

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 #27, Wednesday, April 7, 2009

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129 ***Updates***

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131 ***Open Discussion***

131 ***Adjournment***

Executive Committee

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| 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

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| 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: 6:20 PM

Approval of the Agenda: Mathé- Motion to table reading 110-0910, seconded by Corey. Motion passes 6-1-0 with Mark voting no, approved 6-1-0 with Mark voting no.

Approval of the Minutes: Tamara –under my updates, it should say meeting Thursday at 8pm regarding the rugby field. Approved 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Haleema Murtaza updates: I met with exec, gearing towards the end for us.

Vice-President, Nicholas Kaasik updates: Exec of College Senate passed resolution in support. Budget cuts severe, Stony Brook closing part of their campus. We're facing very severe cuts.

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates: Budgets are in the mailboxes. You have this week to appeal. Come ask questions if you need to.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Melissa Kaye updates: Pride Day was awesome. There will be a CAA event on April 21st at 8PM. There will be music from the acapella group Between the Lines and slam poetry. There will also be yummy food and other entertainment. Speakers will be sharing their stories about experiences with alcohol. If you would like to share, email me and I'll put you on the list. sairc@geneseo.edu. If you would like to be anonymous, you can write something and put it in my mailbox in the SA office and someone else will read it for you.

Director of Public Relations, Mathé Kamsutchom updates: I would like you all to send me fun pictures of events from this year, to sapr@geneseo.edu by the middle of next week. I will be sending out a reminder email. Flute Ensemble and Swing Club, can you please see me after the meeting.

Director of Academic Affairs, Brian Hartle updates: AAC elections will be in 3 weeks, look for info, and if you have questions contact me. We need a revitalization, AAC can do great things.

Director of Student Affairs, Hamza Murtaza updates: I attended the wonderful dinner by Pride.

Director of Student Programming, Corinthia Kotlar updates: AC elections this week and next week. Lovely Bones rescheduled to Friday out on the South Hall quad. If it rains it will be moved to Wads. Check the Facebook page for times.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: None.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: President Outstanding Achievement Awards for Outstanding Organization and Outstanding Advisor. Go to gold.geneseo.edu, scholarships/awards section for the online application due by Friday April 9th at noon.

Open Updates

SMA – The annual Composium is this Friday from 7-11pm in Sturges Auditorium. There will be bands and it's only \$1. There are 4 club passes to the Rochester International Jazz festival, with up to 30 different performances.

Pride – I wanted to thank everyone who was involved in Pride Night. We can't wait to do it again next year.

Old Business

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Second of Two Readings

Mark - Balances, under SA conferences, should say \$1246.70 because one organization is not able to come to conference. Still asking for \$4,400.

104-0910: second of two, reading passes 7-0-0.

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Kevin and Ashley – We will start with your suggestions and research that we did. We have a print out of several things. Buffalo is \$1 more per ticket. 2nd page, lists a flight from Buffalo to Boston to San Diego. JFK to San Diego direct is cheaper by \$20-\$60 per person. We would need a flight from JFK to Rochester to get back to Geneseo and it's \$100 from JFK to Rochester. We also talked to ResLife to see if they could fund an advisor and we had a meeting with Kevin Hahn, who said that Reslife is not able to fund any percentage. They said each RD gets a small stipend, and they have no money for it. They said if it happens in future years they can budget it. Scholarship applications already passed.

Nick – Thank you for doing all that work. What about part of group flying from Geneseo and some flying from JFK? – That would be significantly more difficult. We talked to the delegates, and it turned into a giant mess. As it is we will all fly from Geneseo, then to JFK and then to San Diego.

Melissa – How can you apply? – There will be an application process, I have a limited number here and they are also on the IRC website (irc.geneseo.edu). Timeline is small, so in order to buy the tickets at 4pm on Friday, you should fill out the application soon. It's due by 3:30 on Friday.

Brian – What are the qualifications for an advisor? Could it be a student? – No, per constitution, needs to be a full time staff member, most of the time it is an up and coming IRC advisor, so they get a first taste into conferences. Typically always been an RD.

Haleema – I'd like to commend you on your effort, it means and shows a lot.

105-0910: second of two, reading passes 5-0-2, with Nick and Melissa abstaining.

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Second of Two Readings

Requesting to attend an environmental conference in Buffalo, really excited about it. Changes: there is a mistake on the form, we had to double the mileage, we're not requesting breakfast, we have 26 people going, and we changed hotels because this one is subsidized by the conference, and there is a free shuttle to the conference. It is about the same price as other hotels, and we don't have to all drive there. The new amount is \$1,107.77.

Melissa – motion to amend the reading to reflect changes, passed 7-0-0.

106-0910: second of two, reading passes 7-0-0.

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We are having a Drama Night, and we are inviting the deaf community, so we need an interpreter. Someone agreed to do it for \$35 an hour, so now we only need \$70.

Brian – To amend it to \$70 doesn't put you in a bind? – no

Tamara – Does this include travel to and from campus for the interpreter? – She's not requesting any.

Kate – What is the date? - April 27th – So you'll have enough time to do a contract? –Yes.

Nick – Motion to amend reading to reflect new amount, seconded by Brian – motion passes 7-0-0.

107-0910: second of two, reading passes 7-0-0.

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First and Only Reading

On April 22nd we would like to have a dinner to benefit Rose-Marie Chierici's charity H.O.P.E. Haiti. It takes \$500 to help just one family in distress in Haiti, so we would be fundraising for that.

Brian – Even though Haiti has gotten attention, some organizations pledge money but don't actually give it to those in Haiti, and this is probably the most devastating thing we've seen, so go out and support them – It is such a reliable organization, we're very excited

Mathé – Also Rose-Marie sponsored one of the only hospitals in northern Haiti, and everything she's worked for in 20 years is pretty much out the window with this. Please support them.

Haleema – Will you be tabling in the Union? – Yes, during the week before in Union.

Swing- When is the dinner? April 22nd from 6:30-8:30 in the IFC.

111-0910: First and only reading, passes 7-0-0.

Open Discussion

Haleema – Does anyone have any important issues? This is your forum to discuss, we're here for you.

Jeff – Why was reading tabled? – We had Easter weekend and missed two Sunday meetings, so we had no chance to properly talk, and were not well equipped to vote on the reading.

Justin – Student Court and USAEC advertising, about the constitution and guidelines, is there a representative here? – Melissa, SC - Student Court is organizing it, you can email studentcourt.geneseo.edu.

Brian – They are reaching out to students, if you sign the list they'll get back to you. You can send emails to them.

Nick – If you have any concerns about issues on campus, SA is first place to go, please bring it up in meeting or email any of us.

Jeff – I do have something to say about the PSAs. I think funding by SA is not an appropriate use of SA funds.

PSA member – I do think it's a good program, we do a good job of keeping campus safe. We are an important organization.

Jeff – I'm not saying it's a bad organization, I'm just concerned about the source of funding. They do great things for campus.

Brian – Perhaps they could be funded by th school itself or the police department.

PSA – If it's an issue of funding, I'm not sure how we could do funding, I'll look into it.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Arthur
Recording Secretary