



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

**MINUTES #26, Wednesday, March 21, 2012**

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116-119 ***Open Discussion.***

119 ***Adjournment***

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

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Brittany motions to remove reading 101-1112.  
Seconded by Justin.  
Brittany motions for 95-1112 change to \$6,000.  
Seconded by Tyler.  
Changes pass 6-0-0 with Lindsay Hebell absent.  
Passes 6-0-0

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Passes 6-0-0.

**Updates**

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

**Vice-President, Tyler Ocon updates:** Middle States is looking for student volunteers to help us out when the visiting team comes. In the past the visiting team comes here to investigate the college and reaccredit us as a degree giving institution. They are looking for volunteers to help out from this Sunday to the following Wednesday. If anyone is interested see me after the meeting or email me at savp@geneseo with your name, number and email.

**Director of Business Affairs, Brittany Wolf updates:** A draft copy of next year's budget is out right now. The budget review committee is in the process of looking it over.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Carly Annable updates:** Members of IRC were at the No Frills Conference at Rhode Island College. Our NCC and our team bid for regionals 2012, so in the fall you will see 350 students from colleges across New York and New England here to talk about programming and the wonderfulness of living on campus. If anyone wants to be involved you can talk to Silvia in the back of the room. It's a great opportunity to show the rest of New York and New England how great Geneseo really is. Next Monday at 8pm in the Hunt Room IRC will have Dean McKeever here for our open discussion, talking about registration. If you have questions, comments, or concerns feel free to come.

**Director of Public Relations, Lindsey Hebell updates:** Not present.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Justin Shapiro updates:** Welcome to the 90's. It's good to see new episodes of original, no second generation, Star Trek. GREAT Day is still looking for volunteers; please send me an email saaac@geneseo. You'll get a great t-shirt and it looks great on a resume great great great, plenty of great puns. You also get a free lunch. Provost Long distributed Geneseo ambassadorship forms last night at AAC. This is from the Center for Everything. Six student ambassadorships, grants of \$5000 so if you have a great idea to pursue but don't have the funds to pursue it, this is how you can. Being an ambassador gives you a chance to be on the Student Advisory Board for next year. Pick a form up after the meeting. Elections for AAC will be on April 17<sup>th</sup>; one meeting before our final meeting. Letters of Intent are due by April 16<sup>th</sup>. Provost Long is looking for information about how we can make convocation more exciting. As a freshman I didn't understand it, but with our help we can make that a blast. If you have any ideas forward them to me or long.

**Director of Student Affairs, Stasia Monteiro updates:** Not too much going on immediately but we have Shakti putting on their annual cultural dinner, Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30pm and it's \$6 for students.

**Director of Student Programming, Heather Bristol updates:** This coming weekend is Siblings Weekend so there will be a lot going on through AC. The first is a gallery opening, reception from 6pm-8pm on Friday, and free refreshments as always. On Saturday there will be a bunch of events going on. KINO is showing "CARS", then GLK and Special Events collaboration of a carnival type thing on Saturday night. Also, Limelight and Accents is putting on the Passing Zone which is a juggling crew at 8pm in Wadsworth. If you want to go to that, tickets are in the SA Ticket Office.

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** Tom Matthews asked that I announce there is a Presidents Outstanding Organization award. There are 3 that are given out every year, and an Advisor of the Year award. Go to the GOLD website. They each get a \$100 check if they are selected. The SA Merit Award info is coming out very soon so look on the sa-l listserv and on KnightLink.

**Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** Great to have you all back.

## Open Updates

SUNY Assembly: As we are getting to the end of March, the spring conference for assembly, it will be the end of April on the 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, the last weekend in April the Friday – Sunday. It is the annual elections conference which means that we are choosing the student leaders who are representing us all during the next academic year. These elections are open to any student of the state university who will continue to be a student through the entire next year. If you are interested in getting involved in statewide student government this is the golden opportunity to do so. I got involved in SUNY student assembly at a spring conference 3 years ago so this is the best time to get involved, any questions or want to see what's available, come see me or talk to me. I'll be talking more about this as we get closer.

Sylvia: As Carly said we are hosting a regional conference here next semester and we are looking for volunteers to get us prepared for and during the conference. We have an application open; we just want to know what people are interested in.

Charles: I know you all love karaoke, for Siblings Weekend it will be in the KnightSpot on Friday at 10pm-1am and there will be prizes.

Elliot: I made this website called knightscheduler.com, just put up the new data. You can look up all the courses for your semester and the website will automatically make a schedule for you based on conflicts. We will be putting up a text messaging system later.

