

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 #29, Wednesday, April 11, 2012

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132 *Adjournment*

Call to Order: 6:15 pm.

Approval of the Agenda:

Brittany motions to amend reading 108-1112 to 108-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve BSU, Account 1902, to fundraise for the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan by selling buttons up to \$400 on April 15th.
Seconded by Justin

Brittany says to strike reading 111-1112.
Seconded by Justin

Brittany motions to amend reading 112-1112 to 112-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$50,000.00 from Reserves, Account 4000, to The Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant Program for 2012-2013.
Seconded by Justin.

Tyler motions to add 113-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve term limits on the SUNY Student Assembly representative for 2011-2012. *First and Only Reading*.
Seconded by Justin

Tyler motions to add 114-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve account 1002 to fundraise for the Red Collar Campaign from April 16th-27th.
Seconded by Justin
Passes 5-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes:

Passes 5-0-0.

Updates

President, Nicholas Spengler updates: No new updates.

Vice-President, Tyler Ocon updates: If you have any comments on the SOFIs see me or email me. Since Stasia is not here tonight I'll give her updates as well. Pride Night is this Saturday, doors open at 5:30pm, \$6 for a ticket.

Director of Business Affairs, Brittany Wolf updates: Your budgets are out, check your mailboxes, they should be there with an appeal form, which is due this Friday at 12:30pm if you want to appeal.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Carly Annable updates: IRC passed changes to its bylaws and constitution this past meeting. Hopefully you will be seeing them here next week. If anyone is interested in running for an exec board member, Letters of Intent are due soon. Next year we are looking for people to be appointed to sit on the CAS Board of Directors, please contact me CMA10.

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

Director of Academic Affairs, Justin Shapiro updates: Hello, I am here channeling the spirit of Kurt Cobain in flannel. AAC elections will be held on the 17th, if you're interested in running for anything submit a Letter of Intent by April 16th so you can be considered. Our last meeting will be on the 24th. If you want to attend we will be going to Club 41 right after that meeting. Meeting with Provost Long very soon, I haven't scheduled a date yet, I'll do it tomorrow. If you have anything to say please let me know. We really need to push SOFIs this year, there's no reason to think that you shouldn't have your voice heard. Also GREAT Day is next Tuesday, the 17th. SA is funding the luncheon. We are looking for a new recording secretary for next year, you will be paid by the hour, if you have any questions will you please come talk to us or talk to Lena.

Director of Student Affairs, Stasia Monteiro updates: Not present.

Director of Student Programming, Heather Bristol updates: First I'll be channeling Lindsay, she says to please save the date, Changing of the Guard is the 25th in MJ. Formal attire is encouraged. Remember to RSVP on KnightLink. Come with an empty stomach because there will be a full buffet dinner. For my updates, in case you didn't know, RELAY is this Saturday from 6pm-6am, the Ska Band 4.0 will be performing and MAC's Place will also be sponsoring Tinted Image. The following Saturday, the 21st is the concert, and Springfest is on the 28th.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: No new updates.

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

Open Updates

SUNY Assembly: We are 2 1/2 weeks from the spring conference; the agenda is already shaping up to be a packed one. We have elections, resolutions, etc. If you are interested in getting involved or meeting leaders from other campuses then you should come. April 27th-29th if you would like to submit a resolution the deadline is this week. If you want to run for a statewide office of some kind this is our elections conference, come see me for further details. See me, Nick or Carly if you want to go on the trip.

Charles says the Theatre Festival is this weekend, its \$8 but you get to see all of them.

BSU: Our fashion show Occupy the Runway will be this Sunday at 5:30pm in the Ballroom tickets are \$5.

Shakti: Our cultural dinner was this past Saturday; we sold out thanks to all who came.

GAGG: We have a minicon this weekend, Saturday in the Union, 1pm start and goes until whenever. It's free so come over and play.

Slavic: We are having our intercultural dinner on April 29th, tickets are \$5.

Pride: Our cultural dinner is this weekend on Saturday at 5:30pm in the Union, tickets are \$6, and we have a lot of vegan food and a meat option as well.

Old Business

105-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,000.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Inter-Residence Council, Account 1201, to increase the RC Drawing Fund.

Second of Two Readings

Carly says not much has changed since last week, I'd really like this extra \$1000 because there are a lot of programs that the Res Halls want to do.

Malcolm says Seneca Hall is in favor of this reading.

105-1112: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 4-0-1.

New Business

107-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE realign \$58 from Account 1416, Men's Tennis, Line 20, Programming, to Line 10, Supplies.

First and Only Reading

Dustin says we have \$58 left in programming, it's not enough to go to a match, and we want to transfer it to the supplies line so we can get more equipment for the rest of the season since there's not much time left.

107-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 5-0-0.

108-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve BSU, Account 1902, to fundraise for the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan by selling buttons up to \$400 on April 15th.

First and Only Reading

Cheyenne says our fashion show is this Sunday at 5:30pm, basically we just want to donate the extra funds from our ticket sales to a nonprofit called Building Minds in Sudan, their founders are here in Rochester; we have been in contact with them. They build schools in southern Sudan and promote educational opportunities and gender equity.

