

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 #25, Wednesday, March 24, 2010

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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

Awareness Program on April 21st.

First of Two Readings

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First of Two Readings

122-123 ***Open Discussion***

123 **Adjournment**

Call to Order: 6:20 PM

Approval of the Agenda: Presenter for Pride is Kevin Pamper, reading 101-0910 change from College Union to MJ Dining Hall, as amended 7-0-0

Approval of the Minutes: no changes 7-0-0

Updates

President, Haleema Murtaza updates: has an announcement, elections are currently going on, so go online to vote.

Vice-President, Nicholas Kaasik updates: Also went to Albany yesterday. Students met with over 30 legislators. There is a student aid provision in the new health care that was passed this week. The college budget continues to be disastrous.

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates: budget draft is done and they should be out in the next few weeks.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Melissa Kaye updates: IRC had 8 readings. Nassau Hall with Upstate Escapes is sponsoring a trip to Wicked. Also, roller skating this weekend.

Director of Public Relations, Mathé Kamsutchom updates: Deadline for the SA Merit Awards scholarship is April 5th. The last meeting of semester will be held in the Knight Spot and she will be emailing some of the groups to see if they want to showcase what your groups have been up to.

Director of Academic Affairs, Brian Hartle updates: Anthro Club received final approval to go to Toronto, School of Business had their event approved, French club 1st reading passed for them to go to Montreal. Took the bus trip to Albany yesterday and he encourages everyone to support the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act. Rock Fall Semester is next Tuesday in the Union Lobby, academic groups will be there to discuss classes and professors and which bad professors to avoid.

Director of Student Affairs, Hamza Murtaza updates: Cultural Extravaganza is this Friday in the Knightsport.

Director of Student Programming, Corinthia Kotlar updates: there is a reception tomorrow in the Kinetic Gallery for the current show. Siblings Weekend is this weekend. The Rhythms are this weekend and it's the final Limelight/Accents show.

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

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: No new updates.

Open Updates

None

Old Business

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Second of Two Reading

Kate, from Swing Club, stated they are hoping to go to Washington to participate in the swing dance exchange. She has one more person that wants to go, and it's approximately \$88 more for that person. Nick said they would have to make an amendment. Kate said someone dropped out, but there may be another individual going. Brian asked if \$88 would suffice. Yes, it would. Kate R. asked what time they were leaving. Kate, from Swing Club, said they would leave at 11 and return Sunday around 8pm. Motion made to amend the reading to \$840.80 passed 7-0-0.

Discussion: Nick said JCC did get back about a bus, and it was far too expensive.

93-0910, second reading, passes 7-0-0.

94-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,500.00 from SA Programs, Account 1002 to Amnesty International, Account 1910 for the Get on the Bus conference in New York City on April 16th.

Second of Two Readings

Rishi stated that Get on the Bus is a one day conference to NYC and they protest at different locations. They will leave on a Friday. The last few years they attended with funding through SA. Brian asked what bus company they are going with. Trailways. Kate

asked if the money would be collected in advance to pay the balance of the bus. Rishi said they will do that because they have 2 ½ weeks. Nick asked about an Upstate Escapes grant, but none of the professors they've approached are able to attend.
94-0910, second reading, passes 6-0-1 with Nick abstaining.

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Second of Two Readings

Shedia stated that last week, SA Exec wanted a breakdown of props, and we felt it was pretty much explained. It was the same for the dinner that was listed on the breakdown. The date of the fashion show is the same date as a concert in the Rochester area and it's caused them to change their plans regarding the after party. All the students that would generally attend the after party will be going to the concert. They won't need the full ballroom. They lost the Late Knight grant that would help cover the expenses. They don't need to do DJ lodging; they took \$50 from door prizes and money from advertising. They cut \$275-\$325 in expenses. They still need more money. Melissa asked for clarification on why they lost the Late Knight grant. Shedia said their event is before the traditional Late Knight hours. Brian asked if it was possible for Vanessa, from Late Knight, to write a request asking the hours to be waived if they can make a compelling reason. Haleema said that Vanessa could put in a memo. Brian said that since it's only a possibility, that they increase the reading. Tom asked how they were still negative. Shedia said that they were co-sponsoring with another group for a total of \$600 from GLK. They also need to realign \$80 from their budget from winter week that they didn't use. Motion made to increase the reading to \$760 passed 7-0-0.

Discussion: none.

95-0910, second reading, passes 7-0-0.

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Second of Two Reading

Hamza stated that ACE needs more money to put on upcoming events that some of the groups want to put on. Shakti wants to reschedule their comedian for April 11. Nick asked what the original allocation for the year was. It was \$8000 for the year. Brian asked if more was requested for next year. Yes.

Discussion: none

97-0910, second reading passes 6-0-1 with Hamza abstaining.

97-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to Activities Commission's Constitution and By-Laws per the attached documents.

Second of Two Readings

Corey said there weren't any changes since last week. She also stated that elections will be coming up so individuals should run for positions. More information will be coming.

97-0910, second reading passes 6-0-1 with Corey abstaining.

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Brian and John stated that most of the money is used up in the Day Trip and Academic functions line. He is asking for \$300 be added to Day Trips and \$1630.45 to Academic Functions line to help fund the readings that he is aware will be submitted. Opus normally does a magazine at the end of the year, Geology Club and Sociology Club will have a social function. French Club and Pre-Law will also be having events.

