

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.

**FALL MINUTES #16, Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

<i>Executive Committee</i>	
President:	Kaitlin Pfundstein
Vice-President:	Jarred Okosun
<b>Directors:</b>	
Academic Affairs:	Corey Wilkinson
Business Affairs:	Supriya Juneja
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Zachariah Barfield
Public Relations:	Barak Stockler
Student Affairs & Diversity:	Alberto Alonso
Student Programming:	Julia Sisti
Advisor:	Shawn Plummer
<i>PROFESSIONAL STAFF</i>	
Dir. of SA Programs, Personnel & Finances:	Kate Rebban
Administrative Assistant:	Ashley Scutt
Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer
Crew Coach:	Will Greene

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**Call to Order:** 6:15 PM

**Approval of the Agenda:** 7-0-0 move to amend 39-1718 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached changes to SA financial policy, to include the information distributed at meeting. 7-0-0 move to amend amount of allocated funds in 38-1718 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$15,000 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Student Association Programs, Account 1002 to fund the graduate test prep service, to read \$14,944. Agenda passes as amended 7-0-0.

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

### Updates

**President, Kaitlin Pfundstein:** President Battles will attend SA meeting on Wednesday, 12/6.

**Vice-President, Jarred Okosun updates:** College Senate will meet next Tuesday, 12/5. Student Senate's last meeting of the semester will be on 11/30 in the Hunt Room at 4 PM.

**Director of Business Affairs, Supriya Juneja updates:** Fundraising requests: BSU, LSA and CSA will be hosting a Karaoke night on November 30th in the mosaic room 5:00-7:00 PM, there will be an entrance fee of \$3 and \$1 per song, proceeds will be donated to hurricane relief in Puerto Rico. GEO will be selling tree shirts for \$10 or \$5 if the student brings their own shirts from November 27th to December 1st. BSU will be hosting their Annual Kwanza dinner on December 9th in the Interfaith Center from 6:00-8:00pm, tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for the general public. Frozen Budgets for Semester: GSTV, Fencing Club, Figure Skating, Sports Medicine Club, Art Club, Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Frozen Budgets: LSA. Please take one of the distributed surveys on how SA can improve for next semester back to your executive boards.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Zachariah Barfield updates:** The Inter-Residence Council went to a conference before Thanksgiving break at which 2 members of our delegation bid to host a conference next year at Geneseo and won, so IRC will be hosting a residence hall programming contest on campus in the fall of 2018.

**Director of Public Relations, Barak Stockler updates:** I'll be resending the survey that asks clubs and organizations to assess their student impact and achievements in order to determine which organizations will be photographed and displayed in the Student Life Hallway. Keep checking Geneseo Speaks.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Corey Wilkinson updates:** None

**Director of Student Affairs, Alberto Alonso updates:** None

**Director of Student Programming, Julia Sisti updates:** This coming Saturday, 12/2 at 7 PM in Wadsworth Auditorium, Limon Dance Company will perform. Tickets are on sale at the ticket office for \$8.

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

**Shawn Plummer, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** None

### Open Updates

LSA: Our fundraising event will take place on 11/30, with entrance for \$3. LSA's President has stepped down and our Vice President has been voted into the President position. We will hold elections next week to fill the Vice President's role.

Mock Trial: Before break, Mock Trial attended a competition at St. Bonaventure University and beat over 12 schools. Individual members received 4 Outstanding Attorney Awards and 1 Outstanding Witness Award.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

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*First and Only Reading*

Kate: Last spring Dianne Krenzer evaluated the pros and cons of switching over to a new ticketing system, which was implemented this fall, so we no longer need CIT server space. She would like to realign a total of \$1,703 down to Line 80: Ticketing Fees. Barak asks what the money will be used for. Kate restates that it will be used for ticketing fees, which are incurred via the ticketing software each time a ticket is printed. Barak asks if there wasn't enough money for ticketing fees. Kate confirms that there wasn't.  
*36-1718, First and Only Reading, passes 7-0-0*

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*First and Only Reading*

Jarred: One of the Vice President's responsibilities is overseeing the Leadership Award review process. To do that I need a committee of up to six people. These people have all either reached out to me or gone through the application process. Corey states that the application process was a good idea.  
*37-1718, First and Only Reading, passes 6-0-1 with Jarred abstaining*

38-1718 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$14,944 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Student Association Programs, Account 1002 to fund the graduate test prep service.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT account 1002, Line 20: GMAT/LCAT be renamed as Graduate Test Prep Service.  
*First of Two Readings*

