

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
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

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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Dr. Kenneth Levison, VP for Administration and Finance

122 ***Adjournment***

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm with members of the Executive Committee present except for Chad Salitan.

Approval of the Agenda:

Agenda was approved 5-0-1 with Adam abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Brendan Quinn updates:

He will be attending a meeting with Dr. Bonfiglio on Thursday. He will be bringing up many concerns. He is in the process of training replacements. The next meeting will be the last day of the current executive board. Brendan attended GREAT day.

Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:

None.

Director of Business Affairs, Adam Gross updates:

None.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Vinita Mishra updates:

The Campus Cup was held last weekend. It went amazingly well. Good job to Danielle Forrest and the programming committee. Legends of the Hidden Temple will be this weekend on Friday, the 25th at 10pm in Kuhl Gym. Vinita attended the LSA dance and it was fantastic. She will be attending the Student Health Advisory Committee. If you have any suggestions, contact Vinita.

Director of Public Relations, Chad Salitan updates:

Not present.

Director of Academic Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:

AAC is holding their elections during their last meeting on 4/29. If anybody is interested in running for any of the positions, please contact Diana.

Director of Student Affairs, Jason Park updates:

Jason attended the LSA dinner. He will be attending the last ACE meeting on next Wednesday to further finalize discussion on ACE by-laws and constitution.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy, updates:

AC finished up with elections on Thursday. They have new Special Events Coordinators. This Saturday is Springfest on the Union patio from 12pm to 6pm. They will be selling the chicken dinners for \$1 from 4pm until 6pm. Comedian Johnny Walker will be in the South Hall Quad at 8pm. Rain location will be Sturges Auditorium. Everything is free but the Chicken dinner.

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

None

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

She thanked BSU for answering all her questions during last week's meeting. We must make sure all policies are being followed and that the college is protected. She attended today's ACE meeting. Good job to Jason and ACE groups for hammering through the constitution. Tamara is looking for 3 male and 3 female actors for When A Kiss is Not Just a Kiss, the sexual assault program for first year students during August.

Open Updates

Latino Student Association updates:

Their dinner went very well. Frankie thanked all participants and those that came to the dinner.

Danielle Forrest updates:

Nominations for the SA President's Cup are due on Friday May 2nd by 4pm. This is the highest award presented by SA to a graduating senior with outstanding achievements. For more information check What's-Up and flyers in organization mailboxes.

Model United Nations updates:

Model UN raised over \$250 during their "Night of Thousand Dinners" for landmine victims and landmine removal.

Geneseo Organization for Deaf Awareness updates:

GODA will be presenting Drama Night on Tuesday at 7pm. Students of ASL classes will be performing songs in sign language. The theme is summer camps.

Japanese Culture Club updates:

JCC held their field day in Highland Park. They raised all the money they needed to raise and had a small but enthusiastic turnout.

Shakti updates:

Their annual dinner will be this weekend. The theme is Threads of Friendship. Dinner will start at 6pm and tickets are being sold in the Union all week. It's \$5 for students.

Black Student Union updates:

The first annual fashion show will be on Friday at 7pm. Tickets are \$2 for students. Their Basketball Tournament will be on May 2nd.

Pride Alliance updates:

Drag Ball is on Saturday from 9pm until Midnight in the Knightsport. The tickets are \$6 for students at the door and \$5 in the Union before. If you want to perform, please give a CD with the music to Pride before the show. You do not have to attend in drag but it is encouraged.

Geneseo Environmental Organization updates:

Friday will be Arbor Day. They will be planting 8 trees around campus. They will be meeting at 2:30pm in front of the Union. On Saturday, they will be helping the Geneseo Valley Conservancy during another work day. They will be meeting in front of the Union at 9:45pm.

Old Business

86-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached constitution of the Club Sports Association, account 1400.

Second of two readings

Jarah explained that the only change from last week is that club sports recognition will be done by the Exec Committee of Student Association and after the one year probationary period, the CSA exec committee will vote on final membership.