Shakti: Officially next Monday and Tuesday Shakti will be having their henna fundraiser in the Union all day Monday and Tuesday, you can get different size tattoos. You can also get your whole hand decorated.

Currently Known As: On March 30<sup>th</sup> we are doing a benefit show to raise money for Souls to Souls; it's an organization that raises money to give shoes to kids who need them. It will be 7pm at the KnightSpot I believe, more details will be coming.

Quidditch: Hosting its first invitational tournament this Saturday from 11am-3pm I believe with several other schools around western NY. They are looking for volunteers to be referees, it is very fun to watch so I invite you all to go to Onondaga field and see what it's all about.

Stasia: Genesee Hall Council on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Genesee main lounge is having Let's Talk About Sex Toys Baby. They are getting a lot of sex toys and will be raffling them off Chinese auction style. You will get extra tickets if you bring in items; it's an initiative to collect personal care items, shampoo bottles, empty makeup cases, etc.

Dara: Ecohouse is doing the Walk for Water next weekend on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 3pm-4:30pm. It's a wonderful fundraiser to get money for a well.

Heather: I heard earlier today that there are just over 200 tickets left for the concert, so that was money well spent.

Tyler motions to suspend Robert's Rules of Order.  
Seconded by Brittany.  
Motion passes 6-0-0.

## Old Business

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*Second of Two Readings*

Elliot says I am back for the fourth week now. Like we have said in the past it is a lightweight tent we want to get that holds 4 people.

91-1112: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

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JCC is going to Washington DC for the festival. This is the biggest Japanese cultural event and this will be our 5<sup>th</sup> time going there. We have 20 people down to come and 3 vans. We are asking for the money to cover the cost.

Tyler says I know you guys are performing down there and you are waiting for this reading to sign the contract. Are you being paid for this performance?

JCC says no.

Kate says if it passes can you come see me?

JCC says yes.

94-1112: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

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#### *First of Two Readings*

Brittany says currently in Budget Increases we only have around \$482, so that means that nothing on this budget can pass unless we take out of Reserves so I am asking for \$6,000. If we do it with \$6,000, there will be \$1,000 left in Budget Increases and we would rather have that amount of money than asking for \$20,000 to be pulled out of Reserves. We figured that less is more and we would be frugal with our money.

Lamron asks how much have you already taken?

Brittany says we pulled out \$20,000 earlier last semester, and then this \$6,000. That leaves us with \$280,915 still in Reserves.

Tommy asks can you explain what they are used for?

Brittany says they are a lump sum if the referendum does not pass. There is a referendum every 2 years. If it doesn't pass you wouldn't pay the student activity money but none of these clubs could exist.

Mike asks where did you get that figure?

Brittany says it wasn't random; we looked at how much all the readings on today's agenda would be and then a little bit more.

Lamron asks what is the typical total amount of budget for a year if the referendum would not pass?

Nick says a year's budget is about a million.

Patty says we could retain things like the staff.

Tyler says I expressed my concerns about this earlier but I do feel that with at least another 6 meetings ahead of us, I still have some concern about if this passes and all the other readings pass, we might have to dip into it once again. I feel like having only \$1,000 will not be enough of a cushion to pass readings in the future.

Brittany says I think that it would have to be increased more than just another thousand because we will need more eventually.

Justin says I think that we're kind of coming to moving over the hill in terms of really big readings. Frankly with finals and studying going on I don't see too many more big events going on because they are hard to plan. With that in mind, if your organization is planning something, try to get that reading in as soon as possible so we can plan ahead and plan accordingly.

Nick says this reallocation isn't spending any money it is just leaving the option open that you can use the money from Budget Increases.

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Brooke Barron says I'm the marketing manager and we are asking for \$2,000 for our budget as we only have \$153.38 right now. The \$2,000 will allow us to give 3-5 more grants to organizations this semester. With the money we have we won't be able to do anything and we have a ton of groups that want to do events.

Justin asks Upstate Escapes ends on the last day of classes right?

Brooke says yes.

Heather asks did UE have to ask for more money last year and if not is that because they?

Brooke says to my knowledge we did not ask for more money. In the spring, people ask for more because the weather is better. More people asked this semester so we are doing an increase.

Tyler asks you guys would like to plan 3-5 additional trips, and how many organizations have come to you asking for funding?

Brooke says 7 or so, and they all range from \$300-\$500 depending on which grant they choose. Any money they don't use will be returned straight back to you.

