

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 #25, Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

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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:** No new updates.

**Director of Business Affairs, Brittany Wolf updates:** Your budgets will be available sometime after spring break.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Carly Annable updates:** Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> we have a very filled IRC agenda. We have the architect that is redesigning RJ coming to tell us what she wants to do and we can say what we want to do. We have CAS coming and SA election candidate speeches. If anyone is interested in coming that night, come at 8pm here in the Hunt Room.

**Director of Public Relations, Lindsey Hebell updates:** I have recently decided to start a PR subcommittee under the umbrella of SA. I'm looking for 2-3 people, I haven't put out any "What's-up?"s yet but I will. It's going to be really general as of now. It will help me with PR initiatives so people know more about SA. I don't want to pigeonhole it because it has never been done before. If you have any friends who might be interested send me an email [sapr@geneseo](mailto:sapr@geneseo).

**Director of Academic Affairs, Justin Shapiro updates:** Ahoy fellow mateys of this SA ship of state. Sociology Club having picnic on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm. GREAT Day, still looking for volunteers for 4 different staff times, you get a "GREAT" t-shirt, long sleeved. It looks great on a resume, and it's a great opportunity to see some awesome projects. The AAC constitution and bylaw revisions will be on the agenda in 2 weeks because of spring break. You'll be seeing those, some radical implications for AAC; it will help the organization progress into the future. Rock Your Semester will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>, we're setting up a shift system right now and you'll hear more about that after break.

**Director of Student Affairs, Stasia Monteiro updates:** This might seem belated but SUNY Geneseo is officially a "Doctors Without Borders" partner from the \$1150 donation for them we have given, so thank you all who participated and supported this cause.

**Director of Student Programming, Heather Bristol updates:** AC applications are still open and they are due the Monday right after break, the 19<sup>th</sup>. You can find out more info at [Geneseo.edu/ac](http://Geneseo.edu/ac) under the "about us" tab. Any of you who are remotely interested in this should apply.

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** There is not going to be a check run next week so you have until noon tomorrow to get check requests in.

**Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** Please be safe over break.

### Open Updates

USAEC: There will be a debate at 8pm in MJ, everyone should come. Come to the IRC round of speeches on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Tyler and I designated this as "suit up" day and everyone is in attire except for Tyler.

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None.

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*First of Two Readings*

Elliot Regan, from Outing Club, says you have seen our readings over the last 2 weeks. We want to get a tent which is over the \$300 limit so \$399.99 would be allocated to get a 4 person tent. We found one online for \$399.99, which is \$200 cheaper than the original price assessment we had last week.

Nick asks is Moosejaw the same company?

Elliot says yes and there is free shipping on orders over \$50.

Carly asks for the 3 vendors and the comparable items that are cheaper. Why are you going for the more expensive model?

Elliot says the cheaper ones aren't made for backpacking; this one is less than 5 pounds.

Tyler asks do you expect to have this tent before the Appalachian Trail?

Elliot says no this is for future things.

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Jill MacPherson, Vice President of Pride, says we would like to raise money for the Gay and Lesbian Youth Services Drop-In Center in Buffalo. Sadie has been to some workshops.

Sadie says I am from Buffalo and the Gay and Lesbian Youth Services Drop-In Center is there. I was a member of it and I benefitted a lot from having a community of mentors, they have a community of older gay people to be mentors. They run a lot of programs that are really worthwhile but they have a small budget. I think that this would be a great benefit to them because they don't have a lot of money.

Jill says we are taking \$35 out of the Advocacy line of Pride to purchase buttons to sell for \$1 apiece and hopefully would make a profit of \$105. There are 8-9 options. Jill says we are selling them on Tuesday and Wednesday after we get back.

Kate asks did you guys do the fundraiser through College Union & Activities?

Jill says yes.

Tyler says a cause like this is absolutely fantastic and I hope that you wind up making more money than you allot for.

