

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



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

**MINUTES #23, Wednesday, February 23, 2011**

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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
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**Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Set addendum to read final total now being \$20,145. This is reflecting a \$3,015 increase which is payable to New York State. Also it should read first of two readings.

For 82-1011 should say allocate up to \$10,000.

Passes 7-0-0.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Passes 7-0-0

**Updates**

**President, Doug Sinski updates:** If you noticed, we have 2 sets of minutes this week because of our emergency meeting on Sunday where we appointed a new USAEC chair to govern elections. Also we sold 2700 Ke\$ha tickets in 17 hours. I'm sorry to all those who did not get tickets but I am sure that the AC will make sure that there will be more of an opportunity next time, such as a longer presale, or an easier way to get them such as online. Bus trip is sold out, go out and buy a vuvuzela. If you remember last week we spoke about increasing the referendum. I hope you brought that back to your clubs and spread what benefits that would be for our organizations

**Vice-President, Tom Sochia updates:** Thank you to everyone who attended our budget advocacy mock funeral, we got a lot of letters signed. Also starting at 8 p.m. next week is the Burial at Thebes, which is a translation of Antigone. It's a main-stage that is put on by all students.

**Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates:** Congrats to everyone, they all turned in their budgets on time, except for Doug. If you haven't looked already I sent out an email and put a memo in your mailboxes. It's a list of all the times you signed up for during budget reviews. This Friday is full but next Friday and Saturday there are some spots open. This Friday will be in Sturges 106, next Friday is also in there, and next Saturday is in the SA office.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Mary Bock updates:** This week on Friday from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in the Brodie Blackbox theatre are Act 1 plays that are written and put on by students in the School of the Arts. IRC is going to be selling t-shirts at those as well as collecting donations for the focus project for Housing Works, which is the conference we're going to. You can also buy t-shirts upstairs in the Union tomorrow. Next Thursday March 3rd, Currently Known As, will be putting on a show from 9 p.m.-11 p.m. in the Knightspot and again we will be selling shirts.

**Director of Public Relations, Jake Griffin updates:** Referendum is March 8th-10th. The posters around campus have a little code in the corner, and the code gives you a way to win free Ke\$ha tickets.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Meghan Pipe updates:** Last night election season kicked off. We had all the candidates for SA Exec come say their piece. Other than that it has just been business as usual.

**Director of Student Affairs, Will Labate updates:** ACE and AC put on a wonderful Winter Ball. Also this afternoon thank you for all who signed letters to Albany and attended our mock funeral. We got a couple hundred letters signed that will go far in telling Cuomo that this proposed 10% cut is unacceptable. The bus tickets are sold out but tell me if you want to be on the standby list in case someone drops out. Sexual Assault Teach-in, there are still spots available, so please send it out to all of your list-serves. On Sunday March 6th from 1 p.m.-4 p.m., there are quite a few spots left. We want to have a full event.

**Director of Student Programming, Nick Spengler updates:** I'd like to recommend that everyone check out the Kinetic Gallery. The artist is selling her work so if you like something that you see keep that in mind. March 1st is the lip sync and the artist that comes in first gets \$150. March 4th, Friday, KINO will be showing Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1.

**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**

MUN: returned from a successful weekend at Harvard, went better than last year. No award sadly but we put Geneseo's name on the international stage.

Malcolm. SUNY Student Assembly: Our exec committee met this past weekend. The most important things to get out of it: we have Sunypalooza coming up on March 15th so if you either didn't get a seat on the bus or would like to go to Albany to advocate twice, feel free to join us. We passed a resolution endorsing a compromise on changing article 17 to have better representation for grad students. And we passed a resolution advocating for restoration and maintenance of community college base-aid. It is one of three main sources to provide money for the campus.

WAC: Thank you everyone who came to the dinner on Sunday it was great. For the Sexual Assault Awareness workshop, they have been working on it since last year, and we're going to have a really great speaker Dr. Dorothy Edwards who tours everywhere. If you have any questions you can come see me or the website. It's an issue that affects everyone.

BSU: Our annual Soulfood dinner is this Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. We will be selling tickets in MOSAIC for the rest of the week.

Doug: I was approached by a member of the College Republicans; they are exploring the idea of bringing Karl Rove here. If that's something you'd like to see I'm in touch with that group. His price tag is at \$25,000. If you think that's something that should be pursued please let me know, or if you don't think it should at all. I personally would like to say something to him.

Motion to untable reading 62-1011. Seconded.

Doug: It was tabled because we were in a discussion with CAS who expressed the opinion that we should take out some sort of payroll taxes, which means no difference on your end.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

### Old Business

80-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Alliance for Community Enrichment Constitution.

*Second of Two Readings*

Will said at the last meeting the ACE constitution is adding a new Vice Chair. The changes will explain how they will be elected, their duties, such as to take over when the Chair can't do the job, and provides for impeachment of the Vice Chair, which is a 2/3 vote of all ACE reps.

80-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1 with Will abstaining.

81-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$4,500 from SA Reserves, Account 4000 to SA Programs, Account 1002 to sponsor the GREAT Day Luncheon on April 12th, 2011.

*Second of Two Readings*

Meghan said we are requesting to fund the Great Day luncheon on Tuesday, April 12th. We don't have any classes and we are hoping that this will encourage SA and the GREAT Day committee to form a stronger relationship and beyond this it's not a onetime allocation. We need people to be involved by helping out with posters, presentations, and participation in listening to speakers such as the GREAT keynote speaker we will have that day. We are also looking for volunteers to set up and breakdown as well as sitting through the presentations and helping out others that are there. The deadline for submissions to present on GREAT Day is next Friday, March 4th.