Discussions:

Nick suggested putting in language that would specify that the Vice President of SA will not vote. Jarah accepted the suggestion.

Adam said add "non-voting" in Article 5 section E number 1. "The Student Association Vice President shall act in an advisory non-voting capacity".

86-0708, second of two readings, passed 6-0-0

87-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached by-laws of the Club Sports Association, account 1400.

Second of two readings

Jarah said grammatical changes were made to the by-laws from last week. Jen added that CSA members voted on the by laws already and all club sports organizations accepted all the changes.

Discussions:

Jason congratulated Jen and Jarah for doing such a wonderful job on the CSA constitution and by-laws.

87-0708, second of two readings, passed 6-0-0.

88-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$3,010.12 from Permanent Equipment, account 2000 to purchase a Leightronix Mini-T-NX video server for GSTV, account 1504.

Second of two readings

Jess said GSTV did not get a competitive quote from the other company since they did not reply. All the other information is the same from last week. This equipment will be beneficial to GSTV.

Discussion:

Adam made a motion to change the account from 1099 to 2000, permanent equipment. Jess accepted. Nick said the fact that the other company did not reply speaks about their professionalism so it's better that we do not buy from them. He said this will be really great for GSTV.

88-0708, second of two readings, passed 6-0-0.

89-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1311.88 from Permanent Equipment, account 2000 to purchase a Leightronix MTNX-REC recording option for GSTV, account 1504.

Second of two readings

Jess said the other company did not get back to them. This is a necessary accessory for the video server for GSTV.

Discussion:

Nick made a motion to amend the account to 2000. Jess accepted the friendly amendment. 89-0708, second of two readings, passed 6-0-0.

New Business

91-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request of \$770 for Geneseo Cheerleading, account 1404 to host a cheerleading clinic in Holcomb Gym on 27 April 2008.

First and only reading

Erin explained that they have done a clinic before. They will be teaching local girls how to cheer, dance, and do stunts.

Questions:

Jarah asked how they get the attendees. Erin said they sent out flyers to local schools. Nick asked if they had a liability waiver. Erin said they have one that the parents sign.

Discussion:

Vinita said the fundraiser sounds really great. Jen said Cheerleading have been working hard all semester and they put a lot of their own money into the team and it's great that they do fundraisers to supplement the cost. Kate asked how much money they are expecting to generate. Erin said they are not sure how many girls they are going to get. Kate asked if they will be accepting checks and if so, how will the attendees make it out. Erin said it'll be made out to Student Association. Brendan asked how much they will make. Jarah said they can raise \$525 if 15 girls came. Brendan asked if \$750 was okay. Jarah said if \$770 would be okay since that would be 22 girls. Erin accepted the amendment to the reading to say raise up to \$770.

91-0708, first and only reading, passed 6-0-0.

92-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached Constitution of the Alliance for Community Enrichment (ACE).

