

# STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

State University of New York, College at Geneseo



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

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### 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 Parks
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



***Call to Order:***

The Meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm with all members of the Executive Committee present.

***Approval of the Agenda:***

Jason: Reading 64-0708, “first and only reading” is missing  
The 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 went to Albany with Dr. Dahl and Jarah on Monday and Tuesday. He met with state senators and assembly members to lobby for SUNY and especially for Geneseo. He attended the CAS exec board meeting Wednesday morning. They set up the agenda for the next CAS board meeting. If anybody is interested in running for any of the SA exec positions, talk to the current exec member to learn more about the positions. There is no set requirement in order to run. Class officer positions are open as well.

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

The hazing workshop scheduled for Tuesday was cancelled due to weather. It is rescheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> in Newton 204. Jarah got back from Albany. She will attend the student senate caucus meeting next week.

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

Adam is working on budget hearings. Thanks to Vinita for taking the minutes and the budget committee. The first draft of the budget will be public by Wednesday after spring break if all goes well.

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

Mini “no-frills” conference, the Northeast Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference which Geneseo is hosting, will be in two weeks. IRC is doing detail work to prepare for the conference.

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

During Open Discussion, James Bryant will talk about the SUNY Assembly. Immediately after the meeting, the exec board will stay after so if anybody is interested in running for any of the exec positions, they will be able to talk about the positions and what it entails. There is an interest meeting at 8pm.

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

Diana will be attending the first meeting of the task force on curriculum review of the semester. If anybody has any comments or suggestions, talk to Diana or email her.

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

Jason is working on the Budget Advocacy dDY on 3/12 during all college free in the Union Lobby. ACE groups, please let your e-board know about next week’s ACE meeting on 3/5. They will be talking about the future of ACE. There will be food during the meeting.

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

There are two shows coming up. Limelight and Accents show, Alonzo King’s LINE ballet will be performing at 8pm in Wads Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students. After the ballet, at 10:30 in the Knight Spot will be Tina Kim, a stand up comedienne hosted by Contemporary Forum, KASA, GLK, and ACE. AC has open positions for all of its positions except for Limelight and Accents coordinators. If anybody’s interested in running for those positions, talk to Nick.

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

Not present.

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

She attended the “Gay? Fine by Me” panel discussion.

**Open Updates**

***Club Sports Association updates:***

Women’s Ice Hockey had a game against Niagara last Friday. Although they lost, they have improved since their last game. Cheerleaders cheered at their last game this weekend and their Senior Night went very well. They have a competition coming up on 3/1. The next Club Sports meeting will be on 3/12 at 1:30 in Schrader. They will be discussing their constitution and voting on it.

***Pride Alliance updates:***

Their cosponsored event, “Gay? Fine by Me” went very well. They had great attendance. If you attended the panel discussion and got the t-shirt, wear it every Thursday.

***Latino Student Association updates:***

Their dinner, Sabor Latino, will be on 4/19 at 6pm in the Ballroom. The theme is Carnivale. If anybody wants to volunteer for decorations and being part of the dinner, talk to Frankie after the meeting or e-mail LSA at [lsa@geneseo.edu](mailto:lsa@geneseo.edu).

***Shakti updates:***

Their dinner will be on 4/26.

***Korean-American Student Association updates:***

Their dinner will be on 4/12. If you want to be a part of it, email KASA at [kasa@geneseo.edu](mailto:kasa@geneseo.edu).

***Womyn’s Action Coalition updates:***

Their International’s Womyn’s Dinner will be on 3/12. They are looking for cultural talent/tradition to share at the dinner. If you want to perform, email WAC.

***Women’s Rugby updates:***

They received a grant of \$6000 from the USA Rugby site. They received a new set of jerseys, goal post pads, mouth guards, etc.

**Tabled Business**

**58-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$150 from Budget increases, Account 1099 to SA Programs, Account 1002 to fund the start up budget for the Geneseo Outing Club.

*Second of two readings*

Jarah made a motion to untable reading 58-0708. Nick seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion to untable the reading:

Adam clarified why it was tabled in the first place. SA did not receive information from our insurance company on how much it would cost to insure this club. They received the information and it will cost \$400 for the remainder of the year and \$800 for next year.

Voting on the motion to untable reading 58-0708, passed 7-0-0.

