tumbling practice on Monday is not mandatory but there is a time slot open for their team. Wednesday practices are mandatory. Brendan asked if they get back around 10:45. Alex said they get back around 11 from those practices. Nick agreed with Jarah but he feels that paying the registration fee does not mean they are paying for the entire conference. However, he believes that SA should not have to fund the registration fee. He will make a motion to remove that amount from the reading but he is still in support of the reading. Adam changed the numbers accordingly. Transportation will remain the same at \$3005. Section b, lodging, will be \$1523.91. Meals will be \$1296. Registration will be \$1350, and the total will be \$7174.91. Kate asked if the registration is retroactive, if they would take the entire registration fee out. Nick made a motion to remove the registration fee out which would bring the total to \$5824.91. Adam seconded the motion. Jarah said although she think that this does not solve the issue, she supports the amendment.

Voting on the motion to amend the reading passed 7-0-0.

Vinita said this is a great chance for them to compete and said she hopes they will be able to compete against more colleges. Diana said this is a great opportunity although she agrees with Jarah. By paying the registration ahead of time, they are committing all the other debts that come along with the conference. Jena said even if SA did approve the \$2,500, they would save about \$1000 just by registering on time. Adam clarified that they would save \$1485. He said that they took the risk and that is their prerogative.

52-0708, second of two readings, passed 5-2-0 with Jarah and Diana voting no.

**53-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$875.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to The Lamron, Account 1501 to cover printing costs.

*Second of two readings*

Ryan said The Lamron sent out the letters to the outstanding customers last Friday. They sent 15 letters which would total \$2600. He deposited \$600 since the last meeting and made a list of customers so they can easily figure out which customers are outstanding for future purposes.

Questions:

Adam asked how much money they received since last week. Ryan answered that they received \$600 not including the \$1600 that came in last Wednesday. Adam asked if any of that has been deposited. Ryan said he deposited all of it. Kate asked if he deposited any on Wednesday since The Lamron has \$400 and change as of Tuesday. Ryan said there is just under \$800 with 12/6 issue's money paid and he checked the balance for the total receipts collected but is off by \$30 and is still trying to figure that out. Adam said there was only about \$400 as of Tuesday. Ryan said he deposited \$600 since Friday. Chad recommended calling the local advertisers instead of sending letters. Ryan said he already sent out the letters but for next time, he will make phone calls since they are best for local advertisers. Jarah asked if they don't have enough money for tomorrow if they are still going to print tomorrow. Ryan said yes. Nick asked if they would have enough money by the time they get billed for that issue. Ryan said he is not sure when the bill will be here since sometimes they are grouped together with other issues. Jarah asked if the bill came in next, if they are able to pay. Ryan said yes since they are expecting to get \$500 by Friday at the latest. Jarah asked why they need the money if they are going to have it. Ryan said he needs it because he didn't have the money before and it has been an inconsistent flow of money coming in. Brendan asked if The Lamron paid for tomorrow's issue would they be worried they won't be able to pay for the 2/13 issue. Ryan said that is

one of their concerns. Jarah said that would be a whole different issue since that would mean that this is a continuous problem. Adam asked who they got the money from. Ryan said it was not MediaMate, just local advertisers.

Discussion:

Nick said it is not appropriate to ask for this reading since SA does not operate in “just in case” money. In this particular situation, guidelines of the budget were not met. He wants to support The Lamron but he doesn’t think it is appropriate since they would not do it for other organizations. He hopes that enough money will come in and their circulation will not be interrupted. Jarah clarified that if they print coming issues and do not have the money to pay for them, their budget will go into the negative and it will be frozen. Diana reiterated that she understands the circumstances but believes since they have enough money for the next issue, SA does not need to allocate the money. Jarah asked when The Lamron will get the ad revenues from the issue they printed last week. Ryan said at best next week. Brendan asked how much revenue they receive per issue not counting MediaMate. Sara, from The Lamron, said it varies from \$200 to \$2000 and depends on the issue. Ryan said probably around \$400. Sara said ad revenues have been significantly lower this past fall semester. Ryan agreed and said there were more classifieds than ads. Brendan asked if The Lamron was thinking about getting out of the contract with MediaMate and pursue national ads on their own. Ryan said they are talking to Kate about it since MediaMate has not been paying them monthly and have not been giving them pay reports at the end of semester. They are evaluating The Lamron’s actions and MediaMate’s actions and are in discussion currently on that issue. The Lamron accidentally advertised for a company that was out of their local range and did not forward it to MediaMate. If The Lamron adds the extra \$900 MediaMate owes them, they would not have had to do this reading. Jarah asked if they owe you money when they were planning to pay The Lamron. Ryan said he has contacted them and they told The Lamron that they are working on it. Kate gave The Lamron a copy of the contract to go through The Lamron’s responsibilities and MediaMate’s responsibility. On The Lamron’s end, a national sponsor slipped through but met all the other obligations. Jacob is still going through what MediaMate has done and have not done so they can discuss it further and see if this is something that they should go to their lawyer and get The Lamron out of this contract. Adam said that they are in a green area since The Lamron is responsible but is only getting some of the money. He said he needs more SA exec discussion before deciding. Francesca said this issue is a little difficult since The Lamron was neglectful but only some of the money is coming. She said it would feel odd if The Lamron did not come out. Sara said this is a tough spot for The Lamron since \$875 is a lot of money to be asking for. However, it is hard to come up with that kind of money with a fundraiser. Dean said the original logic of the reading was for them to be able to print one more issue, and they still don’t have money to print one more so this should be considered. Trisha said if this were to happen to another group, it would not be allowed. The Lamron may not be able to print an issue but this is not enough reason to allow them more leeway than other groups. Emily said it would not be the end of the world for them to not be able to print an issue but if they do not print, it would hurt their ad revenue. Trisha said if something that’s always there is suddenly not there, like The Lamron, maybe they will do well with a fundraiser. Sara said the fundraiser still needs to be approved and \$1000 is still a lot of money to raise. Ryan said if they don’t print the next issue, it would hurt their ad revenue significantly. He feels that they are different than other clubs since they have to constantly generate money to support their \$20,000 expense. Tamara asked if they do not print The Lamron this week, if they had to reimburse the advertisers. Ryan said no since no one prepays for an advertisement. Brendan asked if this reading does not pass, if they would print The Lamron tomorrow with the assumption that they will get the money needed to pay the printer by next week. He also asked if they published tomorrow, if they would print next week even if they did not have enough money. Ryan said he was under the impression that if they can’t pay the day they are printing, then they should not do it. He has been hoping for more money than \$600 to come in. He hopes he will have lots of money by next week but it is not going in that direction so he is pushing for the reading. Adam clarified that The Lamron can print the issues but if they don’t have enough money to pay, their budget will be frozen. Tamara asked if they contacted Messenger Post about tomorrow’s issue and asked if they would be penalized if they do not print an issue. Ryan said he is not sure how that works. 53-0708, second of two readings, was not passed 1-6-0 with Adam voting yes.

### New Business

**55-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the AC Constitution as per the attached document.

*First of two readings*

Nick explained that these documents are an apex of a long discussion that began last year. Some of the big changes are ACE, Accents Council for Enrichment, a subcommittee under AC chaired by the ACE/Accents coordinator will not be under AC. SA, AC, and ACE have been talking and they feel that it should be under the Director of Student Affairs. All languages regarding ACE has been removed from the AC constitution. Without ACE, the ACE/Accents coordinator does not have enough to warrant their position, so the Accents and Limelight will be combined into two Limelight and Accents coordinators. Kelsey explained that they have a strategic plan of where they are now and where they want to go in the future and they are driving towards a one cohesive image of Limelights and Accents performing arts series. It is a natural progression to put the two positions together and have two coordinators. The Limelight position is a very large position. The coordinator is responsible for 5-7 shows a school year and in the past they have had a coordinator who left the position and the school since it was too much to handle. Putting the two positions together would lighten the load and split the responsibilities equally. Nick added that Limelight has the largest of SA budgets and this will able the coordinators to split that responsibility for liability sake. Wordings have been changed, ACE was removed, Limelight and Accents were combined, and the superseding documents statement was added saying that the SA constitution and the financial policy supersede where there are discrepancies.

