

# 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.

## *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

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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:***

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 is dealing with issues with Club Sports. He began working on Financial Policy updates. If anybody has suggestions about SA rules, things that need to be clarified, eliminated, improved, please talk to Brendan. Evaluation of SA staff members is starting. He met with Dr. Bonfiglio Thursday and he also met with Mark Scott, the Executive Director of CAS. They are working on the new contract for next year. Brendan worked with Suzanne Sharp and Chip Matthews on stop DWI day for high schools near the area.

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

She attended the College senate meeting yesterday and the CSA meeting on Wednesday. CSA reviewed the constitution, and opinions festering were finally voiced.

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

Adam will be accepting business for the business meeting following spring break until Thursday 4pm. Budget hearings are over.

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

The conference was this weekend. It went really well. Jarah and Nick played a big role. Thank you very much for all the work they did. It was an excellent conference. The parking committee will be sending out a survey on surveillance cameras. Please fill it out since feedback will be very important.

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

The survey that Chad started on SA services and improvements is closed. He received over 300 responses. From the surveys he will see what services to implement and how to improve our existing ones.

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

None.

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

Budget advocacy was today. It went pretty well. ACE groups will be coming in during the ACE meeting on 4/2. Jason will present the new ACE constitution draft. Please encourage ACE groups to keep on talking about ACE.

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

Singled-out with guys from I love New York II will be in Wads 7pm. Come watch for free. Brand New will be performing on 4/20 and AC will be announcing the other act hopefully very soon.

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

Budget hearings are over. The Mini-No Frills conference was this weekend. Everyone did a wonderful job especially Sam Speed and Vinita Mishra.

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

None.

**Open Updates**

***Clubs Sports Association updates:***

CSA had their 2<sup>nd</sup> club sports meeting of the semester. They talked about gym time, gym space, etc. Baseball will be going to Tampa this week for spring break. They will play 6 games against universities like University of Illinois, Penn State, etc. Volleyball had a tournament in buffalo. They lost in elimination but they have a game coming up in Rochester. Cheerleading went to Virginia for their national conference and won. Crew will be going away during Spring Break to Georgia. Men's Rugby has a tourney after spring break. Women's Rugby's grant came through and they received \$6000 worth of new equipment. Water Polo was covered by GSTV and will be broadcast during the sports section of GSTV. Relay for Life is coming up on 4/12. If anybody has questions, please contact Jen at [jre3@geneseo.edu](mailto:jre3@geneseo.edu).

***Cheerleading updates:***

Erin, from Cheerleading, thanked SA for supporting their conference. They won at the competition in the National Champion College Division III.

***Model United Nations Updates:***

Model UN got back from the Chicago conference on Sunday. They received 5 awards and came in third only to Harvard and Stanford. It was a great opportunity for the Model UN team.

***USAEC updates:***

Student elections will take place the week we come back from spring break. SA exec, class officers, and Student Assembly rep will all be elected. Log on to Knightweb Tuesday and Wednesday to vote.

**Old Business**

**70-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$410.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to GEO, Account 1909 to show *The 11th Hour* on campus.

*Second of two readings*

Alicia explained that GEO has been trying to secure a date for the movie but the proposed dates are already booked. They would like to table the reading until they have a secure date. Jarah made a motion to table the reading. Vinita seconded. Jarah said this should be done since GEO asked SA to table it.

Voting on the motion to table the reading, passed 6-0-1 with Nick abstaining.

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Robin said they are trying to raise money for the Kenyan refugees that resulted from the 12/27 elections. They will be selling t-shirts to raise money. She brought the new t-shirt design. The price is a little bit different. It will be \$7.60 instead of \$7.44 possibly due to the logo being bigger. They approached some other groups and got some positive responses. Robin asked if SA could consider a contingency plan. If they need more than 100 t-shirts, Robin asked if they could use some of the funds to put back into it to buy more shirts so they can increase the amount they can send to Kenya.

Questions:

Jarah asked for clarification. Robin said if they need to order more than 100, if they can use the money to buy more. Brendan asked if they would be using the money they received from selling the t-shirts at that point. Robin said she would like to purchase it all at once and get reimbursed after the shirts are sold. Jarah said they asked for allocation of up to \$875 dollars and 100 shirts would be \$760. They already have extra money there for extra shirts. Robin said she requested up to regardless of how many shirts. Nick said it is good that they are letting SA know they are going to buy more than what they originally stated but you would be able to buy than 100 shirts if this reading is approved as is. Kate asked when they would know if they are going to put names on the t-shirt. Robin answered that she would know once they receive an affirmative yes or no, and then they will finalize the design. She said the cost would not change even if the name was added.

