

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:	Doug Sinski
Vice-President:	Tom Sochia
<b>Directors:</b>	
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

*PROFESSIONAL STAFF*

Dir. of SA Programs,	
Personnel & Finances:	Kate Rebban
Administrative Assistant:	Nancy Chirico
Graphics Coordinator:	Kristen Fuest
Program Advisor:	Claire Wright
Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer

**Call to Order:** 6:15 P.M.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Mark says for 37-1011 instead of the phrase “to purchase more needles” it should say to create a new line 10 - supplies.  
Passes 7-0-0.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Passes 7-0-0.

**Updates**

**President, Doug Sinski updates:** Hide your kids, hide your wife, because they are all stealing calendars. There will be a Martin Luther King Jr. day of service on the day before classes start second semester. A keynote speaker will talk about the importance of service and how Martin Luther King Jr.’s teachings apply to us today. This will be followed by a gold workshop which will promote service and leadership. Then we will have lunch which will be paid for, and then engage in a community service event. I met with Paul Jackson today who is a big programmer at CIT about textbook exchange. The SA sponsors textbook exchange at the site <http://books.geneseo.edu/exchange/login.php>. It’s like a craigslist type deal in which you can sell your books to another student.

**Vice-President, Tom Sochia updates:** All club sports should be waiting in anticipation for the anti-hazing workshop which is currently in the works, and a date will be set soon. Today is so called spirit day. We are all wearing purple which is supposed to make us realize that on campus we have to recognize all of the people in the queer community that may not feel as safe as they should. In the past few months 6 different individuals have committed suicide because their campus climate felt like an unsafe one. We want to show student leaders that we have pride on campus and hopefully you will show that as well. Next week in the Union Will and I will be doing a small thing for the candidates of budget advocacy. You can get information about their impact on SUNY and about who you should be calling and who you should vote for.

**Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates:** No new updates.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Mary Bock updates:** This weekend was the sub-regional conference. It was fantastic! We had kids from 14 schools here and we are all pumped for the conference during the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November. Also on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 P.M. there will be a showing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show upstairs in the Ballroom.

**Director of Public Relations, Jake Griffin updates:** Two great things. The first being the purchase of this great t-shirt. Second, I don’t know if you’ve heard about it, but Claire Wright, the new Program Advisor, will have a meet and greet on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 P.M. in the Fireside Lounge. We will be stopping by at club meetings whenever they are to listen or answer any questions that you may have.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Meghan Pipe updates:** I met with the Dean this morning about some proposed changes to the curriculum, and we also discussed the Rock Spring Semester week. It’s a peer advising week that’s geared toward underclassmen that aren’t familiar with the departments or the classes for their majors. It’s also a mixer so there will be free food and performances. If your group is interested in performing let me know because we’d love to have you.

**Director of Student Affairs, Will Labate updates:** We will be doing budget advocacy in the Union Lobby during the next week, so please come by to learn about candidates or place a couple of phone calls. For a little bit of time you could make a very big impact. There will be a gold workshop in which there will be an informed voter. This will be next week on Wednesday from 2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M. Also Cynthia Appleton will be coming at 7:00 P.M. in room 203. She is running for state senator, so tell her you care about SUNY. The Intercultural Dinner is this Sunday at 6:00 P.M. in the Ballroom. Tickets are selling out soon. We are selling a dozen a day because people are rushing the table. Get there at 11:00 A.M. in the Union Lobby tomorrow. We will sell them for half an hour until tickets run out.

**Director of Student Programming, Nick Spengler updates:** This Saturday night is Cirque Sublime. Look out Halloween weekend for a Monster Mash Bash, as well as KINO’s movie showing.

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** We have hired a new crew coach. He’s a part time employee and he started today.

