

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
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

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Call to Order: 6:15 P.M.

Approval of the Agenda:

Old business 26-1011: word change to 26-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,100.00 from Budget Increases, Acct. 1099, to SA Programs, Account 1002, to create a need-based grant program for students looking to attend trips offered by Livingston CARES.

Second of Two Readings

And reading 29-1011: change \$1200 to \$1600.

Add in business 31-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the proposed changes to Student Court guidelines.

First of Two Readings

Approval of the agenda passes 7-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes:

Passes 7-0-0.

Motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order, to accommodate the Chief of Police so that we don't make him sit through the entire meeting.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Doug Sinski updates: I interviewed the Crew Coach candidates for the Crew Team. We are trying to get the team a coach because the college took one away from them due to budget cuts. We also have chosen a Program Advisor-should he/she accept, we should have one in his/her office by October 25th.

Vice-President, Tom Sochia updates: I just had a meeting with the Executive Committee of the Senate. President Dahl said something about how he was concerned and really taken aback by the whole incident that happened at Rutgers with the student who committed suicide. He thinks it would be great if people wore purple on October 20th in memory of the people who have died from teen suicide.

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates: I still have 5 frozen budgets: Baseball, Ski Team, College Democrats, SMA and Flute Choir.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Mary Bock updates: IRC has two big conferences coming up. From November 5th-7th we are headed to Oneonta for a regional conference, and from October 16th-17th 50 students from all over the NY region are coming here for a sub-regional meeting. So if anyone is interested in volunteering for that, we are going to do volleyball and basketball. We also need people to take minutes in some of the board rooms, and others get food and get the food setup. In addition we need overnight hosts if anyone is staying on campus. This will last between 10 A.M.-midnight on Saturday. If anyone is interested, people come see me after the meeting, or e-mail me at sairc@geneseo.edu.

Director of Public Relations, Jake Griffin updates: No new updates.

Director of Academic Affairs, Meghan Pipe updates: AAC will have "Rock Spring Semester" on November 2 from 6 P.M.-8P.M. in the College Union Ballroom. This is a program where upper classmen can educate lower classmen on their classes in the different departments of the school so that lower classmen can figure out what they would want to take. Right now we are hammering out details on which professors to contact. Provost Long mentioned at the last meeting that she is in the process of getting together an internship program in Washington D.C. called the Washington Group. In this program students go to D.C. to work for a semester. It seems like a good opportunity and we want to get students involved by spring semester. If it seems interesting to you, contact Provost Long because I am not sure of the specifics of the program.

Director of Student Affairs, Will Labate updates: The Intercultural Dinner will be on October 24th, and the planning is still going on about that. Tickets will be on sale the week after we come back from Fall Break. ACE updates, Pride is going to talk about it but I will briefly mention that Pastor Jim is coming to campus tomorrow. Pride will be having a rally on that. Pastor Jim talks out about sexual orientation, race and religion, so since anyone on campus might be upset by it we should show our anti-support.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Spengler updates: Announced that Activities Commission will be hosting Cirque Sublime on October 23rd. Tickets will be \$13.

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

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

Open Updates

Pride: It was already mentioned by Will, but Pastor Jim will be on campus tomorrow between 11 A.M.-5 P.M. We are planning on setting up a peaceful rally against him, and will have no interaction with him. We are just forming a circle around him facing outwards and holding signs with lots of rainbows. Everyone should come and show our lack of support.

Mary: Geneseo Late Knight on October 16th there will be a fiesta thing, complete with a mechanical bull to ride.

USAEC: Campaigning for Fall 2010 elections has already begun and will run through October 19th. You can vote on Knight Web from October 20th-21st. Just go to answer a survey on the website and you can vote.

Malcolm: A reminder to everyone that the SUNY Student Assembly will meet on October 29th-31st. We are open for any SUNY student to submit a resolution for a new fall assembly to consider. If you want to submit a resolution it should be submitted to me by Friday October 15th. My email is mc32@geneseo.edu and if you have something that you need help with just ask me.

Megan: Next Thursday, October 14th at 6 P.M. in Newton 209 there will be a panel discussion about Teach for America. A number of alumni will come and talk about their experiences in the program and there will also be some professors from campus giving their opinions and their support of the program. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me.

