

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
State University of New York, College at Geneseo



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

MINUTES #26, Wednesday, March 11, 2009

<i>Executive Committee</i>	
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
<i>PROFESSIONAL STAFF</i>	
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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93 ***Adjournment***

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm with all the members of the Executive Committee present.

Approval of the Agenda: Reading 77-0809, the amount changes from \$5,000 to \$6,000 and reading 76-0809 the amount changes from \$6000 to \$10,000. The agenda was approved 7-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes: Tom Buneo did not say “you cannot justify the work of the sub-committees.” In fact he said the exact opposite. The minutes were approved 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Danielle Forrest updates:

She met with Dr. Bonfiglio today. She met with Marilyn Moore, the Athletic Director, to discuss use of an alternate field for the Rugby team. She went shopping for promotional items with Amanda. She attended the Leadership Conference and it was amazing. She spoke with the Governor's representative about moderating tomorrow. She attended the CAS Board of Directors meeting. The deadline for the President's Outstanding Achievement Awards for Campus Organizations and the GOLD Outstanding Advisor Award is Monday, April 6. The applications and nomination forms are available on line by going to the GOLD website and clicking the appropriate bullet under Leadership Opportunities.

Vice-President, Dean McGee updates:

This is probably the most important time of the year to have your concerns about SA or the administration heard. The new SA board will have summer meetings to plan out their agenda for the year and it should include your concerns. He would like to be able to pass on a list of things to them to try and accomplish

Director of Business Affairs, Dan Bach updates:

Budget Review Committee finished the first draft of the budgets. They will be meeting again to draft up more changes.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Katelyn Conway updates:

She attended the Leadership Conference this weekend. She met with Dr. Bonfiglio. She will be attending the Governor's speech tomorrow. She will be attending the Mini No-Frills Conference next weekend. Have a great spring break!

Director of Public Relations, Amanda Dermady updates:

VOTE IN THE REFERENDUM. MARCH 27-30. Every two years a referendum is held to determine the status of the student activity fee. This means that students vote to decide whether to keep the student activity fee mandatory or not. The fee funds organizations and their budgets, events, trips, and services that enhance student life on campus. The Referendum will be held from March 27-30. Vote to support student life on campus! This past Saturday, Student Association held their first Student Leadership Conference with members of student governments from colleges in the surrounding area. It went really well and hopefully will continue next fall!

Director of Academic Affairs, Rebecca Coons updates:

She helped to facilitate the Albany Lobbying trip yesterday and it was phenomenal! She will be assisting with the send off for the Vacation Buses this Friday night. She helped briefly with the SA Leadership Conference set-up this past weekend. She will be helping out as an usher for the Governor's meeting tomorrow.

Director of Student Affairs, Sarah Murtaza updates:

Director of Student Programming, Patrick Oberle, updates:

He met with the Smoking Policy Committee and attended the Leadership Conference.

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

None.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

SA hosted the 1st Annual Student Government Leadership Conference on Saturday, March 7, 2009. We hosted student leaders from Robert's Wesleyan, Genesee Community College and Brockport. No Laugh Track Required performed and they were fantastic! We hosted 6 workshop sessions presented by: Kim Harvey and Kevin Hahn - Residence Life, Joe VanRemmen - University Police, Matt Jordan - Program Advisor and Rob Taylor, and Mark Scott, the Executive Director of CAS. Chip Matthews was our keynote speaker and he gave a great talk on Ethical Leadership. Jess Resnick and Dan DeHollander, from IRC, began the day with some fun and interesting ice breakers. Thank you to all of the presenters. We are in the process to planning next year's conference for October 3, 2009. She attended the BSU dinner on Saturday, March 7th. It was wonderful. The food and entertainment were phenomenal! Congrats to all members of BSU. She will be hosting the final Hazing Workshop of new members of club sports on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in Newton 204. All new members must attend. Failure to attend could result in budget's being frozen. She hopes everyone has a relaxing and SAFE Spring Break.

Open Updates

Women's Ice Hockey: They finished the season with a winning game. They won 2-0. They also volunteered with young girls and skated with them. They had a good time.

Dan Bach: Last week the meeting was long and people left early. This week if the meeting runs late, they cannot leave. You need to sign out and if you do not it will be detrimental. It is important to stay until the end as the issues being discussed are important.

Old Business

76-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$10,000.00 from SA Reserves, Account 4000 to Budget Increases, Account 1099 for future budget increase requests.

Second of Two Readings

Dan presented and to give a quick synopsis, he moved it up to \$10,000 after Sarah moved her reading up to \$7,000. Currently there is \$1,600 in the Budget Increase account and if readings pass, it will almost be finished. Putting in this money will replenish the account and leave money for future readings.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

Second of Two Readings passes 6-0-1 with Dan abstaining.

77-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$6,000.00, from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Alliance for Community Enrichment, Account 1002 to replenish the ACE drawing fund.

