

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:	Nicholas Spengler
Vice-President:	Tyler Ocon
Directors:	
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:

Brittany motions to get rid of reading 65-1112. Seconded by Justin.
Motion passes 7-0-0.
Passes 7-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes:

Passes 7-0-0.
Brittany motions to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. Seconded by Carly.
Passes 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Nicholas Spengler updates: Kristen's headers are now free so sign up for them.

Vice-President, Tyler Ocon updates: For Club Sports I'll be holding the anti-hazing workshops this semester. I'll have three to make up for last semester. The first two will be Thursday, February 9th at 12pm and 3pm, and the third will be on March 21st during all college hour from 2:30pm-3:30pm. Apparently Monroe Hall's reconstruction was put on a standstill because the company that was working on it ran out of money but they found a new company and a new crew, so it's up and running again. Also any issues you want to bring up to College Senate email me at savp@geneseo.edu.

Director of Business Affairs, Brittany Wolf updates: February 10th at 4pm budget submissions are due. You should have gotten an email about it if not, check out KnightLink.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Carly Annable updates: We just elected Olivia Kelly for our treasurer. IRC has the Wellness Fund, if you want to put on any program that has to do with bettering the on-campus community; we have a ton of money just sitting there.

Director of Public Relations, Lindsey Hebell updates: If any of you don't have an agenda they are all available on KnightLink. You can get them off the SA page under documents.

Director of Academic Affairs, Justin Shapiro updates: I'm wearing a Richard Gere face pin, it's only a quarter. We elected a new treasurer in AAC his name is Forrest Reagan. OPUS submissions are due by February 14th. Email those to engclub@geneseo.edu. College Bowl on February 18th! Forms in CU 316, sign up by the 15th. Rock Your Semester on March 21st. College Union Lobby during All College Hour.

Director of Student Affairs, Stasia Monteiro updates: I'm still looking for students who want to serve on a committee to help coordinate transportation from here to strong hospital. If anyone is interested in that, email me at sasa@geneseo.edu. The budget advocacy bus trip is Monday March 5th. It's a full day event, so if you're interested then please let me know. It's really important to advocate for your budget. LSA's dinner is coming up next Saturday so be on the look out for tickets.

Director of Student Programming, Heather Bristol updates: I have a few things. First, tomorrow from 6pm-8pm there is an opening in the Kinetic Gallery, Ingrid's "Root Source". Its mixed media, it's really cool. There will be free refreshments. On Friday, February 17th from 8pm-10:30pm in the Ballroom is a Battle of the Bands sponsored by Mac's Place. Saturday the 18th Limelight and Accents is putting on William Joseph who is a composer and pianist. It's \$6 for students, at 8pm in Wads. Limelight and Accents now has a twitter, it's [@gennylinelight](https://twitter.com/gennylinelight).

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: Not present.

Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: No new updates.

Open Updates

USAEC: If anyone is interested in being one of the committee members, email me at saelections, or let Nick know. Tomorrow I'll have a better handle on when elections will be. They will be through KnightLink so we have to figure out how to do that. At that point I'll be able to put together a tentative schedule for elections. Email sapres@geneseo.edu.

Tyler: Stasia and I have been working with department chairs to get them to give exceptions in terms of class work and being more lenient towards students who will go on the trip because budget advocacy is something that the entire college should be involved in. If you are interested please talk to your professors as soon as possible.

Heather: I wanted to announce that Rory Cushman is directing the show "Stop Kiss" in the Blackbox next Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8pm and a 2pm matinee on Saturday. The tickets went on sale today, you can get them in the Union or online.

Brittany: SFER is having an achievement panel discussion tomorrow at 7pm in Wads. There will be many different speakers.

Model UN: Chris won outstanding delegate this weekend. Also tomorrow is the application deadline for Uganda study abroad so if you're interested you can come get a flyer after. I'm going to speak for WAC. The Vagina Monologues are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the same time as Stop Kiss. We will be selling tickets starting tomorrow and we will be tabling in the Union; we will be selling vagina lollipops.

Malcolm: Running GAGG is coming up this weekend, playing games in the Union, play games all weekend from 2pm Friday till 6pm Sunday. We have just about every event you can imagine being run at every point. It's only \$5 sign up now and make sure you don't get locked out of events.

Invisible Children: We are having a "coffee house" at Muddy's from 6pm-8pm with live performances by a few Geneseo clubs. There will also be a silent auction and door prizes and coffee. It's free.

