

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 #32, Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

<i>Executive Committee</i>	
President:	Danielle Forrest
Vice-President:	Dean McGee
<b>Directors:</b>	
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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*Second of Two Readings*

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*Second of Two Readings*

135 ***New Business***

135 ***Open Discussion***

135 ***Adjournment***

**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:** Dan said that reading 113-0809 is supposed to allocate \$413 instead of \$527. Katelyn removed reading 114-0809 from the agenda. The agenda was approved 6-0-1 with Dan abstaining.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes were extensive last time, therefore, they have not been completed as yet. The approval of the minutes was tabled to the next business meeting. The motion was made by Katelyn and seconded by Becca. The motion passes 7-0-0.

## Updates

**President, Danielle Forrest updates:**

She has been training Haleema and Nick. She attended the College Council meeting, the Division of Student and Campus Life meeting, and the Foundation Board meeting.

**Vice-President, Dean McGee updates:**

**Director of Business Affairs, Dan Bach updates:**

He has been training the new DBA. He talked to the representative from SEAA.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Katelyn Conway updates:**

She has been meeting with Melissa to continue transitioning. She attended the last NRHH meeting of the semester. She attended the Leadership Awards and Recognition Banquet. IRC had its elections on Monday so congratulations to everyone who will be serving on the executive board for next year. IRC will be hosting Rockin' Recess on Friday from 4:00-6:00pm on Doty Field.

**Director of Public Relations, Amanda Dermady updates:**

She has been training her newbie for next year, working on her EOTY Report and finishing things up with the New Student Record.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Rebecca Coons updates:**

AAC held its first ever end of the year banquet on Sunday and it went extremely well. Thank you to the executive board and academic clubs for helping to be such a success. Rebecca presented the Who's Who Awards at the Leadership Ceremony today, so congratulations to everyone who was recognized this afternoon. The last AAC meeting of the year was last night and we held elections. The position of Treasurer will be available for election in the fall. She will be attending several events this week including Rockin' Recess, Springfest, and several end of the year picnics.

**Director of Student Affairs, Sarah Murtaza updates:**

**Director of Student Programming, Patrick Oberle, updates:**

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

Check requests are due by 5/13/09. Also accounts receivable and payable listings for organizations that will still have bills to pay after 5/13/09.

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

## Open Updates

Student Music Association: Their composium is Friday Night on the Union Patio from 7pm to 10pm. The rain location is the Union Lobby. There will be student bands playing. It is a pirate theme.

Activities Commission: Springfest is on Saturday. There will be music on the patio and the rain location is Kuhl gym. Contemporary Forum will be having a juggling performance 8pm in the Ballroom and Kino will be playing "Slumdog" at Daga Field.

## Tabled Business

105-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Student Association Financial Policy as per the attached document.

*Second of Two Readings*

Motion to untable the reading was made by Katelyn and seconded by Dan. The reading was untabled 6-0-0.

Danielle said with the feedback she received from SA, she made the amendments. Under Alcohol Policy the use or sale of it was prohibited and it was added.

Questions: None

Discussion: Dean said he looked over it again and went through it with SA Exec and under Section 4k he would like it to read that retreats should be held before the Sunday of the first three weeks of the semester. The idea of a retreat is to have a cohesive force. Danielle accepted the friendly amendment. Also under section 5 part 2 they added h which is the chair would make all the rulings. Any organization that fails to submit a budget on time will be subject to a penalty. There will be a 10% cut for every day the budget is late. Danielle accepted the friendly amendment once again. Under Section 11, article L, rare instances is removed. It was unnecessary and didn't make sense. Section 10, part 3 article a, there is removal of the word biannually to coincide with changes made with the stipends later in the document. Danielle accepted that friendly amendment as well. Under Section 10, article b Tamara proposed to change the wording to make available. She tweaked the wording and Danielle accepted that too.

