

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
<b>Directors:</b>	
Academic Affairs:	Brian Hartle
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Student Affairs:	Hamza Murtaza
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**Call to Order:** 6:16PM

**Approval of the Agenda:** Today's date should be on the agenda. Approval 7-0-0.

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

### **Updates**

**President, Haleema Murtaza updates:** I attended the NORC meeting and new organizations are bringing forth proposals to be recognized, which is great! I had a meeting with Dr Bonfiglio on Tuesday and he is present amongst us today. This past weekend I attended the SUNY Assembly conference with Will Labate, the Assembly representative and Dayshawn Simmons, the nonvoting delegate. I can tell you that I was proud to represent Geneseo and know that we have a good working Student Government.

**Vice-President, Nicholas Kaasik updates:** Budget Advocacy campaign has begun...call your representatives and tell them how you feel about the proposed 90 million dollar cut. Please fill out and return the surveys on your desks. These will be used for making recommendations to the student affairs subcommittee and other bodies. Please answer honestly.

**Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates:** CSA Men's Rugby is no longer frozen.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Melissa Kaye updates:** I attended the Sub-Regional meeting at SUNY Stonybrook last weekend. Rocky Horror is this Friday at 10 PM! I will be meeting with Dr. Bonfiglio. The IRC Committee for Alcohol Awareness began meeting, and if you want to get involved meetings are at 8PM on Tuesdays in CU 322/323.

**Director of Public Relations, Mathé Kamsutchom updates:**

**Director of Academic Affairs, Brian Hartle updates:** Political Affairs Club had its trip to Washington D.C. last week. Rock Spring Semester is tomorrow from 7-9pm in the College Union Ballroom. There will be free food and live music. I encourage you to be there because, if more people attend, this helps to ensure that your direct experiences with the majority of classes and professors are shared to the larger campus community.

**Director of Student Affairs, Hamza Murtaza updates:** No new updates.

**Director of Student Programming, Corinthia Kotlar, updates:**

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** No updates.

**Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** Anti - Hazing workshops are complete. We had excellent dialogue about the issue of hazing. Thank you to all new members that attended. There is money available for service projects that need supplies (i.e.: rakes to start a leave raking program) to get started. More information is available at <http://gold.geneseo.edu/civicingagement> or see Kay Fly, Coordinator of Volunteerism and Service Learning in CU 353. I will be out of the office for at least the next four weeks. I will still be attending to SA business (via skype and email) and reviewing minutes. If you have any concerns for me during this time - please drop me an email.

### **Open Updates**

GEO- On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the annual energy saving contest will be starting on campus. Talk to your RA's, and keep an eye out for water and waste awareness.

Will - Today is the beginning of Budget Advocacy. You should urge your members to call the state senators and governor. If you have interest in helping out with writing letters, email WAL1.

Rugby – Women's Rugby placed 1<sup>st</sup> in our division as of Friday. Our 1<sup>st</sup> playoff game is in Batavia, against Fredonia.

BSU- Haunted House is on Friday in the KnightSpot from 10pm-2am.

Haleema- Last week, all of you were here, and I felt when organizations come here it is to show you where your money is being spent on campus activities. I would like to see organizations come up to present and stay after your reading. Please stay until the end, we are all here for the same reason. It is disrespectful and it disturbs the meeting. I want to run these meetings as efficient as possible, I don't want to keep you longer than you have to be here but I do want to hear what you have to say. If something has been said which is similar to your opinion, voice yourself in a different way or come talk to me after. You know you can always come and talk to us, we're here to help you.

### Old Business

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#### *Second of Two Readings*

Same thing as last week, we want \$300 to make the initial purchase of the tickets and have them for sale at the SA Ticket Office.

Corey- Will they be available over winter break? – They will be valid throughout all of winter break but you can't buy them when the SA Ticket Office is not open.