Corey: Line 20's title is being changed because GMAT/LCAT doesn't really reflect the purpose of the line, which as it's been run is a graduate test prep service. The main reason is that this fall semester's first run has been very successful, with 30 students participating in the program. When applications were sent out at the beginning of the semester 57 students signed up. We've received a lot of positive feedback so far. I've been working with SA Services manager, Dianne Krenzer, to figure out what we can do to improve the service. So far I've sent out two surveys – one for the people who took the class and another about offering the service next semester. From the feedback we got from the members of the recent class, we got a lot of positive responses about the impact. We've also had other feedback from people who would prefer an online class and books instead of the current format. The reason I'm requesting these funds is to offer another GRE prep course, since it had a 73 percent approval rate among people who were asked what prep classes should be offered in the future. 11.7 percent of people want an MCAT course and 9.1 want one for the LSAT. We're requesting \$14,370 to hold the GRE course and the rest will be allocated to people who want to prepare for other exams. Dianne and I have been speaking with Kaplan to figure out what kinds of additional services, like online courses or textbooks, we can offer people who aren't going to be taking the GRE. We don't have exact financial figures yet, but we're speaking with Kaplan and will hopefully have them by the next SA meeting.

Alberto asks if other services besides Kaplan have been looked into. Corey says they have not, since Kaplan is one of the largest services and a lot of positive feedback has been given in response to Kaplan services.

Supriya says her biggest concern is that it's a significant amount of money that helps only around 30 students and asks if Corey would consider only subsidizing books and reaching a larger group of people. Corey responds that the Kaplan contract costs \$779 per student and SA pays for \$479 of that, leaving students to pay \$300. Since test prep courses can range into the range of several thousand dollars, \$300 for a \$1300 course is a big discount. Classes over self-guided learning is being prioritized because of improved learning outcomes.

Shawn asks when the course would start. Corey explains that this semester's class was eight weeks long, with a two and a half hour class per week. Kaplan is changing that to three and a half hours a week for seven weeks, which would help in accommodating spring break – the class would start before the second week of school and end right before spring break, which would help the continuity of the class.

Supriya asks how the \$479 that SA would pay was decided on. Corey explains that last year's survey asked how much people would be willing to pay, which was generally around \$300, and that number was compared to the \$16,000 budget. Working with how much SA had and how much people were willing to pay, \$479 was the decided-upon number.

Supriya asks if decreasing \$479 to \$379 would increase the amount of money going towards MCAT and LSAT books. Corey says this has been considered but Dianne is still speaking with Kaplan and the numbers won't be known until next week.

Meeting attendee asks if the GRE classes would only be for 30 students. Corey explains that Kaplan mandates a 30-student maximum in its contracts.

Meeting attendee asks when the application period begins. Corey responds that if this reading passes, applications will be sent out over

winter break.

Jarred says it would be valuable to bring in alternative services since there are several hundred students who are going to be taking grad school exams who will not be able to be served in a 30-student class.

Supriya asks for more financial and logistical information.

Corey says that the numbers are currently being crunched but in order for this to get off the ground and for the service to be provided, this must be done within the next two SA meeting.

Kaitlin polls the room, attendees are mostly in favor of reading passing.

38-1718, *First of Two Readings, passes*

39-1718 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached changes to SA financial policy.

*First of Two Readings*

Kaitlin: What's in the agenda currently is about half of the changes that we are looking to make to financial policy. At the end of last year we realized we had to make immediate changes to the stipend procedure we had in policy because we would no longer be able to afford awarding stipends to the procedures that had previously received them. As opposed to just cutting the stipends so that fewer students would receive them, we made the decision to switch them to Leadership Awards, pulling from the same account from the Geneseo Foundation as our Merit Awards, a scholarship which SA sponsors every Spring semester which students can apply for. We looked for a way to align the Leadership Award process to mirror that of the Merit Awards to give students the same opportunity to receive payment for the work they had been doing. There are two changes that really need to be made before the end of the semester which are both outlined here: Leadership Award policy will be presented on a semester basis to the Vice President of Student and Campus Life and the President of College Advancement for review and approval – College Advancement because we are going through the Geneseo Foundation and Student and Campus Life because we have to make sure we are aligned with student regulations. However, the way that's worded means that we have to meet with these two people every semester to review the same policy, which seems silly. The change made would make it so that the policy will only need approval if a change is made to it, not simply every semester. The second proposed change, letter F, which states that before taking effect for the following academic year, the proposals and recommendations of the Leadership Award review committee must be approved and reviewed by the Executive Committee through a two-week reading passed in an open business meeting. However, the first problem with that is that we no longer do Leadership Awards on an academic year basis, but on a semester basis and we cannot approve them before the academic year if they happen each semester. The second change is that to keep things aligned with existing Merit Award policy it would no longer be a two week reading but be based on the recommendations of the SA Vice President's Review Committee via memo.

39-1718, first of two readings, passes 5-0-0

### **Open Discussion**

None

### **Adjournment**

6:46

Respectfully Submitted,

Noah Mazer  
Recording Secretary