Further discussion: There was a motion to include Year Ends Reports as well. Danielle did not accept that as the purpose of that is to tell the incoming person about the position and it may be sensitive or confidential material. She felt these documents should maintain that and be as useful as they are. Pat made a motion to include it and it was seconded by Katelyn. He said that a fee paying student should know what is going on. Becca said she understood what Pat was saying but agreed with Danielle on this.

Vote on the Motion: 2-4-0, with Pat & Katelyn voting yes, Dan, Amanda, Becca and Sarah voting no.

Discussion on the reading: None

105-0809, second reading passes 6-0-0.

### Old Business

113-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$527.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Account 1002, to Line 20, new Sub line *ACE Doty field day* to hold a field day event on May 3rd

*Second of Two Readings*

ACE is holding a field day on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and they would like to request \$413 from SA for food and drinks along with activities, supplies and t-shirts.

Questions: None.

Discussion: Dean said that it is a great event, but in the future if similar events are planned earlier, the better. Becca said she agreed with Dean and thanked ACE.

*Second of Two Readings passed 5-0-2 with Pat and Sarah abstaining.*

116-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$637.08 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to SA Programs, Account 1002, to create a new line entitled *Broadway Master Classes*, in order to offset the cost of attending Broadway Master Classes in New York on the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.

*Second of Two Readings*

Jake Fine presented. He requested to go to New York City to attend Broadway Master Classes. They are premier design classes found in this country. He would take the knowledge he gained and bring it back in the fall. He is doing a faculty musical and teaching Cothurnus along with 2 other technical classes. He said that many students support him in this and he saw faulty regarding this as well.

Questions: Dan asked if the registration included the 2 Broadway shows. The shows are included and they are to see what he would learn. Amanda asked if he had a copy of the students who encouraged this. He did and gave exec many letters he had. He had 7-8 students writing to exec that they are willing to send him on their activity fee money. Kate asked if lunch was included in the registration. It is not. He is staying at home and will be taking lunch. Also the transport, he will chose one or the other, but if he had to choose it would be a train. Beth said that there was a precedent set before about having to pay from car to train. Pat asked Jake to define the agreements he made. Cothurnus will hold a post activities meeting. They will teach students about building seats and setting up lights. They would like to do it every week. He would present to them what he would have learned. The information brought back will be helpful. The agreement made with Johnny is that he will be a teaching assistant for his class.

Discussion: JCC said that it was very brave for Jake to come up as an individual to request money for a conference. She said she is supportive of his endeavors. She said it is well worth it to go and get the experience. Trevor said that it was a great idea, especially to show the incoming freshmen how much this campus supports theatre. Dean said that like last week he is still against it but to see 61 students sign a petition and be willing to send him on their activity fee is just amazing. Tom said that he is in complete support of this and he loved what Jake is trying to do. Not only would he benefit from this but so would Brodie. Dan said that he admired what people said but there is still the concern of sending one person. He said that if it meant so much to Jake then why he wouldn't pay on his own. Jake said that last week he took what SA said to heart so he went through 25 years of SA minutes and saw that this has been done once before. Amanda said that she was impressed with the extensive research Jake provided. Doug said that by going to a conference and not graduating and coming back with the imparting knowledge is doing a great service to the SOTA. Jake said that his agreement with Johnny also included a presentation of what he learned and tech notes. Katelyn said that she didn't find this any different than sending ten people. He shouldn't be punished just because he doesn't have 9 other people going. Dean asked Jake what the amount was currently. It is \$575.08 and it does not include meals. The dual method of transport is included. Trevor said that the

school does not have a good arts program and giving this opportunity to Jake will make students understand how amazing it is. He said that the support of the faculty and students should have been enough. Kate said the maximum transportation amount for a conference is up to \$110. This would make the new amount \$535.08. Dayshawn said that Jake is not taking a vacation and the response they wanted they got with 61 people showing support on paper along with many others sitting here. Becca called to question and it was seconded by Katelyn.

