

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:	Nicholas Spengler
Vice-President:	Tyler Ocon
<b>Directors:</b>	
Academic Affairs:	Justin Shapiro
Business Affairs:	Brittany Wolf
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Carly Annable
Public Relations:	Lindsey Hebell
Student Affairs:	Stasia Monteiro
Student Programming:	Heather Bristol
Advisor:	Patty Hamilton-Rodgers

*PROFESSIONAL STAFF*

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

**Call to Order:** 6:16 pm.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Add 60-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$650.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to SA Graphics, Account 1010, for more grants to be used on KnightLink headers.

*Second of Two Readings*

Passes 7-0-0.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Passes 7-0-0.

Tyler motions to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. Seconded by Brittany.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

**Updates**

***President, Nicholas Spengler updates:***

***Vice-President, Tyler Ocon updates:*** For club sports I'll be holding the anti-hazing workshops this semester. I'll have 3 to make up for last semester. The first 2 will be Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12pm and 3pm, and the third will be on March 21<sup>st</sup> during all college hour from 2:30pm-3:30pm. I'll have rooms ASAP. I'm still looking for student senators to serve on the college senate; you can help shape college policy. There's one seat on student affairs and one on faculty affairs. The time is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm-6pm, applications are due by Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>. Also I heard that Heather was accepted into law school so congrats to her.

***Director of Business Affairs, Brittany Wolf updates:*** You should have gotten an email from me about budget reviews and budget proposals, if you have any questions email me. I'm putting together a budget review committee, if you're interested I'll be making decisions over the next week.

***Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Carly Annable updates:*** Best of luck to anyone who can beat the SA Exec college bowl team. IRC is looking for a new treasurer so if anyone is interested, submit a letter of intent by this Friday in my mailbox.

***Director of Public Relations, Lindsey Hebell updates:*** Hopefully by next week I'll be ordering SA promotional items, so if anyone has any suggestions, like sunglasses or t-shirts, let me know! [sapr@geneseo](mailto:sapr@geneseo).

***Director of Academic Affairs, Justin Shapiro updates:*** OPUS submissions to English Club are now open; email your entries to [englclub@geneseo](mailto:englclub@geneseo). Mocktrial is attending the Yellow-Jacket invitational on February 4<sup>th</sup>. AAC is looking for a new treasurer so if you think you have what it takes email [aac@geneseo](mailto:aac@geneseo), letters are due by January 30<sup>th</sup>, and elections will take place on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Also College Bowl is February 18<sup>th</sup> so make up teams of 4. To register grab forms in the College Union CU 316.

***Director of Student Affairs, Stasia Monteiro updates:*** I am seeking out students who are interested in working on coordinating travel to Strong Hospital through the Geneseo transit system so if you are interested in making medical needs more accessible email me at [sasa@geneseo](mailto:sasa@geneseo). We are going to have a small number of meetings this semester but on a more fun note at ACE we talked about cultural dinners coming up. I'll be telling you about those as they are happening.

***Director of Student Programming, Heather Bristol updates:*** February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the opening of an exhibit in the Kinetic Gallery called Root Source. It's free, there will be refreshments, and it's from 6pm-8pm. I appointed a treasurer and am in the process of filling the webmaster/historian position.

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

***Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:*** No new updates.

**Open Updates**

SUNY Assembly: SUNYpalooza is March 6<sup>th</sup> this year. It's an annual day that SUNY Student Assembly runs. We get to lobby at Albany to deal with issues with SUNY. There are generally one or two other topics that vary from year to year. The budget is always talked about and anything else that the legislature is doing that will impact SUNY at all will be talked about. If you're interested in going we'll figure it out.

Model UN: We are going to Montreal tomorrow to represent MUN.

GAGG: Running GAGG is coming up a week and a half from today. It is our annual weekend in the spring semester where we take over buildings and run lots of games. Come and join us, the main place to come is the Union Ballroom. Registration is open so you can pre-register; attendance is only \$5 for an all weekend pass. If you go to [gagg.geneseo.edu](http://gagg.geneseo.edu) you can sign up for the convention and for the events you want to play in. You can get in free if you help us run it.

SFER: We are having a discussion next Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in Wadsworth; we'll have many different reps come to talk.

### Old Business

60-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$650.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to SA Graphics, Account 1010, for more grants to be used on KnightLink headers.

#### *Second of Two Readings*

Kristen says I'm the SA graphics coordinator. I work with students and departments on campus to develop publicity and marketing materials. In the graphics office a new header grant program came out, and the SA generously donated enough for 30 organizations to have custom headers designed. Each grant was worth \$30 and it was open to everyone. Our applications were filled out in 2 hours with many more organizations on the waitlist. We'd like to open this up to more organizations. We have had really great feedback on it, it is a great advertising tool, and it connects students who wouldn't normally be in the office working with us, there.