Tyler asks given that there is more demand than would be given do you anticipate coming to us for more money?

Brooke says I'm not exactly sure.

96-1112: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-1 Heather abstains.

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#### *First and Only Reading*

We just want to realign money that would be going to waste to buy the laser level which would be an investment for the gallery, make things more efficient, cut down on time, and like I said before otherwise the money would go to waste.

97-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 5-0-1 Heather abstains.

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#### *First and Only Reading*

We have leftover money from our past 2 events and we want to create another event.

98-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 6-0-0.

99-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the AAC By-Laws as outlined in the attached rationale.

*First of Two Readings*

Justin says the bylaws are super outdated so we think that the changes we are making here are going to help AAC function and reduce problems we have been having. Most of it is grammatical; most of it is format changing and adding oxford commas. If you look at section 3 subsection a sub-subsection 4. The big thing about this is when the treasurer is organizing hundreds of receipts on top of the other things he needs to do, this makes it a lot easier for him. It lets organizations know why this change is being made.

Mike says on page 4 we have as the policy currently stands, its absence from a meeting puts an organization into bad financial standing. If I miss one week one, I'm in it for the next 2 weeks. The readings if they are partially through cannot be completed. This became an issue because bad financial standing could be washed away by the end of the year. We want to stop repeat offenders, and organizations that do not apply representatives will be punished. If you miss another meeting while you are in bad financial standing then you cannot ask for the same maximum amount of money as originally you could. If you show that you are willing to provide the organization with representation you can request full funding again.

Justin says the rest is just grammar and formatting.

Mike says we did maintain the font Garamond because it is what Harry Potter is written in.

Malcolm says about the bad financial standing, it is unclear in certain sections. When you are being penalized, it is not clear about how much you are reduced for the second week of penalization. I tend to read bylaws to find any possibly issue.

Justin says I have an idea. If it's complex, you can come meet with us at AAC or our e-board meeting. I can email you and we can schedule a time to set up.

Tyler asks on page 4 are you talking about a certain charity?

Mike says yes.

Stasia asks in terms of working off bad financial standing, I know you said you could do this by attending meetings, do you have an idea of what that means, what that will look like?

Mike says if you look at page 5, it says every 2 meetings attended after bad financial standing... so if you miss 4, you would have to attend 6 meetings to work it off. We want a harsh penalty so that people will attend these meetings. They are important.

Tyler asks what if they are not asking for the maximum amount that they can ask for?

Mike says I don't think we have ever had that before. We reimburse a percentage, trips are never free, and there is always a need for students to pay for some of the funds. In the event of that, they are shooting themselves in the foot. I don't see a scenario where that would be advantageous.

Tyler says the new bad financial standing stuff is freaking awesome. I love it and I think all the standing committees should use this. This allows for more organizations to not take the money and run. I think what you have done with it has been very impressive.

Malcolm says I would like to say despite that, I still have a few wording issues overall I am strongly in favor of not just the financial standing but all of these changes because I think that having gotten a chance to read through them all, I think that these are fairly strong overall and I am in support.

99-1112: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-1 Justin abstains.

100-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the AAC Constitution as outlined in the attached rationale.

*First of Two Readings*

Justin says a lot of the changes are formatting and grammar.

Mike says we clarified the duties of certain positions. The professor recognition ceremony was instituted; we wanted to ensure that if the duty of the AAC is to foster academic discussion, why would we exclude the professors when they are the source of knowledge? This is a classroom it's not a park. So we included it for the Vice Chair and the Director of Communication. We want college administration involved in the AAC.

Justin says page 4. We changed it a little bit. We added this duty so that they know not only how to go over Robert's Rules but also a little more about how AAC functions and how funding functions and it should be a rock n roll way to go into the future.

Mike says this is on page 5. From this year and going back to the beginning of AAC the voting representatives have always been representatives from clubs seated within certain departments. But we also have organizations that are academically based and are not represented by a department. For instance MAPS. They weren't granted representation originally. We have been keeping said organizations small by not granting them funding so the voting members have been changed to each department offering a major or minor or interdepartmental minor. The e-board will have to figure out which organizations would benefit from funding.

Justin says and finally on page 7 organizations will send different representatives for half the year. We can foster now more of the interdepartmental discussion.

Malcolm asks can you explain declension?

Justin says it's very impermanent, it means something and I can get back to you next week.

Malcolm asks what happens if a representative is put into place in the fall semester decides to study abroad in the spring or discontinue involvement in the spring?

Nick asks if you are planning on meeting them for the bylaws can you discuss this during your meeting?

