

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 #6, Wednesday, September 15, 2010

<i>Executive Committee</i>	
President:	Doug Sinski
Vice-President:	Tom Sochia
Directors:	
Academic Affairs:	Meghan Pipe
Business Affairs:	Mark Petrie
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Mary Bock
Public Relations:	Jake Griffin
Student Affairs:	Will Labate
Student Programming:	Nick Spengler
Temporary Advisor:	Dr. Robert Bonfiglio

<i>PROFESSIONAL STAFF</i>	
Dir. of SA Programs,	
Personnel & Finances:	Kate Rebban
Administrative Assistant:	Nancy Chirico
Graphics Coordinator:	Kristen Fuest
Program Advisor:	VACANT
Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer

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19-20	<i>Open Discussion</i>
20	<i>Adjournment</i>

Call to Order: 6:15 PM.

Approval of the Agenda:

Welcome back again, it's the second official meeting of the semester. We will approve the agenda, so look over your agenda if you have any suggestions or any amendments.

Readings 19-1011 and 20-1011 should say approve the appointment"... for the 2010-2011 academic year. For readings 21-1011 and 22-1011 it should say "...for the remainder of his time at SUNY Geneseo."

Agenda passes 7-0-0

Approval of the Minutes:

Approval of the minutes, 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Doug Sinski updates: : If you haven't filled out an officer contact information form, then please do. You can go to the office and fill it out and put it in Mark's mailbox. The SA calendars come out this Friday, yes, I am still excited. There are only 2000 made so stop by the SA office as soon as they come out, which is 48 hours from now. I met with Tom Matthews to discuss Martin Luther King Jr. day of service on Martin Luther King Jr. day where we would have a speaker followed by some workshops regarding what it is to be an effective leader as well as the significance of the day. We will provide lunch for everyone and then other workshops will follow, as well as a service project. Let me know if you think that you are interested. Today, I met with the SA staff and the Executive Board, where we developed a mission statement and a statement of values we will be rolling out in the next couple of days. We feel it is important to develop these things to have a strategic direction of what we want to accomplish. I need two delegates for the sexual assault committee. It is a high profile committee and as the SA, we are allowed to appoint two members. We would like to appoint one male and one female. If this is something you want more information about, or you are interested in, come and speak to me. The Riviera is currently for sale: it is the big defunct theatre which is across the street from the Idle; it's just up Center Street behind the realtor place. It's for sale between \$200,000-300,000. I think it might be a good idea to renovate it and make it into a SA performing center. All of the departments on campus have preference over the SA to utilize any of the venues, no matter how far in advance we book it. We need a venue where we get first come, first serve preference, so that we can have more consistent programming.

Adele: Aren't you not allowed to invest in infrastructure?

Doug: We are as long as it is off campus.

Vice-President, Tom Sochia updates: If you are on the senate, please check your email. If the rugby resolution of the field passes today, see him after the meeting.

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates: I sent out an email last Thursday about when mandatory officer training is going to be. It is going to be Wednesday and Thursday of next week, Wednesday during all college free hour, and not sure on Thursday time. However it's out in a memo in the mailboxes. If anyone needs we can send out another one as a reminder.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Mary Bock updates: IRC is hosting Kanjam on Letchworth field from 2-5 p.m. Also there will be a meeting of the CAS Board of Directors, the Chief of Police and Doug.

Director of Public Relations, Jake Griffin updates: No updates. Whoever doesn't have a sign, he will make you some for the upcoming meetings.

Director of Academic Affairs, Meghan Pipe updates: AAC passed readings for the trip to NYC. Also, Biology Club's fall picnic is on Friday probably at 5 pm. There is a meeting coming up with the AAC advisor for this year.

Director of Student Affairs, Will Labate updates: This past weekend I attended the Multicultural Barbeque. ACE is putting on the film festival on September 18th in Newton. Come to the lobby at 6 pm for the first showing. The second showing starts at 8:30 p.m., Also, BSU is having an event this Friday.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Spengler updates: This Friday, September 17th there will be a showing of The Patriot in Wadsworth. On September 25th we will be showing a performance by the Lulu Washington Dance Theatre.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: The audit will be presented to SA Exec and anyone else who would like to attend on Monday, September 20 at 3pm in College Union, Room 330.

