



Student Association meetings are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the College Union Hunt Room. All are welcome to attend.

MINUTES #29, Wednesday, April 13, 2011

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

<i>PROFESSIONAL STAFF</i>	
Dir. of SA Programs,	
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Administrative Assistant:	Nancy Chirico
Graphics Coordinator:	Kristen Fuest
Program Advisor:	Claire Wright
Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer

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First of Two Readings
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Call to Order: 6:30 pm.

Approval of the Agenda:

Strike 121-1011 and change all numbers after that accordingly.

124-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the Student Association budget for the 2011-2012 academic year, with total expenditures of \$1,386,440 representing \$1,019,199.45 in mandatory activity fees and \$367,240.55 in other income generated from Student Association organizations and services.

Passes 6-0-0 with Nick Spengler absent.

Approval of the Minutes:

Passes 6-0-0.

Updates

President, Doug Sinski updates: I went to the Shakti dinner and it was amazing; the food was really great. I need two people to sit on the selection committee still for the merit scholarship. I would appreciate it a lot. Come talk to me after the meeting please. HvZ kickoff is today.

Vice-President, Tom Sochia updates: Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Communicative Disorders night, it went really well. Also thank you for everyone who attended the Anti-Hazing workshop on Monday.

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

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Mary Bock updates: Real Life Mario Kart was a huge success so thanks to anyone who came out and participated or just watched. We do have Coffee Talk on April 19th from 7pm-10pm in Starbucks. If anyone is interested in performing come see me.

Director of Public Relations, Jake Griffin updates: I have been around with some of your clubs to talk about the merit scholarship. I haven't hit them all yet so make sure to tell your group members that everyone can apply.

Director of Academic Affairs, Meghan Pipe updates: You'll hear about the AAC constitution later today. We've got some readings and elections will be on the 19th so send in your letters of intent.

Director of Student Affairs, Will Labate updates: ACE is doing well. There will be an ACE pool party on Sunday at the pool from 4pm-6 pm. Bring your bathing suit and your college ID and come on down.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Spengler updates: Not present.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: The deadline for the merit scholarship is Monday at 4:30pm.

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

Open Updates

Pride: This Friday is the Day of Silence. People choose to be silent throughout the day to think about those in the LGBT community who are afraid of coming out of the closet for various reasons. Throughout the day we will be passing out stickers and pins. At 7 pm there's a breaking of the silence. There will be lots of yelling and some speeches.

College Democrats: Next Wednesday is the annual debate between Democrats and Republicans on campus. The room is TBA since we're having issues finding one. But keep your eye out. We will be debating collective bargaining rights, alternative energy policies, etc.

LSA: We are having our annual dinner this Saturday. Tickets are \$6 and we will be selling them until Friday.

Community Health Alliance: If your organization is interested in working with a Grassroots organization in Haiti there will be a dinner at the Big Tree two weeks from tonight. They will be cooking some genuine Creole food. \$25 per person, and it is "meal-plan" friendly. Find us on Facebook.

WAC: Prom dress rugby game will be at 1 pm on 'Daga field to raise money for the battered women shelter. Tickets are on sale from 11am-3pm and they are \$2. There will also be a silent auction going. If you stop by on Saturday you can buy your tickets at the field.

Stitches: Tomorrow is the last day for the Stitches flower pin fundraiser. They are \$1 each and the money goes to the Red Cross.

Old Business

115-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$558.47 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Slavic Club, Account 1915 to cover the increasing costs of their dinner.

Second of Two Readings

Slavic club is having their dinner next Friday. We are selling tickets in the Union next week \$3 for students, \$4 for staff, and \$5 for others.

115-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

New Business

117-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$800 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Inter-Residence Council, Account 1201 to replenish drawing funds.

First of Two Readings

Mary: I know I just came and asked for more money. I thought it was going to be enough however Southside residence halls came to us and asked for over \$600 to put on "Southside's Got Talent". It was super successful last year, bands came out and played, there was free food, and they get a tent. That wiped out a significant amount that I asked for already. So we are asking for \$800 more.

117-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-1 with Mary abstaining.

118-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request by Japanese Culture Club, Account 1901 to raise up to \$100 from selling origami, ribbon pins, and calligraphy for Japan Tsunami Relief for the American Red Cross.

