

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm with all the members of the Executive Committee present.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved 6-0-1 with Dan abstaining.

Approval of the Minutes: Kate said that in the Open Discussion part, she did the candidate speeches. It seems like Haleema did it but she stopped right before the Open Discussion. The minutes were approved 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Danielle Forrest updates:

She has been to interviews for the CAS GM of Dining Services. She has been attending video interviews with Provost Candidates. She has met with the Bookstore search committee. She went to the Shakti dinner, and it was amazing.

Vice-President, Dean McGee updates:

Please use SA as a resource for student advocacy.

Director of Business Affairs, Dan Bach updates:

He met with Cheerleading and the Budget Review Committee.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Katelyn Conway updates:

She met with Dr. Bonfiglio to discuss the increased room rates for next year. Doubles are increasing by \$140, bringing the total to \$3,000. Designated Singles are increasing by \$170, bringing the total to \$3,180. Superior Singles and Townhouses are increasing by \$170, bringing the total to \$3,380. Modified Doubles (Triples) are increasing by \$110, bringing the total to \$2,620. On average, the increase for Geneseo is 4.25%. The average increase for SUNY as a whole is 5%. IRC hosted Coffee Talk on Friday and it was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who came. She helped out with NRHH interviews. She attended the SA staff meeting. IRC will be hosting rollerskating and an ice cream social in the College Union Ballroom on Saturday from 10:00pm-12:00am for Siblings Weekend. IRC will also be hosting Party for Autism Speaks on Saturday from 6:00pm-6:00am in Holcomb Gym. They will be holding elections for the National Communications Coordinator positions on Monday, April 6. Letters of intent will be due to my mailbox on Friday, April 3, at noon.

Director of Public Relations, Amanda Dermady updates:

Director of Academic Affairs, Rebecca Coons updates:

She attended the AAC Executive Board retreat this weekend and it went incredibly well. AAC hosted the 'Seo Bowl trivia tournament which was well attended and everyone had fun. Congratulations to the winning team: J.A.M.S. and thank you to the entire AAC Executive Board for all of their hard work. She will be attending a leadership conference at RIT this weekend. She attended a meeting with the General Education Committee this past week. Lastly, letters of intent for the AAC Executive Board are due by noon on April 10th. Elections will be held on the 14th.

Director of Student Affairs, Sarah Murtaza updates:

ACE has started revising their constitution and by-laws and she is going to meet with Kristen regarding the website.

Director of Student Programming, Patrick Oberle, updates:

Applications for AC positions are now available outside the AC office. Please apply if you are interested. Tickets for the concert are available and are selling fast. This weekend is Siblings Weekend and Kaba Modern, the last Limelight and Accents show of the semester.

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

None.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

The last Anti - Hazing Workshop was held last night. We had great attendance for 4 sessions. Thank you all for your cooperation and attendance. The RIT Leadership Conference is this Saturday, April 4th. SA Merit Award applications are available on the SA website and at the office.

Open Updates

BSU: They are hosting their annual fashion show on April 25th in the Ballroom. It is going to be called "Instinct: The 5 Senses of Fashion" Doors open 5:30pm and they start at 6pm. Sunday and Tuesday are interest meetings for the models. They will be advertised in the Union Lobby when and where it will be, so look out!

Becca: The GOLD website is now Live. It is an improvement from the one before. They have been working with Kristen since 2007 to get it started and it has finally been launched.

Old Business

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Second of Two Readings

Abby and Kai presented. They were asked to contact their other advisor and he cannot go as he has small children. Also, Kai has kept a check on hotel rates. If the reading is approved, they will still be able to have the 10 rooms in the hotel they were hoping for. They still have 27 people going as of last week. A person stepped out but a driver stepped forward. Everything is the same. A recap: Sakura Matsuri is the Cherry Blossom Festival and it is sponsored by the Japan America Society of Washington DC. Hey, go down and help volunteer.

Questions: Dean asked if they are still performing. Yes, they are performing Saturday afternoon.

Discussion: None.

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

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It was originally going to be a big event. But now it is split. On the 11th it is a Basketball tournament for students. There will be 4 players on each team and \$5 per person. 75% of it will go to FACE Aids, the national chapter, and the remaining 25% will go to winners of the tournament. The next day it will be a student vs staff basketball game in Kuhl gym.

Questions: Tamara asked if they were following the same guidelines as last year and they are. Pat asked what the turnout was last year. There were 7 teams. It was good because they did last minute advertising. Sarah asked if they knew about the deposit policy and they are fully aware.

Discussion: None

First and Only Reading passes 7-0-0.

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First and Only Reading

They would like to host a tournament on April 25th and 26th. They have reserved the fields at Genesee Valley Park. It is a 10 team tournament. They have solid confirmation by 3 or 4 teams. The fee is \$100 a team to enter. They plan to provide food in the morning.

Questions: Dan said that he emailed them about it, it says on the back that "to try to have payment by March 8th." Did they already make a payment? They haven't made the payment as yet. They have been given leeway for it. The sectionals are this weekend for the girls and they will cover it out of pocket.

Discussion: Dan just wanted to make sure they are clear on how it works. If \$450 is not raised, they may not be able to reimburse teams. They are fully aware of that.

First and Only Reading passes 7-0-0.

Open Discussion

Danielle asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about anything in particular. Pat had a concern. He said that it was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that the Chair of USAEC, Ray Lord has a personal relationship with Haleema Murtaza, who was one of the candidates running for president with the Imagine Party. This information was not known at the time of the appointment. The decision was made before Haleema was running. Pat made a motion to rescind reading 65-0809 and it was seconded by Katelyn.

Ray commented by saying that the committee decides and votes on issues. He does not vote or have access to the election results. Pat said that he does have the authority to enforce the guidelines and therefore, he should be unbiased as possible. Ray said that only happens when there is a tie in voting. Katelyn stated that to clarify the motion, the information was not provided before the

appointment. Dean said he appreciated Pat making the motion as the exec committee should have as much information as possible. Although it is a small campus where people know each other. He said that something like that would not have been a reason Ray would not be appointed. There should be a change in guidelines regarding personal relationships but then again friendship does not exclude you. Adele said that most of her questions were answered but she wanted to make a comment that there is no reason to penalize someone who has done a good job due to the vagueness of the guidelines. Nick, from Amnesty, said that the chairs of the standing committees are friends with everyone on Exec. Would this mean that when they ask for money should everyone abstain on exec from voting? How can the standard of knowing someone be established? He felt something as minor as this should not have been brought to their attention. Sarah said that at the time Ray was appointed, it was true that the members of the Executive Committee did not know but they had a right to ask. It is not Ray's duty to tell exec something. It is the committee's duty to ask him if they are unsure. Ray said that many changes have to be made to the guidelines which he will be submitting. There were many problems that occurred in the past election. He also agreed with Sarah that if Exec had asked he would have told them as he had nothing to hide. Vote on motion to rescind the appointment of Ray Lord:
Motion defeated 2-4-1 with Katelyn and Pat in favor, Sarah, Amanda, Dean and Dan against it and Becca abstained.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Haleema Murtaza
Recording Secretary