Malcolm says this may lead to the unfortunate dissolution of AAC. Next year is a referendum. If the referendum fee fails, no one on campus will be paying the fee, yet I see at least 3 places through the document to say that basically only mandatory student activity fee paying members can be involved.

Justin says not having a mandatory fee does not affect

Nick says if you dis-include the word mandatory you should be fine.

Heather says a lot of stuff would have to change. I don't think that that would result in the dissolution of AAC.

Tyler says I think it's awesome.

Malcolm says once again I am sorry that I was tough on you, I still approve of the changes in essence. Some of the wording needs to be fixed; I only go hard on people because I care about what we do in this world.

100-1112: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-1.

101-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE realign \$100 from Account 1909, GEO, Line 20, Fall Speaker, to Line 20, to create a new line, Speaker.

*First and Only Reading*

We're talking about a regenerating energy symposium. We can move money to speaker which in future budgets will just be called speaker so that we can have speakers for the spring. That's all we are asking for.

Tyler asks are you just asking for line to be renamed?

There has to be a realignment as well.

101-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 6-0-0.

102-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,750.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to GEO, Account 1909, for Alternative Energy Symposium Speakers and Advertising.

*First of Two Readings*

GEO says we are requesting a large amount of money. We are here to talk to you about proposing for Geneseo to have a regenerative energy symposium. You guys have been familiar with reduce reuse recycle for a while now. They are in that order for a reason. They are important to keep track of. I would like to introduce you to rethink regenerate and restore. This entire thing is about education, this would be 6 speakers coming to talk to us about a number of different fields. We are talking about this because it's a really big crisis that we don't have a good source of domestic energy. We are currently harming the environment with coal and fuel. Rethink this not just as someone who is interested in your field, but most importantly we are all citizens of the earth but sometimes we get caught up in how things are already structured and it's hard to step back and think how else can we approach these things differently.

Hydrofracking has started in New York State and it is something that will affect everyone in New York State and in the end everyone else because natural gas should not be the solution. A lot of science quotes that it will not last as long as industries say it will.

Regenerate, I want you to start thinking about what this word means to you, what natural gas really is. It is not regenerative, it will not last us for as long as we will be on the earth. We need to start thinking of different energy. Restore, give back to the earth, we are constantly taking and consuming and we need to start giving back and holding ourselves accountable. We have reserved Newton 202 for Saturday, April 14th from 9-5. There will be 6 hour long speakers, with food in between. We are opening this up to community members as well as students. We care what other people think about this. It is so much bigger than just Geneseo. More important this is a residential issue. It's the community members that we really care about reaching. Jeff Over will be a speaker; he is a geology professor here. This is not going to be a political symposium; it is just providing information for you guys. His talk will be the only one about hydrofracking. Joseph Robertson will require money; he is the author of Building the Green Economy. Business will invest this amount of money into a renewable energy group and in the end the corporation gets paid back and they have a source of renewable energy. Martin Casstevens also will come; he is a Business Manager at UB. New York State recognizes what people at Geneseo do. He has created a 350 solar panel farm in Buffalo; they are setting an incredible example for the rest of us. He is there to fill in people about renewable energy in terms of business aspects. This gives beyond the science aspects of it that people talk about. John McCreery also requires money but he knows a lot about building housing. He talks about passive housing, the way that the house is build and what the most efficient way to build the house is. Heat can be transferred during the winter and rejected in the summer. It takes advantage of climate and many other aspects. These are things that we should start thinking about. Another speaker we are thinking of having is Kevin O'Neil, this is the only speaker who is not officially confirmed. He works at Covanta which is an incredible facility. They take garbage and they make it into energy. And they can also take 3% of garbage that is metal and reuse it. They supply power to the 5 largest plants in Niagara Falls. I think that this isn't used in NY more because fuel lobbyists have more money than energy lobbyists. This is all about education and informing people. The last guy is Peter Bardaglio who is the coolest of them all. He was Ithaca college provost, the coauthor of Boldly Sustainable. You see that this goes along with the theme that there are so many aspects to the regenerative movement. Usually we get the geologists or the chemists, but every single one of you has a role to play in this. How do you create investments in your community that will stay in your community? There is a wind farm that is close to here, a lot of the power that is fueled there is transferred out. They are creating a windmill farm that will stay in the area and will provide energy to those people there. He is definitely our most expensive speaker but I have a friend who has seen him and insists that he come here. He would definitely be an incredible asset to our symposium. We would like to keep all of the speakers that we have set up right now. For advertising we are requesting \$50 for doing something along the lines of putting something in the Penny Saver, telling professors to inform students about this and maybe provide extra credit. It would be \$2750 total and we have approval for a GOLD event but that's only if it could actually happen. If it can that would be great because it would benefit so many different people. Mike asks has GEO done anything to fundraise?