Lamron: The Lamron is having some important elections the week after Fall Break. We need a Public Relations manager, and some assistant positions for business ads and web editing are open as well. You can request an application for these positions after our general meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Mailroom on Thursday October 14th.

Residence Life selection committee: Our selection process for the Spring semester has started. If you're interested in becoming a RA in the Spring, all of the information is online. The link is go.geneseo.edu/fall10raapp. The application has links to anything else you need, such as reference forms. You can also get in touch with any RA's on campus, as they will let you know what to do.

GAGG: The zombie apocalypse has passed for now, so it is safe to venture forth from your dorms. I would like to apologize for GAGG, for the movement of televisions; our meeting is in less than an hour.

Mike: Tomorrow at 9:30 P.M. in the Knight Spot, there will be slam poets to speak. It's free, and they are world class so I would encourage anyone who likes to have fun to go.

Old Business

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Second of Two Readings

Last week we had Dr. Matthews and Kevin Felter in to talk about opportunities for getting involved in the Livingston Cares program. We are still looking for money to form a need based program. It is between \$500-\$600 for the trip, and we are looking to put some money aside for students who really need it.

26-1011: *Second of Two Readings, 6-0-0.*

New Business

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First of Two Readings

I am president of SEAA, and we seek to make campus more accessible to people who have various disabilities and to educate about the discrimination that is evident in society against those with disabilities. We want to get funded so we can put on bigger events on campus such as a film festival, and work with other organizations and extend our reach as well as promote acceptance.

Will asked did you apply for funding last year? Yes

Are you intending to apply for ACE funding this year? Yes.

I think that this is a great club and I would like to see you do great things. If anyone is interested meetings are on Tuesdays in room 223 Welles at 6:30 P.M.

27-1011: *First of Two Readings, 7-0-0.*

28-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request for SA Programs, Account 1002, Intercultural Dinner, being held on October 24' 2010 with donations going to Doctors Without Borders.

First and Only Reading

The Intercultural Dinner is happening on October 24th. We are planning on raising money from ticket sales and donating this money to Doctors without Borders. The dinner is already funded through a line in the SA budget so it does not need any proceeds from the ticket sales, so every year we decide to donate it to a different cause. For the potential of fundraised amount I put \$1360 because that's the amount that was raised last year.

28-1011: *First and Only Reading*, 6-0-1.

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First of Two Readings

BSU would like to attend the 14th annual conference, which would be the first conference we've ever attended. It's very important because it'll help change the climate here at Geneseo. The eboard is going and we want to open it up to other members in the club who are student leaders. The price breakdown for transportation is about \$120 for Amtrak, so \$1200 total for the ten tickets. The conference price is \$200, again for 10 members it would be \$2000. Out of those that are attending are representatives from all different classes so that the information can be properly integrated into the club and maintained over the years. The fees also cover the meals for us: we looked for a conference that covered everything. Amtrak was the cheapest way to get there. The conference is in Illinois, so that price for 10 people should be pretty reasonable.

Where would you be staying? The fees cover the lodging.

You already have the 10 people picked out who would go? Yes. It's our e-board and two freshman reps.

It would alter the climate on campus, I'm not sure that I understand the logic. If you look at our student body you can tell that there are less students of African American descent. This conference will give them a better chance to have networking opportunities. When you are a culture group on campus, networking is key, but BSU is a complicated organization. We have Caribbean's, blacks, South Americans, and African Americans, so black doesn't really encompass it all. In a lot of other campuses you have a larger population so you have separate clubs for each denomination but with this club it requires a lot of planning and incorporating of everyone's ideas. Going to a conference like this for leadership styles geared towards BSU, we could offer the campus a better BSU experience.

It reminds me of when Pride goes to conferences- they learn how to serve the community as a whole. Do you have an itinerary? Yes there is a packet with scheduling for everything.

Are you planning on going on this next year? We are trying to budget it next year into something that we can continue to do. Mark likes to see a pattern before something is integrated into the budget, but yes, we would like to continue it into next year.

I have been to a few conferences where they do the same thing, and not only is it such a great learning tool but I know 100% that Pride Alliance networking has gone up so much by attending the conference.

It will bring a lot of benefits for the club and the community. Also, the price for this conference in comparison to other conferences I've set up is reasonable.

This is a reasonable price for a conference, it sounds like a really great idea.

