

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING  
State University of New York, College at Geneseo



Student Association meetings are Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the College Union Hunt Room. All are welcome to attend.

**MINUTES #15, Wednesday, November 16, 2011**

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*Executive Committee*

President:	Nicholas Spengler
Vice-President:	Tyler Ocon
<b>Directors:</b>	
Academic Affairs:	Justin Shapiro
Business Affairs:	Brittany Wolf
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Carly Annable
Public Relations:	Lindsey Hebell
Student Affairs:	Stasia Monteiro
Student Programming:	Heather Bristol
Advisor:	Patty Hamilton-Rodgers

*PROFESSIONAL STAFF*

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

**Call to Order:** 6:15 pm.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

54-1112 change the amount to \$799 and add, “be it further resolved that the SA Executive Committee allocate \$30 from Budget Increases to GSTV, account 1504 to create a new line shipping charges.” 56-1112 decreased amount to \$698.88.

Agenda passes 7-0-0

**Approval of the Minutes:**

All references to a speaker from The Lamron should reflect Steven, the College Democrat representative. Minutes pass 7-0-0.

**Updates**

**President, Nicholas Spengler updates:** No new updates.

**Vice-President, Tyler Ocon updates:** I have an opening on the student caucus. If you are interested, please email me at [savp@geneseo.edu](mailto:savp@geneseo.edu) or come to the SA office for an application.

**Director of Business Affairs, Brittany Wolf updates:** Tennis and Crew Team’s budgets are unfrozen.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Carly Annable updates:** She and other representatives on IRC attended a regional conference this past weekend at the University of Connecticut.

**Director of Public Relations, Lindsey Hebell updates:** She met with Dianne Krenzer regarding the College Express and Airport Shuttle programs. There will be eight buses leaving the Tuesday night of break. In addition, she and Lauren, from CU&A are working on redesigning the KnightLink postcards since the last one was tailored to student leaders. They are working on a KnightLink survey contest.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Justin Shapiro updates:** We passed a reading last night at AAC for the Spanish Club’s Spelling Bee. He will be meeting with Provost Long, as the liaison between the academic department and the students, so if anyone has any concerns please email me at [saac@geneseo.edu](mailto:saac@geneseo.edu). There was a resource workshop last night at the AAC meeting. He attended a demonstration in Dansville regarding hydro-fracking.

**Director of Student Affairs, Stasia Monteiro updates:** ACE groups are working with GLK on the Holiday Jubilee for December 10<sup>th</sup>. The ACE meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup> will be a potluck for the organizations. It starts at 2:30pm in the MOSAIC.

**Director of Student Programming, Heather Bristol updates:** AC has two events tomorrow night. Co-authors on a book regarding Higher Education will be at 7:30 in Wads and KINO is showing a movie in the Ballroom at 8pm. In addition, the AC t-shirt design contest is going on right now. Feel free to check out the t-shirts in the form of posters.

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** There will not be a check run on November 30 so if you need check requests processed, have them in the SA office by the end of the day on Thursday.

**Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** Now that we are mid-way into the semester, all Purchase Orders need to be requested before the expense is incurred and invoices are received. If they are not, you will need to see her to explain why.

**Open Updates**

Student Assembly: I am holding over the report for another week.

GAGG: The Running Gagg Convention has open registration on the website. The event will be held the first weekend of February.

Brittany: Students for Educational Reform will be having a speaker tonight at 8pm.

**Old Business**

None

## New Business

52-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$150.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to SA Programs, Account 1002, to fund a start up budget for Geneseo Mock Trial Club.

### *First of Two Readings*

Alicia presented that the Mock Trial Club releases a case each academic year to other colleges across the country. They spend the year reviewing cases and preparing arguments from both points of view. Members can represent either sides, but both sides must meet together and form one collective club representing Geneseo. The club is open to all majors and it is a great way to enhance public speaking skills and critical thinking. Justin asked why they would like to switch, since they have been going to AAC for funding for the past few years. Alicia said it's because AAC is only reimbursement based and they would like a budget. Kate asked if they were affiliated with a department since they stated in their rationale that they receive funding from the Jane Ryan Fund. Alicia said they use the fund to ease the cost of buying "cases." She also said they were associated with pre-law in the past. A representative asked why they just don't use the conference fund instead of asking for a budget for conferences. Brittany said they need to be funded by SA in order to utilize that fund. Patty clarified that the Jane Ryan Fund is a Foundation account. Heather said the account is for pre-law students and you can't get it if you are not interested in law. Discussion: Malcolm said that he attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Invitational and they went 4-0 and this brings a positive light to SA. Justin feels that staying with AAC is a great way to get funding; the review process is less time intensive. Alicia said it's so much to pay for the cases; trials are separate and AAC only funds a percentage with a maximum amount. Heather thinks they should stay with AAC as it sounds like it's connected academically. Malcolm thinks the plan is to get a budget and submit travel through the budget. Brittany said that only 50% of a conference could be funded. Dara said she understands the conference expense, but they should probably stay through AAC. Alicia said if they went to SA, they would have total funding for it. Brittany clarified the most it would be is one-half. Lindsey thinks it should stay through AAC. It doesn't solve the problem of paying up front. They have worked with Pre-Law but they have nothing to do with the club. Malcolm asked for clarification on the conference funding and Tyler stated Part II Article C of the SA Financial Policy. Malcolm didn't understand the resistance to this request for a start up budget. Carly said they just want to clarify and make sure it's in the right funding source, AAC or a SA funded account. She called to question. Vote is 7-0-0

