

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.

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Executive Committee

President:	Danielle Forrest
Vice-President:	Dean McGee
Directors:	
Academic Affairs:	Rebecca Coons
Business Affairs:	Dan Bach
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Katelyn Conway
Public Relations:	Amanda Dermady
Student Affairs:	Sarah Murtaza
Student Programming:	Patrick Oberle
Advisor:	Tamara Kenney

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Dir. of SA Programs,	
Personnel & Finances:	Kate Rebban
Administrative Assistant:	Nancy Chirico
Graphics Coordinator:	Kristen Fuest
Program Advisor:	Matthew Jordan
Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:18pm with all the members of the Executive Committee present.

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda Approved 6-0-1 with Dan Abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes were approved 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Danielle Forrest updates:

She attended interviews all weekend with the Provost Search committee. She met with Dr. Dahl to discuss commencement and the possibility of a Geneseo lobbying initiative in Albany. Dr. Dahl and possibly Dean Radosh will be attending the SA meeting next week to talk about commencement, and answer student questions. In anticipation of greater attendance at next week's meeting, we will be moving the meeting to the Ballroom.

Vice-President, Dean McGee updates:

Director of Business Affairs, Dan Bach updates:

He is creating a budget committee for the upcoming budget hearings. He will be appointing people, volunteers are welcome. Organizations must have submitted budget proposals to the DBA no later than February 11th at 4:30 PM- NO EXCEPTIONS. Organizations must sign up for a budget hearing time between February 11th and 13th before 4:30 PM- NO EXCEPTIONS.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Katelyn Conway updates:

Director of Public Relations, Amanda Dermady updates:

Director of Academic Affairs, Rebecca Coons updates:

They are currently planning their AAC Executive Board retreat and will hopefully be holding it soon. She sat at the AAC table during the Student Organization Expo today. They held their first PAC meeting today and it went very well. She will be attending the Chicago River North show this weekend along with some Late Knight events on Friday and Saturday.

Director of Student Affairs, Sarah Murtaza updates:

ACE is actively preparing for Winter Ball. Sarah will be attending the Limelight and Accents show River North Chicago this Saturday.

Director of Student Programming, Patrick Oberle, updates:

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

Not present.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

None.

Open Updates

Ultimate Frisbee- They conducted their first bottle and can drive on Sunday. They collected 1000 cans and bottles and recycled them to make \$50.

Model UN- They went to a conference in McGill last weekend. They had a great time and brought back the best delegate award.

Activities Commission- Winter Week is taking place on the 23rd. There will be activities all week. Watch out for What's Ups.

Mac's Place- Tomorrow night at the Knight Spot there is a free concert. Bands are coming from Portland and Albany. It will be fun. SMA is going to do a concert talk before they perform. Everyone should come check it out.

Lenny the Lime- River North Chicago is performing this Saturday at 8pm in Wadsworth. It is a fantastic show. Come out and support Lenny!

Dan- IGC is looking for people to rush. If you are interested, you can sign up on the website. It is worth a shot if you would like to explore the Greek world.

BSU- On Saturday February 14th, BSU is hosting a masquerade ball at the Knight Spot at 11 pm. Last Friday they had a Late Knight event which involved making masks for the event. Come single or come with a date just come to have a good time!

GEO- Vote Green! There are tables set up in the lobby where you can go pledge and vote green.

Old Business

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Second of Two Readings

Cory, the GM of the TV station, presented. Last week they came here to ask for a DVD Duplicator that would allow them to mass produce DVDs for events they have recorded. It would also allow them to give the DVD's a professional look as the duplicator allows them to put labels on their DVD's. The process is inefficient now as it takes forever. With the duplicator it is also less time consuming.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

51-0809: Second Reading passes 7-0-0.

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Rafi, the VP, and Dan, the President, presented. Last week they asked for a budget for their organization. They need \$60 for office supplies, \$90 to start a film series and \$50 for speakers. That adds up to a total of \$200 minus the \$50 they have from fundraising.

Questions: None

Discussion: Dan said he would like to see new organizations on campus and wishes them best of luck.

520809: Second Reading passes 7-0-0.