*116-0809, Second of Two Readings passes 4-2-1 with Pat abstaining and Dean and Dan in opposition.*

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*Second of Two Readings*

Dan presented. He talked about the committee and how the budget was put together and the rationale the committee used.

Questions: Melissa asked why the number is not divisible by \$85. It is because its 99%.

Discussion: Katelyn said that one thing that was said was the appeal would be given to SA to look over and that happened. IRC submitted an appeal and she would like to talk about it. Leadership training sessions are held every semester where people come back a day or 2 before school starts. It was cut and on the basis of the appeals system she made a motion to add 2000 under line 20.

Discussion on the motion: Dean asked why those sessions were cut. Dan said that they allowed flexibility. They looked at the 7 year report and there was a lot of remaining balance. It seemed like a free session over the summer. The committee felt that charging people would supplement the costs. Katelyn said that the amount remaining is from the drawing funds. They were cut this year. The leadership training money is spent every year. They realigned money this year because so many people wanted to attend. If they charge people the attendance level may decrease. Shedia asked what this was about. Dan said these were the appeals that were handed in before the deadline. Melissa said that the number of people that attend these conferences increases each year. The housing is no cost at all but the food can be reduced. These are workshops with important people and done in collaboration with ResLife. They are open to everyone. Katelyn said they originally asked for \$1300 but are asking for \$1000 now for summer and spring. Doug said that this appeals process ignores why the money was put there in the first place. It doesn't matter whether or not it was spent or not. He asked Dan if the committee looked at past budgets. Dan said that is basically what the 7 year report is. Pat said that since he has been here for 4 years, IRC has shown consistency and has gained popularity with their programs. To cut this is not in the best interest of SA. Mary said that it was a crucial part of IRC as people go to conferences and this session teaches them a lot. Dean asked Melissa and Katelyn if this was not passed what would be their next step. Katelyn said it could be taken out of the drawing fund but it would hurt the hall councils. It would risk not letting them put on programs. Dean said that ACE came forward for a budget increase and maybe IRC can do the same. Dayshwan said that as incoming vice-chair he has the duty of putting together these leadership training sessions and a lot of people have come to him already and asked to see this program take place. Mary said that she does not disregard the work Dan and his committee has put into this but the problem is lumping the sessions with retreats. Becca said that she does not discredit the work the committee has done but unless you attend these sessions you are unaware how valuable they are. Pat called to question and it was seconded by Katelyn.

Vote to amend the reading: 5-1-1 with Dan abstaining and Dean against.

Further Discussion on the reading: Pat brought forward the appeal for Mac's Place and Arts & Exhibits. Curt said that this year the Mac's Place budget was \$16,200 and he asked for an increase of \$4600. He was allocated \$11,800. He would like to bring it back to the original amount and the reason behind it was that he would like to bring in bands for entertainment. The quality would be diminished if the money was decreased. Pat motioned to allocate \$5000 from Reserves to bring the Mac's Place budget to \$16,000. It was seconded by Katelyn.

Discussion on the motion: Dean asked Curt how much money was left at the end of the year. Curt said \$4,956 and this does not take into account the bands for Springfest and hospitality and publicity. \$5000 was spent on shows and right now there is \$250 left. Doug asked Dan what the reason behind the cut was. Dan said the main thing was the 7yr report. In the last 7 years there was substantial amount left in this account. Mac's Place supports local and upcoming bands in Geneseo. Reducing their budget would not diminish this. Jenny said that this is a way to bring in the new talent. No one other than Mac's Place does it. Dean agreed with all that and asked what would be a good way to keep Curt from doing a bad job? Dan said that Curt is doing a great job but when looking at budgets you can't take into account who is going to fill the position next year. The important thing is consistency. Pat said that such things have to be taken into account when people do a good job. Doug said that looking at this as the treasurer of AC, the program line has been almost depleted. He said the committee is looking at the big picture too much. Becca said she agreed with Pat and Doug. Not only did Curt not get the amount he requested but also his initial budget was cut. Tom said that the 7 yr analysis is not accurate. Curt has used up his entire budget and for it to be cut is not fair. Dean asked Curt if he was willing to make some changes so not everything would come out of Reserves. Curt said the budget request was basically realigning stuff and he is willing to do that. Pat said that in the interest of simplicity he should be allocated \$5000 as it varies from show to show. There was a call to question by Pat which was seconded by Becca.