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Charlotte explained that \$150 will go towards the alternate spring break trip, especially for accommodations for Saturday night. They will be leaving on Saturday and will be staying at a hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. On Sunday, they will be staying at a seminary provided by Living Lands and Waters. Living Lands and Waters will be paying for the club’s accommodation and meals. The only expense is travel and cost of hotel on Saturday night. Getting funding from SA is exciting for the Outing Club. It will be an opportunity to do more on campus. The club is not just for experienced people but for anybody interested in outside or indoor activities like indoor rock climbing. They see new faces all the time. They also try to encourage appreciation for the wilderness. They are planning to do a trail maintenance at Letchworth Park in April. They take home everything they brought. The e-board and people on campus believe that the Outing Club is something that is missing on campus right now. Schools of similar size have established outing clubs. Just because Geneseo doesn’t get people applying here that are the outdoorsy type doesn’t mean there isn’t an interest on campus. This club will be an outlet for that interest. College is a time to try new things and this club is perfect for that. The members of the Outing Club are easy going people and anybody will feel comfortable. To be SA funded, they made some changes to their constitution. They changed the membership policy. Any student can be a member. They changed the section on misconduct. If any member is found not following safety procedures and SA policies, they will first receive a warning and if there is a second time, the matter will go to the Student Court. They redefined the specific rules of each exec position. They have President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Events Coordinators. They met with Adam to talk about SA policies such as the logo policy, method of getting a budget increase, and following other SA regulations. They are also trying to work with other clubs on campus. They are planning to go caving with the Anthropology Club in April. They are trying to get additional funding from Livingston Cares through connections that Tom Matthews has with the organization.

Questions:

Tamara asked if they will be adding an effective date for the constitution. Charlotte answered that they will be. Tamara asked if they know about the SA meeting attendance policy if this reading is approved, and if that was included in the constitution. Charlotte said they know and that the treasurer is responsible for attending SA meetings, and if that is not possible they must find a substitute.

Discussion:

A representative of GEO said it is exciting to see the Outing Club getting off the ground and expanding on campus. Nick said he is happy to see that they applied for SA funding which shows their dedication 58-0708, second of two readings, passed 7-0-0.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

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*First and only reading*

Brendan explained that this appointment will bring the Student Court to full membership. He started advertising about the position in late January until mid February. He took time to review the applications and these two candidates stood out a lot. Tamara and Kate also reviewed the candidates and concurred that these two applicants were top candidates for Student Court. One thing important to Brendan when making these appointments is that the next president will have some opportunity to shape the court by appointing justices. He expects to have a Chief Justice before he leaves office for the remainder of next school year. He explained that when he came into office, the Student Court was very young. Students did not have any opportunity to shape the Student Court. Eugene is a second semester Senior and he will be graduating, therefore the next president will be able to make two appointments to the court. Brendan currently lives with Eugene but he disclosed this in all fairness. He did not encourage Eugene to apply. He would have applied anyways. Kate agreed that he was one of the most qualified candidates and Brendan did not want to exclude anybody on this basis. Brendan said he doesn't believe he will be subject to impeachment hearings in the next two months and he doesn't see any potential for anything like that to happen that should exclude Eugene from the Court. David is an equally outstanding candidate. 530708, first and only reading, passed 5-0-1 with Nick abstaining.

**64-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the appointment of Laura Martin to the Undergraduate Student Association Elections Committee (USAEC) through 1 May 2008.

*First and only reading*

Brendan said he decided to appoint Laura to the USAEC. There are important elections coming up. Laura was looking for ways to serve the student body and this is a great opportunity for her to do so. Bob would agree that help will be needed in the coming weeks. Brendan said he is confident in Laura's ability.

Questions:

Chad asked how many members are in USAEC after this appointment. Bob said one person resigned. Brendan answered that this appointment will bring it back up to 6. Brendan said spring elections are big deals but there was not a lot of interest. If anybody is still interested in serving on USAEC, contact Brendan. If you are not going to run for exec committee, please consider this position.

64-0708, first and only reading, passed 6-0-0.

**65-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$900.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Student Association, Account 1002 the President's Executive Budget to the Student Organization Conference line, Line 20.