First of two readings

Jason presented the new constitution for Alliance for Community Enrichment. Earlier this semester, SA decided to change the AC constitution to remove ACE from AC and transition it under Director of Student Affairs. SA saw it as a necessary change. With the brand new committee, a new constitution and by-laws are necessary so it can function next year. The committee is to do collaborative or extra multicultural programming. The ACE chair will be the Director of Student Affairs. ACE will now have a Faculty Advisor. Jason put in a simple process of how new under represented or cultural groups would join in the future. The impeachment process of the ACE chair and succession procedures are added. Jason was appointed to his position but if there is not an appointment or a elected Director of Student Affairs, this process will make sure that the vacancy will be filled and ACE will be able to run in the beginning of the year. There are some amendments to the constitution. The constitution was drafted by Jason but he brought it to ACE meetings so ACE groups can give feedback and any changes they wanted to see made to Jason. Article 3 Section 3 Letter C, the wording will be changed. "If for any reason this person is unable to serve (this person being the ACE advisor)) then only members of ACE may nominate a faculty or staff member as advisor. A3 section 3 Letter D, instead of the first choice, it should say the advisor will be confirmed by a majority vote of ACE. Article 3, 5A, letter I, take out "events" and "excessive". This clause was not clear to the ACE groups. Events are not mandatory but strongly recommended. Only the meetings are mandatory. Article 3 section 5 B. Jason will bring new wording for this clause for next week. This clause is for ACE reps missing meetings. If a representative misses meetings, the ACE chair or representative will send a written note to the organization of the representative that did not come. Article 6 section 1, A and B should be switched. It is understandable that clause B, "first ACE meeting shall be no later than the first week of September" should come before the clause about weekly meetings. As for weekly meetings, remove "minimum of". There will be one meeting for every full week college is in session. Article 6 Section 3 D, ACE wanted clarification on this. It is of people present, not majority of members. For example, if only 5 representatives showed up to the meeting and the vote comes out to be 3/5, this is majority. It is not 3 out of the 7 voting members that are in ACE in which case will not be majority. Tamara clarified that Fatima's position is the Coordinator of Multicultural Programming and Services, not Director.

Questions:

Nick said there is a typo in Article 3, Section 2. The word organization should be singular. Adam said Article 6 Section D should be voting members present, not peoples present.

Discussion:

Nick said he is glad that ACE members were able to give input and this will really help ACE thrive in the future.

92-0708, first of two readings, passed 4-0-2 with Diana and Jason abstaining.

93-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached By-laws of the Alliance for Community Enrichment (ACE).

First of two readings

Jason presented the new by-laws of ACE. Jason used AAC's by-laws as reference. The by-laws are necessary for ACE to function, and to be structurally stable. Section 1 is on ACE budget guidelines and how money should be requested and how it should be used. Section 2 is about logo and statement policy so it falls in line with the SA policy. Section 3 is on attendance. Section 4 defines bad financial standing if they do not go to meetings and section 5 is about how to make amendments to the by-laws. Section 6 lists ACE

voting members and organizations that are in ACE right now. It is necessary to put this in since ACE can be a growing organization and this gives new organizations an opportunity to join ACE.

Questions:

A representative from WAC asked for a clarification on Section 1 Part B, lower case b. She asked if giving approval to a request did not equal collaboration. Jason said SA feels that voting on something does not give it enough substance and definition to be a collaborative program. She said the way it was worded was not clear. Nick asked if there are any changes to the by-laws as well. Jason said the by-laws were looked over by the ACE groups as well. Section 1 B, appropriate use of ACE budget. He will insert language about the budget being used with some kind of contractual agreement. In ACE's constitution they have to have a contract between agent/performer and SA. The reason is that by SA signing the contract, they will be able to handle all the liability with the performer. This will take the liability out of the groups' hands. Language will be changed in section 1 letter C on limitations. Letter I, it was proposed that this clause have an effective date of next spring semester. Add "effective first day of classes January 2009". Section 1 C, Letter 3 a, remove "handed to the ACE chair". Section 2, letter A, number 2, capitalize the first letter of every word of "supported by mandatory student activity fees". Brendan asked Jason to get rid of three since it contradicts with financial policy. Section 3 letter b 1, the whole line will be removed. Section 3 c I, add "in writing". After first offense, they shall be given a warning by the ACE chair "in writing". Section 4 letter D, better wording will be added for next week on bad financial standing. SA language will be put in so it falls in line with policy. A representative from WAC asked if program could be within one event under section 1 c 1. Jason said we're trying to define how the ACE groups can get money for budgeted events or new events. He is more than willing to find new language so that it's clear but his intentions are when you say event you think of dinner, or shakti's Dewali, and program would be something smaller like a workshop with a performer brought in. Jarah asked why it will be effective January 2009. Jason said this was proposed by ACE as a compromise. The groups have agreed to come to SA for budget increases for their budgeted events. However, they are uneasy about having this sudden transition so this half year trial period was proposed to see how getting budget increases from SA goes. Jarah asked if there's any documentation saying they will be coming to SA. Jason said no there is not.

