

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:	Haleema Murtaza
Vice-President:	Nicholas Kaasik
Directors:	
Academic Affairs:	Brian Hartle
Business Affairs:	Mark Petrie
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Melissa Kaye
Public Relations:	Mathé Kamsutchom
Student Affairs:	Hamza Murtaza
Student Programming:	Corinthia Kotlar
Advisor:	Tamara Kenney

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

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

Call to Order: 6:16 PM

Approval of the Agenda: Reading 17-0910 is on September 24th not August 29th. Reading 19-0910 and 20-0910 should read Undergraduate Student Association Elections Committee for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Approval of the Minutes: approved 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Haleema Murtaza updates: attended convocation on Sunday, after we had the First Knight celebration which was successful and also met with College Advancement regarding the senior gift.

Vice-President, Nicholas Kaasik updates: the Senate applications are due Friday and they are online.

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates: put memos in everyone's mailboxes and you should check them.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Melissa Kaye updates: The IRC Interest Meeting will be held Monday night at 8PM in the Hunt Room. Our IRC Exec retreat is also next Monday.

Director of Public Relations, Mathe Kamsutchom updates: the Vacation Bus Program is now outsourced to College Express. All ticket sales are on online. She has also started a Facebook page to advertise it.

Director of Academic Affairs, Brian Hartle updates: Our first meeting is next Tuesday, September 8 at 7pm in the Hunt Room.

Director of Student Affairs, Hamza Murtaza updates: The first ACE meeting of the year will be held in the MOSAIC on Wednesday the 9th of September 2009. Instead of 1:45 p.m., it will be held from 2:00-3:00 p.m. The Inter-Cultural Dinner this year will be held on Saturday the 17th of October 2009, for those who want to mark their calendars.

Director of Student Programming, Corinthia Kotlar, updates: The first AC meeting is tomorrow at 6:30pm in the CUBR.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: The annual audit presentation is tomorrow at 4pm in CU 319. Anyone is welcome to attend. There has been a change to the encumbrance process. A memo was placed in all SA funded organization mailboxes and it went to SA-I. We will now be issuing Purchase Orders for all expenses and be in full compliance with SUNY Board of Trustee Guidelines. She and Mark will be making a presentation to all the SA funded Presidents and Treasurers in the next few weeks. There is a new Program Advisor, Danielle Akins. She will be attending the meeting next week so people can meet her.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: I have been working on the 2nd Annual SA Leadership Conference on October 3, 2009.

Open Updates

Tom- NRHH is getting ready for the Memory Walk on Saturday September 26th. Registration will be at 9am and the walk will start at 10am. Any efforts to help are appreciated.

Mark- GEO's first meeting will be Monday at 7pm in the CU room 319.

Michael – LSA's first meeting is September 14th, and this Saturday there is a film festival at 8pm in the Union.

Nick- IRC's Rocky Horror Picture Show will be October 30th.

Tabled Business

Reading 17-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$1,000.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Latino Student Association, Account 1912 in order to fund hip-hop artist Blitz the Ambassador to perform at Geneseo Late Knight on September 29th.

First of Two Readings.

Ulysses is the new President of LSA and is looking to build connections between groups. This event will be the driving point to get things going. He is asking for \$1,000 because Blitz is a new performer and they are getting support from LAU and Late Knight. Blitz is a ground breaking performer, high up in TV. This will be a new and diverse Late Knight event. He wants to bring somebody different to campus. Also for freshman, he wants to push evening activities on campus.

Questions?

Michael- Is he a hip hop artist? Is it a show? Donat- This event has LAU's support. Blitz is a full piece band, similar to the Roots. The lead is from Ghana. We're supporting good music that people should be exposed to.

Discussion

Doug- They did a fantastic job last year. Mark Romano- I worked that event, they were great to work for, and everyone was really into it. Good idea to bring them back. Corinthia- He did a really good job last year, so it will be great to bring more people. Adam- He is a great representation of what hip-hop is about. I'm excited that you chose to bring him back. Vanessa- I'm the Late Knight coordinator, and Late Knight will be funding over half the cost of the event. We want to bring them back to increase attendance.