First and Only Reading

Last time we raised up to \$530 for the Red Cross just by sitting in the union and the library and getting people to pay \$1 for crane making. We are looking to have a table at Spring Fest. We got AC approval for this. It's for origami and calligraphy lessons and ribbon pins for \$1 each. We are looking to raise money for that.

118-1011: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 6-0-0.

119-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request by GLK, Account 1018 to raise up to \$500 from selling t-shirts for Japan relief efforts.

First and Only Reading

Alex Snow: I had an individual come to GLK to see if we could help them out with a fundraiser. The shirt says "Together for Japan" and will say Geneseo as well and we can even put the SA logo on them. He wants to sell them around the campus community and team up with Mics and Mochas for selling them as a fundraiser. I want to ask if GLK can use their budget outside of Lateknight programming to purchase these t-shirts for the fundraiser.

119-1011: *First and Only Reading*, 6-0-0.

120-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the budget realignment by GLK, Account 1018 to move \$2,300 from Line 10-Craft Supplies to Line #20-Programming.

First and Only Reading

Alex Snow: We've got 2 budget lines and we've strayed away from crafts, and have been in need of more program based budgets. I want to realign our budget; take it out of the craft budget for the rest of the year.

Meghan asks which upcoming program are you most excited about for the rest of the semester?

Alex says the Easter egg hunt coming up next weekend.

120-1011: *First and Only Reading*, 6-0-0.

121-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,000 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Latino Student Association, Account 1912 to cover increasing costs of the Sabor Latino Dinner.

First of Two Readings

LSA: We have a dinner this Saturday. Our budget was decreased because our budget proposal was submitted late last year. We had a budget increase but the food is more expensive this year so we need money to cover SA tech and supplies for the dinner.

Will asks are you asking to waive the first reading since the dinner is this weekend?

LSA says yes.

Kate asks did you find out how much the actual cost from CAS was for the dinner?

LSA says we have \$1700, SA tech is \$300-\$400, and we still need centerpieces for the tables.

Will makes a motion to waive the first reading. Seconded by Jake.

Motion carries 6-0-0.

Now readings second of two readings.

121-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

122-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the AAC Constitution.

First of Two Readings

Meghan: If you turn to the pages towards the end, the new constitution is all there but we have a spark notes version. A couple of basic changes nothing too significant. Removal of our deferral to a defunct position, no cabinet as well. Also transferring duties of the old position to mostly communications director and the secretary as well. We have done a transition of various duties from one position to another. This will foster relations even better. With this change we will run the same as IRC does and the secretary will make the agenda, making it more necessary to meet every week. Some duties are also shared by the exec board now. We also removed the required fundraiser. We also eliminated the "Who's Who" because it didn't follow what we wanted to do as a committee and it wasn't a good use of our time. We reinstated our ability to speak during open discussion. Also just changed some language and font.

122-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-1 with Mary abstaining.

123-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the USAEC Constitution.

First of Two Readings

Rob: 3 big changes that we want to address. First is adding a vice chair position to our committee. After this year's incident, it would be safer just in case the chair wants to resign. Second thing is we currently have 2 separate packets. We would move the main chunk of info from the class officer packet into the SA officer packet to make things easier for paperwork. The last big change is how we handle campaigning during the voting process. We want to eliminate the use of list serves. We are allowing people to campaign on the internet during the process, except not sending out mass emails based upon the principle because technically the voting place is the computer.

Will says since according to number two, the USAEC chair needs to see any message before it goes out to the list serves. Don't you think instead of limiting it to these 2 list serves to have an equal time rule so that one email is sent out it would need to be sent out for any candidate as well so that there's more publication of these elections.

Rob says people can still use class list serves, we were afraid that candidates part of organizations can target specific groups within the organizations making it unfair for other candidates.

Will says to clarify, I was just suggesting maybe it can say students can use any list serve as long as they get permission from the list serve that any other candidate can send it out on that list serve.

Rob says we did consider that and it would be easier to say that list serves should not send them out. It is the opinion of the committee Adele says it is a mess, so I understand. Even though moderators do a great job, there were still 3 cases one year. It would be better to have a firm rule than a group of unnecessary problems.

Will says I don't mean to sound like a broken record, I think that the USAEC policy is undemocratic and restricts free speech of students. I think that in order to have open and free elections you should be able to send your emails to whomever you wish and you should be able to use list serves. By implementing equal time, it will have to be the student's job to talk to the moderators. I don't think that restricting is in the best interest of the elections. The less people that hear about the elections the less that people vote.