Malcolm asks last week there was some concern about how CU&A was supposed to provide funds?

Carly says I want to clarify that CU&A has put more money into it than SA has been aware of. It has been more equal than we were aware of.

Heather asks would it be again the first 25 organizations, or taking into account the 20 on the waitlist?

Kristen says we held 10 spots on the waitlist and told the 10 that were behind them that we had filled our spots, the rest of them were told they could apply again.

Justin asks if you weren't required by this funding to accommodate others, could you accommodate them if they came up to you individually?

Kristen says if this passes we will immediately be able to do them, otherwise there will be a package deal that students can purchase through the office.

Dara asks how many clubs use SA graphics just for their clubs in general?

Kristen says it's quite a few.

Dara asks do you feel like you have drawn in more clubs that weren't aware of the program originally?

Kristen says definitely.

Tyler asks would you be receptive to a matching grant system?

Kristen says that could be a possibility.

Lindsay says I have to second Tyler's question, I think it would be great if we had a matching grant system as unfortunately we cannot afford to shell out for every little thing. We still need to be rational, and \$15 per organization does not seem like too much to ask.

Tyler asks in your opinion, how many of these do you think you can do in a given semester?

Kristen says I did 30 this semester, I think that was a good number. By the time I meet with students, discuss, come up with something, proof it, and finish it, that's about all my time. In the spring I have an intern and I need some time to devote to that so I lessened it to 25.

Charles says I think the matching program is a much better idea. It makes more sense money-wise.

Justin says we should also consider advertising the program too.

Kristen says it was advertised during the mandatory recognition meetings, I went to every single meeting so a representative from every organization was able to hear about it.

Justin motions to amend the reading to \$325. Seconded by Tyler.

Charles asks how would the program work?

Nick says it would be split between Kristen and clubs budgets.

Dara asks if they are paying \$15, do they have to come to SA to move money in the budget?

Brittany says that's just a memo that you have to put in my mailbox.

Tyler says I think that this is a good move; it gives you more of a personal investment to how you are portraying your club to others.

Also now we have more money to put on other events.

Motion passes 6-0-1 with Justin abstaining .

60-1112: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-1-0 with Carly voting no.

### New Business

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#### *First and Only Reading*

Grace says this reading prefaces the second reading. We have the opportunity to attend a 5<sup>th</sup> race, but to make that budget increase less, we realigned some of the other funds to that it could cover some of the costs.

Tyler asks was this opportunity available in the past?

Grace says usually the first race is before we get to school, but the schedule was changed so that we could attend it.

A representative asks so if you don't go to this 5<sup>th</sup> race you can't attend regionals?

Tyler says no we haven't gone before, but we have a pretty good girls' team so we have a good choice. We race against varsity teams but now that we have more promising girls we have a better chance.

Justin asks where is the regional race?

Grace says Bristol.

Carly says I really support the fact that you are realigning as well as asking for money.

62-112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 6-1-0 with Tyler voting no.

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*First of Two Readings*

Grace says to cover this 5<sup>th</sup> race we would need more money in our transportation line for gas reimbursement, so this covers that. Also some more money is needed for additional practices. We pay for the additional practices but the gas reimbursement is separate. \$821 is for entry fees. That is so expensive because we are paying for a lift ticket 2 days in a row. Additionally, we always budget money for two rooms in a hotel but because we have more people this year, we have 3 hotel rooms per weekend. We used money last weekend for one hotel, so an additional \$156 is needed to cover 2 extra rooms for a race 2 weeks prior from now. One girl has allowed us to stay at her house for the 5<sup>th</sup> race so we don't need money for any additional things.

Stasia asks what would the cost per member be for this trip after this?

Tyler says here I have an up to amount because we can bring 13 people to a race. I did the maximum amount to the race, that being said we don't always bring 13 people. Last weekend it was \$100 for each racer, and for this one it's \$115 per racer.

Grace says SA pays for 75% of the room cost and we pay 25% out of pocket, but because we have so many people we had to get 3 rooms. We anticipate that we will need 3 rooms for our next race so we need a little bit more money to cover that.

63-1112: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-2 with Tyler and Stasia abstaining.

64-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,353.48 from Conference Line, 1002, to Women's Ice Hockey, Account 1417, for funding to the Thousand Island Throwdown Showdown

*First of Two Readings*

Rachel says I am the president of Women's Ice Hockey. This is the biggest team the school has ever had. This year because we have improved so much we have gotten an invitation to the Thousand Island Throwdown Showdown. Geneseo charges us \$90 per hour so it's cheaper to get ice time at this tournament than it is here, and we might get more games depending on how we do. The cool thing about this is that all proceeds are donated to breast cancer research. We are asking for half of the money because we have a donation that will pay for the rest of it. We will spend 2 nights in the hotel room, and we are not asking for money for meals: just to get there and to play.