*First of two readings*

Brendan explained that there is a lot of interest in conferences this year. The line for unanticipated conferences is extremely low. This is the third time this line is being replenished. They have the luxury to consider conference readings on merit rather than cost. If it is possible, SA would like to consider readings with a high enough financial ceiling so they can consider if clubs are prepared enough to go to the conference and get a lot out of it. This reading will move \$900 from budget increases. Brendan will be submitting a realignment of \$400 within his own budget so he won't have to draw from budget increases in the future. This reading does not guarantee passage of future readings.

Questions:

Adam asked how much will be in the conference line after this realignment. Brendan said about \$1600.

Discussion:

Nick said it is good that we can replenish this line to support conferences.

65-0708, first of two readings, passed 6-0-0.

**66-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1502.70 from the Student Association, Account 1002 Student Organization Conferences, Line 20 to JCC, Account 1901 to help fund attendance to the Sakura Matsuri Street Festival in Washington, DC from 11-13 April 2008.

*First of two readings*

Nabu explained what Sakura Matsuri is. It is a cherry blossom festival. JCC went to the festival last year as well. It is hosted by the Japan-America Society of Washington, DC and the festival is on 4/12. The festival is on the last day of the two week national cherry blossom festival. It started in 1961 and since then, it has grown to be the largest one day exposition of Japanese culture in this country. Trisha explained what JCC will do at the festival. JCC will send a delegation to help JASW. JCC will be taking surveys and walk around the festival to talk to participants. The club has been invited to perform Yosakoi, a traditional dance, as well as the

modern dance performance we did at Japan Knight. Nabu explained that last year, we did the same thing. JCC received SA funding to go to the festival last year. JCC made a lot of connections. We invited JASW's president, John Mallott to speak about life in Japan and the Foreign Service. Other perks of going to the conference: We were able to learn a lot and improve our show, Japan Knight. This year for Japan Knight, we invited a professional zither player from Rochester. Trisha said it is a great chance to see Japanese culture first hand since many members have never been to Japan. Also, JASW is basically a much larger scale of JCC. It is inspiring and nice to see how far you can go with what you do. The schedule of this trip: We will be leaving early Friday morning. We will volunteer from morning to late afternoon on Saturday and come home on Sunday. Since there are liability issues with driving, once we get to the hotel, we will not be driving in DC.

Questions:

Jarah asked if JCC can learn more this year and what is different from last year. I said the festival is different every year. There are new performers and different vendors. Trisha said some members did not go last year since we can't send all of our members. Tamara asked who is exactly going on the trip. Nabu said we haven't decided since we knew we can only take 20 and this semester, we have a large membership. We want to try to pick members that come to our meetings regularly and have helped us out at Japan Knight. Tamara asked if a list of members that are going can be compiled by next week's meeting. Nabu said that's possible. Tamara asked who will be driving. Nabu said we haven't decided since we were not sure who was going but we have many members that are over 21. Tamara asked if we were aware about drivers following all policies of the rental vans and the college, as well as notifying SA if anything happens. Nabu said that we are aware of the rule and that we can decide the drivers by next week as well.

Discussion:

Nick said SA can send organizations to do what they do and in this case, JCC is about Japanese culture and it's a good conference. They got a lot out of the festival last year and they have demonstrated that. He said he is excited to see what they will learn this year and they are sending a lot of people for not that much money. Jason said he is surprised and glad to hear that JCC was asked to perform there.

66-0708, first of two readings, passed 7-0-0.

**67-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request of GEO, Account 1909 to sell water bottles to raise up to \$400.00.

*First and only reading*

Adam K said they will not be selling the bottles for profit. They will be selling them at cost and will raise \$0 so it's not technically a fundraiser. He said this is part of the anti-bottled water campaign on educating people on why bottled water is bad. It is silly to educate people and not give them an option to choose other things. GEO will be purchasing aluminum bottles which will not contaminate the water as much as nalgene and aquafina bottles do. These Sigg aluminum bottles are sold for \$20 in the campus store but that is very pricy. They found an organization called Think Outside the Bottle. They educate people on options other than bottled water. The organization is willing to sell the bottles in bulk for \$6 each. GEO will be selling them in the Union. Since there will be a shipping cost, they will round it to the nearest dollar. If with the shipping cost it may cost \$6.50 per bottle, we will sell it for \$7. They are trying to make it cheap as possible to have them available. They hope that people will use these Sigg bottles and start using other options to bottled water.

