

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:	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

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Program Advisor:	Danielle Akins
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Call to Order: 6:21 PM

Approval of the Agenda: Ulyses –under new business, 115-0910, place, date and time should be changed to tentative. Approval 6-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes: Approval 6-0-0.

Updates

President, Haleema Murtaza updates: No new updates. These meetings are for you all to know where your mandatory fees are going to. Next weeks' meeting will be at 6:15pm Wednesday in the Knightspot for the changing of the guard.

Vice-President, Nicholas Kaasik updates: I beg you to call your legislators. SA exec unanimously supported a letter sent to President Dahl requesting \$5 of the fee to go to pilot programs for sustainability on campus. If you would like a copy of the letter let me know.

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates: None.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Melissa Kaye updates: CAA sat and tabled from 10-4 today. On Saturday before Sherlock Holmes starting at 7pm in South Hall, the Love Handles will be performing.

Director of Public Relations, Mathé Kamsutchom updates: Please send me your pictures from the past year's events to SAPR. Only 3 of you have. I don't want to work on it last minute.

Director of Academic Affairs, Brian Hartle updates: Absent.

Director of Student Affairs, Hamza Murtaza updates: I would like to congratulate Shakti's dinner this weekend. The BSU fashion show is this Saturday in the Ballroom at 5pm. LSA's Late Knight 8pm Saturday is a Brazilian themed carnival. "Gay Fine by Me" is tomorrow in Wadsworth. Pride's Drag Ball is this Saturday at 10pm in the Knight Spot.

Director of Student Programming, Corinthia Kotlar updates: AC was named organization of the year. Springfest starts on May 1st there will be a lot going on that weekend so check it out. "Geneseo Remembers When" program is on Wednesday, email the AC account and rsvp for the free dinner at 7pm.

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

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: None.

Open Updates

Melissa – The CAA event "Vigil on the Union Patio" is tonight from 8-10pm. There will be speakers, free food, and performances.

Crew – We had a competition last weekend and men's and women's placed 1st.

Whitney - Tomorrow is the fundraiser for Haiti, in the Interfaith Center.

Geo – Tomorrow is Earth day. Look up all the events going on next week in the What's Up emails.

WAK – Next week is Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and there are a ton of events happening on campus, so check it out on What's Up emails.

Stitches – There will be a Knit-a-thon on Friday night at 9PM. We will be making squares to donate. Needles and yarn are provided, and we can teach you how.

Frisbee – Frisbee is holding a Late Knight event on Friday at 10pm on the Union Patio. We will be distributing Frisbees with education on rules of the game written on them. We will also be providing sharpies to decorate them.

Haleema – Sigma Kappa is hosting a dance-a-thon from 5-8 Monday night. Tickets will be sold in the Union. There will be great performances and the proceeds go to a good cause.

Old Business

114-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Inter Residence Council Constitution and By-laws per the attached documents.

Second of Two Readings

Melissa – The only thing different from last weeks meeting is crossing out Section B, which doesn't make sense for reimbursements. This way the residence halls are financially liable for hall councils, not IRC.

Nick – Motion to amend as stated, seconded by Corey. Motion passes 5-0-1, with Melissa abstaining.

114-0910: Second reading passes 5-0-1, with Melissa abstaining.

New Business

115-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$850.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to SA Programs, Account 1002 to create a new event *A Taste to Remember*, that will take place in Mary Jemison Dining Hall on May 5th at 6pm.

First of Two Readings

Ulyses – Matt Turner and I are interested in bringing high quality food to campus in a tasting event with food not usually available on campus. There will be 2 drinks, 2 entrees, an appetizer and 2 deserts. Samplings of lamb rib lollipops, coco-seared scallops, strawberry juice caviar, are some of the ideas we have. This is really cool, exciting, and I enjoy it. We are hoping for the event to bring 100 people, and we would be charging around \$8, whatever we can get the price down to. CAS grant of \$200, asking for \$850. Menu shows everything I'm looking for and prices.