29-1011: *First of Two Readings*, 7-0-0

30-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1700 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to SA Payroll Account 1008 line 40 Crew Coach, to pay for 50% of health insurance premiums for a part time coach.

First of Two Readings

The college took the Crew Coach salary out of the Student and Campus Life budget. However the coach is still necessary. So the SA thought it would be a good idea to pick up the cost, at least temporarily, until Crew can be taken back by Student and Campus Life, and then turned into a varsity sport which Dr. Bonfiglio has promised the team. The coach is part time because practices happen between 5 A.M.-7 A.M. The coach is also working another job at a different school. The job doesn't offer health benefits, but maybe being out so early can make you sick. We thought it would be nice to extend an offer to fund at least 50% of health premiums.

Mary motioned to waive the first reading and Jake seconded the motion. We need to waive it. If Crew has really gotten started then the sooner we can get them a coach the better and we can't get them an offer unless we know that we can get the coach health insurance.

He is also needed to drive the truck that pulls the shells/boats. They need that to go to regattas so that Geneseo can compete. Passing this sooner rather than later would be good so that they can go to their first regatta.

Vote on motion to waive first reading: 6-0-0 passes

No discussion on second reading,

30-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, passes 6-0-0.

31-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the proposed changes to Student Court guidelines.

First of Two Readings

Adele presented: The overarching rationale for making the few and important changes to our guidelines was that last year the Court was really reactionary toward decisions, and it hasn't gotten much use until recently. We have granted ourselves judicial review on a few of our cases, and while that's convenient for us I'm not comfortable with it. The purpose of making such changes is to identify our powers and clarify them so that elections and problems can run as smoothly as possible. Then we aren't enforcing or encroaching on the government body as a whole. Article 2 section 1 letter F now reads it's a part of our responsibilities to issue rulings... We took

issue with the last clause “with clear and unmistakable authority”. This is a little redundant, as if you bring us a case you obviously want us to rule on it. It should be pointed out that SA can clarify what they want us to rule on. You’re not going to bring us anything that you don’t want us to have power over. Article 2 section 2 letter F: “...to attend weekly SA meetings to get reports on actions on the court and report back to the court on actions of SA committee”. None of us can attend them all the time, so we would like a minor language change. We want to change “to attend” into “to create a rotating schedule to attend meetings”. It keeps us in the loop, but without creating problems where one of us can’t be there. It also insures a bit of impartiality as things mentioned in the SA might be brought later to the court. Article 1 section 1 letter G: “...and court will uphold, or make a decision/recommendation about what should happen to them”. The SA can ignore the court and make their own decision, and this article is about whether all or one of them is violating policy. It’s not an efficient way to uphold justice, so we want to change word “recommendations” to “measures” because SA shouldn’t decide the punishment that they get for something that they do.

I agree with the change from recommendations to measures, but don’t you think this might conflict with SA constitution that gives the Court it’s power that states specifically that the Court can only recommend to the SA committee? Wouldn’t that require a change of the SA’s constitution? That was brought to my attention quite recently. I think that it’s immoral and if I have to apply for an amendment, I will. Since it’s such a straightforward language change, I will do anything I have to do to get it changed. This issue needs to get out there because we have had occasions in the past where it has come up and I’m trying to make sure this runs as smoothly as possible for the next few years.

Do you think that you could amend it to say that the Court will issue reparative measures that if for some reason the SA doesn’t agree with, they can send it back to Court? For now I could accept that amendment: but it’s a band-aid. It’s a good band-aid, but we want to have that for now until we review the SA constitution.

Can you reiterate what the proposed amendment was?

Motion to amend the reading to read “... to uphold a decision or to issue reparative recommendations, if the SA committee refuses said conditions they will refer back to the Court until a resolution is made.”

Does this mean that the court will be able to do what it wants? It’s kind of like what happens when anyone comes to get guidelines approved. It’s circular but it checks our power.

This wouldn’t give any binding power to the Court? No, the only thing binding is that we work together to reach a consensus.

Might I issue a recommendation that if the SA board turns down a recommendation, to issue in writing a justification as to why that recommendation was issued in the first place? The recommendation will be taken down by the minute’s person.

Motion to amend reading “in event that SA committee rejects recommendations, it will be referred back to the court”.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Discussion on reading

Recommendations or rulings against SA members, are you implying impeachment procedures? No those are different. There is a section about impeachment. What we are talking about now would be issues that are often things that might have even been accidental. They are not grounds for impeachment.

