

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, Acting
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

MINUTES #7, Wednesday, September 19, 2007

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17	18-0708 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the permanent equipment surplus request of the Inter-residence Council, Account 1201 for the Dell OptiPlex GX 110 and the Macintosh Performa 631D. <i>First and only reading</i>
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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:

Nick moved to amend reading 17-0708 to read \$520.00 instead of \$600.00.

Approved 5-0-1 with Adam abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes

Tamara's name was wrong on the updates. It should be Kenney not Hurlburt.

The minutes were approved 6-0-0

Updates

President, Brendan Quinn updates:

Brendan is working on technical tasks such as writing up new documents, forms and making appointments. He stressed that if anybody has questions, issues, or comments about how the SA meeting is run, feel free to e-mail him. Also as the president of SA, he attends meetings that most students may not know about. He is on the CAS Board of Directors, College Council, Foundation Board of Directors, and meets regularly with Dr. Bonfiglio and Dr. Dahl. All students can contact these people by themselves but Brendan can serve as links between the administration and students so if there are any issues you want to raise, questions you want to ask, contact Brendan.

Vice-President, Jarah Magan updates:

12 Senator positions are now filled. There are still two positions open. If anybody is interested in becoming a student Senator, e-mail Jarah at savp@geneseo.edu for more information.

Director of Business Affairs, Adam Gross updates:

Adam and Kate ran the first of the two treasurer training sessions. It went very well. If any organizations forgot to sign in at the training session, e-mail Adam at sadba@geneseo.edu. Organizations that could not make it to the session on Tuesday must attend the next session on 10/3.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Vinita Mishra updates:

Vinita attended the Organization Expo and was glad to see so many people at the event. IRC is getting prepared for the regional conference in Ithaca and is accepting applications. Attendants of the conference will meet staff and students from other residence life in Northeast region and talk about environmental sustainability. The application is due on 10/26. If you are interested in attending the conference, e-mail gence@geneseo.edu. Brendan clarified that the conference can only be attended by those that live on campus.

Director of Public Relations, Chad Salitan updates:

Chad attended GEO's meeting last week. He said it was very organized and well run. He also attended the scholarship committee meeting. There is space on the back wall of the SA office for SA funded organizations to put up 8 ½ x 11 size posters.

Director of Academic Affairs, Diana Zuniga updates:

The Curriculum open forum went well. The next one will be in November. She stressed the importance for people to attend the open forum and voice their opinions and questions about the curriculum. There are still three positions open on AAC. If anybody is interested, please e-mail Diana.

Interim Director of Student Affairs, Jason Park updates:

The voter registration drive went well on Monday and Tuesday. He will be meeting soon with Geraldo Torres to discuss and finalize the menu for Intercultural Dinner. There will be another meeting for the Intercultural Dinner soon. The Off Campus Resource Guide will be going out soon.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Guy, updates:

There are open positions on AC and applications for them are now available. Applications are available outside of CU313. If you have any questions, contact Nick. Next week is Homecoming. Wednesday will be Window Painting, Thursday will be Lipsync, Saturday will be career connections breakfast and shopping cart competitions, and Saturday night will be Luna Negra performance which will be \$5 for students.

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

The bound copy of the results of the 2006-2007 audits are now available in Kate's office if anybody wants to take a look at it.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

She is looking for candidates for the All College Judicial Committee. The judicial committee hears cases on student misconduct. They are serious cases. You will be appointed by the president since this is an all college committee. You will serve as your schedule

permits. Tamara will send out an e-mail when a committee needs to be convened. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please e-mail Tamara at Kenneyt@geneseo.edu for more information.

Open Updates

Model United Nations updates:

Humza, from MUN, updated that there was a mini-model last Saturday. It was one of the most competitive mini models in recent MUN history. 12 chosen delegates and 4 officers will be going to the Georgetown conference.

Club Sports Association updates:

Jen, from CSA, updated that they had their first meeting last week. CSA is getting all the forms such as accident forms in. She will report back next week with schedules of upcoming games, etc.

Black Student Union updates:

Kathy, from BSU, said BSU and FARI will be hosting a forum on Friday, 9/21 at 7pm in the Ballroom. There will be a panel of students, faculty and staff discussing race, diversity and the campus community.