Corey – You said the entrees are bite size, is everything bite size? – The drinks are normal, but we want to have enough food so that everyone gets a flavorful bite of each. I want you to leave and feel like you had a light dinner.

Nick – Can you go over the numbers break down? \$950 is listed on the breakdown... - \$950 is the total cost of labor and everything. We are working to plan the event, and we already requested \$200 from CAS, which leaves \$750, but we asked for \$850 so that the extra \$100 can be for publicity for the event. I want to have some aggressive publicity for it so that all students can have access to it.

Mark – Ticket presales? – We could do tabling. We'd be down for that. Some people I've talked to are down for it.

Melissa – Is the money from the tickets going back to cost of event? So then the event is not costing any money at the end? – It would be like a cultural dinner, no fundraising.

Christie – Who will be doing the cooking? – Matt and I have taken it upon ourselves. We're looking for access to CAS suppliers. We need experienced people, students to help us who have experience in cooking, not just anyone, people who have a passion for it. It will be student run – Are you in the process of looking for help? – Sure, we're finishing up with the meeting for how much help we're going to need. You can email UAC1@geneseo.edu if you're interested. You can help out with flyers or cooking, I'd love any student support.

Claire – Is this event not for vegetarians? – We looked into it, it's still possible, but the problem is getting logistics down, not looking to exclude anyone. Vegan and vegetarian, we were looking into mushrooms and polenta cake, but I can't promise anything. –I think it is problematic to have an event not open to the whole campus.

Mathé – What about the black eyed peas? – They're vegan. The menu is up to change. The proteins are the most important and most expensive items, I'll look into it.

Jeff – Can you tell me, what is strawberry caviar? – It is supposed to be bite size, circle of cheesecake with the caviar on top, sets as a gel and is edible. Higher in flavor.

Doug – I think it is a fantastic idea to waive the first reading on this to give them more time to plan it.

Nick – Can you come back to us with a specific date, time and place? Maybe consider options for vegans. You could consider lowering the price too, the going rate is about \$5 for dinners. You can go to the Ticket Office, talk to Dianne and she can help you to print tickets for the event.

Mathé – I think this is a fabulous idea, and it sounds delicious. As for waiving the reading, I could see how it would be helpful. Just need to look into dates – We're working on finalizing everything. We think the program will allow for CAS to have a more vocal viewpoint on increasing options on campus. This is a jumping off point for better food on campus. Date, time, and place are necessities, and we're working on it. For waiving the first reading I understand if you're not comfortable with it. Getting the event done is not the issue. It would just be a little less hustle time for us if it is waived. I want to talk to Matt about vegetarian options and we might rewrite the menu a little. It's still something that is not solid yet, but there will be a solid program.

Haleema – We would need a solid place to waive the reading.

Melissa – I think waiving is too premature for details, but it sounds like an awesome program.

Corey – Consider increasing the amount of things you have to offer, so for something that's cheaper you could get more of it to get more food for the money. – 100 people planning for, and when deserts were normal sized the costs were more than \$1300, I don't know where we're at, I'd love to cook more food and have more options. The changes to the menu will be more expensive. I want to make good food, and CAS has something to gain with getting a good reputation. How much was it for the Shakti dinner? – \$1500 – It can get a lot more expensive very quickly.

115-0910: First of Two, reading passes 6-0-0.

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First of Two Readings

Doug and Mark – This is the result of the budget committee. Generally we gave everyone what they wanted, with exceptions for some. Only minor things like having events in the future through budget increases instead of in the budget for the year were changed. After updates with the appeals process, everyone but Hamza got accepted. If you submitted a late budget, you'll just have to ask for budget increases for next year and it's not a big deal. These are our recommendations for you guys.

Haleema – This is your money getting allocated to your groups. Please take the time to read over the budgets.

Justin – For the values for income line, are they reported on the budget? – Yes. – Model UN Account #1914, discrepancy with that line – It is because SA is paying entire budgets and then you pay back 50% of the dues. Listed are Georgetown and Harvard and McGill added together and divided by 2 should be the amount of income in the line.