Will- How are you handling advertising? Donat- We will be reaching out to the Rochester community, fraternities, ACE groups, and Fatima Johnson will also support it. We're looking for as many groups as possible to be involved. Vanessa - Late Knight will be doing most of the advertising on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, emails, etc.

17-0910, First of Two Readings, passes 7-0-0.

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First of Two Readings

Donat – We just want a great act to come to Geneseo, we support it, and we hope that you support us as well.

Questions?

Melissa- What does LAU stand for? Donat- Lambda Alpha Epsilon –it is a recognized group on campus, and we hope to be a recognized Greek organization by IGC. We do have college recognition.

Discussion

Kate- In the documentation under standard costs, what are the College Union colored posters for \$60 if Late Knight is picking up the advertising expenses? Donat- We want to print out posters in addition with what Late Knight is doing. Vanessa said that Late Knight is picking up the expenses detailed on the documentation for the reading. LAU is requesting \$1000 to fund part of the performance fees.

18-0910, First of Two Readings, passes 7-0-0.

Old Business

Reading 14-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the allocation of \$6,740.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to SA Tech Services, Account 1004, for the purchase of a wireless communication System.

Second of Two Readings.

Mark Romano is looking to get headsets in the CU ballroom so people can communicate from the balcony to the stage. The warranty is basically 2 years, but some things are only 1 year. He also has the booklet of all the things in the system. He looked into other systems from Applied Audio, which they have a strong relationship with, and asked them about different options. The owner said if they had to get a wireless communication system for themselves, it would be this one. Mark trusts their opinions.

Questions?

Nick- If you had to do it for less, explain the problems with the other options. Mark- With cell phones, it's one other person talking to you, and gets complicated and expensive for 3 way calling. With this system you can have 10 or more people talking on the headset, and more than one can talk at once. Better durability. Applied Audio will help us if we run into problems, and we have a very strong relationship with them. Will- With usage of the headsets, how much would they be to replace? Mark- Not sure, but they are on warranty for at least a year. The other option wouldn't let us use the system already in place. Mathé- This is the system you want to put in the Ballroom and Wads? Mark- Yes

Discussion:

Ulysses- This is something that I'm wholeheartedly about. Every year, aside from figuring out food, we always know we're going to have problems communicating when we do events in the Ballroom. This system lowers production costs, is a great investment, and is more efficient. We can learn about these things and understand how to use them... Mathé- I understand some of the concerns, because it is expensive, but in the long run, it will do so much for our programs. It is a more efficient system. I've been to cultural dinners and I've been frustrated because of some issues with SA tech, and this system can help the entire campus, and will have a tremendous effect on everyone. Nick- There is so much concern, because it's almost \$7000. Walkie-talkies are so much cheaper. I'm glad you went back to ask them about other options, but I'm still concerned with price, but if it's what you need. Mark R.- If we have money left in our own budget, it will come back to SA at the end of the year. Donat- Late Knight events and SA tech works hella hard for all of you guys. To make it a good show, this will make their job easier and give us a much better communication system. Vanessa – I can speak about the quality of headsets. From my experience, you need headsets to be as professional as possible. To rent them is at least \$3000, so in the long run the cost balances itself out. I'm all for it. Mathé- As a side note, this is not a gift for just SA tech, it's for the whole campus. It's a worthwhile investment.

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Second of Two Readings

Mark R. is looking to purchase for Tech Services, a giant seamless piece of fabric to project colors on the screen for performances. It can be used for every Limelight show. It is \$250 per event to rent it, so we're saving a lot of money by buying it. To maintain it, we will store it in plastic bins and we should be able to get at least 5 years. It can be used in Wads for other events. Different organizations can use it for events.

Questions?

Doug- Is there an insurance policy? Mark- I don't know, I can ask Sean about it. We used to keep one in Wads and there are mice in Wads so we will be storing it in the Tech room in rubber containers. Tom- How many times do you use it? Mark - 4-5 times a year. Ulysses- Was this used in Kaba Modern? Mark- Yes. It was a giant sheet with lights pointed at it. Orchesis- We have fall shows in Alice Austin, and it makes the dancers look better with awesome lighting. Can we use it? Mark- We don't have the specific lights for it yet but we can substitute them. I don't see why it couldn't work in Austin. You would have to put in a Tech Services request. Nick- Most professional groups need it, and it will pay for itself. We would be saving money in the next 5 years.
15-0910, Second of Two Readings, passes 7-0-0.