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Rachel, the President of Stitches, says if you were here last year you remember that we had a spring fundraiser similar to this. We sold flowers to donate to Red Cross for the Japanese Relief Fund. This year we are still selling little flower pins but we are also selling these awesome scrunchie scarves. Those should be a nice addition. Besides these we have bigger crocheted roses and flowers. As for our fundraising cause we really want to do Kiva but at the same time I don't know how you guys do it. It is done through loans that make a difference; they go to people around the world who are struggling to get their own business started. A lot of us in the club are selling on consignment. If the loan thing is too weird we can give to "Global Giving", as a donation and not a loan where we would be paid back.

Tyler asks I did intense research on the loans and under SA policy; we cannot give loans out, however doing some digging I found an option to donate to Kiva as an organization.

Rachel says thanks we could definitely do that.

Sadie says I studied Kiva in one of my sociology classes and they seem very beneficial to the community and I think what you're doing is great.

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Danielle, from JCC, says we are going to a festival in Washington DC. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year going there. We drive there and we have a small dance team to perform there. We are asking for the money to cover the costs.

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### **Open Discussion**

Heather says I heard that there was something passed at ACE today that was controversial regarding a comedian. I wanted to bring that to the floor so people can comment on it.

Sadie says I wish that I was here to bear better news. ACE passed a reading today, it was a really close vote, to spend \$2000 to bring Danny Cho to Geneseo, and Pride Alliance and several other ACE groups were very opposed to this because he has in the past made a lot of statements that are highly offensive to women, to minorities, to disabled people, and to gay people. That's why we think he shouldn't come. I have some tweets that I will read from him and some excerpts from his blog posts. A lot of them are really lewd and sexual and incredibly offensive and if you think you are going to be uncomfortable you might want to leave the room. (11 tweets were read but were not quoted in the minutes).

After this, members of ACE sent Danny Cho an email asking him to not make any comments like that when he comes to Geneseo, which I do not trust because I read his most recent comments about a show that he had. It was derogatory towards African Americans. Nick asks how many of you would like to see this performer not come to this campus? Tommy says that is an extremely compelling argument that would make anyone agree that he shouldn't come. But there is probably another side. There are steps to be made to make this performance better, maybe to ask for a set list. I would still be curious to hear the other side of the comments.

Charles says even if he is totally clean here I don't want to support someone who puts that stuff out publicly. If he says that, we shouldn't support him or give him a cent.

A representative says I'm all for artistic expression and I'm not a fan of censorship, I feel like we stand for something here that he does not. I am reading his blog and I don't think that it is a good idea for him to come.

Nick says I am interested in any opposing comments to the discussion we have already had here.

A representative says I agree with what you just said. I think that Geneseo stands for something; it's an open, safe, and accepting community. If he comes, that completely contradicts everything that Geneseo could stand for and something that a lot of groups on campus have been trying to fight for.

A representative says I haven't heard him and Sadie's argument seems valid because it seems like he says a lot of rude things. But comedians are known for not being very sensitive. There was one comedian that I know that made a joke about how children are beaten but it didn't have anything to do with child abuse. I can't stand up for this guy because I have never heard his jokes but I do know that a lot of comedians are like that.

A representative says I think it's different if you have a blog and you are saying stuff on a blog all the time, then it seems like you actually feel that way. A lot of times comedians are trying to get a reaction from a room, so if he is posting these things on his blog he is trying to get a message across.

Heather says whether or not he feels the way that it appears he does on his blog, I still don't think that he should come here because the ideas in his blog has things directly against people who speak out about being bullied. Just putting the ideas out there is what Geneseo stands out against. He is just bashing all of these people who are bashed by society on a daily basis. I'm not okay with this money going towards this man even showing up here.

Elliot says comedians are going to say controversial stuff, it would be great to have a comedian come here but we can have controversial humor and not be tasteless.

Tyler says I'm a man who definitely appreciates comedy but having read this, I never knew about this guy before today, this is not the sign of someone who is funny but someone who is little in this world that needs to make comments like that. I do not want someone to come here and spit on what students at this college stand for.

A representative says he has come here before and I had no idea who he was and I went to see him, and I was completely appalled at some of the stuff he was saying. There also weren't a lot of people there so we were spending money on a poor performer that wasn't well attended.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed  
Recording Secretary