GEO says we have a ton of fundraising ideas lined up right now; we are waiting to see how this goes through first. We were debating whether or not to start it now but we didn't want it to conflict with the SA funding. We were concerned about if we weren't able to raise enough and these speakers have set amounts so we would be out like \$100. So we have plans to get approval for fundraising but mostly for advertising costs.

A representative asks can you explain why you want Peter Bardaglio?

GEO says he does these kinds of talks very frequently, he is a well-known speaker. It is mostly because of his reputation and because he is very experienced with these types of things. I'm not sure if someone like Kevin O'Neil has done a talk like this before. Peter Bardaglio is our Kid Cudi.

Justin asks I think it's a great idea for a program but have you considered contacting any people in the Geology Department but possibly the Geneseo sustainability task forces for co-sponsorship?

GEO says Task Forces is tight on their budget, and I don't know about Geology. We have to make sure that they are neutral to this movement, so we are not sure about that.

Charles asks can we have a more concrete idea of what the \$50 will be for?

GEO says we are planning on fundraising as well for advertising costs. I'm not sure if we're going to use the Penny Saver anyway but we can have a more detailed list of advertising costs for you next week.

Tyler says while I like the idea of the symposium I am disappointed that fundraising wasn't done to offset some of these costs.

Charles says I don't like how much Bardaglio costs and I think that it might be possible to have the symposium without him and lessen the costs a lot.

Heather asks if GOLD does get on board with this is there any way that they can help with any of this?

GEO says unfortunately the person who is in contact with GOLD is not here right now so I cannot answer that question for you.

Malcolm says I would like to commend the bunch of you to wait through the 2.5 hours the meeting has dragged on and still give a high quality presentation.

Elliot says it might be worth considering not having the expensive guy this time but maybe next year or next semester.

Charles says I would like to echo that this is the first time that you are going to have a symposium here, and you don't know what kind of interest you will be attracting here.

GEO says the reason it wasn't so large in our budget is because this isn't something that we want to be an ongoing thing, this is just something going on right now. We have helped to organize events like this, so we are not completely green on this.

Heather says Bardaglio seems like a lot however I know that most speakers run more in the \$4000 range, so it's not necessarily that great of a cost, but if you do want to get more of the community involved you should talk with the Geneseo Merchants Association so you can pull in Main Street and get funding and sponsorship from there.

GEO says excluding Bardaglio would cut the whole GOLD support. They have their environmental sustainable aspect, but he is our community building aspect. He is important to keep in.

Justin says maybe having a donation booth and then doing an income thing for that. You can use it to donate to a local sustainability initiative. I'm sure people would be willing to donate.

Tommy asks is there a way to do a GSTV sort of thing for fundraising so it doesn't stop them from fundraising?

Nick says it would require some steps but it's not impossible.

102-1112: *First of Two Readings, Passes 6-0-0.*

### Open Discussion

Candidate Speeches/Questions:

Carley Annable:

Malcolm says next year I will not be the liaison for Geneseo but I will continue to try to get people interested in it and I will always hope that we can get more people involved. If we can get more than 2 students interested in going to the conference what kind of policy would you have in place in terms of who to send and how many to send.

Carly says I can promise you that as long as there isn't a family emergency I will be at the conference because I think that it is very important to be there. To be honest I don't have a mechanism to set in place but I will consider it and evaluate how I want to go about it.

A representative says about your idea for meeting people before we ask for funds from SA, I know as a president I would be hesitant to ask my representatives to come and meet because it is intimidating and unnecessary.

Carly says honestly it would be mostly just for the first time that an organization wants to ask for some significant amount of money, I think that I like the idea of putting it online but already a lot of stuff is online that I don't think gets utilized. While it is another hoop to jump through, the number of terrified people I have seen up here and how much I think it can be lessened by having a conversation with a fellow student, it would be in the organization's best interest to help them know how to address things and get funding.

A representative asks we have an orientation process for presidents so couldn't we have that incorporated in there?

Carly says every reading is different. It would also make the orientation so much longer than it would need to be and it would also have people tune out more than they already do. It wouldn't be just what I want, it would be what the eboard as a whole wants. But thank you for your feedback

Heather says yes the treasurers and presidents have to go to the orientation but we still have things this late in the year with the tent or with Geneseo Cheerleaders. If some mechanism was in place it could help to decrease the amount of time that organizations would need to put into readings isn't that true?

