

# STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

State University of New York, College at Geneseo



## *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

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

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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:**

Brendan amended the agenda, moving updates before the agenda. The agenda was approved 5-0-1, with Adam abstaining.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Alicia pointed out that reading 21-0708's result was not there. 21-0708 passed 6-0-0. The minutes were approved 6-0-0.

**Updates**

**President, Brendan Quinn updates:**

Brendan is still accepting applications for positions in USAEC and Student Court. Applications are located outside of the SA office. He met with Dr. Bonfiglio, GEO, and The Lamron. He enjoyed the Homecoming Parade with Vinita. He has a College Council meeting on Thursday. Brendan, Chad, and Diana will be going to a meeting to look over the applications for the research and travel grants. On Friday and Saturday, he will be attending the Geneseo Foundation Board meeting which meets twice a year. He said that there will be a SA meeting as usual next Wednesday.

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

Jarah had a Senate caucus meeting. All of the senator positions have been filled and the meeting went very well. She also met with Jen from Club Sports Association to talk about the upcoming year.

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

Adam reminded the organizations not to forget to sign out after meetings. He ran the second treasurer training session on Wednesday. Some organization's budgets are frozen. GODA's budget is still frozen.

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

IRC picked delegations for the regional conference. They will be preparing for the conference in the coming weeks.

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

Chad visited The Lamron, AAC, and IRC this week. He plans to visit Big Brother/Big Sister and JCC in the coming weeks

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

AAC had their first meeting with the full board. AAC is planning their annual College Bowl on 11/3 at 10am in the Knight Spot. Sheets with information are located in the SA office. They will be taking applications starting next Wednesday in the SA office. It will be \$20 per team to apply. Teams are up to four people and 1 alternate.

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

The Intercultural Dinner is coming up in few weeks.

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

Homecoming events went very well. There are open positions on AC. If you are interested, please contact Nick

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

None.

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

None.

**Open Updates**

**Club Sports Association updates:**

Women's Ice Hockey lost 3-8 at U of R. They put up a good fight until the end. They also played in their new jerseys. Women's Ice Hockey has a new website with their information, <http://www.geneseo.edu/~wihc>. Cheerleaders attended the Homecoming parade. Men's Rugby won last week against Lemoine and Fredonia. Ultimate also had a game against Fredonia. Men's Water Polo had a scrimmage against U of R.

**Pride Alliance updates:**

Emily, from Pride Alliance, said Pride will be having an event, The Second Chance Prom, on 11/3 in the Knight Spot at 10pm.

***Model United Nations updates:***

Humza, from Model United Nations, updated that delegates came back from the Georgetown conference on Sunday. They received three awards. A delegate in the African Union, Outstanding Speaker in the French Imperial Cabinet, and a Best Speaker in the Japanese Cabinet.

***Latino Student Association updates:***

Francesca, from LSA, said that LSA is holding dance workshops in the residence halls. Times and locations of the workshops are listed on their bulletin board across from their office CU308. Their event is in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

**Old Business**

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*Second of two readings*

Kathleen came back with some changes and answers from last week. CAS denied the waiver to use off campus food. They did not change the items necessary. With CAS, the cost comes to \$1437.50. GEO requested to raise the amount asked to \$937.50. This cost is minus the \$500 large CAS grant that has already been approved. GEO also changed the location of the party to the Knight Spot since it is more party conducive than Newton. As for the involvement of off-campus students, GEO is planning to have a table in the Union and/or library to have interested off campus students to sign up with a residence hall. They will be considered as part of the residence hall. They will also post this information in "Whats-up" so off campus students can sign up through e-mail. As for the new laundry machines, Kathleen talked to Neil Blanchard of facilities. He says that on average, the new energy star rated machines uses half the electricity and half the water compared to an average of non-energy star rated machines. However, there is no way of knowing how much difference the new machines will make in the statistics since it has been in use for a short time. GEO will encourage northside students to only do full loads of laundry and line dry clothes. Answering Brendan's question from last year, Kathleen informed him that the college's electricity is supplied by Energetic. Energetic buys energy at fair market prices and uses RG&E lines to transport the energy. Therefore, the college pays both Energetic and RG&E for the electricity. If anybody needs more information on that, Kathleen has websites for both RG&E and Energetic.