Japanese Culture Club updates:

Trisha, from JCC, updated that JCC will be having their "watermelon crushing" event next Wednesday during all college free. JCC's cultural dinner, Japan Knight, will be on 11/17 this year. They will be doing Iron Chef again.

Old Business

None.

New Business

17-0708

BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$520.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Student Music Association, Account 1604 as per the attached budget.

First of two readings

Jesse, from MSA, explained that MSA wants to increase their budget to \$520.00 from last year's \$150. MSA is a new but a rapidly growing organization. Jesse explained their budget. They want \$60 for duplicating purposes, \$200 per semester to bring in two speakers per semester. Last semester, MSA hosted two steel drum musicians Ted and Karen. MSA would like to bring in more speakers and inform students about different kinds of music in different cultures. Last semester, 30 to 40 people came to hear Ted and Karen speak about their experiences in Jamaica. The speakers will cost \$100 per speaker and two per semester will be a total of \$400. For the fall semester, they will have a Holiday Party in December for \$130. In the spring semester, they will have Original Music "Composium". Any student on campus can attend the event and perform their original composition. About 60 people showed up last year for this event. MSA would like to increase the budget for these events to \$130 for tech services, refreshments, decorations, etc. They will raise money for the income line through charging people for the party and the "composium". They are planning to charge \$1 to \$2. They are also planning to conduct a t-shirt fundraiser which many members have already expressed interest in. MSA is also planning to raise money by working as security for on-campus events.

Questions:

Chad asked Jesse how they decided the \$60 for the duplicating. Jesse answered that they decided the cost by looking at last year's costs for duplicating and advertisement for the holiday party, the organization, etc. Chad explained that SA funded organizations are entitled to 1875 free copies in the SA office and asked if that knowledge would change their duplicating line. Jesse answered that they would still need money for posters to advertise and pay for supplies. Humza, from Model UN, asked for an itemized list of the \$130 that will be used for the parties. Adam asked if MSA was planning to use the \$60 at the Welles Duplicating Center. Jesse answered that they will not use that fund entirely at the duplicating center. They will also use it for decorations and posters. Adam asked how MSA obtained the cost \$60 from costs of producing posters. Jesse said that information is not with him and that he can find out for next week. Brendan asked if MSA was going to use the SA graphics coordinator for the poster or if they will be using an outside source. Jesse said the posters will be made by their members or through SA, but he is not really sure at the moment. Brendan clarified that if an organization is using an outside source for graphics, they will need to come to SA to talk about contracts. Vinita asked if MSA had any possible candidates for speakers for this semester. Jesse said Dave, in MSA, has been in contact with local musicians such as graduate school students and local professors that are accomplished musicians. Tamara clarified that if MSA is going to be making posters by themselves with markers and poster boards, that cost will not be covered by a duplicating line. They would need a supply line in order to fund those supplies. Brendan asked for a clarification on how the \$60 was ascertained for next week and that SA graphics can be used.

Discussions:

Nick clarified that there will not be a show this semester where security is required. Jarah was concerned that since MSA is a relatively new organization that recently became SA funded, the amount of money that will be allocated to them is too much. She proposed to get rid of the duplicating line since the SA copier can be used free of charge and have one per semester instead of two. This way, MSA will be able to start small and have longer time to concentrate on their events and advertise better. Two speakers per

semester and a party may be too much pressure for a new organization. Adam said considering precedents, Jarah's comments are appropriate since new organizations usually have smaller budgets and that MSA is still a new organization under probationary period. Nick said that speaking from a programming perspective, advertising is very important and that a simple black and white copies can be boring. But he stressed that he would feel more comfortable to support the budget if he knew what the \$60 was exactly going to. Chad suggested that the amount of fundraising MSA plans to do is pretty ambitious for any organization and that they should cut it down. Jarah moved to amend the reading. She suggested getting rid of the duplicating line, having only two speakers and combining that line into an event line with \$200 and cut fundraising in half to \$100. MSA is a great organization but is still new. New organizations should start small and grow. Brendan clarified that the budget will be \$360 with the amendment; no duplicating line, an event line with \$200 for speakers, and \$100 for fundraising. Adam seconded the motion to amend the reading.