Nick – For the Gold program, what did the budget review committee think of \$1500 going towards brochures? – It is not seen as my job to change the policy. Tom Matthews made a compelling argument, and cutting it would just be an opinion.

Melissa – Is it the same thing for PSA? You cut one day of the week (Thursday), because it would be the best way to spend the money and not making a personal judgment against them? – Yes.

Mathé – Can you explain the decision with ACE? They asked for more money this year and were rejected? I'm wondering what your reasoning is. – Their drawing fund is interesting. ACE is a group with their own drawing fund, and \$8000 is a lot to give them. It is their money to use, and it doesn't hurt for them to come and ask for more during the year.

Haleema – Are you aware that their budget was originally \$14,000? What is the reason that they don't deserve that much money? – That was also when ACE and Accents were together, and the job was more expanded than it is now.

Corey – It could limit programming in terms of having to come back to SA for money, so could it be worth increasing it to save the effort? – They have a lot of money to deal with, and \$8000 is enough to know a mile away if your funds are running out.

Hamza – You don't know how much you'll have, you don't see it coming, groups come to ask for money one after the other. Coming to SA hinders programs since they have readings for 2 weeks of SA and 2 weeks of ACE. The end of year is hard to plan 4 weeks in advance. – Ultimately it is the exec board decision, if you think it's a good idea I respect that.

Mathé – I was going to say the same thing, it is really difficult to say you can spot expenditures a mile away. It's hard, lots of complications can arise. It is a judgment call, more groups are being added to ACE, and there are different things going on.

Melissa – For ACE, I think its good to give them more money, because they consistently used it up, and ACE reps vote on allocation of money, so it is distributed with care.

Justin – Do you have the actual break down of the budget for each organization for public information because I've never seen it –

Tamara – They are all listed in the SA office. Nick – There will be a copy in the SA office starting tomorrow to look over.

Corey – ACE is different, AC is expected to plan out in advance. Different set up than AC, where if the money is not used, it comes back to SA anyways, and if it is used that means there are more programs.

Doug – For the budget of PSA's, we had to make a judgment call as a good use of mandatory fees, and I don't think they are an adequate use of our activity fees.

Hamza – Motion to amend Account 1002, ACE from \$8,000 to \$10,000, Seconded by Corey – Motion passes 4-0-2.

Jeff – I know a bunch of you already know my position on PSA...I agree with Doug,

Corey – We encourage everyone to speak up, we need your opinions. They all count in our decision.

Mathé – It is something we've talked about a lot, but how many of you are aware of what they are? (Pretty much everyone) We need your points of view of using \$15,000 of our mandatory fees for PSA's.

Crew – Before the Open Discussion when they came to talk, I had never heard about them. It doesn't seem like a good use of activity fees, and it is obvious that their scope is not that broad.

Justin – I worry about public safety. For PSA's do you apply, can you be denied, I wonder about legality – Haleema - They are an SA service, not an organization, just to clarify.

Ulyses – What are PSA's? - Tamara – PSA's are groups of students walking around campus from 10-2 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights to monitor parking lots, check buildings, check doors, etc. – Do they wear a uniform? – They wear jackets and carry walkie-talkies.

Nick – They essentially play the role of police on campus, and they are giving extra pairs of eyes on campus.

Melissa – Over the past weeks, I talked to a lot of students about it, and I feel like the program is not exactly SA funded. The problem is that they are not a proper use of the activity fees – Ulyses – do they put on programs? – Tamara – educational programs. Haleema – They are an SA service.

Mathé – The way it's structured they are under UP. It is lost in translation, whether SA should have oversight because they are technically an SA service. It is not a question of effectiveness, it's the fact of meeting SUNY Board of Trustee Guidelines, in if this is an appropriate use of your money.

Michael – I never felt that there was an extra need for extra security. I've been here for 4 years, and I understand people have too much to drink, but I never felt it was necessary to have them.

Doug – They have been around for a long time. Some of them were caught in their jackets on lids of stolen trashcans sliding down hills. \$15,000 is 7 fully funded conferences, or adding on to a concert. It could be the difference between having Brand New perform versus someone that will actually get attendance. The money can be better spent elsewhere.

