

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.

MINUTES #20, Wednesday, March 5, 2008

<i>Executive Committee</i>	
President:	Brendan Quinn
Vice-President:	Jarah Magan
Directors:	
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
<i>PROFESSIONAL STAFF</i>	
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 6:17 pm with all members of the Executive Committee present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Vinita corrected the title of the Open Discussion speaker to Associate Director of Human Resources & Director of Affirmative Action. Agenda was approved 6-0-0 with Adam abstaining

Approval of the Minutes:

In reading 64-0708, Laura's last name is Marrin. The minutes were approved 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Brendan Quinn updates:

Attended the panel in the morning with Governor Spitzer, President Dahl and other campus and community members. Budget Advocacy Day is next week. He is looking for two students that are willing to serve on the SA Merit Awards committee. He will be meeting with Dr. Bonfiglio tomorrow and will be participating in the Stop DWI day. He also has a meeting with Mark Scott, Executive Director of CAS. He also wanted to clear up some of the rumors going around about the petition to have students elected directly to the CAS Board of Directors. He explained that it used to be a campus wide position for students to be elected to. Students did not run and there was never consistent student representation on the CAS Board. CAS changed their bylaws in 2004 and had the SA President and IRC chair as automatic student representatives based on their campus-wide election and the other two students appointed by the SA President. Student Association does not receive any funds from CAS, rather SA pays CAS to be their fiscal agent. Student Association is in no position to receive "proceeds" from CAS profits. The Student Association audit is available to anyone who would like to see it. He is glad that concerns with how things are done has come up. Students should bring any concerns they have to the Student Association.

Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:

The hazing workshop was held over the weekend and it went well.

Director of Business Affairs, Adam Gross updates:

The last budget hearings are tomorrow. The draft of the budget should be available in early April.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Vinita Mishra updates:

Mini "no-frills" conference, the Northeast Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference with Geneseo starts on Friday.

Director of Public Relations, Chad Salitan updates:

Next week's open discussion will be speeches from all the candidates on the ballot for Student Association Executive Committee and Student Assembly.

Director of Academic Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:

She is meeting with the Provost on Friday and will attend the Curriculum Review meeting in the afternoon. She now has a full board again. Sambridhi Shrestha is the new Vice President.

Director of Student Affairs, Jason Park updates:

He attended the forum with Governor Spitzer in the morning. Next Wednesday, March 12, is Budget Advocacy Day during all- college free in the Union Lobby. He also attended the ACE meeting today to plan ACE's future. The follow up meeting will be April 2.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy, updates:

There will be a "Singled-Out" program next week, sponsored by Mac's Place. It will be held in Wads Auditorium. The spring concert will be announced in tomorrow's Lamron.

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

She has been attending the budget hearings and also attended the forum with Governor Spritzer.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

She attended the morning forum with Governor Spitzer. She also was part of the hazing workshop. Thank you to Jenn for your help.

Open Updates

Club Sports Association updates:

The next Club Sports meeting will be on 3/12 at 1:30 in Schrader.

Latino Student Association updates:

Their dinner, Sabor Latino, will be on 4/19 at 6pm in the Ballroom. The theme is Carnivale..

The Lamron updates:

There is an editor's blog on their website, www.thelamron.com.

Old Business

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Second of two readings

Brendan stated that he wanted to replenish the Student Organization Conference line and SA Exec wants to be able to consider conferences based on their merit rather than cost. He asked if any organizations were thinking about attending a conference this semester to contact him in advance of putting in a reading so money can be allocated if necessary. Nick agrees with Brendan that conferences are looked at based on merit; not if money is available.

65-0708, second reading, passes 6-0-0.

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Second of two readings

Tricia explained that the street festival sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Washington has street performers, vendors, and promotes Japanese culture. She explained that JASW is a larger version of JCC. They have also been invited to perform at the event. There will be 20 members going and six are 21 or older. They will have two drivers per mini-van. They would like to change the hotel. They found out the hotel in last week's reading is out of the way and this hotel is on a metro line. JASW has reserved rooms for them. The cost is slightly higher so they decreased the number of meals in their request. Discussion: Adam asked why reduce the meals? Tricia explained that they would rather be closer to the metro line and festival and save on the meals. Tamara asked how the members were chosen. Tricia stated there were emails and announcements. They were going to select based on participation at meetings and events, but they had enough response from members to fill all the available spots. Nick made a motion to change the reading to allocate up to \$1434.77, seconded by Vinita. Motion passes 7-0-0. Kate asked if they had an updated list of attendees. Tricia gave the list to Adam. Jarah thought it was a great idea. Vinita appreciates that they looked at the overall conference and made changes to accommodate the increased cost of the hotel.

66-0708, second reading, passes 7-0-0

New Business

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First and only reading

Pat explained that he hoped this fundraiser will get more people involved in MiNT and raise money to be able to print more magazines to distribute. Jarah asked how they would conduct the contest. Pat said that they narrowed the pictures down and framed them. They will be displayed next week when they table in the lobby. They will put jars in front of each picture and the picture with the most money in the jar will go on the cover. Brendan asked when they would put out their next issue. Pat said it should come out after break. Jason asked if \$50 were raised, how many more magazines could they print? Pat said approximately 50 more. Vinita likes the student input and involvement that this would bring. Jenn agreed with Vinita and is excited that they are trying something new. Frankie, from LSA, said it was an interesting concept.