Dr. Robert Bonfiglio, SA Executive Committee Temporary Advisor updates: not present.

Open Updates

Kate: Every summer we are audited, and the audit presentation is Monday September 20th at 3p.m. in room 330 if anyone's interested.

USAEC would like to announce informational meetings on the Fall elections for all positions as well as SUNY reps. The meetings will be on September 22 at 2:30 p.m., September 22 at 8 pm, and September 23 at 7p.m. All future USAEC members should meet him in the room at the end of the meeting.

GAGG: HvZ is approaching where Gagg is aware of problems that have been previously happening where members are messing up another organizations event. We want to avoid problems in the future, so if you want to let me or another member of the GAGG board know we can alert the players of the blackout zone.

Anton: Tomorrow is the first club meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Welles room 210.

BSU: We are having an annual back to school party at the Knight Spot at 10 pm on Friday.

Pride: Our first meeting will be tomorrow at 8 pm in this room.

Beth Semel: Next week, Wednesday at 6, Hillel will be decorating. Next Sunday is apple picking!

Old Business

None.

New Business

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First of Two Readings

Question: Do you have a plan to transport the members up there?

Answer: For every game, we transport ourselves by car. Motion to make this a one week reading because there will be a game on Saturday. Tom motioned to waive the first reading, seconded by Mark. Normally readings are 2 week readings, but this will be a 1 week reading to get the money one week sooner. Discussion: In most cases, people should expect to have 2 weeks for budget increases, however rugby has been waiting for the field for so long and we have been working on this for over a year. Has this new field been checked out and deemed appropriate? Yes. Currently it is being used for the Pittsford high school's rugby team. They have the same requirements that we have.

Discussion: This is extraordinarily cheap compared to the price usually needed for keeping and maintaining a field. It's a very good find, congrats!

Motion to waive first reading passes 7-0-0.

\$400, is that to cover the games or will you also have practices there? No it's used to purchase ropes and a guard to set up a perimeter and also a place for players on the sideline. We can practice on Daga field, we just can't host games there.

17-1011 second reading passes 7-0-0. Yay for the field!

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First and Only Reading

I received a very large amount of applications this year, and made it a point to meet with as many of the people as possible to make sure that everyone was aware at least of what the senate did. If they were freshman they may not be sure. Also many may not be aware of some of the ideas or issues facing the student body. These 14 individuals proved themselves to be very enthusiastic and wanted to put a good step forward for the student body. I wanted to make sure that the people on the board were extremely diverse as far as majors as well as age so that we have a good representation of the student backgrounds. There is one change that I would ask you to amend: Andrew Foley told me that he can't be on it this year, but there is a replacement application. Ashley Lewis, who is also extremely qualified, will take this position. She should have been on the senate originally, but there were just so many applications. Motion to amend reading to remove Andrew Foley and replace with Ashley Lewis passes 6-0-1, with Tom abstaining.

Discussion: What does the senate do? The senate does a couple of things. First off, every member of the senate is part of a different committee. You meet with your committee and faculty to discuss different things such as rules and regulations that the school has to abide by. Then we meet as a student caucus once every other week to discuss what is going on during these separate committee meetings, and what we want to work on as a senate as far as issues facing the student body. All senate meetings include 93 faculty members and 14 students and the Executive Committee, which is the Vice Chair, the President of the College, and myself.

18-1011: first and only reading passes 6-0-1 with Tom abstaining.

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Adele asked if they were here? Kevin is here, Mary is not here but you will meet him. Will there be a conflict with Marty being on College Senate and Student Court. The College Senate and Student Court are separate. When it comes to applying for both, how is time management and is it a conflict of interest? It's definitely not a conflict of interest because the College Senate is completely different than the Student Court. The Student Court is specifically the court for the Student Association. The College Senate is part of the college system. Also, the Student Court doesn't meet as often as the Senate, so it wouldn't be too difficult to manage time.