Questions:

Vinita asked if the poster campaign was for the anti-bottled water campaign. Adam said it is and the posters will be cropping up around campus. Nick said he visited the website but it did not say anything about purchasing water bottles. Adam said GEO came into contact with Think Outside the Bottle at the Powershift conference. There was a workshop by them and GEO e-mailed them. The organization said they were willing to sell the bottles in bulk of 50 for \$6 each. Nick asked if there were any designs on the bottle. Adam said they are plain water bottles. Charlotte asked why they were only selling 50. She asked if they are playing safe and asked if they would get more if it's popular. Adam K said they are being safe since it's still a risk to buy 50. Vinita asked where GEO is selling the bottles. Adam K said in the Union. Adam Gross asked if he should amend the reading to say raise up to \$0 or keep it since GEO may end up with a profit. Adam said he wasn't sure how the process worked. Adam Gross asked if they might expect some profit. Adam K said there may be since they are rounding up so the reading is fine as is.

Discussion:

Vinita said she really likes that this idea came from a conference they went to. They were able to bring back what they learned to campus. GEO said it is good that they got this idea from a conference they went to with SA funds. Nick commended GEO for their level of activity on campus this year and for doing what they believe in.

67-0708, first and only reading, passed 7-0-0.

### **Open Discussion**

James explained that Student Assembly is a governing body with over 417,000 SUNY students across the state. There are 64 campuses and each campus has designated a number of delegates. They meet twice a year to vote on things that affect all students across the state. They also vote on the student body president to represent all of SUNY students. He sits on the Board of Trustees of all of SUNY. He works with the Chancellor and is on Governor Spitzer's committee on higher education. There are 25 executive members of the board. A delegate from SUNY Geneseo would vote on other reps to represent regional reps covering multiple schools. There is the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Legislative director who work at Capitol Hill in Albany. They are involved in SUNY Lobby Day, higher education committee. There are other groups like the Environmental Task Force

which were just initiated on the SUNY level. They also talk about the smoking ban on campus, GPA requirements for student leaders, and anything that affects students. Things that are voted on at the conferences are passed on to the trustees and those recommendations are taken pretty strongly into creating new legislation that will affect all SUNY students. You do not have to be a delegate to go to these conferences. Geneseo is lightly involved in SUNY assembly. You can outreach with other students across the state, what other campuses are doing and issues that other campuses are facing. A lot of issues that we deal with here are not isolated, and other campuses deal with them as well; issues such as waning and waxing of student government involvement. This is a great organization to be a part of. Chad asked if policies such as having the phrase “supported by mandatory student activity fees” came down from a decision made by the assembly. James said the Board of Trustees, strongly influenced by student government organizations, SUNY assembly made the rule. Now, no school can charge more than \$100 for the activities fee. This is mandated by the SUNY assembly. If this rule was to change, it must be voted on during the fall/spring conference, then passed on to the Board of Trustees, and then if there are no problems, it will become law for state colleges. If you want to get involved in a body that influences all of SUNY, this would be the organization to get involved in. You have chances to meet Senators, the Chancellor, etc. Brendan asked where the assembly gets its money. James answered that they get it from SUNY, not from each individual school. There is a budget that comes from Albany, \$85,000 which is ridiculously small. The assembly is trying to offer more services so they can ask for a 25 cent fee per student to go towards SUNY assembly to bring in amazing speakers, presentations and help organize student government. Adam, from GEO, asked how the Environmental Task Force works and if a rep to that has to be elected or has to be a SA rep. James said there’s nobody here involved in SUNY Assembly except for him. If you want to get involved, there are two things. All SUNY students are automatically an assembly member although they are not a voting delegate. If you want to be an involved representative, it does not have to be a SA rep. You have to find out about SUNY assembly, go there and run for it. Check their website, <http://studentassembly.org> for more information. Nick said the SUNY assembly representative position is voted on in March as well. Bob said 50 signatures are required to run for the position. James said this is a cool position. There are two conferences a year, free food, you can meet new people and also learn about other schools. The spring conference is on April 25-27 in Auburn. Brendan said if you are not running for the president’s position of SA exec, you can also run for the student assembly position as well. If anybody’s interested in going to the conference, please let Brendan know since he has funding set aside for this purpose.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm. Thanks for coming and see you next week.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nobu Iwata

Recording Secretary