New Business

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First and Only Reading

Lee, from AC, presented. They are asking for money for Siblings Weekend. This year they are having new events that allow food and decorations. There is no line in their budget for these things as yet. This is the reason they have introduced a new miscellaneous line, so they can try out new ideas. This is not a permanent solution but they are looking for ideas and since budget hearing are around the corner they thought they would ask now.

Questions: Dan asked what kind of food and items are they looking at. On Saturday they have a dinner and a movie planned in the ballroom along with subs and bread bowls. There is a desert party on the Green with cookies and brownies. Finally, they have a send off brunch on Sunday which includes coffee, bagels, etc. Dan asked how they managed to cut out \$500 for the brochure. They downsized on their paper and this year they are hand making the programs.

Discussion: None

53-0809, first and only reading, passes 6-0-1 with Pat abstaining.

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Sponsorship

First and Only Reading

Lee presented once again. They are also having Winter Week which is coming up in 3 weeks. Winter Week consists of Winter Ball, an Art Gallery showing, Lip Sync, Window Painting, etc. They will provide cookies and water to keep people entertained.

Questions: Tom asked what are last minute items? They consist of markers, tape, etc. Things you wouldn't expect. They don't have a decorations line as yet.

Discussion: Shedia asked if this meant that AC will be providing the paint used on windows or will the groups bring their own? They are currently moving their budget around so the groups would have to bring their own.

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CEC's budget was frozen so there was a motion made to table the reading until next week.

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Will and Beth presented. They are adding one more conference in their budget for this year. This will not happen every year as the conference takes place every other year. It is a Eurogroup conference held at Canisius College in Buffalo. The conference is usually held in Europe. It consists of people picking different organizations of the EU and competing against each other. It is from April 2nd-5th. The Political Science Department always sends delegates but it is hard for them to send people this year due to the budget constraint. They are asking for dues, hotel stay with breakfast and parking fees. The money will be paid in a lump sum so there are not many check requests.

Questions: Tom asked if there is an event brochure and how different is it. There are a set number of schools that take part from Western NY and Europe. It is different in that respect. Other conferences also deal with the UN while this one is strictly devoted to the EU. They are not asking for this to be put in their budget as every other year it takes place in Europe.

Questions: Katelyn said there were only a couple of people on the list and asked if there was a definite list. February 5th is when the applications are due so they will have an answer by then.

Discussion: None

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Yolanda, the President of GEO, presented. She gave a brief background on Power Shift. It is being held on February 27th-March 2nd in Washington DC. They went in 2007 from November 2nd-5th at UMD. The first year they went it was a nationwide youth conference. This year they have over 50 people registered. There has been a tremendous increase of student interest. There are workshops held there along with lectures. It is a great way to learn new strategies for making the campus greener, networking and living better.

Questions: Dan said that one of the attendees that is listed has graduated. That is an issue as they are not students. They spoke with him but they didn't understand how that worked. The person would be just substituted as registration is still open. Becca said that he was a designated driver so is that replaceable as SA will not be able to fund for the gas. Amanda said that SA is giving only \$2500 so is the rest given out of pocket? Yes, the rest is covered through individual sponsorship.

Discussion: Pat said it was a successful conference last year and is glad it is going on again.

57-0809, first reading passes, 7-0-0.

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Vivian and Mike presented on behalf of the Senior Class. The basic overview of it is that there has been a budget cut and the school is unable to fund as much as they did for graduation. The ceremony has been moved to the Ice Arena in two separate sets to fit all the guests. They are asking for extra funding. They would like to make graduation a nice one. They are looking at purchasing items which can be passed down to other classes for their use. The first item they are looking at is banners for the stage. It is a plain stage and they would like to decorate it with Geneseo's Values banners. There are seven of them. They are looking for more quotes from other companies but what they have from Fastline is \$241 for each banner. They haven't decided which vendor to go with. One is cheaper but so is the fabric they use. Another thing they are requesting are fern plants for the stage as all it will have is audio equipment. The plants, when not used, will be kept in the green house and taken care of. They did talk about flowers but then took into consideration about passing them down as they cannot be passed down. They made a lot of changes from last week. The administration gave them a lot of concessions of which they are not asking for SA's help. Each item they are asking for now can be passed down and used by other classes.