Discussion:

Nick said it is good that they are working with other groups to get the word out and is happy to support such a worthy cause.

71-0708, second of two readings, passed 7-0-0.

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Chris explained that MTC is working on bringing in a theater workshop. Chris Blasting has been working on getting a guest artist, and he would like to bring in Jeff Whiting, Artistic Director of Open Jar Productions. He is the Assistant Choreographer of Broadway's "Young Frankenstein," Assistant Director of "Hairspray" (national tour) and "The Producers" (National Tour) and is a resident member of the creative staff for Walt Disney Entertainment. He will be showcasing theatre techniques, how to do resumes, head shots and how to audition and what it is like to work in the field. It's open to anybody on campus.

Questions:

Nick asked if they know about the contract process and that it must go through Brendan. Chris said that they did. Vinita asked if there were a max number of people that can attend. Chris said he hasn't set a maximum but the optimum would be 30. More than that would be hard to do what they are trying to do but they are not going to stop people from coming to the workshop.

Discussion:

Chad said this is a very unique opportunity and something radically different. It will be able to teach something career services can't.

72-0708, second of two readings, passed 7-0-0.

## New Business

**73-0708:** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve fundraising request of Account 1411, Ultimate Frisbee, to sell water bottles through May 6 to raise up to \$540.00.

*First and only reading*

Presenter not present.

73-0708, fails per policy.

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*First and only reading*

Adam changed the original 50 and talked about the bottle display in the Union. It has been really successful. They received an order of 50 after 1<sup>st</sup> day of pre-orders. They decided that they can order more. They will order 150 more bottles at \$900. It will cost \$84 for shipping. They originally planned to do another 50 bottles but changed it to 150. Adam Gross asked if they were going to raise \$1050. Adam said they are not expecting any profit. They will round up to \$7 since each bottle will cost \$6.56. That extra money will go into the SA budget. Adam Gross said they will still raise \$1050 in a sense. Jarah made a motion to change the reading to say up to \$1050. Adam Gross accepted the friendly amendment. He said they have about 152 bottles pre ordered. After spring break, they are going to speak to cultural clubs so they will get at least 200. Jarah asked what kind of designs the bottle will have. Adam said they will order the standard blue ones that says "think outside the bottle" with a carabineer attached. Chad asked about the material of the bottles. Adam said the aluminum bottles that they are ordering are the best since plastic aquafina bottles make water taste plastic like. Nalgene has shown to leak estrogen and PET into the water if you leave the bottles in heat. PET cannot be digested by the human body and it can lead to birth defects. A single sheet of aluminum doesn't leak anything into the water. Kate asked if they collected the money already. Adam said they have not. The bottles came in earlier than expected. They will table the Friday after Spring Break and actually exchange money with the people that preordered. Kate said that the bill will come in fairly soon. She asked if they are confident about collecting enough money to pay the bill. Adam said he considered that and they are confident that they will be able to sell all the bottles.

Discussion:

Nick said it is good that GEO is getting pre-orders so they know the demand ahead of time. Alicia said IRC is having a program where they are going to turn all the lights off in the residence halls. They contacted Geo and said they may purchase several bottles and give them out as prizes during that program. Vinita said that she really likes that this idea came from conferences.

74-0708, First and only reading, passed 7-0-0.

## Open Discussion

The 5 candidates running for SA exec positions gave a speech.

Kaitlin Conway is running for the Director of IRC. She is a Junior Sociology major. She has been involved with IRC for the past three years. She was a rep from Jones and Saratoga and has been a member of the PR committee both years she was a rep. This year as secretary of IRC, she chairs that committee. This year as secretary, she co-chairs the IRC improvement committee. Not only in the programming perspective but improving hall council themselves. She has had experience with NEACURH. She was a delegate at last semester's conference. She got to network with a bunch of other schools. She volunteered at the Mini No-Frills conference. As far as what she would like to happen, she really likes to work on a personal level with IRC and create places for students to voice their concerns about residential life, improve Geneseo's reputation in the region at conferences, and be part of that. Going to conferences and representing Geneseo is what she is excited about.

