

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 #6, Wednesday, September 14, 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:**

Passes 7-0-0.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Passes 7-0-0.

**Updates**

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

**Vice-President, Tyler Ocon updates:** If you have not come to any of the continuing recognition meetings, that's a problem because then the college won't recognize you and neither will we. There's also a vital brief Knightlink training in there. Please attend tomorrow or Friday from 12:30pm-1:30pm in Union 322.

**Director of Business Affairs, Brittany Wolf updates:** Treasurer training is on its way, we're just waiting for Knightlink Finance to be up and running so you'll get an email from me soon about it.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Carly Annable updates:** We had our first big IRC meeting Monday night, which went really well. We are just waiting for the rest of the presidents and IRC reps to come in from elections.

**Director of Public Relations, Lindsey Hebell updates:** I've been working with Knightlink training, giving presentations in continuing recognition meetings; please remember to come to meetings.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Justin Shapiro updates:** "Avast ye SA mateys". Yesterday was our second AAC meeting where we failed a motion, which rarely happens, but it does happen. We've been really active so far. Look forward to the Physics picnic on September 23<sup>rd</sup> on Doty Field at 4 pm.

**Director of Student Affairs, Stasia Monteiro updates:** For ACE vice chair, Jessica Duran was chosen. She was the ACE recording secretary last year. Next weekend we are hosting the Intercultural Film Festival, posters are up advertising things. It starts at 6pm with a mini ACE expo of the organizations at 8:15pm in Newton 204 and 214. There will be 4 different films, look it up on Knightlink, it's free.

**Director of Student Programming, Heather Bristol updates:** AC's next event is a gallery opening in the Kinetic Gallery, this coming Monday at 5pm, stop by and check it out.

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** Audit presentation will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in College Union, room 319. It is open to any student that wants to see how last year's financial situation turned out.

**Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** Brief promotion for GOLD speaker Jeff Kramer was an SA president and now is an attorney working in Chicago.

**Open Updates**

Malcolm: This Saturday at 10am is the Intergeek Expo co-sponsored by GAGG and several others. It will be in the Union, you can go play games and Medieval Club will be there. At noon on Saturday, at Big Tree Inn, CAS is holding a 125<sup>th</sup> party for the Tree which includes a parade, prizes, and give-aways throughout a 3 hour long party. There will be really cheap food too. At 7pm in the Knightspot, Writers House is holding a Freedom of Speech event for Constitution Day, and it is open to the entire campus. We are still accepting submissions, so anyone who'd like to write a piece and want it to be read, send it to briars@geneseo.edu. SUNY Student Assembly fall conference is coming up at the end of October.

GEO: We are hosting a Weeks of Welcome event next Thursday, 3:30pm in the Ballroom.

Casey Howard: I am a NCC on IRC and we promote on-campus-living at respective campuses in New York. We are currently in the application process to bring about a delegation from Geneseo to the conference on December 18<sup>th</sup>. It would give you a leadership position, help you to explore programming and is a great networking tool. If you're interested email gen60@geneseo.edu.

AAC: One position on AAC is open for secretary; elections will be this Tuesday with letters of intent due by Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

USAEC: Student election committee needs to form up again. Anyone interested in joining and being a part of it email rjt4@geneseo.edu. I'll get you an application or stop by the SA office.

Lamron: We are hosting a scavenger hunt tomorrow at 7pm, meeting in the Union lobby.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

19-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,000 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to SA Tech, Account 1004 to allow for further training of SA Tech employees.

#### *First of Two Readings*

Max says we need more money for training. Last semester we used every single last cent we had and we were only able to cover the bare basics. Anyone who has worked with technology knows that nothing ever goes 100 percent right. We need to have a much more extensive training system to deal with contingencies whether it's a people issue or an equipment issue. Last semester we had pretty poor training sessions. We want to have a much more rigid structure with more training happening. The initial training system is going to be a 3 hour session, round robin style training, in Wads, the Ballroom, and the Knightspot. We want to get every area covered in depth from the get-go. That will be supplemented with working with people who have done this before. The more that we work on this, the more competent staff we will have and the better the performances will be.

Nick asks will every penny go to the salary to pay employees?

Max says yes.

Nick asks none goes to equipment?

Max says no, there is another segment for equipment, this is about training people.

Tyler asks what is basic barebones training?

Max says we train them on "here's how you set it up" "here's where you'll be doing this". We'd like to have the training for when things go wrong because often times things do go wrong and then they have to call us to come in and fix everything. It would be much easier if they knew how to do it themselves.

Justin asks how much are you asking for?

Max says \$2000.

Lindsay asks is this student workers?

Max says primarily, yes.

Lamron asks how many hours does that allow you with the budget increase?

Max says last year we did 12 training sessions, 45 minutes a-piece, with under-par attendance. Now we have more people and longer training sessions, so probably 20 hours of solid training.

Malcolm asks are you sure that a mere \$2000 increase will provide enough to do what you say you want to do? It sounds like given the reference to increase attendance and to make the events longer, sounds like you're more than doubling the events cost.

Max says we may not be able to go quite as far as we want, but we figured we could make a modest proposal and then at least provide a far more educated work staff.

Malcolm asks if you run out, if this is approved, is it your plan to come back and ask for more, or is this it for this year with any issues in the funding level being addressed in next year's budget request?

Max says the latter. We'd go as far as we could, monitor it, get all the material we can, and then if we discover it wasn't as much as we'd like then we'd readdress it next year.