In the SA constitution it says if one of us is up for impeachment, the Court has authority. USAEC takes care of petitions for impeachment and then refers them to Student Court.

31-1011: *First of Two Readings*, passes 7-0-0.

Open Discussion

Chief of Police:

Good evening, thank you for suspending Roberts Rules on my behalf. I don’t have a prepared speech but I want to thank you for welcoming me here. I already met with Doug and Mary and we talked about a few issues. This is my 11th week on campus; I’m here to serve you. I am learning that I have a lot of work to do. I can see a University of Police Department that needs some restructuring in many aspects. Some will be painless; many things will take a long time. There is a matter of changing perceptions and thoughts about how the department operates from many sides- how it operates, how the police treat people and the students and staff’s perception of the department. I don’t mind sharing that with you or with the officers that work there. I have 22 years of law enforcement, predominantly from the Webster Department under my belt, as well as 1 year with Rochester, where I found that I wanted to work in a community where I felt like I was making a real difference. I have a lot of background in police administration and in operations. A college campus is a much different environment, so I have a lot to learn. I have been reading the minutes, learning about the Rugby team and the concert, as well as the purchases that SA makes. I have to be honest with you, this is new to me. I have a master’s in Public Administration, but I was a non-traditional student. I did 17 years part time at night school; this really is a whole new environment for me. I hope to pop in every once in a while to hear issues or concerns that you have regarding the University of Police. What I’ve noticed is that they themselves are really thriving for change within the department. Some internal things need to be altered, such as how we do things, or how we handle reports or investigations. Most importantly we want to make sure that the department is adequately prepared to provide safety for students. One of the hot topics within the department has been an idea for a public safety program, which is why I met with Doug and Mary. I don’t have all the background on that program, and what it’s developed into. I will tell you that I see value in the program and I think it’s worth saving. I’m glad to hear that the SA has continued to fund that program; however it needs to be restructured. We need fresh faces from the police department, and I’ve already identified one officer, Officer Ewinow, who would help out a lot. He has already expressed willingness to take such a position. Now we are just trying to get schedules down to meet again with the PSA captain and Doug and Mary again.

When University Police is summoned to a residence hall, to a room, and they knock on the door and ask to gain entrance to the room, is the resident of that dorm legally obligated to open that door? No. That's the short answer. However, if the officer feels that someone's life is in jeopardy or a serious crime is about to be committed they can enter. Can an officer lie to you and say you have to let me in? Yes, the police can use deceit to try and get their job done. It can happen, though it's not the best way. If you smell marijuana from a residence hall, knock on the door where there's no answer or else the person doesn't want to open the door, the officer does not have the right to enter that room. That would be a borderline violation of the fourth amendment. But I will stress that officers can use deceit. This happens pretty much anywhere, not just on a college campus.

You talked about how there are unique challenges working on a campus rather than a standard town, can you tell us some of those challenges that you have already experienced? To be honest with you, my job is really an administration role so you won't see me out and about or in uniform. Overall when I'm listening to the radio and how officers respond to calls or reading reports, I think the challenges are down at the police department. I don't mind sharing this with you: I'm an outsider coming in. There is a pervasive attitude that the police officers are referred to as public safety officers, which is a mindset that is difficult to change. They are called security, but they're not. They are full-fledged police officers. When I was going through the interview process, the biggest concern was getting someone from a municipal police agency who doesn't have any experience on a college campus. My experience in Webster is more in tune with a college campus experience, as we are service oriented rather than "gustappo" like. We are trying to make life on campus more tolerable. Police officers have a variety of backgrounds, and my challenge is to make sure that they have enough training. To make sure that they are taking everyone's rights into account.

Thank you for coming and talking to us because I know good kids who are afraid of the University Police. There is a general air that they're not to be trusted, and I don't think that this is true, but this is a good step to bridging that gap. I have seen checkpoints set up on Main Street or Court Street. Is that something that you're planning on doing? That was the village police. We did a lot of traffic safety grants, but that's not going to be my priority right now. There is value to traffic safety, but the true sense is to make sure that everyone is buckled up and driving safely. Our jurisdiction is the campus and any adjoining road. UP should not be up on Main Street to enforce the law. If the village calls us to back them up then we can certainly go there, but as a regular course we should not go there. The police department doesn't want us there because they have their own things to do.