Kate asks for the hotel, were you rounding up to the \$1300?

Rachel says Tyler did that.

Nick says it's \$1264.

Kate says we would do tax exempt status if tax was included.

Tyler says I believe that for such an excellent cause this is a great activity.

Another rep says I think this is a great thing.

Charles says I think this is why we should be frugal with our money elsewhere, so we can promote things like this.

64-1112: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

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Kyra says I'm the treasurer from SFER; we are having a panel on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in Wads. We are having Teach For America (TFA) come, some students at this school, and a faculty member. We need SA tech because we are in Wads Auditorium.

65-1112: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1 with Brittany abstaining.

66-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE appoint Steven Fisher as the Undergraduate Student Association Elections Committee Chair for the rest of the Spring 2012 semester.

*First and Only Reading*

Nick says I appointed Rob Terreri, but the appointment was only for one semester, so the position is open. I am choosing Steven Fisher who is sitting at the back of the room, he is highly qualified and he is getting prepared for it.

Justin says you all have to get on that soon because it's important.

Malcolm says Steve is the president for Mock Trial and he has been superb in that role.

66-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 6-0-0.

## Open Discussion

Joe says we want to come in and talk with you guys about busing, RGRTA, LATS and the bus that goes to Rochester and back. Bonnie says I appreciate you letting me come talk. I worked with higher education in the last 8 years, my focus has been starting to work more in depth with the colleges, understanding what their needs are by seeing if we should add or remove services. I have a couple of questions; I'd like to keep this a very open discussion. I am showing you guys what I have worked on for RIT and Nazareth. It has been important to those 2 schools to have a bus service. RIT didn't have any real access into downtown Rochester. Their student government is subsidizing a service so that every Saturday night there is an opportunity to see downtown Rochester. There are a number of other things down there, other than the clubs. Tonight I wanted to just have a little conversation with you about the bus service; I'd like you to randomly give me your thoughts. I just got my last kid out of college, so I get what your world is about and how you think and I really want your ideas. There is good representation from all the grades here. For the upper classman, have you utilized the service?

YES.

Has it been more local?

YES.

Why haven't you gone downtown more?

Tyler says because I have no time

Dara says I like to use the bus a lot for the airport and it never really worked out for me.

Bonnie asks is there anything that you want to see different?

Charles says I definitely want to see more accommodation for people that want or need to travel. It is convenient if we don't have to have someone pick us up if we want to go home.

Justin says I most certainly echo Charles sentiments because it would be more helpful to get access to the train station and the airport.

Bonnie says so getting home is really important to you guys. What about socialization downtown with other college kids on a Saturday night? Do you go on a regular basis?

Lindsay says I am from Rochester. I have used the bus frequently but more often I would not take it all the way into the city.

Bonnie asks is it because you all really don't know what's there?

YES.

Bonnie says if you look on the back of the RIT schedule there is a whole venue of different businesses you can go to. I have worked closely with the East End Business Merchants Association, they love it when the students come down and spend time in that community. On Nazareth's schedule there is a large flyer. If you want to go and have the other cultural experiences that the Rochester community offers, is that something that would be of interest to you more.

A representative says the bus currently services the Marketplace and the Eastview mall, and the East End is more attractive to me.

Bonnie says right now if you leave here on Sunday and go to Eastview, it takes an hour and a half to get there. I am thinking about redesigning that service so that there would be a north route and a southeast route, which could take you to a new venue. Your ridership to Eastview is very high.

Heather says I prefer Eastview mall, but if I had access to a car I would go to Marketplace instead. I think other students agree that they would rather go there if there was a faster way to get there.

Bonnie says on the local service here, tell me what you like or don't like.

Amnesty says the wait time is horrible. I have to wait at least for 30 minutes or an hour to get to the next stop. They are also never on time.

Bonnie asks are there really on time issues?

Malcolm says yes. The bus should have gotten me to class with 4 minutes to spare before it started and I got there 15 minutes late.

And there was not a weather element. I complained about it, the bus driver was rude to me, told me he was on time, I called the RTS number from the brochure to file a complaint and that was the last that I heard. That is the latest it has been.

Stasia says I have issues here I check the local schedules and I find out that the bus is actually going to Rochester that arrives. If the schedule says the bus will be there at that time, it should be there at that time, and if there are going to be 2 buses then that should be made clear.

Joe says one of the things we are working on is getting electronic message boards out there. We would like one at the Union; one at Wayne; one at Milne; and one at H lot. This is so you can see a bus is coming in 3 minutes by its GPS. That is coming hopefully this fall.