Discussion:

Vinita said Jason did a great job with the by-laws but she has some concerns about the mid year effective date. It will not be fair to groups that have dinners in the spring semester since some organizations have their dinner in the fall. She said that a compromise that changes how everybody functions midyear through is not effective. Jarah proposed to remove the effective date all together and change this immediately. They are more than welcome to come to SA for budget increases. This needs to come into effect immediately because it's almost as ACE has become some sort of extra funding source that other groups do not have. By having an effective date, all it is doing is prolonging the statement that all groups will have to follow. By changing this we can ensure that it will happen. If you're only doing it for half of the year, it will not be taken as seriously as it needs to be taken. When club sports realized that changes needed to be made, it was made effectively. Changing when it's going to happen is just prolonging the inevitable. The motion was seconded by Adam. Nick said he understands where Jarah is coming from but when SA attended the ACE meeting, we found it important to reach a compromise. The compromise will help ACE ease into that process. Jarah asked what exactly 6 months or 1 year is going to provide if change needs to happen. If it happens immediately, they will be doing the right thing. Michael said Jarah is correct and everybody will be new to the process but if it happens right in the fall, everybody will follow the policy. Jen said every other organization did not have a transition period and she doesn't understand why ACE can have that extra 6 months. Nick asked if any ACE members can explain why the extra time is requested. A WAC representative said ACE feels this was imposed by SA, and SA telling ACE what is best for us. Jarah said this is a change that is going to happen. Extra time will be detrimental in the end. Vinita said if there are requests for waiting time that's what everybody agreed as compromise. However she feels that a midyear waiting time is inappropriate. She said she hopes that nobody feels that this is being imposed and want it to be as fair as possible so all groups are getting to start at the same time. Jarah said other organizations are not given this opportunity. Extra money should be gotten from budget increases. Frankie said this is a little bit different because it's ACE. We are used to working with ACE and working in a certain way. Vanessa said the purpose of the turn over period is necessary. ACE groups were not part of the constitution writing and we need to get accustomed to going to SA. As far as comparing it to club sports, SA has had a connection to club sports for turn over. However before this year, Director of Student Affairs has never been to ACE meetings and SA exec does not come to cultural club meetings. How do you know how ACE groups and ACE is run? Trisha said there has been a lot of strong desire to some sort of compromise to maintain some sort of autonomy. We were told that nothing would change once we were put under Director of Student Affairs. That's why people agreed to be under SA. When the ACE group saw the degree of change, it was a shock and brought suspicion about SA. Acknowledgement of the tension going on between ACE groups and SA is necessary to have any sort of cohesion and good relations. Jarah said she is not saying this is changing the way ACE is run. The only thing that would be changed is that money you would go to ACE for you would request through SA by getting a budget increase. This does not change anything about the organization or collectiveness of the organization. SA is not saying ACE is not going to get the money. SA has a larger working budget than ACE. The representative from WAC said it's a subtle difference but some people in SA think a waiting period is useless but we see it as symbolic. We are already facing demands that SA put on us and Ahmed did not have any say in the constitution. ACE groups will come to SA eventually since we don't have a choice. Even if SA does not think this has a point, it is meaningful to ACE groups. Jarah said she understands where she's coming from and that it's meaningful to ACE groups. But every other organization follows financial policy. Trisha said she does not support having a waiting period but she does not think it's an insignificant thing to acknowledge the tension between ACE and SA. We need to have some sort of assurance that ACE is still going to be ACE even though everything is changing. It is still an imposition on ACE. Sam said the past 4,5 years ACE was separate. Shakti never had to charge people to come to Dewali but now we would have to charge people. Nick said Jarah did change his mind