Sarah Murtaza is running for Director of Student Affairs. She is a Biology and Sociology major and Asian studies minor. She is an active member of Shakti, and JCC and is part of the student health advisory committee. She was part of Genseng, the Asian American performance ensemble. She is the RA for Ontario Hall and has been recently elected as Vice Chair of IRC. As SASA, she will be working with voter registration, the pamphlet for off campus students, working on the Intercultural Dinner, and working with ACE. Especially off-campus students, advocacy is important for all students, but they don't have resources that on-campus students do. She would like to work closely with off-campus students and inform them of events that happen during the week like events during all college free. She believes that those events should be known to off-campus students. For budget advocacy, she would like to table in the Union to raise awareness and also utilize sites like rock the vote.org that pushes votes for ages 18-23. She would like to use Facebook and as a RA, she can encourage programming related to that. She is excited to work on the Intercultural Dinner and she has programming experiences for that. She is planning the end of the year banquet for IRC, and is working on a campus wide program with her co-RA. She has experience with cultural dinners from Shakti's annual dinner Sangamum. She is excited to work with special interest groups since they are very diverse and has unique ideas that can come together and produce a beautiful picture. She is happy to work with ACE since it is a close interaction with these clubs. ACE reps from each organization get together and she can act as a resource for them and help them with their programming. Many of her residents attend programs proposed by ACE groups and by being SASA director and RA, she can raise awareness and work for ACE.

Chad Salitan is running for Vice President. He is a Junior Economics and International Relations major. He is currently the SA Director of Public Relations. He is on committees like the Research and Travel Grants the Scholarship Committee, Teaching and Learning Center and the Transportation Advisory Committee. This year as PR, he delved into Financial Policy, SA finances, and SA investment policies. These things might not be specifically for PR but he is dedicated to SA as a whole. He is also interested in what the organizations are like and last semester, he visited every single clubs meeting except for a few that didn't respond. By doing this he got a good idea of how SA worked. He is for advocacy and believes that this is one of the main goals of SA. While on the Research and Travel Grant Committee, a grant came up that was really ridiculous. It was hard to fight it since there were faculty on the board that wanted it passed due to political reasons but he fought hard and faculty on the board agreed and in the end, he got it voted down. He believes that activity fee money should be used well. He would like to promote advocacy by setting up a comment box on the SA website. It will be a better avenue for students to voice their concerns. He will appoint senators that will be enthusiastic and advocate for the student body. He would like to look into stipends and make sure that students that deserve them are getting them and the amount they are getting is correct. Vice President will be the key to club sports. Club Sports has issues around it and it's something that he would like to sink his teeth into. Right now, he feels that they are the forgotten child. But SA funds Clubs Sports and he would like to be an advocate for them and help them out with issues. He would also like to assist the President in filling committees and proposing a more formalized process to find people.

Dean McGee is also running for SA Vice President. He is a Junior Political Science major with a minor in Business and German. He started off freshman year not participating in anything. He was just happy to be here and experience college but by the end of freshman year he realized that there's so much that this school had to offer. He joined the German Club and Model United Nations. He is currently the President elect for both organizations. The two groups trusted him to lead their organizations, which he is very proud of. As the treasurer of Model UN, he understands what it feels like to come to SA meetings and ask for money, and go to budget hearings to ask for money. He will be able to take this experience to the board. One thing he would like to do is explain why readings are voted down. Right now, there is a tremendous opportunity for full turnover of the SA executive board. He feels that this is a good thing since there will be nobody to say this is how we did it last year, and it will be opportunities for fresh ideas and new things. He is excited to have the potential to work with everybody. He has experience with multicultural organizations. He was able to attend the deliberative dialogue at the president's house as president of the German Club. It was a great opportunity. He got to learn about campus climate and culture. These deliberative dialogues are something that the SA exec board can do to look at the culture of the campus and make this board something completely open for all students to feel comfortable to come before. Students pay the \$85 and the SA exec needs to treat their positions as jobs. He would like to appoint senators that not only care and are involved but who are outspoken and are not afraid to speak their mind. He believes that this is a way to real change and a way to get administration to listen.

Danielle Forrest is running for SA President. She is a Junior Speech Pathology major with a minor in Psychology. She has been strongly committed to working on behalf of the students and for the students. She was a RA in Daga then currently the senior RA in Ontario. She helps promote community within the resident halls, guide hall council and facilitate some staff meetings. She had an opportunity to work as Orientation Advisor. She was able to give new students to campus more knowledge about the campus and by doing so, she was able to increase knowledge about Geneseo. She welcomed over 2000 new students to campus and is really proud of that. She has been the SA Technical Director the past 2.5 years. She served students to give them quality technical support. She was a rep in general assembly of IRC and she is currently the programming chair on the executive board of IRC. Her first main goal is to advocate for students, take a look at Chad's survey and make sure students are getting what they want from SA services. She would also like to advocate for Student Assembly and at lobbying events for Geneseo. She feels that it is very important to appoint individuals to SA committees and get the most qualified and dedicated people; people willing to stand up for what they believe and stand for students' interests.

Students will be able to vote starting Tuesday after Spring Break and Wednesday by logging onto Knightweb.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nobu Iwata  
Recording Secretary