Questions:

Jeremy asked why GEO measures the change in use of electricity and water, not what is saved. Kathleen clarified that that's what GEO does. GEO looks at the average of the past three years and usage per student. Then they compare that to the energy used per student during the contest and look how much energy is saved per student. Brendan asked if there is any way to look at how much energy is saved by the new machines and if there is any way to account for the change. Kathleen answered that the statics for September have not been finalized yet. They are still looking into it and if there seems to be a significant difference, they will look into it further and find a way to calculate the change and incorporate it into the contest. Vinita asked if GEO will be looking into it during the contest. Kathleen said that they will. Jarah commented that the cost of the request has gone up a lot and asked Kathleen if GEO was considering holding it off campus in the Interfaith Center. Kathleen said that they did not look into moving it off campus since the Interfaith Center requires money to use. Jarah answered that it's only \$50 and there's no regulation about SA funded organizations using the Interfaith Center. If it is held off campus, the cost of the event will be less than half. Brendan asked about the source of electricity and how GEO came up with the number of carbon dioxide which is not emitted into the atmosphere by saving energy. Energy in western New York is provided by a nuclear power plant and hydroelectricity. Kathleen answered that they calculated it last year. They looked at several sources and averaged the sources. On average worldwide, 1 kilowatt hour of electricity creates 1.5lbs of carbon dioxide. Nick asked if GEO was willing to move it off campus to the Interfaith Center to dramatically reduce the cost. Kathleen answered that they are not aware of the availability of the Interfaith Center. They would like to have the amount asked to be approved so that they will have the choice of going off campus or staying on campus.

Discussion:

Nick supports the program but he said that the request amount is too much right now. From a programming aspect, expecting 465 participants is a really optimistic number, 300 is a realistic number and still great attendance. Nick proposed to lower the cost by changing the number of expected participants of the party to 300 from 465. Then, the cost can be reduced to \$458 if held on campus. He moved to amend the reading to allocate up to \$609.51 so GEO will have an option to hold it off campus or on campus. Chad seconded the motion to amend the reading.

Discussion on the motion to amend the reading:

Kathleen says that they set the number 465 since they have to take in account Onondaga, the largest hall, winning. If there were not enough food for Onondaga, the contest will not be fair. Jarah said that the party will be in "honor" of the winning hall. She feels that 300 will be sufficient. Also, she stressed that this program is for all fee paying students and even if Onondaga does win, there is no guarantee of all of Onondaga coming to the party. Humza, from Model United Nations, said that the objective of the program is to encourage energy saving practices and asking any dollar amount will help towards that. However, he feel that it is better to be frugal since whether it be for 465 or 300 people this program is still a great program, there will be good presentations, and there will still be a

breakfast. Dr. Bonfiglio said that he is looking for students to serve on the environment sustainability task force. Brendan said that he already has some names but if you are interested in serving on the task force, contact him at [sapres@geneseo.edu](mailto:sapres@geneseo.edu). Dr. Bonfiglio said that the college supports conservation efforts. He nominated Steve, from GEO, for a SUNY wide award for unique and innovative programs. They won the award and it will be presented in New Paltz on 10/26. Alicia, from GEO, said that she feels comfortable reducing the number but she is not looking to move the breakfast off campus since many students will not attend if it is off campus. Nick asked if GEO is comfortable with reducing the cost to \$458. Adam clarified that they got that number by taking two thirds of the requested amount. Alicia made it clear that if it is held at the Interfaith Center, it will cost \$609.51 since they will be using off campus food and need \$50 to rent the center. Kathleen said that it would make sense for SA to allow GEO to have the breakfast on campus since CAS grant will not apply off campus. Therefore, it will be cheaper and better to have it on campus. Nick withdrew the motion to amend the reading, and made another motion to amend the reading to allocate \$458. Vinita seconded. The reading now reads, **21-0708** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$458.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Geneseo Environmental Organization, Account 1909 to fund the Electricity and Water Conservation Contest from 5 October to 30 November 2007.

Voting on the motion to amend the reading, passed 6-0-0.

Nick commended GEO for working with SA to come to a consensus and working hard to put on a great event. Jarah commented that she still thinks that the program does not incorporate off campus students adequately but appreciates GEO for making changes to their program. Trisha, from JCC, said that GEO is doing a great job encouraging competition and aiming for a bigger objective of saving energy. Humza commends GEO for their work. Diana said she is appreciative of the changes that GEO made and feels that 300 is a more realistic number.

21-0708, second of two readings, passed 5-1-0 with Jarah voting against.