about not having a transition period but we need to acknowledge that ACE is not necessarily happy. The process was not optimal. Danielle asked for some perspective from non-ACE groups. Jen said she understands where they're coming from but every organization has to do it and it's part of the financial policy. GSTV said that even if you decided to make it immediate, you need to address the tension and smooth it over. It does not have anything to do with this being effective immediately. Sam said since it's new, they are not sure how to request money from SA. But there is treasurer's training every year to make the process easy. Sam (from Shakti) said she feels that multicultural groups are being isolated in the MOSAIC room. We were promised scanners and computers. Nobody comes to the MOSAIC and we feel left out. Multicultural groups are forced to work together and everything is piling up and this change brought everything out. Trisha said all ACE groups know how to go for a budget increase but we feel that we will not get the same amount of support. Pride asked for \$900 from ACE to put on a big program and without that they would not have been able to put on that program. We will not be able to do what we want to do because there is no understanding between ACE and SA. The representative from MTC said this has nothing to do with Jarah's motion. He said he agrees with Jarah that they should have to abide by the rules immediately. The representative from WAC said there needs to be some ways to reconcile ACE/SA tension.

Voting on the motion to amend the reading, passed 4-0-2 with Diana and Jason abstaining. Vinita made a motion to make the effective date May 2009. She said this will provide a waiting period that will able us to address concerns. Also this will be fair to the organizations that have programming in the fall versus those that have programming in the spring. Diana seconded the motion. She said if there's going to be any waiting period, it should be a full year. But she added that she is not necessarily supporting the transition period, she is trying to stay neutral. Jarah said this needs to happen now. Jen said she appreciates wanting to have a symbolic something but it is not fair to the other clubs here. Vinita said this was a compromise brought up by Brendan to all the groups. They are still willing to come to SA for budget increases.

Voting on the motion to amend the reading, was not approved 1-3-2 with Vinita voting yes and Diana and Jason abstaining. Dean said in terms of ACE organizations dealing with SA, he proposed that groups bring concerns to Sarah, Danielle, and Dean himself to work out the problems so these issues can be addressed immediately and things do not get to this point next year.

93-0708, first of two readings, passed 4-0-2 with Jason and Diana abstaining.

94-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached Constitution of the Inter-Residence Council (IRC).

First of two readings

Vinita said she summarized the changes made in the agenda. She outlines the major changes. Article 3, duties of the exec board. Secretary will take minutes at the discretion of the chair. They removed a clause about taking minutes at the exec board meetings since the nature of their meeting do not require minutes to be taken. They added campus wide program as duty of the campus relations coordinator. The next big change is Article 6 election process. They moved the due date of letter of intent to Friday instead of Wednesday so people have more time to run and make sure everybody has a chance to look into the positions. They are also allowing any person to speak and ask questions of candidates not just the representatives. They made policy on campaigning more clear. They are not allowed to campaign. The last change is adding a statement that we agree to follow all SA policies and SUNY Board of Trustees, as well as NY and Federal laws

Discussion:

Nick made a friendly amendment to Article 6 section 1 to clarify that exception of member of exec board. Policies on petition, section 3 of article 8 IRC instead of we. Article 6 take out roman numeral 2. of article 8 IRC instead of we.

94-0708, first of two readings, passed 5-0-1 with Vinita abstaining.

95-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached By-laws of the Inter-Residence Council (IRC).