Second of Two Readings

Sarah presented. As mentioned last week, the ACE budget is near depletion. ACE is working hard to work towards collaborative programming. The reason for the \$7,000 increase is because KASA and JCC would like to bring in a comedian. It would cost around \$3000 and WAC would like to bring in a speaker for \$2000. Also, BSU would still like to do their fashion show along with the Shakti, KASA, LSA and BSU fusion piece.

Questions: None

Discussion: Becca said she was impressed with the ACE groups for putting up good programs.

Second of Two Readings passes 6-0-1 with Sarah abstaining.

78-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$500.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Musical Theater Club, Account 1602, to pay for pit performers for MTC's Spring Revue.

Second of Two Readings

Deborah the treasurer from MTC presented. They are asking for \$500 to pay for pit performers for the spring. \$250 would be for the pianist Meghan Reynolds, \$100 for Kevin Fan the Key Board Specialist, and \$150 for the drummers, Jesse and Nate. Last semester they projected to make \$7,500 from the Main Stage Musical but they only made \$5,600. That is not enough for the Spring Show. Next year they are planning to raise the ticket prices to avoid these issues.

Questions: None.

Discussion: None.

Second of Two Readings passes 7-0-0.

New Business

81-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$30,000 from SA Account 4000-Discretionary Allocation Fund to support the Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant program.

First of Two Reading

Patty Hamilton Rogers presented. She works in the College Alumni Relations Office. The Geneseo Foundation Travel Research Grant has been supported by the Student Association since 1988. This year was the record year for applications. They funded 154 grants. They usually fund 100 but this spring, the applications were more than year round. They are asking for \$30,000 this year for unrestricted funds. The current grant is \$100 but they would like to increase it to \$150. Grants being fully funded could be doubled. Questions: Dean asked if the scholarship and research grants could be worked together. They could be but it would be a long term process. There would have to be a big endowment. Dan asked what the reason was for such a successful year of applicants and if it would continue to next year. Hopefully it will continue to next year.

Discussion: Pat thought it was a great service considering the budget cuts the college is facing. This allows students to travel and do research. Dean agreed with Pat and wanted to know if there could be a way of knowing about the process of endowing scholarships. Becca said as one of the students on the committee she got to see the proposal be put together and the amount of work that goes into it. It is an incredible program and she is proud to be a part of it.

First of Two Readings passes 6-0-1 with Becca abstaining.

82-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Allocate up to \$40,000.00 from SA Account 4000, Discretionary Allocation Fund to support the Student Association Merit Awards Program.

First of Two Reading

SA set forth the goal of funding the SA Merit Scholarship Program in 1996. The annual endowment is \$30,000 and in the past there was enough income from the endowment within the foundation to fund \$10,000 on an annual basis. The endowments are not performing this year so they have asked for \$40,000; \$30,000 would go for the endowments and \$10,000 to fund the program. There are other options and ways to allocate the money. This was just the best one.

Questions: Dan asked what the advantages of allocating \$40,000 would be rather than \$30,000. The goal is to reach \$200,000 in endowments and there is a spinoff of 5%. With the extra \$10,000 they would still be able to fund the scholarship program. Dean asked if the full amount was not given, would the money go back into the endowment. He asked if it could be transferred. It can be made to happen if need be. Nick, from Amnesty, asked how many people apply and how many people get it. They are redrafting the application for students. Not many apply but it goes to deserving students. Last year the money they did not give out went into the endowment. Dean said this scholarship is not about academics but rather leadership, service and diversity. Pat said the minimum GPA for this award is 2.7 but if it is higher it is taken into consideration.

Discussion: None.

First of Two Readings passes 7-0-0.

83-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the budget realignment request by Cheerleading, Account 1404, to realign \$880.00 from Line 20, Subline *New York City Competition*, to a new Sub line, *Empire Championship* to pay for registration fees for a competition in Rochester, NY.

First and Only Reading

Erin, the co-captain, presented. They are switching their competitions. Every year they go to NYC and this year the conference was moved to NJ. They would stay at other girl's houses in NYC and no one lives in NJ so they decided to switch to a competition in Rochester. This way it is a change in the setting and family members can come and see them.

Questions: Kate asked when the competition was. It is on March 29th.

Discussion: None

First and Only Reading passes 7-0-0.

84-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request by IRC, Account 1201, to collect \$150.00 and used c.d.'s for Musicians on Call (Mini-No Frills focus project) on the 12th and 13th of March.

First and Only Reading

Katelyn presented. The Mini-No Frills conference is in Connecticut next weekend. Every conference has a focus project they help raise money for and this year it is music on call. They collect old CDs for people in hospitals. It is a last minute push as people are leaving for break. IRC will be tabling in the Union the next 2 days so if you have any CD's to donate please stop by. You can also donate money. Depending on how much money they get, they might purchase used CD's from a store.

Questions: Becca asked if the original case was needed. As long as it is in a protective covering and not a burned CD it was fine. Kate asked if the money that was donated was to be put into the IRC account. Katelyn said no it was going to be taken to the conference and donated.