Kate – What exactly are you purchasing? Will you be getting a discount? – We will be getting a group rate, and we will buy the tickets in bunches of 8, so students will buy them separately. At the Ticket Office, you get a voucher and bring that to Bristol – Did you work with Dianne? I understand that the organization would run the service, see how it works, and then turn it over to SA as a service – I've talked to Dianne and she said she wanted to do it, she's supportive of me.

Brian – Have you done something similar in the past? – We've done vouchers but not through the SA Ticket Office.

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#### *Second of Two Readings*

Last week we did a long reading about the conference, but to reiterate, we want to go to the Northeastern Regional Conference in Boston on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We did have some questions to answer from last week. It was an issue whether or not we could use credit cards, and I found out they don't take credit cards. November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline but they said it is flexible and that they would honor the \$20 registration fee. We asked if it does have to be postmarked by that date and they said the date is flexible to submit the check to them.

Brian – Are you willing to give a brief presentation recounting the event when you return? – We could do a slideshow, definitely.

Kate – If it passes can you come to my office tomorrow to go over paperwork? - Yes.

41-0910: Second of Two, reading passes 6-0-1, with Nick abstaining.

### New Business

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#### *First and Only Reading*

Kate – GSTV is having its 24 hour telethon on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be airing shows at crazy times to fund a service learning project in Nicaragua. Students work in the schools, teaching people of all ages, and also bring health and medical supplies. We want to use the telethon to fundraise for the program.

Nick- What is the service learning program? – It's actually a program through study abroad, and the money will go straight to Nicaragua for supplies.

Ulyses- March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> would be Friday overnight to Saturday? What advertisements do you have? – We haven't done advertising yet, but we're doing the telethon in the Union Lobby. Student groups can perform, and last year we also played Twister and broadcasted that. Last year for Invisible Children we played their films. This year we will put things together, like an informational film about what we do in Nicaragua. – Are you working with Spanish Club? – Yes, our special events coordinator is working with them.

Kate- Is the money deposited or given to the foundation? – I don't know how they have worked in the past. – Usually the proceeds go to a 501C3.

Nick – This might work if you put it through the Geneseo Foundation – It is not a recognized charity, and we can definitely work with whatever recommendations you have.

Hamza- Shout out to GSTV for planning this way ahead of time, I would encourage all groups to do the same.

Haleema- So we will vote on this assuming you will work through the Geneseo Foundation to send the money? – Yes.

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44-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the probationary status of Men's Club Volleyball for the 2009-2010 academic year.

#### *First and Only Reading*

We want men's volleyball to be recognized as having probationary status with SA. We want to get back into SA's good graces and eventually have a budget and be a fully funded SA organization.

Doug- Is volleyball any good? – We had a tournament last weekend placing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 16 teams. We have almost 25 members now.

CSA- I just wanted to say that they still attended all CSA meetings and SA meetings even though they weren't recognized.

Brian – I see you here every week so I know you've been here.

Will – How long would it take for them to be funded and recognized? – Nick – They would be fully recognized by us, and they will have a 1 year period where they don't get funding but they will be fully recognized by SA.

Mary – They got the membership up which shows there is a great interest on our campus, so we should recognize them.

44-0910: First and Only, Reading passes 6-0-1, with Mark abstaining.

### Open Discussion

Dr. Bonfiglio- I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. In case you don't know, as VP for Student and Campus Life, I assist in things that don't have anything to do with your class work. I deal with the departments of Career Services, Health and Counseling, Athletics, College Union and Activities, Residence Life, the Center for Community, and the University Police Department. I would like to give a report on what I've done this week. Thursday night I went to see a play totally in Spanish for Cultural Harmony week, I also attended the Blanks concert and I congratulate Corey for a job well done. Tomorrow night is the Presidents Safety Walk, where administrators walk around campus and focus on campus safety, and we will make a list of concerns and try to do something about them. On Monday I spent three hours in a meeting with the Mayor and members of the village board and we talked a lot about alcohol. Tuesday I met with the new Director of Student Health and Counseling to talk about H1N1 virus, health insurance, and the demand for psychological counseling on campus because the demand for counseling is high. Wednesday there was a meeting on distressed and disturbed students, and suicide prevention, which is also something I am concerned with. Tomorrow I will have a meeting with the VP for Finance and Administration about the budget situation with SUNY, in particular to student-affairs related programs. Another project is for a consultant to do a complete review of UP, with their equipment, methods, etc. I am looking forward to the report to guide us in hiring a new Chief of Police. These are things that occupy my days and nights. So this is an open discussion, and I would love to attempt to answer your questions.

