

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: 6:16PM

Approval of the Agenda: 27-0910: allocate \$100, to create a new line for advertising. Approval 7-0-0

Approval of the Minutes: 25-0910: should be Teresa, not Theresa, approval 7-0-0

Updates

President, Haleema Murtaza updates: I met with President Dahl and Dr. Bonfiglio. I also met with Student Court. Attended the CAS Board of Dir. meeting. I attended a 2 day Foundation Board meeting and also attended the David Stollman “Buy In or Get Out”.

Vice-President, Nicholas Kaasik updates: I am meeting with the District Attorney this Friday. As a representative of the student body, I encourage any of you with concerns to email savp@geneseo.edu or to see me after the meeting so that I may relay those concerns to the District Attorney. I also contacted our insurance agent and Chip Matthews in the Union about the possibility of expanding the sports equipment loan to include sleds, and I'm waiting to hear back from our insurance agent on the matter.

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates: Officer Training went well last week. Four organizations still have their budget frozen: CSA Pres, CSA Men's Rugby, GAGG and SEAA.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Melissa Kaye updates: This week I attended and helped set up for the Memory Walk put on by NRHH. I also attended Marty Day, which was a program to help choose delegates for the regional conference, and then I helped Ashley, Kevin and Deanna choose a delegation. I'm really looking forward to making a roll call with this group! I read over the Subs proposals, worked on the IRC MyCourses group, attended the CAS Board of Directors and went to SA Officer Training.

Director of Public Relations, Mathé Kamsutchom updates : Expect to see a new SA advertising campaign in the upcoming weeks, as well as a revamped, newly updated, more comprehensive SA website.

Director of Academic Affairs, Brian Hartle updates: The treasurer position remains vacant so I plan to appoint John Morrissey, a senior History/International Relations major, to the post at our next meeting. Carey Backman talked to us about the Upstate Escapes program and we hope that not only academic clubs but other groups as well will take advantage of this opportunity. We are charging ahead with Rock Spring Semester: academic advising for students, by students, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 29 from 7 to 9pm. I encourage all students to attend as you each have your unique take on classes and faculty members. Biology Club is planning a trip to Letchworth State Park to hike and raft. And Cothurnus is attending a Shakespeare conference in Stratford over fall break.

Director of Student Affairs, Hamza Murtaza updates: Poonam Bhatt is the new ACE secretary

Director of Student Programming, Corinthia Kotlar, updates: This Friday, Oct 2nd Mac's Place and Arts & Exhibits will be co-sponsoring a trip to Rochester for the First Friday art celebration. Tickets are available in the SA Ticket Office and they are selling fast.

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

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: Anti-hazing workshops are Thursday, October 15th at 5pm, and Saturday October 18th at 12pm. Both sessions are in CU 322/323. All new members must attend one of those sessions. Looking for members for the All-College Judicial Committee (Student Conduct Board) – Survey/memo will be out by Monday, October 5th. I also attended the Memory Walk.

Open Updates

Women's Rugby – Won 41-10 against Canisius. The next game is against Fredonia this Saturday, wish us luck.

Model UN – Oct 8th-12th to Georgetown for a conference, we hope to get a few awards.

Frisbee – Tournament in Buffalo this past weekend. We sent 3 teams with a large number of freshmen this year.

MTC – Next Wednesday & Thursday in Wads, come see Twilight Zone at 8pm. Its free!

USAEC – is in full force, doing great work. Campaigning for Freshmen class officers and the Class 2011 President starts next week.

GSTV – In Union 319 there will be an information session for “Sabotage” at 7:30pm tomorrow.

Pride Alliance – If you are interested in the National Walk for Equality, contact Pride Alliance.

Music Association – On Sunday at 3pm in Wads, there will be a pianist. \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Come hear some great classical music.

Old Business

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Second of Two Readings

Melissa – This is the same reading as last week, new features, more colorful, easy to use, webmaster to maintain it.

Brian- Basically, this isn't allocating any money, it's more so they have an idea about how much work they're doing. We're going through procedure, but the money will be coming back to us at the end of the year.