### New Business

**22-0708** BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$539.50 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to Musical Theater Club, Account 1602 to purchase a rear projection screen.

*First of two readings*

Ed, from MTC, explained that this year's mainstage musical performance, Pacific Overtures is preparing for the show and getting the tech aspects set. They are requesting to buy a rear projection screen as permanent equipment. It will be 10' by 13', with a viewing area of 9' by 12'. Usually, a projector on the catwalk projects onto a screen but it ruins the atmosphere. A rear projection screen will improve the show and the pictures will be clearer. Once the screen is purchased, they can use it for future mainstage performances. Only professors and stage Tech crew will have access to the screen. The screen has an expected life span of a decade. They picked Applied Audio since they are located in Rochester and Steve Stubblefield can pick it up himself. A rear projection screen will raise the standard of mainstage performances and bring a more professional feel to Alice Austin Theater.

Questions:

Brendan clarified that since this will be purchased as SA permanent equipment it has to be kept with SA. This way, other groups can utilize it. Nick asked if MTC considered renting the screen. Ed answered that the screen will be needed for future performances. Nick asked if the screen is something that can be used often in the future. Ed responded that it will. Nick asked how it works and what can be projected. Ed explained that the image will be projected from behind the screen rather than from the front by a hanging projector which can ruin the atmosphere of the theater. Nick pointed out that Limelight is cheaper than Applied Audio. Ed explained that it's the same price but Limelight has a discount. However, with shipping, it will cost more than Applied Audio. Also, Limelight required the order to be made on Monday and since MTC needs to do two readings, they will not get the screen early enough to have it for rehearsals and tech week. Adam asked if Ed knew how much the shipping cost. Ed answered that he did not know but that MTC picked Applied Audio since it is located in Rochester and Steve Stubblefield can pick it up as soon as it is ready. Adam asked if the screen can be used as a regular projection screen. Ed answered that it could not be used that way. Diana asked if there was a warranty on the screen. Ed said that it did not. Jess asked if the screen will be taken care of by SA tech and SA tech is responsible for setting it up and protecting it. Brendan said that it will be for the most part. Aleni, from MTC, commented that that would risk damaging the screen since it had to be taken down and moved. She said that it will be safer in the theater and rolled up when it is not in use. Kate clarified that the other organizations on campus can use it free of charge if they go through SA Tech. The screen will be protected in a caged area in the Union. Brendan said that the permanent equipment purchased for Brodie tend to fall out of inventory and disappear. He also said that it is questionable to augment the technical aspect of the theater for a long term when SA funds only one show per year. Kate clarified that any recognized organization can use the screen for no charge but departments will be charged for the usage. Chad asked Ed to bring the shipping costs for next week's meeting. Humza asked when SA tech charges. Brendan answered that SA tech charges for hours that students are working.

Discussion:

Nick said that concern for SA is that they need to clarify that the permanent equipment is being purchased for MTC and not Brodie. Kathleen, from GEO, said that a big screen like that cannot disappear easily. She feels that it does not make sense to store it away and put it somewhere other than the theater. Aleni asked if departments can use the screen. Kate clarified that they will be charged but they can use the screen if they go through SA Tech. Adam commented that he felt that the request was coming from professors and not students. Ed clarified that MTC funds the mainstage musicals and just like MTC members do not pick the costumes, the screen is a necessity for the play. Jason asked why they were purchasing the screen now. Ed answered that it had to be bought through SA as permanent equipment and not just place a purchase order.

22-0708, first of two readings, passed 6-0-0.