Carly asks, if you ran out last year, why didn't you ask for more when you were submitting your budget this year?

Max says I do not know.

Stasia asks why are you having such poor attendance? What are the guidelines for training?

Max says that's what we want to address. Everyone has an excuse for why they shouldn't attend. We put it during the all college free hour and as much as we tried to catch those people up its not reasonable to keep track of everyone. The people who were the least trained we tried to pair with people who knew what they were doing at events.

Stasia says I think that it would be good if training became more strictly regulated.

Max says that's what we are doing. Before now, we would have training sessions open to everyone. Now only small groups 6 people at a time and everyone is required to sign up for each training session at least once if they want to keep their jobs.

Brittany says I think it's a really good idea to help with training. I've been a part of events where things go wrong. At the end of the year if this does work out, add it into your budget so that it'll be so much easier for you for next time.

19-112: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

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*First and Only Reading*

Tyler Ocon says I had everyone who was interested in applying come and apply. I ran interviews over the last several days. I firmly feel that all the people on this list are more than capable of representing the student body to the best of their abilities. A number of them are returning senators, which, allows me to make it easier to train the new senators on how the procedures work. They represent everyone from freshmen to seniors and a variety of different majors.

Malcolm asks how many total applications did you get?

Tyler says 17.

Malcolm asks so there were 3 that you interviewed but were not selected?

Tyler says either I did not accept them or they didn't come for interviews at all.

Malcolm says although most of these names are unfamiliar to me, I know Marty and Dayshawn and I feel that both of them are good choices and will do a very good job.

Justin says medical amnesty. It needs to happen.

Tyler says don't worry about it, I have it covered.

20-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 6-0-1 with Tyler abstaining.

21-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE appoint David Rescott and Matthew Luce to Student Court for the 2011-2012 School Year.

*First and Only Reading*

Nick Spengler says I received 4 applications and these 2 seemed the best qualified to me. David's a freshman, Matthew is a junior, and they are the best for the positions.

Marty asks is there an appointment open for chief justice?

Nick says it was appointed at the first meeting of this semester. It was Nick Pesce.

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*First of Two Readings*

Nick Spengler says I was going to do this as an open discussion. One thing I'm very interested in doing is increasing attendance, and making the people in this room want to be here. I want to have food here at some meetings. What would you like to see here, what would make it better? Would throwing money at these meetings increase attendance? We could give out \$100 to each line depending on who is chosen out of roulette. It provides some incentive to bring new people to these meetings.

Malcolm says personally, I'd just like to say that the food is always a big draw. If you look at events with food versus events without food, the ones with food are better attended. If you intend to go for more meetings with food, that takes away money for some of these other initiatives which will pull people in, is \$5000 enough to do what you want to do?

Nick says \$5000 is nowhere near enough. If it looks like it's successful, I'll be back asking for more money. I understand that this could be considered not favorable to some people, as this money could be spent somewhere else. I don't want this to pass if no one wants this. We didn't hire a program advisor, which saved a good amount of money. The solution I came up with was the random roulette. With this I could fund and bring in speakers that people are interested in seeing.

MTC says I saw that there was food, this being my first meeting, and I felt very invited so I think that it was a good idea.

Malcolm says I should say that for me personally and for anyone who knows me, you know that this is very true, I am strongly in favor of anything that increases participation in the decisions that affect our day to day lives. Some people find government meetings be it here or statewide or city council, they find those boring. I am over the moon with joy at some of the things that you are suggesting here because I think that it stands a chance of significantly increasing participation and it can only lead to good things for Geneseo as a whole. I will be in favor of any further money that you request throughout the year.

Marty says I want to say that I'm in favor of this idea as I think it'll increase attendance. For increasing participation, you should have students have some say in the voting process, though it would require some change to the constitution.

Nick says if our numbers get big enough, there are online programs where you can text a yes or no to a resolution, and without even having to ask.

Marty says food gets people in here, but having people participate is good to have people have a say.

Nick says we'll switch from this many people here that are here just to sign in, and slightly more that want money for their program.

Pride asks do you plan on doing advertising if you get speakers?

Nick says yes, I'd like to see the 8 of us, at least one of us show up to every single SA funded organization and introduce these changes for the year.

Lamron asks would you first see a change in the venue?

Nick says I'd love it if we had to move to the Ballroom.

Brittany says since everyone here is so enthusiastic about it, it would be wrong for us to ignore such an idea.

Nick says you could motion to vastly increase the amount to \$300000...

Model UN asks is there anywhere in the money where we could get Justin a full sailor uniform?

Justin says I have a pea coat. You can't spell sailor without "SA".

Nick says however I end up doing the roulette for the giveaways of money, I don't know the figure or how it will be handled yet. It's fair if we roulette every line and the reps of the line have to be here. Card swiping could happen, and it all depends on the people at the meeting.

Someone says maybe you should have it be more consistently showing up; maybe you need to have people be here a certain amount of weeks in a row.

Nick says if we did it that way, it completely dissuades the person who doesn't show up because they think of the people who do show up every time. Send me an email with any ideas. The line has \$3800 in it right now. The line is also for conferences and it'll be depleted in a couple of weeks if I continue like this.

22-1112: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

### **Open Discussion**

Nick says it's my goal by the end of the year to get rid of that sign in sheet.

Justin says if there are any takers on my leech symposium, email me at [saaac@geneseo.edu](mailto:saaac@geneseo.edu), and I look forward to seeing you at McDonalds.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed  
Recording Secretary