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

## Open Updates

Dr. Matthews: First of all let me thank you for the money that you've allocated for Livingston CARES to help people go on the trip. The March trip already has a waitlist, and the trip in May is pretty much open. I've been asked by Dr. Rau, the Director of Institutional Research and Dr. Bonfiglio to talk with you about how many of you have gotten a survey this week on community engagement. It was out earlier in the week supposedly. We would appreciate it if you would pass it on to other students that we would like if you did the survey. It's a survey that the college got a grant to participate in, to gauge our level of service. We are trying to find out how much students are engaged in service, which I know personally is a very high number like 500,000 hours of service for the previous years. This is a survey that will give some assessment data that we can use and the college can use as a Carnegie classification to establish itself as a college that is involved in community engagement. Dr. Rau says that you have to answer every question in the survey, which can be frustrating for the students, but the college did not design the questionnaire. There were things that might be helpful for us to know. For example I know that a lot of students have told us that transportation is a problem. Perhaps we will get some data that might be useful in helping us to get better transportation services.

Motion to untable reading 34-1011, seconded.

Why did we table this? Because they were not ready to present yet.

Motion passes, 7-0-0.

## Old Business

33-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$150 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to SA Programs, Account 1002 to fund a start-up budget for Active Minds for the 2010-2011 academic year.

*Second of Two Readings*

I'm John Shlant, the treasurer of Active Minds. We hope to gain funding today to enhance the events that we already put on for the campus and to make bigger and better new events. The primary reason we would like funding is to bring speakers to campus with stories of mental health. They can help our cause to de-stigmatize mental illnesses and just make such illnesses a topic of discussion. Nick asks are you expecting students to volunteer to speak? No we bring speakers through the national organization of Active Minds and from the surrounding community. We wouldn't be paying people on campus to speak up.

Will says at the last meeting you seemed a little unsure about whether or not you would be applying to ACE. Have you spoken to your group members and decided? Yes I think we would because we are an event driven group.

Will clarifies that it's more special interest that brings the groups.

Kate asks do you have a non funded account? Yes

Kate asks are you aware that you can't have an outside account once you get funded by the SA? Yes I was going to cancel it.

33-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

35-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$70,000.00 from SA Reserves, Account 4000 to Activities Commission-Concerts, Account 1302 to allow a larger concert.

*Second of Two Readings*

Everyone has heard my proposal already. I would like to propose a final copy of the most recent survey. I have used my top 30 artists from the face to face results to compile this list of considerations. There are 2 things to consider before I talk about the structure of this survey. First, many of these artists are now finally announcing spring tours, and some of these artists that do not tour that I find out about will not appear on the survey when I put it out. To replace them I will use the next best artist on the list. I will possibly consider a wild card artist to replace them with based on recommendations made by the booking agency or else I will replace them with artists that did well in other schools. I would like to include more options to vote using these methods. The second thing to keep in mind is that I constructed the survey with all the possibilities that the increase in budget would cover. There are two tiers to the survey. Part A is a list of bigger name artists in which students can vote only for one of. These are the 12 most expensive artists that ranked high in the previous surveys. Part B is a list of some of the lesser expensive artists that ranked high in the surveys as well and students can choose up to 3 of them. They can be co-headliners to the concert. Then I ask how you want to see the concert structure, one artist from Part A and one artist from Part B, or any other combinations. I also include a question about ticket price and some event suggestions. This survey will be crucial for giving the direction and a pretty good opinion of what will the concert be.

Will asks what would you be asking for with respect to ticket price? I'm asking for \$25. Originally the range that I asked was \$20-\$30 but after crunching numbers I learned that I probably won't have to go over \$25. I have an excel budget sheet if you are interested in seeing it. \$25 should be the top tier I would need. Tom says I would like to motion an amendment to the reading saying that the concert can ask for up to \$25 for ticket prices. Seconded.

Will says I'd like to call for a poll from everyone. If there was an artist coming to campus that wasn't your top choice but was an artist that you liked and listen to often, who would pay \$25 to go to that concert? **Many hands are raised.**

Justin asks if an increase in the ticket price would be reflected across the board? Yes. All 3 tiers of pricing would be adjusted accordingly.