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Grace said, this year because of a shift in the schedule we have an opportunity to attend the fifth race that's not in our budget. We are asking for an increase that would cover the gas, the entry fee and the hotel. This is an up to amount but I calculated that it could be at least \$500 less than this because last weekend we had a few racers who weren't able to attend and the hosting team was able to refund us that money (\$240) and when I calculated this I did the maximum, and I know that we are taking 10 people instead of 13, so that's approximately \$300. I talked to Kate and she said that I didn't have to change the numbers but I know that it will be at least \$500 less. Justin says Richard Gere really likes that this reading will be \$500 less.

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Claire Bould says this year we were invited to participate in this tournament. It's a great tournament considering we've only been a team for 5 years, it's amazing. All the proceeds go towards cancer research; we are asking you to fund half the costs. We aren't asking for money for meals or anything. We did the tournament last year and it was a huge success. We did really well last year and this year we have some really amazing players so we are hoping that we will place really well.

Tyler says you guys all came together for this reading. If this passes, go kick some ass.

Claire says absolutely.

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Malcolm says according to our president we've been holding this fundraiser for 16 years. We picked this charity because our founding president spent time there as a child. They help kids in hospice at local hospitals. My understanding of the auction that we are using is all of the things we are auctioning off are donated by guests to the convention or vendors who are coming to set up. That's why we don't have any expenses.

Tyler asks if you could just ballpark how much do you anticipate coming in in terms of fundraising?

Malcolm says I think about \$1000.

Carly says I think that this is great and I'm really excited that you guys are continuing the tradition.

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Catherine says we need \$300 to practice, Holcomb is being demolished or something so we can't use it. So we are practicing at Geneseo Central School three nights a week. They are going to be charging us \$25 a week, which is a good deal because it should be \$25 a night.

Representative says the agenda online didn't have this reading on it.

Brittany says I'm sorry thanks for telling us.

68-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 7-0-0.

Open Discussion

Sarah: I was at Alfred University recently, a much smaller school; the student senate was 5-6 people. I am the alcohol and other drug coordinator here at Geneseo, it's a new position. I just started in December. I've been running around talking to as many people as I can to get their input on drugs and alcohol and how they affect this campus. How they affect student's success, academics, happiness and general livelihood. I welcome any emails or phone calls. I am at Lauderdale Health and Counseling Services. Dana will continue to do part of what I do, I am upstairs with her. I am asking questions but I don't want that to hinder discussion. I want to develop some comprehensive programming for how we can address drinking here on campus. Is alcohol and drug use a problem on campus?

Someone says I think it's an issue amongst underclassmen. There is a realization from kids who just come to college and don't handle alcohol properly. There are more ambulance calls going out for underclassmen.

Someone says a lot of underclassmen might not know what their position is in the sense of not knowing if they would get in trouble for telling someone about being sick or calling an ambulance.

Sarah says Dr. Bonfiglio is trying to translate the NYS Samaritan law. A medical amnesty policy.

Someone says I have been working with Dr. Bonfiglio about that problem; we have been trying to establish something like that over these past 2 years. With the new state law it is definitely moving forward but the administration is hesitant about putting that on the books. What is your position on medical amnesty?

Sarah says I think anything that keeps the student alive is what is important. Is alcohol a general problem here?

Someone says this is definitely more of an alcohol school than a drug school. We have a lot of freshmen come here that haven't drunk in high school, and our school policy is so anti-alcohol which worsens the problem because it gives you the high school mentality in a free setting. I think the attitude that accompanies it by the administration is a problem.

Someone says in terms of alcohol education here at Geneseo, it is severely lacking. You talk about it a little bit during orientation with the freshmen, but even then you are limited in terms of what you are allowed to say. No matter which way you slice it, there will be drinking going on at Geneseo, it's part of college culture. I would personally like to see a more comprehensive alcohol education program here. A "this is how to do it safely" kind of program.

Sarah says I think that the college has an obligation to explain what the laws are and what happens to students if they are caught on campus or with an open container in the village. Do you feel like the freshmen are prepared for that and what the policies are?

Someone says I did not know that there was an open container law in Geneseo until now. I think that it's important for the students to be aware of that.

Sarah says it seems like more education and more communication would be useful. So you all were freshmen at one point, maybe you didn't get the kind of education that you'd like to see happen for underclassmen. How did you learn?

Someone says I learned it from older friends who were on campus who warned me of things that could happen.

Sarah says we were surveyed last year and among our reference group across the country we have a higher rate of high risk drinking, aka binge drinking. Binge drinking means 5 drinks or more per meal within a space of 2 hours. This can lead to alcohol poisoning.

Someone says I think that educating about safe drinking so that you don't get sick is even more important than education so that you don't get caught.