Discussion on the amendment:

Humza asked for a clarification. Jarah clarified that by eliminating the duplicating line, they will be encouraged to use the free copies from SA. Secondly, it would allow them to focus on their programming with two speakers per year and the two symposiums. Since they will have less events, they can focus more on publicizing and perfecting the events. Furthermore, since that would cut their fundraising source, it would not be fair to request \$100 from them so the fundraising line will be cut in half to \$100. Nick said that without knowing what MSA has planned for \$60, he is not comfortable getting rid of the duplicating line. Jarah said that MSA is still a new organization and it should follow precedents. Chad said that any organization needs duplicating beyond the allocated amount. He supports the amendment but said that the duplicating line should be kept. Vinita said that combining the speakers into an event line will achieve the goal of MSA having a smaller budget. Duplicating is necessary for a well attended event. She supports the amendment but not getting rid of the duplicating line. Adam said \$60 is not a realistic amount of money for posters for four events. Tom asked clarification from Adam. Adam said \$60 is not sufficient to produce enough intricate colored posters for the whole campus. MSA can use the 1875 free copies instead. Sean, from The Lamron, said that MSA can produce colored posters and strategically place the posters in places like Brodie where interested students will be. GSTV informed MSA that GSTV offers free color advertisement slides whenever they do not have a program on. Any SA funded organization can e-mail GSTV for advertisement slides. Jen, from CSA, wanted to know if they will be buying supplies or not. Jesse said he was not sure yet. Jen said if they need to buy supplies as well, their budget needs to be changed before this amendment takes place. Tom said that more information is needed before changing their budget. He suggested that SA should wait until next week when Jesse will have more information on how the money will be used. Jarah said that MSA is still a new club on probation and that their request is too large for a new organization. A smaller budget will help them and it will follow the precedents. MSA can prove themselves by perfecting their programs and ask for more money at a later time. Jesse said MSA proved themselves last year. They put on multiple successful events with their budget of \$150. MSA expanded quickly and their membership increased. Tom said MSA is technically in the 2nd fiscal year and many organizations have a line for duplicating. Sean agreed with Tom about waiting a week before changing their budget. Since this is a two week reading, there's nothing to lose by waiting for an itemized budget. Humza said since MSA is a new organization, they would need more proactive and better public relations. He's not sure how many glossy posters can be made with \$60 but the fact that they are trying different forms of advertisement is a good thing. Trisha, from JCC, asked if all \$60 will be going for duplicating. If they are planning to buy supplies and make their own posters they need a new line. Jesse said that \$60 will not all go towards duplicating and that it was improperly categorized. He said that MSA will need money to buy supplies as well. Trisha said if the \$60 is re-categorized, it might be too much money for supplies. Jesse replied that MSA will still need supplies for other forms of promotion, etc. Diana asked if promotional items would go under line 20 or not. Brendan clarified that it will still be under line 10. Alicia, from GEO, said that color copies are expensive and \$60 for duplicating is not ambitious. Adam said \$60 will allocate about 40 colored posters for the four events they have planned.

17-0708, voting on the motion to amend the reading, 4-3-0 with Brendan, Jarah, Adam, Diana voting in favor and Nick, Vinita, Chad voting against.

Brendan explained that since the vote was a tie, the president will decide. He voted in favor of the amendment since the proposed SMA budget is too high for a new organization. Other organizations have gotten a low budget when they were starting out. SMA should have the opportunity to come back and inform SA their priority and what they need. Brendan said SA can put the money back after seeing an itemized list from MSA next week. Jarah commented the amended budget is perfect for MSA.

17-0708, first of two readings, passed 6-0-0.

18-0708

BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the permanent equipment surplus request of the Inter-residence Council, Account 1201 for the Dell OptiPlex GX 110 and the Macintosh Performa 631D.

First and only reading

Sam, from IRC, explained that the IRC office in the basement of Monroe was redone last year. They also got new computers at that time and would like to dispose of the old computers that are not being used. GEO asked what happens to the old computers. Kate clarified that they will be placed in the SA office until the Rochester Recycling center pick-up can be scheduled. Jarah commented that it is good IRC is getting rid of unnecessary things.

18-0708, first and only reading, passed 5-0-1, with Vinita abstaining.

Open Discussion

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nobu Iwata

Recording Secretary