Doug says email is annoying. I hate getting more emails than I have to get. I think that the list serves that do this are comprehensive. Both of those email lists go out to every student. Definitely the academic year, they go to the correct amount of people and prevent people from getting the same email multiple times.

Kate Cragg says I think I agree with Will on this. Shouldn't a candidate use every available resource at his disposal to get the word out? Not that elections have trouble with visibility, but people can easily delete the emails they don't want to read.

Rob says that's why we took out the clause for Facebook. The issue with list serves is, I'm not the moderator. If someone wants to send out an email and the moderator turns him down because there's something wrong with the email, there's nothing that I can do to help this out and it draws out the process even more.

Adele says I don't believe that the really non attended student court hearings are more transparent if there's equal time. People read Facebook, I think that's a good change.

Will says I understand the point that this may make it too confusing. I was suggesting equal time as a compromise. I think that list serves should be gotten rid of all together. You should be allowed to run a campaign as you wish, and in response to a person getting multiple emails, if candidates send out too many emails that is their fault.

Malcolm says I've already had to deal with a real life first amendment issue on free speech. It was at my hearing. I value the first amendment highly. I believe very strongly in a right to free speech. SA is allowed to place certain limits on speech as long as it's reasonable. Looking at this policy there isn't anything that would prohibit any candidate from sending out individual emails to as many people as they want. List serves still allow candidates to reach out to every person that will be voting for them. This will be a fair way to set the proper limits.

Justin says I am in agreement with Will. The more publication the more people will vote in the election. It's cumbersome to put up policies that are way too specific to keep track of. Speaking as someone who was on USAEC

Meghan says I think that, I'm not sure where I stand on this but there are a lot of campus groups that don't even use Geneseo mail a lot and instead use g-mail. There were problems that could be avoided if they weren't or were restrictions but regardless there are always going to be situations where someone breaks procedure.

Will says I agree with what Justin said I think that maybe just re-evaluating this clause and talking about it with your committee would be good. Maybe it would be easier to not regulate list serves at all. If we were going to pass this this week I would like to see it say "Geneseo campus list serves" because again, if there's a g-mail list serve, I think USAEC shouldn't be allowed to regulate any, but

especially a list serve that's not part of the campus. I don't think we should be passing anything that says that. Would you be willing to amend this?

Rob says I will have to talk to my committee about this.

123-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

124-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the Student Association Budget for the 2011-2012 academic year.

First of Two Readings

Mark: The budget is officially done. As you know, the activity fee was increased by \$15 per person so that gave us a little more money to allocate to you guys. For the most part everyone got what they wanted. We had 1 budget appeal from concerts but that would have made a mess.

Doug says Public Safety Aids were cut out of the budget. It was deemed that it wasn't a viable expenditure given benefit per dollar spent. We determined that in order to make the program viable we'd have to increase the allocation by a much larger amount, because that would take away from the individual clubs. Furthermore this number, the total allocation is a little bit deflated because we don't have the exact number of full time enrolled next year. 5100 we worked off of, the enrollment is around 5344 that the school is trying to maintain. There will be more money to play around with come next year. Next year's SA board can vote on increasing allocation for the concert.

Mary says I want to say with PSA's if you have concerns about them, that this was not a decision that SA just made, we discussed it and talked with a lot of people.

Malcolm asks just a strange question, but why did you budget .55 less than you calculated was available?

Sports Med Club says we have zero.

Kate says your club was funded after the budget hearings so you will have to ask for one in the fall.

Doug asks if you are still an SA org you can petition for a full budget.

Sports Med Club asks will we get the \$150 in the fall?

Doug says no you can petition for as much or as little as you want.

Sports Med Club asks, we can do that in the fall and get the amount that we want?

Mary makes a motion to add \$3,000 to account 1007 for stipends for an advisor and remove \$3,000 from account 1099 budget increases. Seconded by Meghan.

Doug says it was really hard to find an advisor for the SA this year. We did not have an advisor but just everyone I work with is fantastic. We function supremely as an organization, and we determined it to be in the best interest to obtain an advisor. It was suggested to us by Dr. Bonfiglio. They will be at our general meetings as well as in the office.

Motion carries 6-0-0.

Mark says I want to say that my committee did an excellent job.

124-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

Open Discussion

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed
Recording Secretary