Do you have any plans to increase UPs presence on campus? Absolutely. There are a lot of things that we should be doing, and it'll be my job to make sure there are officers on bike or on foot around campus. I want to balance that with the statement that we're not there to be unapproachable. We want to make it common to see an officer walking around. We also want police officers around the library because it's open pretty late. We would not be patrolling the library or the academic buildings especially during classes unless there is a problem.

You mentioned that you were looking at creating some changes both internal and external; you've answered at least part of this question already but is there anything else that we should be looking for? I think we will be offering programs that if people want to participate to see how the department operates, they will be able to. In Webster we had members of the community come and see different aspects of the police department. That's one of those long term things where I need to set up a relationship with the village police of the area. My meeting with the library staff included an idea where we would get police officers to help train their staff, especially for when they close at 1 A.M. A quick follow up, I had talked about staffing. You had alluded to the types of things we would be doing as far as patrol. In the past month I have lost 3 officers, and one of our dispatchers. I have to get some staffing back and with budget cuts I have to go through many measures to justify why I want to hire these people.

You mentioned that you thought that public safety should be restructured. Are any of your ideas being implemented this semester? We have had to suspend the implementation in order to get up staffing but yes. We wanted to meet last week but our intent is to get up and running very quickly. We are making sure that the department is keeping up with the types of activities that we should be dealing with to help out with officer training. I have made it very clear that I see much value in the program.

I seem to recall from last year that the record of arrest in Geneseo was printed in some publication. How protected are privacy rights and who can access documents on arrests? We have a couple of things going on here. Any arrest is public record unless it's a juvenile, who wouldn't be a student anyway. No one needs a reason to access these records. We try to provide that information up front so that everyone is aware of it. We have guidelines from the Cleary Act that we have to provide this information on a regular basis and that it has to be accessible to everyone. If they are prospective students, current students, or faculty, then they have the right to know what crime is occurring on campus. You can get it online or come down to the department.

What if there was a medical emergency regarding underage drinking? Do you have to report the situation to the Dean automatically? That just happens because the Dean gets all of our reports. It's not like UP are specifically making a report to the Dean's office. The officer would be required to tell the RD on duty about the medical emergency, and the RD on duty has to write up some very long report. I just came from the Student Conduct Board where they were talking about police reports rather than a RD/RA report. The RA/RD writes some very long winded report whereas the police report is much shorter. It happens automatically unless there was some severity in which we need to call the Dean specifically. There's a lot of discretion in what officers can and can't do. It's not their primary focus to get an arrest out of a situation such as this, that's not a message I want to send.

Do you have a non emergency contact line? Yes we do, 585-245-5651 is our non emergency line. You can speak to the Chief or Assistant Chief to praise or report a complaint, or even chat with Mary. Also, everyone should have gotten a yellow card with the number on it at the start of the semester.

Especially with our many late open facilities, if a student is walking place to place on campus and doesn't feel safe walking alone will you provide escorts? In July I was here for orientation, I was surprised to hear that that doesn't occur. It's not part of a regular course of business. I made note of it as something we should be providing, whether I am going to have the staff to do it I just don't know, but it's my hope to be able to do that. I think that such an implementation adds to the building of the relationship that I was talking about earlier, knowing that you can call UP rather than us just being here to ruin your day.

Historically there have been instances in which students were having problems walking, and an officer has offered to take that person home in their car. A lot of officers are nice enough to do that even though there are no formal police.

The SUNY NY alert system, what are the guidelines for activating that system? I need to learn about that, because we've never dealt with that in the municipal organization. For the police department to actually do a NY alert, the guidelines are very strict as far as the type of incident that it has to be. Also the Cleary Act is very in tune with providing timely notifications, but they leave that part up to discretion. Right now there are 13 officers, and we should have 15-16 total. My first instinct during a problem is to get to the scene, rather than who can send out alert e-mails to the students due to our level of staffing. When I have more staff this is something I can work out.

Chief of Police to students: What are your opinions of the blue-light system?