Questions:

Chad asked how the position will be combined and how the responsibilities will be split. Kelsey answered that the positions will be combined into one and with two people doing everything. Now one person gets 3 shows and the other do 3 shows. Right now, they do everything together so combining the positions makes sense. It is just holding someone accountable for what they are already doing. Adam asked if Kelsey and Ahmed work together. Nick clarified that Kelsey is the Limelight coordinator and Ahmed is the ACE Accents coordinator. Jarah asked why they are putting the two positions together rather than letting Accents grow in itself. Kelsey answered that they have been working hard to have one cohesive image and having Accents split off from Limelight would be moving backwards. She also added that Accents does not have a large budget so it doesn't give them room to flourish. Jarah said that Limelight and Accents series is sort of the upper class part of AC and Accents being more multicultural. She asked if those high class performers are a cultural experience or more for adding programs which are cultural, ethnic, racial, etc. Kelsey clarified that keeping the cultural aspect is something that is really important to them so it has been built into the new position. Nick added that the by-laws, they have taken verbatim from the Accents coordinators position and put it in. Kelsey said they have tried really hard to include culturally diverse programs, not just the one Accents show. Adam asked when these changes will be effective. Nick said it will be at the end of the year, probably the last day of this executive board. They do not want to change until the end of this year. Jarah asked when these positions will be elected. Nick said they have already been elected. Kate hesitated combining Accents and Limelight as a job description since they might lose the focus of Accents. Nick said the focus of Accents will remain important to Limelight and Accents and multiculturalism will not be lost. Each programmer is focusing on multiculturalism, not just Accents, and should be encouraged by everybody. Kino showed "Ghost of Cite de Soleil" last semester. Accents will not be gone, just part of something bigger. Kelsey said the ACE /Accents position is changing how it will work on its own and Accents will be different. Ben asked for clarification on ACE. Nick said ACE will not be under AC anymore and the Director of Student Affairs will be the chair of ACE. Kelsey said without the ACE position, Accents has the budget of around 1 show if that. Without joining them together, they would have one show for the whole year. Nick said exact budgeting hasn't been figured out yet but through discussion they said the amount of money going to ACE will stay the same, but just under another line under student affairs. Ben asked if they had to come to SA for money for ACE related things. Nick clarified that functionally, ACE would not change, it will just be under someone else. Kate said Accents has in their budget 2-3 shows but only chose to do one show. Nick said they have \$12,000 and in terms of programming AC does and have come to expect, that is a rather low amount compared to high caliber programming that have been done in the past. Kelsey said they want to keep the qualities of the shows high. It is part of their strategic plan to move up with the quality and the cultural aspect. In keeping with that, Accents only have money to do one high quality show. Brendan asked if they discussed about putting the \$30,000 they have left since they would not get the Kuhl gym from the Family Day show towards Accents. Nick said that is something they have discussed but that kind of increase is unlikely. Asking for \$30,000 is a hard thing to ask for so they opted to combine the positions. Michael asked if they could move some money from Limelight to Accents so Accents can do three shows since functionally, that would do the same thing. This way, the money is restructured and they can keep their separate identities. Kelsey clarified that the position even as of now, they work together. Chad said that would ensure multicultural programming to happen. Kelsey said that bylaws state that multicultural programs must happen. Michael asked if they would still individually have voting rights on the board. Nick said that they would.

Discussion:

Jarah said she is in support of the reading since they know best what they do and what works.

55-0708, first of two readings, passed 5-0-2 with Vinita and Nick abstaining.

**56-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the AC By-Laws as per the attached document.

*First of two reading*

Nick explained that the bylaws are an extension which outlines a little bit further the exact duties of each programmer. They combined the Accents and limelight chair positions. The big change is on Page 6. Line b is the line taken verbatim from the Accents position. The superseding document clause was added.

Questions:

Jarah asked if the AC board agreed to the changes. Nick said it was discussed last semester and was voted on.

55-0708, second of two readings, passed 5-0-2 with Vinita with Nick abstaining.

**57-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the appointment Amanda Dermandy, Tessa Kettrick and Francesca McCool to the SA Budget Committee through 30 April 2008.

*First and only reading*

Brendan explained that these are the three people who he would like to serve on the budget committee. It was publicized in the whats up, SA mailing list, standing committee and IGC. These people will go over the budget requested by all funded organizations. They would ask questions and modify the request and present it to the executive committee and they would have to give the final approval. He thought these people would be suited to the task and will be able to impartially evaluate the requests. All these people have experience with SA organizations but not so deep that they would not have the propensity to argue for or against in terms of what they're looking for their personal organization. He feels good with these appointments, and they will work well with Adam to prepare the budgets for next year.

Questions:

None

Discussion:

Vinita said she was on the budget committee last year and understands that it takes a critical eye to impartially evaluate the budgets. She said they will do a great job and hope that they will have as much fun on the committee as she did. 57-0708, first and only reading, passed 5-0-1 with Adam abstaining.

**Open Discussion**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm. Thanks for coming and see you next week!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nobu Iwata  
Recording Secretary