Carly says yes.

A representative asks wouldn't it be better to make it optional instead of mandatory?

Carly says I like that idea but again, the issue is that if it's optional then no one will take advantage of it.

Rob Kahrs: It is my pleasure to be running for the Student Association Vice President position. After being elected as the President of Jones Hall Council, I knew that further involvement on campus was in my future. Since then, I have become the Campus Relations Coordinator for Inter-Residence Council as well as a Resident Assistant. Most importantly, I have served for two years under previous

Vice Presidents as a Student Senator. This position has given me valuable experience with Student Association and the responsibilities of the Vice President position. It would be an honor to serve the Geneseo community. Thank you.

Malcolm says you plan on completing your degree in only 3 years. The vice presidency is a large position and it will get bigger if god forbid something happens. What is your plan for handling the load for juggling SA responsibilities and your increased load for academics?

Rob says I came into Geneseo with the maximum number of credits so I already came in as a sophomore, I'm just doing my regular 15 credits per semester and will be able to graduate. When it comes to balancing the role, I understand that presidency is a major undertaking if I had to step up. I would fulfill the responsibilities and make sure that SA could continue on. I would be unhappy that the president would have to step down but I would be thrilled for the opportunity to do so

Tyler asks what are your opinions of a medical amnesty policy and on the off chance that it doesn't happen this year what would you do to make it happen?

Rob says because NYS law now has some form of medical amnesty in the law books now is the time to take a fresh look at it. Especially because we have a base preference point. It's a touchy subject but I think that there is grounds for compromise to create some sort of policy to put in a safety net for those who actually need it. If it is unable to pass this year it will definitely be on the agenda for next year. Any of the appropriate school bodies will be discussing it to find a middle ground.

Justin Shapiro:

Malcolm asks how would you handle it if you ended up succeeding the presidency particularly knowing your loose relationship with Robert's Rules, occasionally the rules are needed to help keep discussion productive?

Justin says it is a balance and you can never reduce Robert's Rules across the board because obviously situations will arise where you need Robert's Rules. For example for concert meetings a lot of people will want to talk, but I think for a meeting with 4 things on the agenda that it is okay to relax the weird rigid policy of Robert's Rules.

A representative says you briefly spoke about streamlining CSA.

Justin says that would require a discussion I want to find out what the kinks are and fix them. I know the Athletics Department has been an issue because it is hard to create a club sport when there is already a varsity sport in place. Also I don't know if it's across the board but I know some groups have had funding be slow.

Matt Bower:

Malcolm says you identified a problem that I have seen with multiple organizations. I am unclear whether or not you have a plan to fix it.

Matt says Heather and I have talked about this one on one; we have been trying to shift it a little this semester. We want to have people say instead of I'm doing this event or this is my idea, it's more of a presentation than a demand. It's not so different but more of feeling able to take a more active role in that situation. When an individual starts talking about RIT right now we give all the info about it and find out who can help them. I want to continue that and better that wand maybe include a discussion though it would be brief. Create it more of a presentation and a discussion that gets people more actively involved.

Heather asks not a lot of people know that the Director of Student Programming is also in charge of the Class Drawing Fund, do you have any thoughts as to how you can increase the class awareness of that money and get them to take advantage of that?

Matt says I plan to over the summer, contact every member of the exec of the classes and say this is how much money you have and say I really want you guys to take an active role to plan an event with that. I don't want to say you should do this but I want to show them what the resources are so they can take a more active role in the future.

Chris Caggiano:

Tommy asks what are your feelings about the extra steps for readings?

Chris says I think it's a good idea because when you come up here for the first time you have no idea what will be said or what you will be asked. If you have more preparation it will be just an extra helping step before they come to the meeting. It cuts down on time in general because those people will have that knowledge. Sometimes people will do a reading when there could have been a memo just realigning within a line.

Dara asks how much time have you spent in the office this year and how many times have you asked for help?

Chris says I am always in there and I have been helped a lot. Having someone to help you in there has helped a lot because you have a lot to do in the office and you can always use help.

Malcolm asks what will you be doing specifically to increase awareness and attendance for the budget review meetings?

Chris says I would work with whoever is elected here and work with anyone to make it more well known. We can hold it in a larger room so more people could come I don't know how many people would come but we can make it possible.

Silvia Roma:

Malcolm asks you have lived on campus all 3 years, where are you planning on living next year?