Bonnie says they call this an ETA sign. This is something the president talked with us about a few years ago. We are hoping that by next year this will be up and running. One of the other things I wanted to ask about is medical services. Are there times you wish you had transportation to bring you to Strong hospital, or the Livingston County Health Services? What's your sense about medical transportation for that?

A representative says I think it's a need. I had a friend fall down last year and no one could get her from the hospital for a broken wrist. The ambulance had taken her there.

A representative says I was at physical therapy at the Livingston Health Services, and I was walking there and back because I didn't have a way to get there.

Stasia says I have a friend that works at Lauderdale; I know that for some incoming students that have incoming treatment going on at home, they need to provide their own transportation to get to these appointments. For counseling services, that's a consistent need, or some other type of physical therapy, a student should have a way to get back and forth to these things.

Bonnie says let me ask you about the schedules. Do you find them difficult to read? Is the print too small? Is it not engaging enough?

Tyler says I'm looking at these now, and I'm wondering why aren't the schedules for the services here this easy to read? We have a jumble of colors and numbers that are difficult to read if you don't have practice.

Bonnie says I'm also thinking that simple works really well. As a student who has never ridden on public transportation, what are your thoughts?

John Turner says I didn't really know what was going on at first, I was really confused.

Bonnie says we value your business and we appreciate it each time you ride the bus. The RIT service that is new, we work with their student government, we let them into the service. It's called the T-E3; we also let them design the logo for it as well. We thought that their ideas were very cool. For you, we might be looking at changing some service up for next fall, doing some things a little differently. Would Student Association here be interested in participating and working with me on a design name and the branding process and helping to do all of these things? I will leave it in your court now. The other thing that we are going to be doing is that a lot of times when freshmen come to college, it is a little intimidating. When I first got to work at the authority, he said that I needed to learn how to ride the bus; I said I didn't even know how to read the schedule. I think that in talking with students, this service is for you. It is a lot of money to provide this service. We encourage students to come back to us with ideas; there will be a survey at the end of this year for you all to fill out.

Stasia says that we might include something that shows what kind of destinations there are, and that there would be a site full of different potential destinations we could go to, maybe there would be a way to tie it all together to get students engaged

Dara says I think the signs with the times of arrival are great. Is there a way that it could also go online?

Bonnie says right now as far as schedule time goes, Google-Transit has that information and in turn we are in the process right now of doing a texting feature so you can get that data downloaded to you through your phone. We are still in the early stages of that.

Malcolm says I think this will impact students on the North side. This year there was a bit of a shift in the schedule, now it's 5 minutes later on a lot of the runs. Because the bus was scheduled to leave 5 minutes earlier last year it wasn't as much of a problem when the bus was a couple of minutes late. Now when it runs late, everything gets moved back. If we can, we should guarantee that the bus makes it to the Milne stop (stop3) right before standard class start times. There are some oddball class start times, but there are huge blocks of the schedule that are pretty predictable.

Heather says if there could be a clearer map as to maybe what is near the stops that would be great. I know that there are times in my freshman year when I would go into the city and then walk from one place to the next, I would get on the last bus back, and I was scared that I would get stuck in Rochester.

Bonnie says in RIT we only have one drop off and pick up point, which has been very successful so far. We also customized the stop with the T-E3 sign, so it is clearly defined for the students.

Dara says we only have a movie theatre and a bowling alley, but as a freshman I could only go to the movies during the midnight movies. If you could gear a stop on a more regular basis I think that freshmen would love that.

Bonnie says a lot of this is the fact that the service really needs to be marketed to the students as well, that is one thing that we are looking to change up.

Charles says I really like the shoppers express, maintaining that would be great.

Bonnie says the college instituted a Thursday night service to Mount Morris. There are some restaurants over there and some other things going on in that community. Is Saturday more attractive than Thursday?

A representative says Saturday makes more sense, during the week people don't really want to go to the next town over.

Bonnie asks what about taking the bus into Letchworth Park?

YES.

Bonnie says so my close to you is that Nick has my email address and I would appreciate any comments that you would want to come back with. Mark Hoffman is in charge of the ETA signs that are coming to you. The kids all think that that would be very beneficial.

Jim says we can't do everything for every particular individual, but we can see about doing things. Last spring we changed the route schedule on Sundays because we thought that a lot of people would really like it. We took a bunch of people that were going to religious services that couldn't drive there, and they came to us and we helped them out. We will try to work with people especially if it's for a good amount of the community.

Carly motions to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order. Seconded by Justin.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Brittany asks how would you feel about putting the agenda online?

YES.

Brittany says look for that next week on KnightLink!

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed  
Recording Secretary