I think that they're a great idea I think that they function as a preventative measure. I've never used one or seen one used but I like the idea that they're there. The only concern is the difficulty in reaching a blue-light, and the response time to when UP would get there. Chief: I have no opinion on the blue-lights. Some campuses are getting rid of them because of the advent of the cell phone. By and large most campuses are finding that any blue-light activations are prank calls or are being misused. Cost may be a factor but I have no idea at the moment. On another note, I'm talking with the sheriff to determine if it's a smart move to eliminate 5222 and just call 911. Not having dispatchers at the police department, but just a county dispatcher. It's ingrained in everyone's heads to call 911, rather than 5222.

Is there an extension available on campus that you can use that ends in 911? It could be, it's something that we can look into. If we're going to do that we'll just make it 911 but we need to upgrade our equipment to do that and I'm not sure if I'll get the money for that. I like the idea making it 911. I'm an off campus student, so half my time it's one number, and the other half of the time I should be calling the other number. In the stress of a moment you're not going to sit there and wonder where you are to try and figure out which number to dial.

Next Topic: AC Concerts

Doug explained that there will not be a fall concert in order for the allocated money to go to a spring concert. There was an opinion piece in The Lamron about why was this decision made without our concern, and I would like to ask that question aloud now. This was the decision of last year's budget committee of the SA in reviewing the budget. It did not happen this year; you can blame those from last year.

Good evening my name is Bill. I am the AC concert programmer. I am here to talk about the current situation with a spring concert and a brief history of what we've done in the recent past. AC has enjoyed a successful run of 40 big name artists such as the All-American Rejects, Nelly, Jason Mraz, and Ben Folds. AC has also been responsible for bringing some true pop culture icons as well. We have missed the last 2 concerts due to lack of funds. Measures have to be taken though a lot of students have expressed their disapproval to myself and to other members of AC. For example the freshmen have not yet seen a concert here. I am a senior and I have seen one concert in my four years. We currently have \$80,000 budgeted towards the artists fees. Usually we charge \$17 for a concert. We are asking for \$70,000 additional funds for the upcoming spring concert. We are also asking for the option to raise the ticket price up to \$25, which would be necessary for two reasons. One is that I'd like to bring a bigger name artist to Geneseo. I define artists on some factors such as exposure, popularity, hits, recent activity, and talent. I need to make the point that artist's prices are actually increasing as well. Jason Mraz performed here in 2005 and it cost \$40,000 whereas now it would be \$100,000. That's on the basis of one or two pop hits he has had. Lupe Fiasco has gone up \$20,000 in cost since he played here 2 years ago, and he hasn't had any recent activity to justify such an increase. The All-American Rejects concert was \$80,000 but when they were here they were with 2 other bands. Now just the band itself without any headliners or openers is \$80,000-\$100,000. We may not be able to afford a most successful concert. Right now I want to talk a little about some surveying I did amongst students to get their opinion and find out who they wanted to see and how much they would pay. An online survey via e-mail dealt with ticket price only. I asked if students would pay \$20-\$30 to see a bigger artist. The survey ran for 136 days, and 87.7% said yes while 10.5% said no and some people just don't care. On the second part of the survey I asked how much would you pay if you had said no, and the average price was around \$17, which was on par with what the price usually stands at. The students that answered yes said that they would pay \$32 average to see an artist on campus. I started a second survey which was done face to face in the union asking students what their top 3 ideal artist picks would be along with how much money they would pay to see that artist. I left it very broad, and I said they could list anyone in the world they want to see with a few exceptions. Not Lady Gaga who tips over at \$1 million, and Eminem as well. 673 different students responded, and more than 300 artists came up. This gave me 30 artists that kept coming up with a lot of votes. I was able to establish an average ticket price around \$31. To get to the other part of the results, these are some examples of artists that are currently within our \$80,000 budget such as MGMT, Ke\$ha, OAR, Kid Cudi, B.O.B, and Passion Pit. One issue that I have is that most of their performance fees bump right up to the \$80,000 mark. Also, I think that 2 different artists might impose a better turnout than just one. In addition to this, I'm not sure what artists will be touring during the time of the spring concert as it's still a bit early to find out. Even after that I have to make sure that they are touring in the Northeast as well. The number one most requested artist was Drake. His performance fee is \$125,000, which is above what I have determined as average price as \$31 based on 91 people who said they'd love to see Drake. Other commonly requested name artists were Katy Perry, Maroon 5, Train, Vampire Weekend, Weezer, Daughtry, and Paramore. They all exceed how much we can afford, between \$75,000-\$150,000\$. This cost is just based on one artist or band. My next steps: 30 artist choices in a survey based on these results and if I am granted the additional funds the survey will have 2 sections. Students choose one of the bigger name artists from one section, and a lesser expensive artist from the second section. Students can choose up to 3 artists, which can be considered as co-headliners. To bring it a bit further, when I establish my most popular choices I

want to research colleges that they have performed at in the recent past to see how successful the concert was. I am interested in input from the SA and other organizations in general. Concerts have been such memorable events that have been put on. If it turns out that I do not need these additional funds, then I will put this money to Reserves for the future.