52-1112 First of Two Readings, Passes 6-0-1 with Lindsey abstaining

53-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$750 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Geneseo Outing Club, Account 1923, for RIT Climbing passes.

### *First of Two Readings*

The passes cost \$35 for each member, however, each member would put \$15 in to their account in order to allow others interested in climbing the ability to attend by helping cover the admission costs. Tyler mentioned there are only 27 names on the list, who will pay for the other 3? The money will go into the programming line; Malcolm stated there are only 26 names. Justin asked if there is a specific name on each pass. Yes, RIT only does it that way. They may switch to quarterly billing. Tyler asked if they can do a onetime use. Nathan said they keep track of the individuals that go. Discussion: Heather likes that they negotiated down the price and since they sign a waiver, it doesn't make it a personal item. Tyler is concerned the other 4 admission costs aren't tied to anyone and how that would work out. Nathan said he does have other people interested. Heather doesn't think it's an issue with the four unnamed admission tickets.

53-1112, First of Two Readings, Passes 7-0-0

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### *First of Two Readings*

Sam presented with multiple members of GSTV present. The modulator has been living on gas for a while. The station looks horrible and cannot exist without upgrading its equipment. A consultant came in and did inventory. They want to improve the quality all around and attract new members. A modulator sends out the signal (video and sound) and the one they currently have is 25 years old and the power button is held on with a paperclip. Sam read a letter from alumni, Gary Cirlin, that outlined what he knew to be the challenges and difficulties involved during his tenure as General Manager and the benefits and skills that members of GSTV receive as members of the organization. GSTV fills an important gap between what is taught in the communications major and what skills and technology knowledge is needed for students to enter the job market. Malcolm asked what the life span of a modulator would be. Sam said it's ever changing, but one would expect five years. Tyler was concerned there was only one quote for this piece of equipment. Sam said it's the only company they could find that is compatible. Malcolm asked if they would consider filming the SA meetings. Yes, they used to do that and if they upgrade the equipment, they could start doing it again. Charles asked if there needs to be a complete system overhaul. Sam said they aren't comfortable asking for a complete overhaul. Lindsay asked if the individual pieces will work with the system. A representative asked the timeframe of costs? Sam said they were going to plan semester by semester as it will be an ongoing process. Is there a two-year timeframe? Malcolm asked the amount of money that would be requested each semester. Sam said it all depends on equipment needs. Carly asked the qualifications of the consultants. Sam said Joe Dolce, from CIT, came in and they also asked Chris Pruszynski for his opinion. Lindsay said if this is a perpetual problem that perhaps at the end of each year give an update on the equipment. Sam said the GM position is usually held by a senior and they don't always

put their all into it so they are trying to change and not have a senior in that position. Heather asked what would change if they buy this modulator. It will help improve the professional video image and sound quality. Charles asked how much is in permanent equipment. Brittany said \$49,500. Kate asked what the warranty would be on this equipment. They would need to check. Heather asked if there were plans to change the programming. The live shows would be of better quality. Dara said it sounds like it will take GSTV from 1994 to 1998. Steve asked if this is the number one upgrade yes, it is. Heather asked for a show hands in the room of people supporting this request. Most of the room raised their hands. Nick asked how often there were new shows. It depends on the semester. There is weekly news and four other broadcasts. Discussion: Tyler would like Sam to find out information on the warranty and/or extended warranty. Sam was asked to bring back to the board a 2 or 5-year plan. Sam said he would but the board needs to understand that sometimes things break and priorities change.