Questions: Tamara asked if they foresee the need to request more. They have everything they wanted. It was just about asking who they needed it from. The administration helped them out a lot. Amnesty asked how they will keep the plants alive. They will be kept in the ISC greenhouse and taken care of by Facilities. Pat asked what was the reason behind not looking into artificial plants? They are not as cost effective as they received quotes from vendors. You also have to pay for someone to design them. Geo said they were happy that they did not choose artificial plants as they are not good for the environment. Katelyn asked if taking care of the plants had

any cost. It does not. Dean asked that after their conversation with Andrea, are they presenting these changes because it will make a big impact or was it because of the monetary issues? Well the Ice Arena is plain and the banners and greenery will make a difference and a good addition. Andrea showed them pictures of what it would look like without those things and the items make a significant difference.

Discussion: Katelyn said that everyone on the SA Executive Board is looking for feedback. They would really like to hear something from you. Graduation was in the ice rink up to 10 yrs ago. There was a time where graduation was held without all this. Is it worth it to purchase all this? Mike said that they did have a lot of other things but they got rid of them when the setting changed. Rafi said there were many improvements made from last week. Plants and banners will look good as well as be beneficial for later grades. Amnesty thought the seniors were making a persuasive argument. Womens Ice Hockey appreciated the hard work that was put into this. It is a neat idea and silk flowers are nothing compared to real green plants and they are happy they are using green plants. They are happy the senior class brought the cost down and is making the sacrifice for everyone else. Tom Johns asked if the money included set up? Yes it does. He also asked why the banners cost so much? It is an up to amount to make the design and hang them up. The cost is likely to go down as they are going to take the time to investigate each company. Dean said that they have asked people to state an up to amount just to be on the safe side. Shakti asked if it was feasible to put plants around buildings so they can be used again and again. Mike said that was the whole reason they are going to be kept in the greenhouse and taken out when needed. Pat added that this is setting a principle as many SUNY schools do not do this. This is a precedent for future events. Does anyone think this isn't a good idea? Womens Ice Hockey asked what big scale event like graduation do you foresee? Pat said it could result in SA contributing to commencement again. Tom asked that when they met with the administration, why the plants and banners were not taken care by them if everything else had been. Mike said they fought a lot and the reason the costs went down tremendously but a problem is that the budget for graduation is not set as yet. Also, about the precedent issue, other SUNY schools, especially Brockport, have their diploma covers covered by SA. That costs \$3000. While we may set forth a precedent, it is not relevant to other SUNY schools. Katelyn said that this is a two week reading and if you do not have anything to say now, bring it to the next meeting. SA Exec is voting for everyone. Becca said that no one likes to be that one person who is against this, but if you are, come to us and we will be your voice. Amnesty said they had a problem with this when it was a large amount but now it is acceptable. Vivian said that the senior class has given over \$8000 in terms of activity fees. Amanda said that the mandatory fee people pay is used by everyone. It is not just sitting there. Vivian and Mike appreciated the Executive boards help and thanked them for dealing with all this.
58-0809, first reading, passes 6-0-1 with Pat abstaining.

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Nick presented. They are asking for permission to conduct a fundraiser to support efforts of another member. They are going to sell carnations during the week leading up to Valentines Day. On the morning of February 14th they will drop them off anonymously or from other people. This will help spread the word.

Questions: Will they deliver to off campus students? In that case, they are not sure of their drivers. They will set up a time in the College Union where they can come pick them up and bring them to off campus students. Tamara asked if they had permission from CU&A to do this and yes they do. Pat asked if they ordered the flowers in advance. They have no firm commitment as they were doing roses but that was expensive. They have an estimate as they did not order anything as yet. Katelyn asked when they will pay for the flowers. When they pick them up, that way they will have a fixed number of flowers to give to the florist by the end of the week.

Discussion: None

58-0809, first and only reading, passes 7-0-0.

Open Discussion

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Haleema Murtaza
Recording Secretary