Geneseo needs a blockbuster concert. The concert last year was kind of a bust, causing the SA to scrap the spring concert entirely. We need something to really ring it up.

This is the SA and the money of the students is going towards this. A lot of people don't even know that their money is going to the concert but if the majority of people voted towards this then it should be done.

If the SA money for both concerts was \$125,000 and instead we used that for one concert, would you be able to bring the top 10 person and a headliner, rather than with \$150,000? It's a possibility I have to see who is touring and what the costs are. Having \$150,000 definitely bumps me up a tier and gives me some more work space to explore more possibilities.

I'm really interested to see the results of the final survey. 91 votes aren't that many, so if only those 91 people show up to the concert, there is no way that the funds will be sufficient to pay for it. I am hoping to see the choices get more narrowed down. Bill said his survey resulted in the naming of 300 bands, and honestly he hadn't heard of so many of them. The next survey will definitely shed a bit more light.

I worry about this next survey: where it is in relation to your research. If this survey is done before we find out who is touring, the students who are voting in the survey can get angry to know that the artist that they had voted for will not be coming. Things shouldn't be on the survey if they are not possible. In the past, students have had problems with the concert for not working with their choices. Bill said he is working with 3 different booking agencies on touring information, and he's very happy to see his top artists are touring in the spring in general. It's rewarding and optimistic and exciting that this is starting to come into play. When this survey is put out, I will make sure that it's not anyone who will NOT be available.

Carey said, in the past, AC has not been really allowed by SA to include anyone on the survey who was not an actual option. If Bill was to run the survey he could not include anyone who is outside the \$80,000 range. Malcolm asked is there a place where if we're interested we can see the fall survey results? Bill said he has that information and can post it online on the AC webpage.

Did you consider that students might end up considering not purchasing tickets? They could say in a survey that they would, but they might actually not be willing to spend that extra money? Certainly Bill said we've messed around with numbers and he has torn apart the budget to see if in fact the price would need to go up. The changing of the price is really to compensate for the performers agent fee. In my budget the only thing that will change is the performer's fee and the agent commission, which is 10% of the performer's fee. If I'm granted the money and I do spend up to the full capacity, I might have to look into tweaking the price number up to cover the loss. Bill said he thinks the third survey is very important. This is a campus with diverse musical tastes, and I think that it's important to remember that. It's money we are going to need god forbid something bad happens. Another thing to consider is maximum capacity, and we have 5000 students that want to go. You should favor raising the ticket price rather than the SA fee, as it will allow us to stay under maximum capacity.

If we give you the additional money, the ticket price would stay at \$17, or it would be a combo of raising ticket prices and us giving you more money? If I brought headliners that added up to \$150,000 mark I may have to tweak the ticket price to no more than \$25 to cover the extra agent fee. That would probably one of the last aspects that we'd try to hover on. If everything goes the way you want it to go, are you going to try and keep the ticket price as low as possible? Yes. If you have enough money and there's another much cheaper group who can hopefully generate interest, would you consider bringing in that group as a separate concert or even possibly at the same time? It all depends upon student consensus. I am trying to be unbiased and it's based on what students tell me. If there is demand for a band or an artist then all things will be considered. How does the SA restrict what you put on the surveys if you have control over your own ticket prices? We do not have control over ticket prices. They are set by SA. So you would have to make a reading asking us to increase ticket prices? Would you be asking for the money and the increase in rate for tickets? It would be up to \$25. You have to make the greatest number of people happy, and that's 2,000 students, which is a big number. The SA has to make the community happy. A lot of the questions that we are asking are all things we should be asking if we have a reading in front of us. However the questions pertain more to the presentation and if you give us a reading we can ask more kinds of questions. Would you like to explore this as a reading? Yes.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8: 15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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