Claire – I think they are unnecessary. It seems like students will police themselves, someone else will take care of it. Chances are they are concealed from public eye, and I think they are a useless allocation of funds.

Corey – They only have service on campus, and we have UP that we fund through the money we pay to the college, so it is not necessary to fund both, especially from activity fees.

Nick – Is there an opinion for this among the students? Nick S– Are there records of what they've accomplished? Declined or increased? Have they caught or stopped things from happening? – Tamara – It is listed on a police report, and they have found people passed out in snow that UP probably wouldn't have found, damage to buildings early, etc.

Mathé – Joe VanRemmen pointed out things PSA find, they stop fights, etc. I felt as though PSA's act as a deterrent rather than reporting things. They are extra eyes and ears, making sure students aren't acting up. It didn't seem to me that their role was as

significant as I would want it to be. However minor, it doesn't happen often at all, not to get students in trouble but they could. Their scope is limited. I don't think student activity fee money should go towards other students to get other students in trouble. We raised that question among SA Exec.

Nick – I agree, PSA's have been around for 20 years. From 2 years I've been here, I've noticed UP's presence increased, maybe PSA had a bigger role in the past, but their presence might not be needed as much anymore. It's a lot of money. I've only seen them around once walking around, and it doesn't seem like they're doing as much as they say they do.

Claire- I would like to speak to PSA acting as a deterrent. I only recently found out they exist. Assuming my degree of awareness can be generalized to the campus population, I don't know how effective they really are.

Frisbee – Is the money going to wages or conferences? – 99% is wages, other expenses are miscellaneous supplies – It sounds like a legitimate organization, but if the expenses went not so much towards their paychecks but if they wanted to be educated, I'd be all for it. I can't agree with my money paying for their wages. Claire – It seems like an easy way to make money, not a good idea either.

Justin – God forbid I sound like an optimist. I'm not comfortable in paying for students to police me.

Melissa, SC– They only go until 2am? – Mark – They work until 3am. – Everything closes at 2am, how long does it take you to get back, it doesn't seem like enough time for them to be walking around.

Jeff – If they are such a good aid to UP, then UP should be their source of funding. It is not a proper use of activity money.

Melissa – UP or school doesn't have the money for it. It's been talked about in the past 10 years in end of the year reports so I know they've been noticed.

Corey – Motion to remove budget 1006 from the budget, seconded by Mark – Discussion on the motion.

Farrah – Since I'm the only PSA here, I want to say that I feel like at the end of the day, the room has made its decision, but I want to say if we don't do it no one will do it. You can have the Healthguards and prevention programs and RA programs, but we are out there in the cold and the rain actually doing something. No one else will do it. I want to know who will step up to do it. The money goes to our salary but it guarantees we will do our job to protect the students and the college.

Frisbee – If the money is taken away, where does the \$15,000 go? – Nick – into the SA Reserve Account. It's our savings account that is accessible to us. There is about \$600,000 in there now. – Tamara – It sounds like \$600,000 is a lot but there is a set amount that has to be in there, so some is already marked that can't be touched. Doug – We could put \$15,000 next year into the Budget Increase Account to pay for more programs.

Nick – Some amount we have to have in there. – Tamara – It is a certain percentage of the operating budget – We have more than that in Reserves, so if we go through it we can move more money into it if we need to.

Melissa – I don't think that paying people guarantees that people will do their jobs, I feel that I do have my opinion on this, but I wanted to see if other schools fund this, so I would feel more comfortable voting on it next week

Jeff – Just because other schools may or may not do it, we don't have to follow it, and there's a general consensus on this issue in this room right now. Nick – If new compelling evidence comes we can revisit it and make changes.

Farah – We have made a lot of changes in the way we run things. I've been appointed PR captain, so I'm working with Joe VanRemmen to put on programs covering issues of safety, etc. We have taken a stricter role on learning codes, rules, and regulations, the basic info that you need to keep the campus safe. We have taken concerns that people have stated and made changes. The issue is probability, if you could see the statistics of what we do. Unless you see numbers, you don't know.