Discussion: Dan asked if there is any way to put the money into IRC's account. As long as it is done in time, they have no issues. Kate said for a fundraiser the money always goes into the account and then it is donated. Tamara also said to check with the campus radio station to see if they want to donate any unused CD's.

First and Only Reading passes 6-0-1 with Katelyn abstaining.

85-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$1,927.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Inter Residence Council, Account 1201, to fund registration fees for the NACURH conference at Arizona University on the 22nd through the 24th of May

First of Two Readings

Mary and Jessica presented. They are asking for \$1,927 to send 9 delegates to Arizona for a conference. It is a chance to get Geneseo's name out there. They hosted the Sub-Regional's and are going to the Mini-No Frills next week. With sending 9 delegates to Arizona they will be headed to the Nationals.

Questions: Dan asked if it is a tradition to send delegates to this conference and it is. The NRHH delegates pay for themselves. Dan asked what the reason for the increase was. They are travelling by air and the regionals and minis took more money than they had expected with fees going up. Therefore they asked for more. It was \$400 per person this year. What were last year's estimates? It was around \$350 but they flew out of Buffalo to Oklahoma. If it is cheaper they will fly out of Buffalo again. Tamara asked if they factored in baggage and they have not as it depends on the airline.

Discussion: None

First of Two Readings passes 6-0-1 with Katelyn abstaining.

86-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$742.00 from Discretionary Allocations Fund, Account 4000, for the purpose of purchasing sporting equipment per the attached list to be placed in the College Union to be rented out to students.

First of Two Readings

Amanda presented. Dean and Amanda are excited about instituting new services. They want to buy a bunch of sports equipment and let students rent it out. When it gets nice out people want to play outside with their friends. The process will be to give your ID card and sign it out like you would a laptop. They have talked to Chip and have his permission. There is not much space down at the concierge desk so they are also purchasing storage bins to put the stuff in.

Questions: Joe, from IRC, asked if they knew the Workout Center does same thing. He didn't know how much they have. He's pretty sure they don't have whiffle bats and Kan jam. Dean- thought about this. Dean feels the Workout Center's schedule varies. With having things at the Union, it is more convenient for students. Pat asked if they would buy a pump to inflate balls. There is already a pump at the desk. Erika, from AAC, asked if there would be a fee for damaging the equipment. The stuff isn't that expensive so it depends on what has been done. It will be handled on a case by case basis. Joe said that is also a problem at the Workout Center and he recommends something be done about it. Shedia, from BSU, asked if students who live off campus have access to the equipment. As long as you have a card you are good. David, from LSA, said they need to have more than 2 baseball gloves as people are right and left handed. Dean said he would definitely look into that as they did not even take that into consideration. Abby, from JCC, said it was a good idea and they should also look into getting more tennis balls as 4 might not be enough.

Discussion: None

First of Two Readings passes 6-0-1 with Amanda abstaining.

87-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the 2008-2009 Stipend Review Committee's Stipend proposal for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Academic Year.

First of Two Readings

Dean presented. This proposal is different from last time. He crossed out the third rationale. He addressed concerns that came up last time. This is what he should've presented. This was the actual recommendation of the committee. The number one important rationale is if the leadership position prevents you from holding an outside job or if it is financially detrimental. They focused on the bottom 2 tiers. A lot of positions on the bottom 2 have never been stipended in the past. They went through each position and decided which one fit. They also thought of the idea of no stipends for anyone. That was the only way to keep everything equal. He didn't feel comfortable in doing that. Second, that would shirk the duties of the Stipend Review Committee. This is what they came up with in the end. It is up to the board now to accept this or fail it.

Questions: Becca asked if last week's appeal system is still in place. There is still an option for positions to receive a stipend after the committee discusses the rationales. Joe, from IRC, said he likes this proposal way better than the other one. He had a question about Tier 5 though. Why is there 2 hours given when there is no need for the full 2 hours of work? It is to have a uniform system and its easy. They tried to come up with the fairest way possible and this seemed to be it. In terms of office hours it seems like everyone does more work than listed. Dan said it is just as it was before. It is just easier if it is stated this way.

Discussion: Jessica, from IRC, said she loves the new proposal but as one of the current National Conference Coordinators she would like to amend the 2 hours to 4 since they sit 3 right now. Pat said that these office hours are treated as a bare minimum. People can sit more.

First of Two Readings passes 5-0-2 with Dean and Dan abstaining.

Open Discussion

Referendum:

Amanda presented and she hoped everyone knew what the referendum was. It is held every two years to determine if the student activity fee stays mandatory or becomes voluntary. That money goes to SA and SA gives it to organizations. It also goes to the Standing Committees, Late Knight, Concerts, Gold, Travel Grants, Upstate Escapes and other new services. You vote by logging onto Knightweb and clicking "Answer a Survey". It is going to be held March 27th-30th. It is at the same time as the SA executive board and class officer elections. Tamara asked if the fee would stay the same and it will. Please bring this back to your organizations and encourage everyone to vote.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Haleema Murtaza
Recording Secretary