25-0910: Second of Two, Reading passes 7-0-0

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Christina and Kyle – There are more details in the rationale if you want to see them. The National March for Equality will be on October 10-11, 2009 in Washington DC for LGBT community. It is an official march, the government does recognize it, and police will be involved. This trip will provide an opportunity for true activism for Pride Alliance, and networking with students from Brockport. We will be travelling with 2-3 bus loads, and there will be up to 10,000 activists in DC. This will be opportunities for learning and personal growth. We have 20 new members and the majority of them are freshman, so this will be an opportunity for them to embrace their identity. Not a lot of people will be here on campus, because it's fall break. On October 10th – Saturday before the march, we will create posters and banners. At 8pm, volunteer drivers will drive to Rochester, and the buses will be there. 11pm depart Rochester, head to DC. On October 11th - 7am, we will arrive to DC. Networking programs, 12pm the March will begin. The march will be approximately 2 ½ miles. 2pm Rally in front of the Capital building with performances, 5pm dinner, 7pm depart back to Rochester. On October 12th - 5am Monday to Rochester, 7am to Geneseo. Logistics of the trip – transportation, food, students. We have 25 spots, and we currently have 16 interested. We got interest through advertising on What's Up . We have 9 spots left so if we get the funding, more can attend. We have 6 drivers and cars, and a back up driver and vehicle if necessary. Civil Rights Front, an organization out of Rochester, will be travelling with us. When we looked at price comparisons, they gave us the best deal. We did consider driving down ourselves, but there could be an additional cost of overnight accommodations, or the issue of sleep deprivation. Its cheaper to travel with them. 20-30% of the participants' parents are not comfortable with this, so your support is important for the costs for those students whose parents will not support them. Food – SA will not be funding the food at all, if the students want food it will be \$20-\$30 at the discretion of the participant. Safety- we will give them contact info, bus captain info, and local authorities phone numbers in case they are separated, etc. We know the specific location of the march, and we have meeting points along the route. These are just precautions in the most extreme cases, because parents are concerned, and students are concerned with other students safety. SA funding – half of the bus ticket –would be \$30. With 25 people going = \$750. Without SA funding costs will be \$60-90 a person. Advertising – What's Up email, Pride Alliance, word of mouth, IRC, Facebook, meeting/orientation. We would like this to be a one week reading, but this is not a point of preparation. We were very thorough on our planning of the trip, but we were not planning on applying for the trip because we had planned to go on our own. We then recognized that a lot of students wanted to go but couldn't afford it. This was last minute, but we hadn't created this trip for more people. This trip cannot happen if it's not passed, because the tickets must be purchased before October 5th. With a 2 week reading we couldn't buy the tickets. It is a do or die situation for us. It is an important trip for many students and we have few opportunities like this to be a part of an historical event and to be in a group of 10,000 and supported by all of them. Thank you for listening.

Ulyses- Didn't you say you had a large amount of group members this year? – Yes we have 70 group members. It is a lot bigger than previous years. Important for all to get involved. Mathé- I'm so impressed by the preparation of Pride Alliance in presenting this reading. I haven't seen anything like it, and I hope it serves as a model for other organizations. I hope you support it. Corey- I just wanted to say you did a wonderful job. Good luck, have fun, it's a great cause. Tom- This is the most prepared reading I've seen at an SA meeting. Melissa- I think it is fabulous that you have so many people coming to your meetings Brian – This is a great cause, you need to go there, it's a great cause to be extended to more people on campus. Mathé – The reason why it's so prepared is because they did feel free to come to us and ask questions before hand. We are here; we have office hours, please come talk to us. That is why they had a great presentation because they talked to almost all of us.

Melissa – I motion to waive first week, Seconded by Mathe.

Vote on motion to waive first reading, passes 7-0-0.

Doug- Will there be workshops you could go to? – From 8am – 12pm there will be workshops, between 5-7am also, and all participants are welcome to attend those events.

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BSU – G-Steppas began in Fall 2006, and we have never had a budget of our own. We only exist on the Geneseo Campus, and we want to be able to compete in competitions. We're asking for advertising funds, to advertise for tryouts, we want table tents, big poster in the Union, and flyers. We will be going through the Duplicating Center. Our organization is all inclusive, and we are willing to teach those with no experience. We do have an issue because we are 3 members strong, we are asked a lot to perform, we're excited to perform, but with only 3 people we end up spreading ourselves too thin. It's a lot to do, and we want a bigger team. We originally planned for advertising by ourselves, we only advertise on Facebook, but only 2 members showed up to auditions, and we want to get it out to everyone. We would also like to make this a one week reading, because if we go through with a 2 week reading, we couldn't start tryouts until the 14th. We want to exist in the SUNY community, and we want to have a group performing. When we submitted the reading, we expected this week to be our 2nd reading but we had to go over some things and that pushed us back a week. Melissa- Are the competitions planned? – There is a competition at U of R and UB, and we're trying to contact people, but we can't be invited because we don't technically exist. Geneseo Step Team won 2nd place in 2006 at UB, and we have been invited back but we haven't gone because we're not a strong enough team yet. Haleema- When does the competition take place? – In March sometime, in the spring. Nick – I would encourage you to come back for a request for a specific conference. Please come back to us if you plan to attend in the future.

Discussion on waiving the first reading.

Nick – I think that being we have some room before the conference, it's not a pressing situation. It won't be disastrous, and in my opinion we'll wait until there is an unforeseen circumstance to waive the first week. Mathé- G-Steppas are asked to do so many events. They need the support from the campus and SA. What they bring is truly unique and everyone enjoys the performance when they see them.

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No one to present. Reading fails. Can be resubmitted.

Open Discussion

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:03PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Arthur
Recording Secretary