54-1112, first of two readings, passes 7-0-0

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*First of Two Readings*

Sam said the current video cameras are from the mid 1990's. They are used for live shows that educate and entertain the campus community. The cameras they are looking for are high quality digital cameras that are economical and professional and these would serve that purpose. Heather wanted to know what they are going to do to increase viewership. They do live news and programs and they are hoping to attract new members. He said as equipment gets old, the quality goes down and less people watch their shows. He said it's all inter-connected. Charles asked if these are hand held or would they be used in studio. They will be put on the brackets. Malcolm asked if the equipment requests pass, will GSTV be broadcast on other campus TV's such as in the Union or MJ? Carly suggests a two-year plan with goals in writing. Sam said since it's all inter-related he's not sure if it could be distinguished. Carly said although past GSTV members haven't been as proactive as this group, it would be helpful if there was a plan. Dara asked how much has been used from this account. Brittany said \$475. Heather asked if they could share the programming and concrete plans and goals. Sam said they would like to expand to film SA meetings and sporting events. Creation of new shows are pertinent on members. Nick asked how many new shows have episodes. None, they are filming them now. Justin said it sounds like the communication department has been supportive, can they help fund anything. No, they are struggling also. Not sure if they could loan GSTV equipment. Theirs are only a bit newer. Kate asked if the lenses they currently have in studio be used for these cameras and would they fit on the tripods they currently have. Yes, they would fit on the tripods and the lenses come with the cameras. Tyler wanted the group to make sure these new cameras would fit on those brackets. Sam said as long as they are screwed in properly. Malcolm asked what the life expectancy of these cameras would be. Sam thought up to 10 years, but mostly 5 years to stay with the changing technology. Could the communications department loan any of their unused equipment to GSTV. Not sure since it's state property. Stasia asked if the old cameras could be used out in the field to record. Tommy asked since SA serves all the campus, GSTV only serve 1/3 of the college community and how would you address off campus students. Sam said they are restricted to closed circuit but they serve the campus community such as filming organizations events. Stasia said the comparison prices, one was much more expensive than the other was. How is this comparable? They were looking at the cheapest and styles vary. Patty asked if , looking forward, is GSTV willing to create an equipment replacement schedule? Sam said yes, but it should only be a guideline. Tyler asked that GSTV come back with confirmation that the lenses either come with the cameras or the ones GSTV currently have are compatible. Justin would like to see a plan from GSTV. Sam said he's supplied the information; GSTV is trying to build up their equipment and it's a process. Steve said he isn't in favor of this reading and would like to see it in the future as a large percent of students don't watch TV. As was noted in the alumni statement that was read earlier, this increases members' skills. The modulator will help. Brittany said that is why this is a two week reading. There was a call to question. Vote was 7-0-0

55-1112, First of Two Readings, passes 5-1-1 with Carly no and Heather abstaining.

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*First of Two Readings*

Joel and Kim from SSA did a PowerPoint presentation on why they would like to bring the speaker, Matt Dillahunty to campus for a debate and the goals of the SSA. They want to promote a greater understanding of religion and seek tolerance. The debate would take place with Rev. Jeremy who is local and is not asking for any compensation. The only compensation that Matt is asking for is airfare, hotel and meals. They are planning to have the debate on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is the only weekend that works into both schedules and they have a petition of 192 students that are supportive of this debate. Since they are under a time crunch, they are asking to waive the first reading. Kate asked where they were going to hold the debate. Newton 202. Heather asked if they have reached out to drivers. Tommy asked if other groups were contacted regarding the questions for the debate. No, since they are under a time crunch. They would have time at the end of the debate for questions. Carly asked why they didn't come sooner. They did start early but this was the date they could come to. Heather asked about collaborative funding. They will explore that through their National chapter but it's not guaranteed. Justin asked why that amount for meals. They thought that was a reasonable amount. Heather was concerned about the timeframe to contract for this event. Kate said that there is supposed to be a 3 week lead time to make sure all parties have ample time to review and sign the contract and that we have time to process a check for payment. A representative was concerned about the debate and only funding one side. The speaker is not asking for a fee, only payment for his expenses to come. Malcolm thinks this is a neutral debate since both sides, that this was well put together and he is in favor of this reading. Charles thinks it's good that they contracted another speaker and likes the idea of the debate but asks that they contact other

clubs for official questions for the debate. Tyler said just reading the rationale it wasn't clear that this would be a debate and it now satisfies to him the viewpoint neutrality to fund such a request. He would like to see collaboration on the event and a time crunch isn't a good reason to not ask for questions. Joel said the petition had 192 signatures in only five days. Heather said there is clear interest in this debate but she's concerned that a precedent would be set for paying for two nights in a hotel for a speaker. She was in charge of Contemporary Forum last year and never paid for two nights for a speaker. Joel said he isn't asking for a speaker fee just the expenses for the weekend. Justin made a motion to waive the first reading. Vote was 3-3-0 with Tyler, Stasia and Heather voting no. Nick voted to break the tie in favor of the motion. There was no discussion on the second reading.  
56-1112, Second of Two Readings, passes 3-2-1 with Heather and Stasia voting no and Tyler abstaining

57-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve Shakti's fundraiser for the Grass Movement in Nepal.  
*First and Only Reading*  
Shakti would like to hold a henna fundraiser November 28-December 2 and send the money they raise to the Grass Roots Movement in Nepal. They raise funds to build schools in Nepal. There was no discussion or questions.  
57-1112, First and Only Reading, passes 6-0-0.

### **Open Discussion**

Dara was concerned that the call to question on the reading for GSTV's reading happened before everyone had a chance to speak and she would ask in the future that the board let the discussion continue so all opinions could be heard. Steve, from College Democrats agreed.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8: 19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Rebban  
Recording Secretary