Doug met with Marty for a while. We talked about everything that he has been involved in, and though he is only a freshman, he is extremely enthusiastic about joining student government and about learning as much as he can. He is a Poly-Sci major and is just enthralled with this stuff – he would be a great addition!

22-1011 first and only reading passes 6-0-0.

Open Discussion

Doug asked how do people feel about the Riviera? It would be a significant financial undertaking but it would also be a tremendous addition to the SA. The funds would be coming partially from Reserves: we do have a good amount of money. We also would look into financing it, to take it out on some sort of mortgage which would be paid for by student activity funds. Currently its \$85 a semester for the student activity fee, and we could increase it to \$100 a semester temporarily to fund it.

Opinions:

-A great way to integrate the community

-GEO: It's a good opportunity, but not so sure how a lot of students would feel about increasing SA fees for the semester. Also, the events themselves will cost more money, and given the current economic climate it will not be a great thing. People didn't even attend the spring concert because of the cost.

-Mary: Originally I thought it was a good idea. I think it would be cool to have access to the building however, if we just found out we can invest in infrastructure I would really like to see a field for rugby pre-buying the Riviera, as they have been put on the backburner for too long. In response to Mary's comment, they will be able to use the Letchworth Field as of next year for the games.

-Just a question on the Riviera purchase, it seems a great idea, but has anyone looked at the building? Would it need renovations before we used it?

Doug said the condition is described as le shit. We can buy it for \$200,000, but then we would have to sink \$1 million into the project.

-Chris: If the Riviera was purchased and fixed up, what kind of events would be open and available?

- We can do anything. KINO has been looking for a venue to show movies, which they do quite often. Also, any of the cultural performances such as the Limelight Series, anything, instead of hosting events at many different venues, all of them could be hosted here, which makes it much more consolidated and much easier to publicize.

-Would you be able to use SA tech for something off campus? Yes.

- Let's say that SA did buy this and renovate it. When would the college community expect renovations to be completed? Doug said that is a number that I cannot tell. I would expect it to take no longer than 2-3 years, closer to 2 years, maybe closer to 3 years.-

GEO: Would there also be the concern of buying it and then needing more money than expected, and then not being able to raise all the money needed, having sunk a lot of money into one thing we can't use? Doug said, there is an element of risk to anything we undertake. Have we had anyone go out there and look to see all the problems and what condition it's in? Doug said it's terrible. It's going to need a \$1million in renovation.

- Tom: I just feel that we put on a lot of great events here, and the money can be used to finance professors that we have to lose because of the budget. Basically, the money can go somewhere better.
 - Meghan: It's a really exciting idea but it's something we should let percolate for a while. In the meantime, I want to keep thinking about our Union space: it's a lot more feasible and a more attainable goal for right now. Doug said the reason why I am proposing this now is because whoever owns the Riviera has been sitting on it for a number of years and only recently put it up for sale.
 - A rep said that \$1.2 million is all the money that SA provides for a year. It just seems like the price is extremely high considering there are so many venues on campus and SA tech has to buy new equipment or move it all over there
 - Chris: To follow along with that, do we know if there's anyone else that's looking at it? Could we wait for the owner to drop the price considering the state it's in and the renovations it would require? I don't want to make a hasty decision or spend any more money than we have to as opposed to just waiting and seeing if the price drops. Doug said price is not the issue as it will not fluctuate. If it's a worthy purchase is the real question.
 - Adele: We should be focusing on professorships. The History Department is actually considering starting an exploitative way of hiring and then not paying for tenure so that they can just fire them. A past SA board gave the senior class a hard time for \$20,000. We are always in trouble for cash, and I'm not comfortable about 8 people making this decision for everyone, leading to years of increasing the student fees and then not knowing if it's going to be feasible. We have plenty of campus events and there is plenty of empty space on campus.
- Will: To echo such sentiments, we should let the idea percolate.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6: 56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed
Recording Secretary