First of two readings

Vinita explained the changes. Section 1, A would be the first letter and 1 would be the first number. Section 4 B 1 outlined the way in which ad-hoc committees can be created. Ad-hoc committees are spontaneous student need based temporary committees. The Exec board decides if it wants to see a committee happen. But with the change, a majority vote of the general assembly can create ad hoc committees. Section 2 a2, changed the business due date to Friday rather than Thursday in order to accommodate Hall Council meeting times. They should all have met by Friday. Section 2 a2c, clarified the time period of when receipts for programs are due. Programs last for a week or longer sometimes and this defined a timeline. Section 2 A 3, the reading presenter will now be contacted Monday morning, allowing time for the Executive Board to meet because this is when readings are looked at critically. Section II C3, they took out the term "permanent supply" which is no longer defined in SA policy. They have also taken out the 'less than one year' durability limit that was on Permanent Items, so as not to leave it as the discretion of an arbitrary, immeasurable limit. Section III A 5, halls will now be put in Bad Financial Standing if they do not use appropriate logos. Section V, they changed their "Logo policy" to "publicity policy" and cleaned up the language to make it more relevant and clear. They also added information about electronic publicity.

Discussion:

Nick suggested some friendly amendments. Article II section 1 A 3 should say "If there is a problem with a reading, the contact person will be contacted." Section 3 B 1, write October 1, not 10/1 for clarity sake. Kate suggested that those reading the by-laws may not know what RC is so they should define it. RC is Residence Councils.

95-0708, first of two readings, 5-0-1 with Vinita abstaining.

96-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the Student Association Budget for the 2008-2009 academic year, with total expenditures of \$1,253,656.75, representing \$859,844.70 in mandatory activity fees and \$393,644.05 in other income generated from Student Association organizations and services.

First of two readings

Adam explained that the final number was calculated by multiplying \$85 times 2 semesters times 5109, next year's full time enrollees. This will total \$859,844.70. That number plus expected income generation will total \$1,253,656.75. Three individuals on the budget committee and Kate assisted Adam in creating this budget. He received budgets from each organization and interviewed every organization. Essentially, SA is increasing the funding that AC concerts can work with from \$75,000 to \$125,000 to increase the quality of acts.

Discussion:

Nick commended Adam and the budget Committee on putting in a lot of hours. It was a fair process and from the lack of appeals, most people are happy. Vinita asked about the budget 1417. She made a motion to restore Women's Ice Hockey's budget to \$540. Jarah seconded the motion. Vinita said they looked at this budget and thinks this is appropriate. Frankie said they were organized for a new group and she was impressed. They brought in a lot of money as a nonfunded group and they have already proved that they are worthy of this.

Voting on the motion to amend their budget, passed 5-0-1 with Adam abstaining.

96-0708, first of two readings, passed 5-0-1 with Adam abstaining.

97-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached By-laws of the Student Association

First of two readings

Brendan explained the changes made to the by-laws of SA. Page 2, asks for unanimous vote on financial policy changes so the rules do not change often and is consistent. Page 5, changes were made due to a court case, Board of regents Wisconsin v. Southworth. This was a case about point neutrality allocation. SA cannot refuse funds just because you are a republican. For example, if a communist organization requested funding, they cannot deny it on the basis of the organization being communist. It is unconstitutional. There were some changes to club sports on page 5. Page 10, changes on business affairs with Late knight funding. Page 12 outlines the encumbrance request. Page 14, bolded part is the change that was made. Line 15 is on memos on realignment. Usually, these do not require a reading but if the exec feels that it should be heard in a business meeting, it will become a reading. Bottom of page 16, any money raised that exceeds the income line can be used now. It used to be that only 50% can be used and the rest of it goes to the reserves. With this change, if an organization requests to use 100% of the excess income, they can do so. Page 17 clarified certain requests. Page 18, changes on meal plans of conferences. The meals will be raised to \$7 for breakfast, \$9 for lunch, and \$15 for dinner. Page 19 change requires the organization to go to talk to Kate within three business days of approval of conferences. Page 20 lists logistical change. Page 22 clarifies how funded organizations can request emergency money. Some unnecessary language was removed on page 24.

Questions:

Jen suggested that on page 16, since an entire line was crossed out, the letters in front of the clauses should change.

Discussion:

Nick said some good changes were made. There needs to be some issues that need to be flushed out but since this is a two week reading, we can do so. Tamara asked Brendan about switching the order of Investment Policies and Ethical Use.

