

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 #3, Friday, August 22, 2008

<i>Executive Committee</i>	
President:	Danielle Forrest
Vice-President:	Dean McGee
Directors:	
Academic Affairs:	Rebecca Coons
Business Affairs:	Dan Bach
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Katelyn Conway
Public Relations:	Amanda Dermady
Student Affairs:	Sarah Murtaza
Student Programming:	Patrick Oberle
Advisor:	Tamara Kenney
<i>PROFESSIONAL STAFF</i>	
Dir. of SA Programs,	
Personnel & Finances:	Kate Rebban
Administrative Assistant:	Nancy Chirico
Graphics Coordinator:	Kristen Fuest
Program Advisor:	Matthew Jordan
Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer

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Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 1:01pm with all members of the Executive Committee present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Agenda was approved 7-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes:

Agenda was approved 6-0-1 with Dan abstaining.

Updates

President, Danielle Forrest updates:

She is working on contracts. She also attended the Student & Campus Life retreat. She met with Dr. Bonfiglio about a few items. She is looking over appointments for Student Court. She had a meeting with the class advisors to clarify information regarding the class offices drawing fund.

Vice-President, Dean McGee updates:

He needs 14 student senators; the applications are due on Monday.

Director of Business Affairs, Dan Bach updates:

He is looking for information to add for treasurer training.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Katelyn Conway updates:

The IRC fall leadership was this week with 27 participants. The E-Board's retreat is next week. The rug sale is today and tomorrow on the Union Patio. The welcome packages will be in early next week.

Director of Public Relations, Amanda Dermady updates:

The promo items are ordered and will be in next week.

Director of Academic Affairs, Rebecca Coons updates:

Promo items have been ordered. She is working with Suzanne for the recognition due dates so the AAC's deadline will be just after College recognition. There won't be a College Bowl this year, but she is looking at the information for the replacement program, the National Academic Quiz Tournament. She was on the all campus judicial committee three times this summer.

Director of Student Affairs, Sarah Murtaza updates:

The first ACE meeting is September 3 during all college free. Off campus guides are almost ready. On August 27 & October 1st there will be candidate forums for voting; voter registration tables will be in the lobby.

Director of Student Programming, Patrick Oberle, updates:

The AC retreat was yesterday in Ithaca. There is an art reception on Monday during the day in the gallery. Kinosh's drive in movie is tomorrow, it's Indiana Jones. The Female Orgasm will be on September 12 at 8pm in Wadsworth.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:

The audit is done and she received draft financials and 2 audit entries. The audit presentation will be on September 3 at 5:15 in CU 324. All SA Executive Committee members are attending, but anyone else is welcome to come.

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:

Not present.

Open Updates

None

Old Business

06-0809: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the revision request to the Academic Affairs Committee Constitution per the attached.

Second of Two Reading

Becca submitted the minor changes that were suggested from the last meeting. The first change was to change the wording for candidates with the lowest number of votes would be “remove from candidacy.” She also removed the clause of yes or no votes since voting can’t be limited to 2 types of votes. Kate’s title was corrected and the portion regarding representative’s votes has been clarified to “representatives can proxy their votes.”

Discussion: Pat thought it was a good job with the changes.

06-0808, second reading passes 5-0-2 with Becca & Dan abstaining.

07-0809: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the revision request to the Academic Affairs Committee Bylaws per the attached.

Second of Two Reading

Becca clarified that the person presenting a reading must be from the club requesting the funds, so everyone knows what is going on when the reading is presented.

07-0809, second reading passes 7-0-1 with Becca abstaining

New Business

08-0809: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the appointment of Haleema Murtaza as Recording Secretary for Student Association Executive Committee for the 2008-2009 academic year.

First and Only Reading

Danielle put out applications, including during orientation, for recording secretary. She only received one back. She feels Haleema is very qualified for the position, she would do a great job, has a passion for SA. Pat asked if there is any conflict regarding her also being chair of USAEC. Danielle said there wasn’t.

Discussion: none

08-0809, first and only reading, passes 5-0-1 with Sarah abstaining

09-0809: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE authorize the Student Association President and Student Association Director of Programs, Personnel, and Finance to sell, assign and endorse for transfer, certificates representing low risk securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of the Undergraduate Student Association of SUNY Geneseo, on behalf of the Undergraduate Student Association of SUNY Geneseo with Horizon Group.

First and Only Reading

Danielle explained that this hasn’t been updated since 1995. It authorizes the 2 people in the position to make the transactions on behalf of Student Association. Pat asked if both individuals need to make the authorization or can one do it? Kate explained that The Horizon Group needed to update their files and the paperwork they had on file did not even tie back to the original resolution. This resolution will cover the individual positions, since the SA President position changes more frequently. Pat asked if it should be made financial policy. Danielle said no because it’s the position, not the person.

09-0809, first and only reading, passes 5-0-1 with Pat abstaining

10-0809: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,430.19 from Budget Increases, Acct. 1099 to the Geneseo Outing Club, Account 1923 as a start-up budget for 2008-2009.