Vote on 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: 5-0-2 with Dan and Dean abstaining.

Further Discussion: Pat said that the last appeal was from Arts & Exhibits, made by Jenny. Jenny said she asked for an increase because she wanted to see the Kinetic Gallery grow. CU&A along with Brodie have vested interest in it. She was looking to increase the program line as it has been realigned many times. Pat made a motion to allocate \$1,700 from Reserves for Arts & Exhibits. It was seconded by Becca.

Discussion on the motion: Once again Doug asked Dan the reason behind the cut. Dan said that according to the 7 yr report there was around \$1000 left every year. Dean asked why she didn't come for a budget increase. She was able to collaborate with people and realign stuff. Doug said that the 7 yr report was useless and Jenny has gone to great lengths to change the outlook of the gallery. Dan said he felt discredited for the hard work his committee put in. People should understand that they need to look at what has happened in the past. Trends are not set in an instant. Becca said that along with attending exhibits this year, she did in previous years too and this year has outdone other years. She felt the 7 yr report does not reflect much. Amanda said that it was not relevant to talk about the 7 year report. The committee made these changes and everyone should stick to talking about that. Pat said that once budgets are cut, the arts are the first thing people look at to be further cut. SA should help people who suffer through that. The Kinetic Gallery brings people from outside and 7 years earlier there was no Kinetic Gallery. Dean asked Jenny if the decrease prevented her from bringing an extra show. Jenny said a huge part is publicity and even if everything is done and people don't know about it then there is no point. Vote on Motion: 5-1-1 with Dan abstaining and Dean in opposition.

Discussion on the budget: Dean said the reason they voted the way they did was because it is difficult to be objective. He is excited that the money is returned as they are all great things. Tamara said that \$8700 is taken from Reserves and it needs to be put back in. Exec accepted that as a friendly amendment. They took out \$2000 from Reserves to put in Budget Increases to make Budget Increases \$10,000.

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

118-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Alliance for Community Enrichment Constitution as per the attached document.

*Second of Two Readings*

As mentioned last week, the constitution was vague so ACE looked at it sentence by sentence to make it clear. Article 6b was changed to the SA president should consult the ACE reps for the appointment of a chair. If there is a 2/3 vote, a new one will be appointed. In the event of a tie, there will be a revote and if there is a tie the second time then the chair will vote.

Questions: None.

Discussion: None

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

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*Second of Two Readings*

She did the same thing with bylaws. She removed examples from section 4 and section 3. Under attendance, they added a proxy.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

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

120-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Academic Affairs Committee Constitution as per the attached document.

*Second of Two Readings*

She is not going to go over everything. It is similar to the letter head. They switched around duties to make it more in line with other standing committees. With chairing the Who's Who, in the event where the chair would like to apply, there should be clarification of who is in charge.

Questions: None

Discussion: None.

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

121-0809 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Inter-Residence Council by-laws as per the attached document.

*Second of Two Readings*

There are no changes from last week other than the friendly amendment that was made. There is no RA form available at the moment because Katelyn wanted to consult with the new IRC Board regarding this.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

*Second of Two Readings passes 5-0-1 with Katelyn abstaining.*

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*Second of Two Readings*

There are no changes.

Questions: None.

Discussion: None.

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

None.

**New Business**

**Open Discussion**

Changing of the Guard.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Haleema Murtaza  
Recording Secretary