Sylvia says I will be continuing my position as an RA so I will not know until Friday when letters come out.

Malcolm asks one of the responsibilities is to serve as a student member on the CAS board, how would you handle that responsibility?

Sylvia says one of the great things we have done this year is bringing in CAS to speak about the services that they provide such as food and cable and laundry. I think having those conversations to see what on campus students want and see is really important because that brings me more feedback to bring to the CAS Board of Directors.

Malcolm says my question was more about the CAS Board than IRC. My question is have you talked with Carly or Nick or Dayshawn about what being on the CAS board entails, do you know anything about serving on the Board?

Sylvia says I have not had the opportunity to speak to Carly about the board yet but I am more than happy to do it in the near future. I have spoken with Mark Scott I do know him very well, so I feel like I would feel very comfortable stepping into that position because I already have an established relationship with him.

Dara Gell: Hi, I'm Dara Gell. I am a Junior Sociology major, Psychology minor, and I am running for Director of AAC. I have been SA rep for Model UN this year. In attending SA meetings, I've always tried to make my opinion known and to express my voice as a member of the student body, and now I'd like to do that from the other side of the table. I have been secretary of AAC for the 2011-2012 school year, where I have been under the guidance of the wonderful Justin Shapiro. He has been a great teacher. He restarted a wonderful program of College Bowl which I hope to expand next year. Mike and Iwona started the Professor Recognition Ceremony which shows our appreciation for the people who make our academic time her for great. Next year, again, I just want to build off of their hard work to make the ceremony even larger. AAC is so important because it blends student's lives with the reason we are all here, academics. The committee members are all doing wonderful things in their clubs and I just want to help them keep the whole Geneseo community informed.

I am a very open, out-going person and I'm excited, if given the opportunity, to help all who ask with any AAC or SA problems. I am, I think, pretty approachable, which is important for any member of the SA executive board. Thank you for the opportunity, and please vote for me.

Malcolm asks today we have a reading on the agenda amending the AAC bylaws and constitution. What are your thoughts on the amendments?

Dara says I think the amendments are really great we have worked a lot on them over the past few weeks, you'll hear about them. They are allowing for interdepartmental minors, they are allowing for programs to come and have those specific things. It is setting new roles for attendance and to keep clubs attending. This is so that there is clarity and accessibility.

Justin asks you do chair the committee but also being the liaison between academics and students on campus.

Dara says Provost Long is currently our advisor and I haven't gotten a chance with her to have one on one talks with her but I am excited to build that relationship. For students I am sociable, I am outgoing and I love to talk to students about how they feel about their academic lives. I really encourage people on our committee to voice their concerns to come to me personally, I am looking forward to have a relationship with Provost Long and for having relationship with other professors, I think it is wonderful to have that connection with professors. SA is about bridging the gap between students and professors.

Isaac Baskin: Ronald Reagan once stated, "Information is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire; it wafts across the electrified borders." Geneseo has neither "walls topped by barbed wire", nor "electrified borders." But we do have an abundance of information. As Director of Public Relations it is my job to condense this information and relay its vital details to my fellow students. It's my task to inform the Student Body of what their elected officials are accomplishing.

I take this duty very seriously. Without a knowledgeable student body Student Association can govern virtually unchecked. SA can run up enormous deficits, discriminate among clubs, and much more. Ignorance is not bliss; ignorance is dangerous.

How many students, here, are part of Student Association? (PAUSE)

Every student here is part of SA because we all pay the mandatory SA Fee.

As Director of Public Relations I promise to promote a more informed and active student body. Through my advertising and messaging, I will spread political efficacy throughout our campus. The more students we have at our SA weekly meetings as well as in our clubs, the more effectively Student Association can serve its constituency.

Clubs and organizations are an integral part of SUNY Geneseo. As an active student, I am a member of multiple organizations. I attend Women's Action Coalition's weekly meetings, I am President of Geneseo College Republicans, I periodically write for The Lamron, and I am an active member of Alpha Chi Rho. It is from these clubs and organizations I draw my experience.

For example, Geneseo College Republicans used to be 6 students in an upstairs Union BOARD ROOM. No one knew we existed, much like that little classroom on the second floor of **Wadsworth Auditorium**. So during my fall semester freshman year, it was my job to attract people to the club. Through a series of advertising initiatives, such as putting up posters, tabling in the Union, and walking around MJ talking with people, we were able to grow to about 30 members the following semester. **Now**, you can't walk around campus without seeing a Geneseo College Republican poster somewhere.