First Reading

Charlotte stated she made a mistake in the rationale, the budget last year was \$150, not \$300. She is the Vice President of the Outing Club. She is coming for the increase since the club has a greater presence on campus, and they need more supplies for the group to grow. They would like to do a 2-night, 3-day trip. Most of the quantities are 2, this is so they have enough gear for 2 individuals that want to give it a try and don't have the equipment, or the individuals that have gear but don't have it on campus with them. She knows the items are expensive, but starting with 2 "outfits" this would be helpful. You can't go into the woods with outdated equipment and it's a safety issue. She looked at EMS Gear for the prices. There are some programs not included like rock climbing, they want to do Sunday outings as they did every Sunday in the spring. The fees add up and they would like assistance with the funding. Camping would be one overnight and there is a lot of interest in this. The Backpacking program would be held close by. They want to appeal to those who have experience and little experience. Last Spring Break, they did an alternate spring break with Living Lands and Waters. They are planning on going back there next spring. White water rafting is very popular to do. They are a pay as you go club and she thinks there would be more consistent members if the price was reduced. Fundraising wasn't included at the time the budget was submitted. They would like to hold an open mic night in the spring and a fundraiser in the fall where you buy a tree for \$1 and sell it for \$2 and plant it somewhere. They are also thinking of selling merchandise for a profit. It's still a pretty new club; in 06-07 there were only a select few who attended the club and events, in 07-08 they had much more interest, there is more people joining. They have 30 consistent members and 20-30 other members. They fulfill a very specific role on campus, no other club fills this role. Over the summer she made a new website. They signed up for the Eco Service trip with College Union & Activities to helping with logistics. If they want to accomplish their goals, they need the assistance and this is a starting point.

Pat asked of all the programs, which have been done? The spring break trip, white water, and Sunday outings. She has tentative dates for the rest. Katelyn asked what was in the budget last year. The \$150 went for hotel fees for spring break. Dean asked if these represent 100% of cost, she said with the exception of camping and Sunday outings, travel costs were excluded. These are estimates for the programming. Becca asked if members would supplement the camping food costs? Dan asked how she came up with the estimated numbers. Charlotte said there were 14 who attended the white water rafting in the spring without even advertising well. For Spring Break they had 25-30 people. There were 6 who attended the Backpacking, so 10 is the high end of it. Becca asked what the shelf life is of the gear and other items? They have storage on campus in the Union, so if they are used two times a semester, it should last at least 5 years. When you're rock climbing, you need harnesses and carabineers in new condition. Dean asked if Upstate Escapes is sponsoring white water rafting? Yes they are, but she will check with Carey Backman to see if it would be redundant with them. Pat asked if there's a method of keeping track of supplies. Yes, an e-board member would keep track and sign out the gear and assessing condition. Becca asked what was included in the first aid kit. The first aid kit from EMS does come with travel sizes of ibuprofen, ace bandage, syringe and iodine (for water purification). Dan asked about how they coped without having this equipment. There was only one last year and they were under prepared. The items should be available for everyone to use.

Discussion: Dean said the items are good, but this would make Outing Club's funding surpass of all CSA clubs and cultural groups that are funded now. He has concerns with the fairness and the allocation of funds at this level. Dan agrees with Dean, but his concern lies within the programming and he realizes that's why it's a 2-week reading process. He said there isn't a lot of information and the numbers are ballpark figures and he'd like more broken down numbers, such as what percent of fees would be paid out by the budget and how much will members contribute. Katelyn agrees with Dean, but at the same time, the supplies line would not be a yearly purchase. Charlotte said they would be needed yearly or every other year. Katelyn said maybe a solution is budget increases as the items are needed if they aren't needed yearly. Amanda thinks this is an awesome budget and she was on the budget committee and this is a good budget and she said it's a good job. Becca said it looks good but pricey. She's along the line of Katelyn in her thinking. On average they would

have 2 tents. Pat said the first aid kit couldn't be purchased if it contained items that SA policy forbids. He's not sure about the iodine. The programming line has good ideas, but SA's practice is to come for budget increases until the programs are tried. He thinks maybe the "untried" programs could come out of the submitted budget. It isn't the practice to boost a club up from \$150 to \$2400 so quickly. He's not sure how other groups would react. Dean stated when he was on Model UN, the members paid half of the cost. He thinks that's fairer for all participants. It's not fair to go up that quickly. He would like to see more detail for the Spring Break trip. As Dan stated, they would like more details and more of a breakdown of why it's going to cost so much. For supplies, he would like to see more of an explanation of why the items are needed so everyone can see. Dan complimented her on how they put the reading together and put a lot of time and effort into it. Amanda said that in the spring semester, clubs wanted more money for gas, she felt that when she was on the committee, it didn't seem there was a standard amount. Dan stated there is a standard amount in financial policy. Dean said to come in and talk with Dan or Kate and look at financial policy. If they need extra time, the second reading could be tabled until they're ready. Charlotte agrees and she knows it's difficult on the first go around for the budget. Danielle said if she wants more items for the agenda, it's due by Thursday at 4pm, otherwise she can bring handouts when the budget is more detailed. Medical supplies/iodine should be removed. Dean said when she has ideas/revisions, the sooner the better to bring them in. Becca asked if the first aid kit is removed from the budget, can Charlotte bring her own? Yes, they can, SA can't buy it though. Sarah said she's impressed with the budget, but it is a large amount of money.

10-0809, first reading, passes 7-0-0

Open Discussion

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Rebban
Recording Secretary