## Open Discussion

Dr. Bonfiglio, Vice President of Student and Campus life came to discuss about what his department does, their goals, and some things they are working on currently. He is one of four vice presidents. He handles the student affairs aspect of campus. There are seven areas: Career Services, Counseling and Health Services, University Police, Athletics, Center for Community, Residence Life, and College Union and Activities. He has experience from other colleges and he has been working at Geneseo for nine years. His department has a full agenda but they are concentrating on two things this year, the strategic plan and campus safety. The strategic plan is a benchmarking process. They looked at fifty liberal arts colleges around the country that are highly regarded. They looked at their practices of multi cultural programs, residential programs, international student programs, etc. They are developing some ideas as to what and how they want to improve student life at Geneseo. They are trying to come up with a strategic plan with timelines and actions. As for campus safety and security, every administrator is looking at safety more closely after what happened at Virginia Tech. They are looking at technological aspects that can be improved to make the campus safer such as reverse 911, setting up 800 open telephone lines for crises, and placing security cameras around campus. These things are being talked about by a committee. One of their jobs is to plan for awful events so they are planned if it happens in the future. They spent a whole day talking about possible Bird Flu outbreak and how to deal with it. University Police has practiced shooting in case of a shooter incident. These measures can never be over done, and the campus needs to be prepared. There are several building projects going on. They are hoping that enough work will be done on the union patio before the weather gets cold. The new residence hall, Seneca, is being built between Ontario and Genesee and that is planned to be open January of 2009. Erie should be open in January of 2008. There will be a Geneseo Foundation meeting this weekend to discuss about a multi purpose athletic stadium. Aleni asked Dr. Bonfiglio if he can clarify all the emails sent about the stabbing incident. Dr. Bonfiglio replied that he is not able to elaborate on the incident since disciplinary records at the college are considered confidential. Federal government passed laws that make them confidential. When an incident like this happens, the Dean of Students is contacted and also Dr. Bonfiglio depending on the situation. There will be a disciplinary hearing on the incident and he hopes that disciplinary process will work and that those that should be held accountable will be dealt with accordingly. Aleni asked if safety was something that students should be concerned with since she has always felt safe on campus. Dr. Bonfiglio said that the stabbing incident was among students and that as long as students act appropriately, this is a generally safe campus. Administrators take measures to check poorly lit areas, and take many other precautions. Safety is a number one priority. Brendan asked about plans for the central quad residence halls and the prospect of juniors living on campus. Dr. Bonfiglio replied that they have met with architects to talk about the oldest residence halls on campus. However, before they take any buildings down, they need to build new ones, possibly near Steuben. They are also taking care of the air conditioner/heater problem in the townhouses. As for juniors staying on campus, that is President Dahl's wish. However as of now, there are not enough beds to accommodate all juniors to live on campus. Earliest this can be done, if President Dahl does make a decision to keep juniors on campus, is 2012. However that is just an estimate. Tom asked about the emergency alert system and what kind of messages would be sent through that system. He was concerned that if there is a shooting, the shooter will get the same message along all the other students. Dr. Bonfiglio said that there is a limit with technology and there is also an issue of purchasing these technologies with State's and students' money. There is a limit to how much information can be sent over a text message and they can't send out anything that would compromise confidentiality or investigation. According to Dr. Bonfiglio, the college has not decided to use the system. It needs to be tested and adjustments need to be made accordingly. Nick asked if the Division of Student and Campus Life is doing anything to push community and diversity. Dr. Bonfiglio said that they are focusing on turning the COPA into a multicultural resource room for diversity research, multicultural group meetings, etc. They are also trying to hire a barber that is experienced in cutting hair of African-Americans. This is the first full year that Fatimah Johnson is here. She has done a lot and some students will be going on a Frederick Douglas conference in Rochester. Alicia asked who was responsible for setting up an environmental sustainability task force. Dr. Bonfiglio answered that President Dahl signed on a statement on sustainability in higher education created by national higher education association. Included in the statement was to set up a task force. According to Dr. Bonfiglio, the college has taken many measures to be more environmentally conscious. They use energy saving light bulbs as well as energy saving motion sensors. All of the residence halls are on co-generation system and can use gas or oil according to price of these natural resources. Jess asked if with all the new residence halls, there is a worry of having empty beds. Dr. Bonfiglio said that Erie will bring 280 beds. This year, there were 90 triples and in January, Erie will be filled with new students. Last year they had students living in lounges. In the short term, the bed situation is in good condition but in fall of 2009, they may have to worry about having too many beds. However, administration is not increasing the number of students it is admitting. They may have to tweak that in fall of 2009. Humza asked if the administration was doing anything to create regional diversity since the school is entrenched in its region and many students come from Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo area. Dr. Bonfiglio said that his job is to serve students. One aspect that can be improved is how to cater to out of state students. They are planning to have one "go to" person for out of state students. They are also looking to improve transportation opportunities so students can get up to the airport more often. Also orientation needs to be changed since students living far away cannot come to overnight orientation during the summer. However, some legislators are opposed to admitting out of state students since Geneseo is a state institution and should be working on behalf of the tax payers. He finished by saying that if any student has any concerns, questions, etc they are all more than welcome to come talk to him. If there are areas that need to be improved, they will look at it and try to improve it if possible.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm. Have a great fall break and see you next Wednesday at 6:15pm as usual!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nobu Iwata

Recording Secretary