97-0708, first of two readings, passed 5-0-0.

98-0708: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached AAC constitution.

First of two readings

Diana explained the big change. They removed two positions and combined them. This year, their e-board changed often. The Communications Director will be combined with Secretary. The President's Academic Cabinet will now be under the Vice Chair.

Questions:

Jarah asked if the board was going to comprise of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Diana said yes.

Discussion:

Vinita said this will be a great change. Nick said these are good changes and he is glad that they are keeping the President's Academic Cabinet.

98-0708, first of two readings, 5-0-1 with Diana abstaining.

Open Discussion

Dr. Kenneth Levison, Vice President for Facilities and Finance, spoke during open discussion about construction taking place this summer and the deteriorating budget situation. Seneca Hall and North Village Phase II, is under way. It is a 7.5 million dollar project. There have been complaints about the noise of the construction but there will be a quiet period during exam times. He apologized for any problems that were caused by the construction. Seneca Hall will be completed by November 2008. It is paid by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and the room rents. We will be replacing three roofs this summer. Onondaga roof for \$600,000 and Monroe and Ontario roofs for \$300,000 each. They will be completed in August 2008. The fire alarms in Onondaga, Wayne and Niagara will be upgraded to addressable fire alarms where the police will get an exact location of where the

fire alarm was pulled so they will be able to respond quickly. This will cost \$600,000. The laundry exhaust system in central and south quad will be replaced so the dryers will work more effectively and everything will be up to code. This will be completed by this August and will cost \$40,000. Union Plaza site improvements will be made for \$1.2 million dollars. The path from the main spine down to the bottom entrance of the Union will be completed by commencement and all the landscaping will be completed by July. Union/Sturges stairs will be fixed this summer. This project could not start until the front of the Union was open so there will be access. This will cost \$150,000. Upgrade of the air conditioning system for CIT in Erwin Hall will be made during this summer for \$165,000. Newton Hall infrastructure improvements will be made for \$2.5 million dollars. It will start this summer. We will be removing asbestos and improving handicap access to the bottom floors and bathrooms. They will be redoing the roof and the heating ventilation system for Newton Hall as well. We are hoping to do renovations on the classrooms in Newton if they have sufficient funds in the capital budget in the future. The renovations in Newton will be completed by January 2009. Saratoga Terrace's HVAC system which was not designed properly will be replaced this summer. This is a \$5.5 million dollar project. We have undertaken a lawsuit against the original designers to recover money for original construction and renovation. The heating/chilling plant for half of the townhouses will be built this summer and the other half will be done next summer. This renovation will not affect occupancy for the next year. We will also be reconstructing the Moench running track this summer. It will be expanded to an 8 lane NCAA competition track. This is a \$1.2 million dollar project. They do not have sufficient funds so they will be using some operating funds. This will be completed by October. The Letchworth fields will be reconstructed this summer as well. The fields were badly damaged over the years since graduation was held there. The fields are neither playable nor safe. Local money of \$35,000 will be used to renovate these fields. It will be completed by this summer. Welles hall window replacement will be completed in June. This is a 1.2 million dollar project. We have to negotiate with the preservation office. For three quarters of the windows, aluminum triple track windows were installed. The east side windows must have reconditioned wooden windows. Green Hall renovation is under way. This is \$11.5 million dollar project. Chemistry and Physics departments will be housed there and it will be completed in June 2009. After that, we will be renovating Bailey Hall. The Union sidewalk will be constructed. When we redid the drop off circle, they did not construct a sidewalk. With the new sidewalk, people will have a more direct passage up to the Union from Schrader. This will be completed in August. There will be a lot of construction all over the campus using a series of different funds totaling \$33 million dollars. Tamara asked if there was discussion about fixing the club sports intramural field by Onondaga. Dr. Levison said there wasn't. He has not heard anything about the field. Also that field has a grading problem and it may be better to find them a better place to play. Tamara said she is talking to McDevitt to address some concerns. Dr. Levison said the teams will be able to use the Letchworth fields once it is completed. The fields will be completely safe and very good looking. There will also be another field in middle of the new track once that is finished. We currently do not have estimates on fixing the Onondaga field since the issue has not been raised to his department and there is some pressure to go on with the all weather field stadium. Dean asked if the field in middle of the track can be used for as a varsity field. Dr. Levison said the field will be too small for NCAA regulations but it will be perfect for High School or intramural sports. When they were planning for the track, they asked sports consultants to get the state of the art track. A Pride Alliance member asked if anything was being done to make the buildings energy efficient. Dr. Levison said that's something we pride ourselves on. We have been a leader in that. Seneca Hall is being built with that in mind. We are looking into green roofs and investigating photovoltaic energy. We have investigated wind towers 5,6 years ago. We are also investigating bio mass and we try to have silver standards in all our buildings. A WAC representative asked if construction of Seneca Hall was part of the plan to have students stay on campus for three years instead of two. Dr. Levison said it is not since at this point, we cannot afford to put in that requirement even if we wanted to. Jason asked which side of the townhouse will get the renovation first. Dr. Levison said he was not sure but he assumes we are fixing the uphill side first.