Doug- Will the report about police be available to students as well? – The report is 125 pages, I will share the recommendations with Haleema. I have an idea of what will be in the report already.

Brian – Have you had a discussion about what services might go first if the budget cuts go through? – Comments have been made but we have not had a formal discussion. This will be the first one-on-one meeting.

Nick – Over the summer, there was a SUNY wide opinion survey. Do you know the results of the survey? – Every 3 years, the ratings are compared against other SUNY colleges. We learned a lot about different things, like your feelings about the improvements in the Union, and things you don't like about the campus. Our athletic facilities ranked in the bottom half.

Will – Did you talk of looking into the medical amnesty program, and do you plan on discussing this with the village and see what they think as well? – We are a public institution which means we have to enforce the law, and our student conduct guide says we have to uphold these laws. This public college couldn't absolve people of a violation of the code of conduct for calling 911 for someone who is too drunk and underage. This summer someone filed a complaint about RA's telling people with alcoholic beverages just to dump them out, and our approach to enforcing the alcohol policy is being questioned. We don't think the complaint will amount to anything, but a medical amnesty policy would invite a lot of unwanted attention to our school on this issue. In the judicial system I am the appeals officer, and no one has come to me and said they wanted to appeal on the basis that they were trying to save a friend's life. I would have to consider that if it was the case. A discussion of the idea could be helpful. However, it is my opinion that the problem is not with our policy but with the law. Legislators need to know that the law just doesn't work. In any event, any kind of amnesty policy being passed by the College Council is unlikely.

Doug- Thank you for that insight, I didn't think about it that way, and you brought up very valid points.

Dr. Bonfiglio- Most places that have amnesty policies are private colleges, so they can get away with a little more when it comes to dictating student conduct.

Kate, GSTV – What was the town's feeling on this? – They think the college is not doing enough to prevent the students from drinking and it is causing a bad reputation for the village.

Miles – I know the town of Geneseo has only 2 ambulances, and I've seen both of them on South Side at once. Could there be more availability of ambulances for the college and the town? Maybe they could provide some for just the town – They are concerned about the number of ambulance calls. I get a report of the ambulance calls, and September this year there were fewer calls than last year in September. The number for alcohol calls is about 20%. About half of the ambulance emergency responders are made up of Geneseo students, so they need our students, so part of the benefit is compensated in students who give of themselves.

Kate, GSTV – Is there a plan of action? – There is Alcohol Coalition, and we are meeting on Monday. In the past month students have done an assessment of places in Geneseo to buy liquor, and based on results we will come up with a plan of action. The meeting will be at the Presbyterian Church at 2pm on Monday if anyone is interested. There is new leadership this year, and I expect that they will take some positive action. There is a good cross-section of people involved also.

SMA-At the health center, do you know when the vaccine will be available for us on campus? – If all goes as planned, the vaccination clinic should take place next Thursday. They made our college a priority and have made them available for all students and faculty. There will be a series of clinics. We already have the vaccine, and people will help us administer it.

GODA- How do you know who gets first in line? Will they Email us? – I don't know the details, but they will send out an all-students email, to let you know when it's available. There is an H1N1 link on our website so you could look at it if you want. I could send information to Haleema too.

Nick – For the medical amnesty proposal, it is not illegal to institute such a policy, and there seems to be overwhelming student support based on student advocacy. Do you think a significant push from students would help? – Dr. Bonfiglio -. It wouldn't be illegal

to have the policy but if it resulted in unequal treatment of students, it's inherently unfair even though it may not be illegal. It is worth the discussion, and the problem requires our collective input and a lot of creativity.