Mathé – Perhaps we should wait to next week, as a lot of us feel a certain way. I've talked to a lot of people about it. The exec board could do more research on it and see whether it's an appropriate use of money from Board of Trustee Guidelines.

Melissa – I'm concerned whether we should fund it, but I think we have to vote on it. I would vote to keep it in for this week, but I did talk to multiple people with the same opinion.

Nick – Even if we pass it this week we can change it back next week.

Haleema - Vote on the motion, motion passes 2-0-4.

Nick – Motion to amend Account 1015, to take out brochures for the GOLD program, seconded by Mathé. - Discussion on motion:

Jeff – They are not generally read, and the information is on the website, that's where I get all my information.

Nick – The reason for making this motion is not to ask whether they have value, but the idea that the course bulletin is not printed anymore, and registration has to be done online anyway, so there is no reason to spend \$1500 on brochures. It is cheaper to have everything online, and it already is online and is redundant.

Mathé – I want to reiterate what Nick said, that the bulletin is online, and we have to look for courses there, so I see no reason why we would have to look at a brochure for GOLD.

Doug – Tom Matthews is the overseer, and I think we should alert him that we are cutting this, at least invite him to speak about the benefits.

BBBS – Is there a limit to how many are printed? Can we limit them to just in the orientation packets? – No, we don't pay for all the brochures.

SMA – Are we cutting all of it out? Physically can they advertise if we cut this? – I don't see this stopping them. - The difference with this and classes, is that GOLD is optional, so I'm not necessarily going to go to their website.

Corey – It is good to have some degree of publicity, and I agree to limiting it in some sense. I think it is a good idea to have it available for people to see an advertisement, but limit to people who prefer paper copies.

Mathé – Most of GOLD workshops put on are advertised, you all know what GOLD is because it is well represented on campus.

Bulletin, yes you have to register, why not make it easier for students, why have GOLD more accessible than classes is my point. You need to go online to register, what is the need towards brochures?

Claire – It is also a nice understated green initiative.

Jeff – What about a suggestion, instead of having a full brochure, you could have a single leaflet in the mailbox.

Melissa – Do they have money from us in their budget for other advertisements? – No, I've seen it for other programs though – They might have other access to money, but we don't have a working knowledge of it.

Corey – Is it mandated to go to GOLD things for business majors? I know it is very incorporated into student life. I agree though, if we don't have a working knowledge of this other budget it would be fair to ask Tom Matthews.

Melissa – I think we should vote against it just to talk to him about it.

SMA- Is it a full booklet of all the things they have? – Yes. – Then yeah, maybe that's unnecessary.

Tamara – It's a service, so if you bring Tom to talk about the service, you should bring in PSA to talk about their service.

Mathé – We had PSA's come in. To have Tom come in, he finds value in it, the question is whether or not we do. He can tell us what his value is but I think he prints close to 3,000 booklets that get put in trash cans and some students don't even look at. If someone really wants it they can get it printed, but \$1500 is too much.

Nick – I like the idea that it's a positive go green initiative. It is an Ok move in terms of moving these. We are from an online generation, so they have the power to email us for free, and there are alternate means to get a message across.

Doug – We do have a large number who enroll in GOLD programs, so we can see the numbers come back if less people enroll when there are no brochures. Same thing with PSA's; if something happens maybe a case can be made to bring them back.

Haleema - Vote on motion: motion passes 4-1-1.

Frisbee – Why is Men's Tennis not listed under CSA? Account 1416 – It looks like they are, it was probably a typo.

Mark –I think we did a fantastic job.

Nick – Yes, I would agree. There will be an itemized list in the SA office to save some paper, if you want to look at it please do.

116-0910: First of Two, reading passes 6-0-0.

Open Discussion

Mathé –There will be performances at the changing of the guard, so make sure you come.

Melissa - CAA right now at Union Patio!

BSU – Fashion show is this Saturday. Tickets are \$3.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Arthur
Recording Secretary