Dr. Levison talked about the recent serious deterioration in the state budget. Governor Patterson said that next year in 2008-2009, there will be 10 to 12 % cut from agency budget and he is interested in putting expenditure caps on state agencies. Monday night, at 8pm, he got an email that plans for SUNY are far more draconian than what has been in the papers. SUNY's were cut approximately \$60 million in the state budget: \$38.4 million cut from operations and \$29.9 million utility money for the university. This means \$750,000 cut for us. This was an amount that we can deal with, with some belt tightening. However they want us to apply a university spending cap that would equal \$109 million dollars. That would translate to a \$9 million cut for Geneseo. That is 18% reduction for the campus on all funds. It would affect target expenditure reduction and \$2 million expenditure reduction on state purpose on top of the \$750,000. There will be an expenditure ceiling of \$5 million, which is a \$3.4 million reduction or 37%. It would mean all those areas funded by student fees will be restricted such as athletics, transportation, workout center, student tech support, and many other projects for greening the campus and campus safety would not be able to be done. Residence Hall budgets will have a \$2.4 million reduction of 23% which is a large portion in the DIRF budget fringe benefits and debt service. There will be major reductions in programs that are available to students on campus for which they're paying money and for which you deserve. The SUTRA account, which we run summer session out of, will not be able to run summer sessions if this goes through. We would have to make incredible reductions in facilities, faculty and other support services. If this goes through, we would have to put on a hiring freeze and this would affect 60 positions on this campus and many programs. Each campus is now submitting a list of what these kinds of reduction will mean to their campuses. The system administrator, the Chancellor, etc will be going to the governor and the budget committee to say what a wrong headed idea this is. Suffice it to say this is something students should be concerned about, something that pressure needs to be put on. This was supposed to be the year for higher education but we were disproportionately harmed. K-12 got \$1.75 billion additional and we have been cut \$60 million with another \$109 million spending cap potential. Put pressure on your Senators and Assembly people to say that you did not come to SUNY Geneseo to pay your tuition and fess and expect to get a 18-20% reduction in programs and services that you expected. We will not know the outcome for several weeks and we are fighting hard. You will see things in the papers in the next few weeks. Dr. Levison said that he wanted to inform us in general

and hopes that we will be as concerned as the administrators are about this. Dean asked if Governor Patterson was proposing this for 2008-2009. Dr. Levison said the budget affects us starting April 1, 2008 but if this goes through, it may affect us for the last quarter or starting July.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm. Thank you for coming and see you next week for the last SA meeting of the semester!

Respectfully Submitted,

Nobu Iwata

Recording Secretary