68-0708, first and only reading, passes 7-0-0

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First and only reading

Tricia explained that their dinner furthers their exposure on campus and the cards and bookmarks are a great way to advertise. They may need to use the funds raised to pay back a debt from their dinner. They will sell the items for \$ 1 and \$2 each. If they don't have to pay back their debt, they would like all the proceeds to go to Golden Harvest. It's a farm group that partners with food pantries to distribute food or farm supplies. For example, \$120 can buy a goat or chicken. They plan on selling these items next week. Nick asked if the custom bookmarks have been successful in the past. Tricia said they have been. Adam asked if they have documentation about the charity. Tricia gave him the information. Jarah said she thinks it's wonderful to buy a goat or a chicken.

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First of two readings

Alicia explained that they were co-sponsoring the movie with KINO. They would like to educate the Geneseo community. The members of GEO that went to the Power Shift conference last semester saw the movie. *The 11th Hour* is a documentary that seeks out credible voices to speak to the history of the human species, the state of the oceans, land and air, and social, design, and political challenges for change. This is what GEO is all about. Nick asked what date it would be shown, April 10 or 17. Alicia said she would know next week for sure. Nick also asked who was covering tech services? Alicia said that KINO was. Jarah asked who they were expecting to attend. Alicia stated she is making invitations to send to faculty. Adam asked how they were planning on paying for refreshments. Alicia said they will be using a CAS grant and excess money from their ink cartridge fundraiser. Chad noted that GEO has brought back two ideas from the Power Shift conference; this documentary and the water bottles that GEO is selling.

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Robin stated that they would like to raise funds for refugees in Kenya. There has been over 600,000 internally displaced persons in Kenya due to violence and unrest following the December 2007 elections. Robin stated that if the funding is approved, she will approach other groups. Right now, only IVCF is involved. Diana noted that the tshirt design has the old SA logo on it. Robin said they would change that. Jarah asked how she found out about this. Robin stated that she has been involved with this community in Kenya for the last four year. These funds that would go to the Child's Hope International can help support the community and emergency funds are needed to help feed the refugees. Jarah asked the specific cost of the tshirts. Robin said they would be \$744 and they would sell them for \$10 each. Nick asked if the price included shipping. Chad asked if all the clubs listed on the tshirt are supporting this fundraiser? Robin said not yet, not until the funds are in place. Adam asked why they were going to CustomInk.com? Robin said the person creating the tshirt design is familiar with Custom Ink. Nick asked for clarification, the groups aren't committed to this fundraiser yet? Jenn asked who they'll be selling it to? Robin said club members. Vinita asked if they would do pre-orders? Robin said she didn't think that it would work as well. Nick stated that SA has received these types of non-funded requests in the past. He does suggest talking to the other groups sooner rather than later. Jenn thinks it's a good cause and will help educate people on campus to what is going on in Kenya. Jarah commented on the website's play on words...www.kenyahelpus.org

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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. This workshop would be beneficial for anyone going into the business or other students who are not in MTC or theatre majors. The cost is \$2000 to hold the workshop and pay for his transportation. Chris has worked with Jeff before, so he was able to get the price for under the regular cost. Jeff contacted Chris and Chris talked with members of MTC and Cothurnus. There are 25 people interested in attending the workshop. Nick asked where the workshop would be held. Chris said either Alice Austin or the Valley Studio. Vinita asked how and where publicity would be handled. Chris said by emailing clubs, What'sUP and fliers. Nick said he likes the idea that MTC is branching out. Tricia thought this would be an excellent opportunity for people.

72-0708, first reading, passes 7-0-0

Open Discussion

Gloria Lopez, Associate Director of Human Resources & Director of Affirmative Action, said she was here to dispel the myths about Affirmative Action and have a Question and Answer session. Gloria started the discussion with a slideshow, the first slide showing an actual newspaper help wanted section from 1961. She asked the audience to comment on the ad. It was noted that the ads were separated by gender and race. She gave examples of some of the myths associated with Affirmative Action and some examples of what is Affirmative Action. For example, it is the intentional inclusion of women, minorities and others traditionally excluded in the workplace after demonstrated under representation of these historically disadvantaged groups. It also provides for the most equal opportunity possible. Affirmative Action has a system of flexible goals; companies are encouraged to search in good faith for qualified minorities or female employees. She commented on the forum this morning with Elliot Spitzer and the comments made by Professor Ruel McKnight that Geneseo must continue to recruit, talented students, faculty and staff, and to attract and retain a diverse set of individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences. She explained how the campus handles a search for positions on campus. Nick said the issue has been raised before about the lack of minority faculty on campus. What is Geneseo doing to recruit minority faculty? Gloria said the issue of recruitment belongs to the whole community. She has email contacts where she sends job descriptions,

they recruit at diverse colleges and ask members of the community to reach out also. Gloria stated that the campus has a committee working on student body recruitment. She stated that last year they held a program “Geneseo Dazzles”. This program invited students of color from Rochester to come to campus. From this program, one student decided to apply and has been accepted for the fall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Thanks for coming and see you next week.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Rebban

Recording Secretary