Will asks so when it comes down to it and you finally pick an artist and co-headliners, are you going to be looking to charge the cheapest price possible with the \$70,000 increase? With \$150,000 I would love to charge the least amount for tickets, but to not lose any money. Our aim is not to make money but to keep it even.

Meghan asks if we've got a really cool artist, do ticket sales go on for students first, and then its open to the public? Is this something that's selling out really quickly or are we saving tickets for students? I'm not really positive about presale opportunities for the students, does anyone here know?

Doug says we don't do that currently but we should do that, especially if we have a pretty fly concert.

Will asks do you have any ideas about what the tiers are going to be for the public, faculty, and students? I can tell you I've looked a little bit into what other schools are charging. SUNY Cortland just brought the Fray last April. They charged only 2 tiers, \$20 for students and \$30 for everyone else. There wasn't a faculty/alumni category. According to our past ticketing it would be probably somewhere along the lines of student \$25, the general public \$28 , and faculty/alumni \$26. It will probably be the same amount of money added per ticket than has been added in the past.

Meghan asks will \$25 be enough? Do we need to think of the highest price in total? I have found that \$25 is the top price that the students would need to pay.

Will asks is this motion specifically student or in general? Student.

Meghan asks if the student ticket is then \$25, we would need to then come back and make a motion to change those prices to go higher to the general public? Kate answers that it's been done by memo.

Will says I'm just saying if we pass \$25 we can still by memo raise it up.

Mike says just an interjection for quotas for student tickets. Cornell had sales for Kid Cudi online. They set quotas and student tickets were sold out in the first day and general public sold out in the first 10 minutes.

Vote on the motion to amend the reading.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Back to the reading at hand.

Will says I think that this is a great allocation of student funds. This is what the students want. It's a lot of money but considering the disappointments of the past, this concert is very important and it would be a good use of money.

35-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1 with Nick abstaining.

### New Business

34-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$698.76 from SA Programs-Student Conferences, Account 1002 to Amnesty International, Account 1910 to fund the Amnesty International Northeast Conference at Boston University on November 12th-13th, 2010.

*First of Two Readings*

My name is Matt Bower and I'm the president of Amnesty International. For the past 2 years we've made a trip to the Boston Amnesty conference. This year is the 50th anniversary, so it's a bigger deal and more important that we attend. The Executive Director of Amnesty International, Larry Cox is a really good speaker. After that they are flying in 2 different speakers. They are prisoners of conscience, one from Turkey and one from Tibet. The rest of the time is made up of leadership workshops. The reason why we are asking for the money is because we need it for transportation, for food and for the hotel. The conference itself is \$20 each, and the money is due November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are without the funding right now and we have 17 people that are committed to going. It would be impossible to get 17 people there and back with finances, tolls, hotels, and food. The conference funds itself so that is not an issue. We've kept it really cheap and the money covers absolutely everything. Without funding we couldn't go, which would be a problem.

Will asks if they are prisoners of conscience, how are you flying them in? Prisoners of conscience is a broader term. The government or whatever is the leading force has thrown these people into jail for no reason. They could have spoken out for some form of human rights, or they were the president of a country and then someone took over and threw them in prison. These are 2 people that have been released from jail. And the conference is flying them in. They will speak about basically human rights activism, and what they had to go through while in jail.

Kate asks do you know at this point what time you are leaving and coming back? I have to figure out exactly when people get done with class. It's going to be between 1:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M. on the Friday. We will drive there, and the conference is ending at 6:30 P.M.. We will get dinner that night and leave the city at 8:30P.M., in order to get back at 7:00 A.M. the next day.

Kate asks after the daylong conference you are leaving immediately? We have enough drivers that we can alternate. Half of the people have finals or tests so they don't have enough time to stay.

Doug asks does this include money for red bull? No...

Tom says I think for a conference that you can't miss this is extremely cheap.

Doug says I like your shirt. Thank you, I like your shirt. (For reference, similar shirts are being worn)

34-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

36-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the Budget Realignment by Men's Tennis, Account 1416 to move \$100.00 from Line 10 Supplies to create a new sub-line Embroidery.