Nick – I've heard the honors program students register before the regular students on campus. Is this a new policy? – Honors program is not what I'm responsible for on campus,

Miles – What is your role in registration? – None. It's about courses, and I don't have anything to do with courses. It falls under the Provost.

Student - Some students at freshman orientation got closed out of classes, and I was also told by my advisor that those people would be going first this time around. Is there anything happening with that?-

Dr. Bonfiglio - Orientation is something that I am concerned about.

Brian – As far as honors preference, I am aware that the Provost is out of town and registration starts on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, who do you think is the next best person to talk to? – The Dean of the College. – What are all your thoughts as students? – Haleema- I received an email this morning, and it will be coming to SA, but it's controversial. – Dr Bonfiglio - Typically when changes are made we talk about it in the President's Cabinet where we will air our points of view and that issue has not come up. Brian – Did the movement of classes on different days come up? – No. Dr. Bonfiglio - It's important to have your voice heard on these issues. These are the reasons why you have a Director of Academic Affairs and representatives on the College Senate. Last year, the debate on the attendance policy went to College Senate. These things should be aired. In addition to meeting with Haleema I will be meeting with Melissa ... My job is to listen to them and represent the students, and if I don't have information about your feelings it doesn't make me an effective advocate for you. Brian – Jumping off of that, the survey goes through a bunch of items about classes and other things, so please fill those out so we can get your voice heard. If you want copies for your meetings let us know and we will get them to you. Ulyses – With the survey, I feel like a lot of the things we're talking about are total news to me. Sometimes we're quiet in these meetings because I wonder where I can get this information. I wonder if there's somewhere we can go to get this information, and I'm not familiar about it. How are we as students all sure that we're more educated about this before the decision is made? Brian – A lot of the issues, especially with honors students, the problem is there is no information until the decision is already made, so what can you do until you hear about it after.

Will – College Senate talks a lot about these things? Is it an open meeting? – Yes – Do they talk about a lot of this stuff? – Not so much this year but last year. Ulyses – We need to start calling for more information. Who are these decision makers and why? With the discussion of the new PO system, a lot of students were uneducated. If I have questions, the only information I have is a survey. I am wondering maybe in general is there some way to educate students, maybe an email, to have accurate information and motives. Dr Bonfiglio - We amended the code of conduct this summer and before we did I sat down with Haleema and told her the changes that would be made and then it went to College Council for a vote. When the room rate gets set, I will be telling Melissa what is being proposed and she will have an opportunity to give suggestions and then it will go to President's Cabinet for approval. Haleema – Meetings and minutes are available online for you from all of the standing committees. You can always stop by the SA office if you have questions.

Ulyses – There are distinctions for me as a student representative versus the student body. I'm not sure meeting minutes are the best way to deliver information. All of these groups are responsible. Something that is very important goes to the students very quickly.

Dr Bonfiglio - The new Provost is very interested in having a communicative relationship with the students. I do think that you have someone there who can help with the communication problem. Will – There are big advertisements all across campus with pictures of student exec and it is listed that it's all available to everyone on campus. You can come talk to SA exec, and if people have other concerns it's up to them to take initiative. It is advertised everywhere that SA is available.

Dr Bonfiglio - Also there are advisory committees where students sit as members. That is another place where information gets shared. There aren't a similar set of advisory committees pertaining to the registration issues, so maybe that's something that can be done.

Kate, GSTV – Representing issues as GSTV, I come out of these meetings and bring them to GSTV to cover them as media. For both Lamron and GSTV it's our goal to cover the issues as much as possible. Ulyses- GSTV and Lamron are the best way to get this information out.

Nick – If you have specific ideas come to us and we'll talk about it and try to improve.

Ulyses – I'm talking more about academics and I think it's a discussion for some other time.

Dr. Bonfiglio - There has been a change in administration with the Provost only being here for 3 months and the Dean of the College only here for 1 year 3 months, so it's going to take time, but there is opportunity to help shape the processes by which information is shared.

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### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Arthur  
Recording Secretary