81-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1 with Meghan abstaining.

82-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$5,000 from SA Reserves, Account 4000 to SA Programs, sub-line Student Organization Conferences, Account 1002.

*Second of Two Readings*

Mark said we need to refill this account so you can go on your conferences. I increased it by \$5000 because we got a couple of more requests which leaves us with \$5500 left over after the next couple of readings.

Malcolm asks is this money going to any specific conference or just a general fund available for conferences, and if the latter, is it only for SA conferences or for any clubs?

Mark says it's going to a general fund in SA programs and then it's available for any group that wants it.

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*Second of Two Readings*

Same as last week we want to go to Powershift in D.C. to participate in workshops on sustainability and participate in a rally. I think right now we have between 35-40 people signed up.

Kate says if this passes you should come meet with me tomorrow.

83-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

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*Second of Two Readings*

James said I'm asking for money to get a couple of prizes including the Firebolt, Dumbledore's wand, Harry Potter's wand and the box set to ensure that this event is as successful as possible.

Meghan asks could you please expand on publicity measures on this because it's a lot of money.

James says there are seven different posters that will be hung up. There are also these flyers that will be handed out talking about the huge drawing. Today I spent \$100 making 4 giant floor posters to be put in the Union as well as MJ, RJ and Letch. There will be several different Whatsups and the Facebook event that was created Tuesday morning. 174 people are coming, 118 maybe and 867 are waiting reply.

85-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1.

**New Business**

62-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the new Stipend format that will take effect during the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years.

*First of Two Readings*

Tom says I discussed this briefly about 2.5 months ago about how we are keeping the stipends, at least the positions that are getting stipends, the same. The big difference is for the next 2 years the stipends are adding seasonal position stipends, which are different than the normal. Instead of having a \$20 check every two weeks people in these positions will hold office hours when they need to right before an event and supply an event report instead of a stipend report, and then an annual report at the end of the semester.

Everything else is pretty self-explanatory.

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Justin says basically we've been going to this conference for these past couple of years. In the past we couldn't have SA fund it because of financial policy. However, policy has changed and now there shouldn't be a conflict. It's relatively cheap in comparison to other conferences because we stay on the campus which is free. We only need money for the drivers and for the conference itself which is \$1100. I italicized Columbia because we beat them last year. The only thing they have is the law school over Geneseo.

Meghan says it says under housing the home stay options are only available for priority?

Justin says Geneseo has a really cool relationship and they let us do the normal registration and still give us home stays.

87-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1.

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*First of Two Readings*

Maggie and Meghan say we need cox-boxes. You plug the microphone into the cox-box and its how the person talks to the other people. It counts your strokes and there's an amplifier. We need them to hear the coxswain; this is for competition and safety. You won't know where you are going if you don't have one.

Will asks did you guys not have cox-boxes?

Maggie says we have 5 boats; we have 3 cox-boxes.

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*First of Two Readings*

Maggie and Meghan say we just need a microphone and then the shipping.

Malcolm asks why are these 2 separate readings?

Doug says one is permanent equipment and one is not.

Mary says no shipping is included in the first reading; this is where it is with the microphones?

Maggie says yes they don't include microphones.

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*First of Two Readings*

WAC would like to attend the 7th Annual National Young Feminist Leadership Conference. It falls on the first weekend of our spring break. The conference is on Saturday and Sunday, and we would be coming back that Monday. Last year a few of our members

attended and participated in workshops concerning sexual assault on conference campuses. This year workshops will be concerning reproductive justice, communities of color, and global women's health. First it's a networking opportunity; it's a great way to meet students from other schools and other people who share similar interests and goals. Also attending helps us to make progress on Geneseo's campus in terms of domestic violence and sexual assault. The other is it's a great way to expand what we learn in WAC. Will asks do you have this in your budget for the next year?

WAC says no this is only the second time we've attended the conference.

Will asks if we approve it this week and next week, will you have enough time to register and get the hotels?

WAC says yes the hotel already blocked off a bunch of rooms, and it gives us about a week to register and I know they have open slots.

Meghan asks I'm wondering why the reading is coming now and not earlier?

WAC says we were having problems because people would sign up and drop out because it was during spring break.

Tom said I just have to say it, there are a lot of seniors going, is there going to be a way to bring this back to WAC and Pride and share that?

WAC says the first thing is that going to this conference in March would really help us do one of our biggest events which is in April, Sexual Assault Awareness week. Last year we had a lot of seniors go and they were really able to help us improve the week. Our WAC alumni contacts are really good. I personally keep in touch with them and get feedback. Seniors that graduate will continue to be in touch with members.

Will says I wanted to commend WAC considering that in a one month span, if this reading passes and the next, they would have done three really big events and a smaller event in a month's time. You have really done a great job in doing stuff on campus.

Tom says I was going to say the same thing Will said. In addition to that I know last year's Sexual Assault Awareness week went wonderfully. I hope that some of these workshops will be used to fuel that again.

90-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

### **Open Discussion**

Malcolm says I was curious as to how and when the public was notified about the emergency meeting held this Sunday. Are organizations going to be penalized for not going? Doug says it was made clear at least weeks meeting and through a message sent out. But you won't be in trouble because you weren't here.

Doug says next week is an important week; we will be having the candidate speeches for the SA Exec Committee. You should attend as well and try to get as many people as possible to come as well. It's important for you all to know and to vote.

Malcolm asks on the stipend resolution was that the 1st or second?

Doug says I already amended it to say the first.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed  
Recording Secretary