New Business

Reading 19-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the appointment of Thomas Buneo as the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Association Elections Committee for the 2009-2010 academic year.

First and Only Reading.

Haleema would like to appointment Tom as Chair for USAEC. This individual is the person who administers class officer elections, keeps and enforces rules, and counts the votes. With Kate supervising, she would like Tom to be Chair for 2009-2010. She said he has been through the process, is enthusiastic and ready to work under improved guidelines to administer elections.

Questions?

Melissa- Are you planning on running for office in the Spring? Tom- I will be studying abroad, so no. Brian- Do you have any other commitments? Tom- I am NRHH CSC, I'm an alternate RA, a TA, and I'm taking 19 credits. I don't foresee it being a problem. Will- Why do you want to be a Chair? Tom- I'd like to avoid everything that happened last year. I appreciate Ray Lord for helping the system out. I'd like to make sure the rules stay followed, and everyone participate fairly. Mathé- Have you learned any valuable lessons from the chaos of last spring? Tom- Everything, all the information needs to be given to the elected officer's right out in front. People had different interpretations of the rules and that lead to chaos. I want them to appreciate the process, have fun, and they shouldn't dread it afterwards. Everyone can participate if you want to.

19-0910, First and Only Reading, passes 6-0-0.

Reading 20-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the appointment of Tyler Ocon to serve on the Undergraduate Student Association Elections Committee for the 2009-2010 academic year.

First and Only Reading.

Haleema said Tyler is enthusiastic, and he has been through the election process his freshman year, so he knows what it's like and knows what to do. She said he's a great candidate.

Questions?

Melissa- Are you planning on running next year? Tyler- I'm studying abroad too, so no. Jeff- How many people will be in the committee? Haleema- 3-10 people, and there are applications for anyone who wants to join. Will- Were these the only 2 to apply? Haleema- Yes. Brian- What are your other commitments? Tyler- USAEC pretty much lies dormant most of the year. I'm a member of Between the Lines, Model UN, College Democrats and I want to be on Allegany Hall Council.

20-0910, First and Only Reading, passes 6-0-0.

Reading 21-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the three-year contract with Choice Ticketing for online ticket sales.

First and Only Reading.

Kate said over the summer SA Exec approved the purchase of an online ticket sales module. When the contract came, it was for 3 years. The contract will be renewable every year after that. We can cancel it in writing. SA policy states that any contract over one year has to be voted on in an open meeting.

Questions?

Tom- What happens if the referendum fails? Kate- We've already purchased the product, so it wouldn't matter in future years. Jeff- Who pays the \$2 fees, the student or SA? Kate- It is on the student or whoever purchases them. You can still order by person or by phone. This is a 3rd option. Doug- Did we explore other options for online ticketing? Kate- Yes. Nick- Part of the reason we stuck with Choice is because this is the software we currently have in the Ticket Office and it was easier than updating the old system.

21-0910, First and Only Reading, passes 6-0-0.

Open Discussion

None.

Haleema- Please check your inboxes. Your organization probably received an email from me for your presidents and VP names. Doug- The new P.O. system is ridiculous. Haleema- We will have an open discussion soon about it. It's not in SA's hands, it's through CAS and the SUNY Board of Trustee guidelines. Mathé- It's not only a lot of work for you guys, it's a lot of work for Kate and others, but it's good in the long run to protect your money. Kevin- I'd just like to say on behalf of GEO, what a lovely executive board we have. Kate- It's not CAS that's making us do this, this is a SUNY Board of Trustees Guideline. The guideline is available on the SUNY website or I have a copy in the office. I understand, believe me, that there will be an adjustment to this new process. I wouldn't choose to put more work on SA staff or myself just because. I'm working with CAS through this implementation. I went to the software presentations last semester so that our needs would also be met.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Arthur
Recording Secretary