My experience does not end here.

While some of you may know me from College Republicans, others have met me through my work at Kaplan. I am a campus representative for Kaplan, which entails me to go around campus, meet students, and have them sign up on our email list. If you have met me while I was working, you would know I am outgoing and am willing to do almost anything to make sure I leave you with the information needed. In our region, Kaplan has exceeded last month's Netbob (the amount of money expected to come in) by 199%. As the most productive representative in this region, I can take pride that through my advertising we could achieve this.

I have also worked on multiple campaigns and jobs where my principle task was energizing people.

I am running for Director of Public Relations because I know I can make a difference. I know I can help improve the communication between SA and the overall student body. I know how to effectively connect with people. I know I can create a more efficacious campus.

I know all this because I have done it before. Whether it was remaking Geneseo College Republicans, promoting events, or representing Kaplan on our campus I have effectively improved student knowledge and involvement on campus.

That is why on Election Day I ask for you to be **WITH** me. Notice, I don't ask you to be FOR me. Those who are for me vote, go home, and say to themselves', "Well I sure hope he'll do what he said he was going to do." Those who are **WITH** me will make sure I follow through on my promises, become more active in SA, and will make a more vibrant campus.

We can make SUNY Geneseo better. We can make a better community. We can make a better State, Nation, and World. **WITH YOUR HELP!**

On Election Day, please be **WITH** me! Remember Isaac Baskin, Baskin Robins, 31 flavors you can't go wrong! Isaac Baskin for Director of Public Relations!

THANK YOU!

Malcolm asks a lot of the other candidates tonight have given some grand goal and then when asked for details on how they go about achieving that goal, I have heard a few times that they will not be the "PR Guy". From the other candidates I heard a lot of passing the buck as it were, how will you deal with these people: anyone who tries to pass responsibility for a program that they want to do, off onto you?

Isaac says well the buck stops with me. In that situation I am here as someone who has experience with advertising. I don't mind taking on the responsibility like for example College Bowl. The main problem that I'm trying to attack is that people don't know that they are in SA and that is the reason why this room is not more filled. Earlier we were talking about Carly's possible amendment to the process or making it an option that option is already available and people don't know that. These officers have office hours throughout the week and you can sit down with them, and I have had reading that I have needed to come and talk to them about it. These people should be accessible, we are students here. Lindsay right now is making a subcommittee, I would continue that subcommittee and send people out to meet more students and get the word out, go to MJ, go to the Union and interact with kid. I don't mind taking on work from other clubs, if you have an event that you want to publicize, I will sit down with you and my committee will sit down with you and we will make sure that your event is publicized.

Malcolm asks what about what will you do for help if you get overloaded?

Isaac says I don't plan on being overloaded, where would I go for help? I have plenty of board members, we will be establishing a subcommittee so I can take on that much more responsibility because I will have a committee that I can say I have office hours now so I can't go around advertising for College Bowl so can you go to MJ and talk to people and let them know what's going on. I know people on The Lamron, on the radio station, on the TV station; I have contacts in many ways to spread the word fast. It's not necessarily a cumbersome task.

Charles asks the only time that I have ever interacted with you, you asked for money and you gave a great speech. The next week you didn't show up and that was one of the few readings that failed this year.

Isaac says that there was miscommunication within the club; I was here because I was historian at the time. I came because I was the one who was the most comfortable speaking in front of you guys, and there was miscommunication and that won't happen because if I'm head of something things like that don't happen. Now I am President of Republicans. That has not happened since. The reading failed and I take responsibility for it.

Forrest Regan:

Malcolm asks a lot of the other candidates tonight have given some grand goal and then when asked for details on how they go about achieving that goal, I have heard a few times that they will not be the "PR Guy". From the other candidates I was heard a lot of passing the buck as it were, how will you deal with these people: anyone who tries to pass responsibility for a program that they want to do, off onto you?

Forrest says this year we have KnightLink which is in the baby stages. I want to take every member of SA get on there, general word of mouth, Facebook, Twitter. Word of mouth discussion is the best way to organize. We have the billboards in the Union, we have other billboards online and across Geneseo, but we don't have a centralized location where you can see what is going on within all of the standing committees but I want to institute that.

Tyler asks what is your most radical idea?

Forrest says I wish we could have speakers for the SA office so that people are attracted to looking in and checking in.

Charles says if you want to check out anything or want more coverage on voting, check out The Lamron. Voting is this weekend. There will be interviews with each of the candidates on Thelamron.com.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed  
Recording Secretary