Someone says we all went to orientation and it was a more fear-education program. We learned to think that we would die; they want us to be afraid of getting in trouble. Instead they need to teach us the laws so that we don't end up getting arrested and how to drink more safely. What is sending an email telling us how many people get arrested for open container laws? This is promoting more unsafe drinking.

Someone says I think that the village police recently got a multi-thousand dollar grant for this- they want to launch a crusade against drinking. That would push drinking underground. It occurs to me that perhaps the college can team up with them to use some of that state funding.

Sarah says they are talking about that. There's not necessarily a meeting of minds between what we want students to learn and do and think about and what other entities and agencies think.

Someone says I've been involved in orientation for 2 years, since our first year they have been working towards a direction of promoting a discussion rather than scare tactics. I think that people take things a lot more seriously when they are part of the process rather than having the administration mandate things towards them.

Sarah says fear tactics, research says that they work because our age group feels our mortality but with your age group it might not work.

Someone says in the commons for the townhouses, for one of the bulletins it has facts about how much alcohol is in different drinks and how they work. I think that should be in all of the dorms because underclassmen can't live in the townhouses.

Sarah asks how do you get your information? If something important happens that you need to know about, where do you go?

Someone says I can tell you it's not emails. I discourage emails.

Someone says I think that the more out of place that something is, the more it will affect the students. There was a giant blow-up thing once to help foster discussion about plastic. And right now there's an art experiment on the trees and people walk towards it because it's unusual.

Someone says it certainly doesn't work for everyone, but for those that are on campus, RAs are really approachable and a lot of us are friends with them anyways.

Someone says I would also recommend a forum discussion, make it part of a series or something.

Sarah asks would you guys feel comfortable speaking out in something like that?

Someone says I think that the Geneseo population is very intelligent; it's more an issue of getting them there. I don't know if we need incentives because often times they seem fake.

Sarah asks how would we get involvement in that?

Someone says that's definitely one of the biggest challenges, certain professors give extra credit if you attend specific things. Once there you get involved, but on a Wednesday night or a Thursday night students would rather hang out with their friends.

Sarah asks what strategies do students use on this campus when they drink?

Someone says I collect bottle caps and put them in my pocket so I can count how many drinks I've had.

Sarah asks are you aware of the alcohol content of your blood when you're drinking?

Someone says I don't think that's knowledge a lot of people have.

Someone says there are so many statistics about how much you should have as a female or something, but if there were cardboard cutouts of multiple sizes of people in different colors and have the information on it, that might be a good idea.

Sarah says we have blood alcohol content cards that are different for different weights. That's something that we could readily make available to students. Do you all know what to look for in terms of someone who has alcohol poisoning?

Someone says ever since the incident with the boy who died, this entire campus has been more aware of that. There has been an increase in ambulance calls and this entire campus as a whole has been more cautious.

Someone says I've heard that drinking now is a lot worse than it was.

Sarah says perceptions of drinking on this campus are higher than the actual percentage. Like 30% of people drink more than 3 drinks in an evening, but the perception is that 90% are doing that. Do people drink more because they think that everyone else is drinking?

Someone says I think if those numbers are as disparaging as you say, this is more likely.

Someone says I don't personally think that it has to do with fitting in, but with competitiveness of the Geneseo atmosphere. We have to work hard, play hard, mentality, which is where the numbers are coming from. For me, I have a very busy life, so when I have free time I want to make it count.

Sarah says you do know what the affects of alcohol are on cognitive processes right? Yeah especially on memory.

Someone says I want to say that Geneseo Late Knight does a fantastic job of putting on activities on the weekend. There have been more ambulances on campus which means that more people are calling, it didn't necessarily mean that the rate of drinking is higher. It's an excellent thing that we are calling because it means that the efforts of the college, ResLife and other organizations are getting through to students.

Sarah says it's important to know what is going through the heads of the community versus what we are thinking. We have to find a meeting of minds there.

Someone says for the most part I have a different perspective than most in the room. Not all students are underage. I was over the legal age before I came to Geneseo. People of a legal age can keep alcohol in the dorm. Make sure that there is education for overage people too on drinking responsibly.

Someone asks how many ambulances have we had?

Sarah says I don't have the numbers but I can find it out and then get back to you.

Someone asks how many of the ambulance calls are by RAs versus people calling for their friends?

Sarah says it's more often from RAs. That's generally because often times a student will see a friend in trouble and they think "I should call the RA".

Someone says that speaks again to the need for medical amnesty.

Sarah says I want to put together a student advisor group for thinking about developing programs about this. Feel free to stop by or call me at any time.

Tyler motions to reinstate Robert's Rules. Seconded by Justin.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed
Recording Secretary