Discussion: Nick stated that Brian has used up his allocations and his treasurer has agreed with that statement.

98-0910, first reading, passes 6-0-1 with Brian abstaining

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Kevin stated that this event is a national campaign to combat homophobia. T-shirts are the most expensive thing and they have received a lot of co-sponsorship money. Brian asked if the T-shirts were made in sweatshops. Kevin didn't know. Tamara said this event was done a few years ago, are they encouraging people to wear old t-shirts also? Her second question was about GLK sponsoring part of the event, but it's from 8-10pm and outside the traditionally Late Knight hours. Haleema doesn't remember if she received a request from GLK to hold the event outside the normal hours. Nick asked how many companies were contacted about the

t-shirts. Kevin said that this movement is through this organization so that is the only place they can get the t-shirts. Brian asked about the tax exempt status. Haleema said SA is tax-exempt. Corey asked if the money goes strictly to t-shirts. Any money they are making is going to the event. Haleema asked what day the event is being held. It's a Thursday. Tamara asked if, as in years past, people were encouraged to wear their t-shirts on each Thursday leading up to the event. Are you going to try this again? Corey stated that she was impressed with the amount of co-sponsorships. Nick wanted to state that it has seemed this year that SA has been "anti" t-shirt but the t-shirts are intrical to this program.

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100-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$213.26 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Inter-Residence Council, Account 1201 to cover costs associated with CAA Alcohol Awareness Program on April 21st.

Katelyn stated that she was there on behalf of the CAA committee that IRC started earlier this year to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse and excessive drinking. They've been building up to this big end of the year program and it's modeled after a program that was held at University of Connecticut. They will have a candlelight vigil at night. They will also be tabling on the Union Patio at 10am. They plan to have a speaker during all college free. If anyone wants to share personal stories they may.

Melissa said if they don't feel comfortable sharing the story in public, they could email Melissa and someone else will read it. Melissa also wanted to know if they could add \$50 so they could purchase 200 pins. Corey asked if they are using money from the wellness fund also. Yes, but they haven't done that reading with IRC yet. Tamara asked what the sheet/banner will be used for. Katelyn said that they would ask people to write messages on it if they have been affected by alcohol abuse. That's what the sharpies are for also. Discussion: Nick made a motion to add \$50 seconded by Brian. The motion passes 6-0-1 with Melissa abstaining.

100-0910, first of two readings, passes 6-0-1 with Melissa abstaining.

101-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request by ACE, Account 1002 to raise up to \$500.00 by selling crafts in the MJ Dining Hall from March 29- April 2, which will go to support Haiti relief.

First and Only Reading

Hamza said that they will be changing the date to March 30th. They will be selling crafts at MJ and the proceeds will go to Save the Children. Haleema asked what the crafts might be. Bracelets, etc.

Discussion: none

101-0910, first and only reading, passes 6-0-1 with Hamza abstaining.

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Whitney presented that she would like to get money for her organization. The College Democrats would not push partisan politics, that's not what they want the funds for. They want students to be able to participate in what's going on and be aware of local politics and elections. There aren't many groups that are involved in activism in politics and they are here to educate and they are not partisan. Nick thanked Whitney for making SA Exec aware of info missing on the webpage and the intensely detailed rationale and presentation and he commended her for that. What this means if SA funds this group, if another political club comes with similar justification and rationale, similar purposes, the SA Exec would face legal challenges if they were not to fund future groups if they were to come the same way the College Democrats did. This sets precedence for SA Exec for future years. Mark said that in the budget, we cover stamps for mailings and there is a supply closet that the group could use. Nick said that typically conferences are funded from a conference budget unless the organization can justify how a conference is integral to the functioning of their organization. Nick was asking if she could bring info back next week and also let her know that if next week they receive funding, in the fall the officers would have to come back for a start up budget again. Whitney said she could tell right now the conferences. She's setting the money up for the future so the College Democrats could go to Rochester to visit legislators. Kate stated that the fiscal year ends May 31 and all budgets go to zero, so they couldn't roll the money at the end of the fiscal year. Nick asked if it could be dated June 1, 2010. No, it can't be. Brian asked if they could submit this for a summer reading. Yes, the fiscal year starts June 1 and there will be 3 meetings over the summer. Melissa said they could always submit other items for the budget. Tamara asked if Whitney was aware that if the College Democrats become SA funded, they would have to start attending all the business meetings. Nick asked if they were going to vote against the reading and have them come back in the fall. Corey said maybe there could be something like publicity put in the budget to help get their name out there. Kate said perhaps Whitney could meet with her or Mark before next Wednesday and go over the process of funding and what could be funded. Nick urges the SA Exec to pass this first reading and give the College Democrats the week to look into other items that could be funded and not have to restart the process.

102-0910, first reading, passes 7-0-0

Open Discussion

Nick said there has been a discussion brought up again about the Honors Program and students registering earlier than as tradition. It happened last semester and the discussion has been raised to bring it up again this semester. If anyone has strong opinions about this, please contact members of the Administration and let them know what you think. Jeff said last semester there were promises made

that this wouldn't happen again. Brian said he doesn't think it's the Dean's decision as Dean Radosh that came and said she was for it and then against it.

MTC is having their show next week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Rebban
Recording Secretary