*First and Only Reading*

I'm David, the president of the Men's Tennis team. I wanted to do this realignment for the Geneseo Knight-head patches on our new jerseys. It's going to cost about \$160 and I wanted to realign \$100 from our budget to offset the cost for the new players. The new patches would help us represent the school when we're on the road.

Mary asks so these aren't for names? No it's just the Knight-head and it says Men's Tennis on the bottom.

Will asks did the SA fund the jerseys? No we purchased them ourselves.

Will asks so when we have the patches put on these, you're keeping the jerseys? Yes.

Will asks so you would keep it at the end of the year? Yes.

Will asks a question to Mark or Kate, since they're keeping the jerseys at the end of the year wouldn't this be considered a personal item? Mary said, it's up to discretion of the e-board. I think in this case it's just a Geneseo logo, so it's up to our discretion.

36-1011: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 7-0-0.

37-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$175.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Stitches, Account 1916 to purchase more needles.

*First of Two Readings*

I'm Rachel, the president of Stitches, and this is Danielle, the treasurer. Last semester we were first granted the \$150 budget for our club. And this semester we need a little more for needles after the trial run last semester. We thought we would need a whole lot more yarn, but we actually need new needles to accommodate all of our members. We need straight needles, circular needles for making hats, double pointed needles also for hats, and cable needles.

Doug asks can you stitch an SA logo onto their jackets, or this shirt? Yes I could.

37-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

### **Open Discussion**

Malcolm: Good evening. As you may remember my name is Malcolm and I'm the Director for Rules for the statewide SUNY Student Assembly. Our annual fall conference is the week after next, Halloween weekend. Every school is invited to this conference. Every school is allotted a number of delegates based on enrollment. Those voters would be the president of student government, Mr. Sinski, and another delegate who is elected. However it is my understanding that none of the e-board is available that weekend, and no one actually ran for election to the open space. So Geneseo is in danger of being unrepresented at this conference. Although I have to be there I really should not be voting because I should be helping to run the meeting. I have a couple of question as a whole. Who thinks that Geneseo should be represented in the statewide student government? We introduce legislation for state legislation to consider. Doug asks can I qualify that? There's a reason why none of us can go. The people who would be going have gone before. It is also a good amount of money to have us travel there, and stay there to sit through arduous meetings of terrible parliamentary procedure. The Student Assembly does not have a budget in which we have an ability to pass non binding resolutions. We decided not to send anyone because it would be a real waste of money.

Malcolm qualifies Doug's statement by saying they do have a budget of about \$56,000 and they can pass binding resolutions in certain circumstances. Two years ago at the fall conference the Student Assembly passed a resolution calling for rational tuition. We asked for rather than tuition to stay stable and then be hiked up an enormous amount, that instead for small predictable increases in intuition.

Will says I know one of the issues is us paying a late fee to go. Maybe you could talk to them and ask to waive the late fee: that could persuade us to go. Malcolm answers with I will talk to them tonight as I have a conference call at 10:00pm. I can't promise anything though because I'm not responsible for making that decision.

Doug says that the meetings at the conference go from 6:00pm. – 1:00am.

Jake says just to let you guys know, it's not like we're skipping this conference. There are others and Doug and I have talked a lot about attending the next one. We don't think it's completely unimportant, it just worked out that that weekend just isn't great.

Doug says we plan on attending in the Spring, as that's when the election of officers happens.

Kate says that the hotel block rate is gone, also if they send another delegate. When I called to make a reservation for Malcolm they had already lost the block rate. I called today and it's still gone.

Doug says if you'd like to do it next semester, then talk to me.

Malcolm says that the late fee is only \$10 per person, though that's for registration not necessarily the hotel fee. Also the meetings in the fall are always a lot more quiet and sedate than those during the spring conference. We don't go until 1:00am. in the fall. We go to 1:00am. in the spring because we have election of officers.

Doug says we are not going to send anyone in the fall. So see you guys in the spring about that.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed  
Recording Secretary