Tyler asks are they doing any work in south Sudan?

Cheyenne says yes, the schools are in southern Sudan.

108-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 5-0-0.

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First and Only Reading

Krystof says we want to move over all the money we have in the other places into our cultural dinner line so we can pay for the food for the dinner.

Tyler asks do you have any programming planned other than the cultural dinner?

Krystof says no.

109-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 5-0-0.

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First and Only Reading

Sylvia says June 1st-4th we are going to this conference. Essentially the price per delegate is \$230 and travel was at \$291 but now it's getting more expensive as well as a \$20 transfer fee, so now it's around \$540 per delegate. Traditionally we bring a total of 7 delegates. It's all outlined in the constitution. The money that we currently have is \$3034.45, we need \$3700.80. We are asking for \$983.44, this difference is to account for the flight costs and the fluctuations. We are not allowed to purchase our tickets until we have the other information. It's a \$33 per delegate leeway. The money we are asking for does not affect IRC as a programming body at all. We took money from lines that are not in use or are from our own conference lines.

Dara asks do you pay for the advisor?

Casey says yes we do that's an IRC policy.

Malcolm asks are all the lines you are realigning not needed?

Sylvia says yes I am sure do you want me to go through them?

Malcolm says no.

Tyler says I commend you guys for realigning like hell. The fact that you guys managed to do this without asking for money is very commendable.

Sylvia says thank you.

110-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 4-0-1.

112-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$50,000.00 from Reserves, Account 4000, to The Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant Program for 2012-2013.

First of Two Readings,

Lisa says I work for the College Advancement Department. SA has cooperated with this group for years now. SA has funded these awards that benefit every student in every discipline. The Geneseo Foundation has matched dollar for dollar what SA has put towards this project. Over the past 23 years, SA has increased the amount of money in response to the amount of students invested in research and the mounting costs of research. Last school year 181 grants were awarded, this year, already, 208 grants were awarded to students from 14 different departments. Every year student proposals are considered. Each year the Geneseo Foundation matches the contributions. I am here to respectfully request that you increase from \$40,000 to \$50,000. If we can't do that, we would have to cap the amount of awards that each individual could get, limiting the number of students that can partake in undergraduate research. The whole point is to make research affordable and accessible.

Malcolm asks if we have only been giving \$40,000 but over \$100,000 were funded so far, where is the difference coming from?

Lisa says it comes from various lines, various other academic budgets, I can get you more information for next week.

Tommy asks what are the kinds of research that you do here?

Lisa says one example is biology research with Dr. O'Donnell.

Justin asks would the Foundation still be considering giving money in case the reading fails? Why is the Foundations funding contingent on our funding?

Lisa says we would have to look at the restricted budget but we would have to look at it.

Malcolm asks if we are continuing to give money to this travel grant program year after year, why isn't it in SA's budget as an actual line?

Carly says basically it's questionable whether or not research and travel grants is in SA's best interests. It's not put in the budget every year so the e-board can decide if it fits.

Tyler says I do believe the research and travel grants program is a fantastic program, however I do have reservations approving the funding primarily because at the current moment SA cannot afford this expense. Last year SA overspent by over \$100,000 and this year we have already overspent the allocated budget given. If this keeps going the way that it does, there will not be anything left in Reserves to give back to the student body. My belief is that the college should be putting money aside to fund these research opportunities. There seems to be a kind of idea that people across the college think that SA is a bottomless pit of money. Unlike the Foundation, where they can ask for donations, SA is dependent on the mandatory activity fees and in order to get more money from that we would have to increase the fee. However there is a chance that students would fail the referendum. I know that especially last year there was a feeling that there was money to go around everywhere, but since I believe that SA cannot afford this expense at all, this should hold off until the beginning of next year.

Chris says that I think it is so limited in scope that it's a large chunk of our Reserves; I don't think that this is what the purpose of mandatory activity fees should be for because it goes to a limited amount of people. Why can't we take \$50,000 out of another program rather than SA.

Malcolm says I would like to start by echoing the comments of both gentlemen, I feel similarly; my particular concern is about the Reserves. The Reserves have to fund the government in case the referendum fails. I would be very cautious with any spending of this amount for any reason, and this is one of the reasons that I tend to be on the fence about it. The concerts actually benefit more students than the research does, at least that's the impression that I'm getting. This is great I would love to be able to fund it; it's nothing against the research. The college has the academic mission; this is especially for the school because it is getting more money from the state. It's not a huge increase, but one nonetheless, first in a decade. Some of this needs to come back to the college.

Lisa says I am impressed with how thoughtful everyone is being about this process. I understand that SA is involved with student life. I think you need to picture it in a broader or more meaningful spectrum. Everyone in here does something to better the community; we

think that undergraduate research is also important. It's not something that the state does or will ever fund, if we do not secure private funding these grants will not be available. Undergraduate research will only be available to families that can afford it. Think about the value that the social aspects of academia have. Clubs are wonderful important things, but research is something that you will take for the rest of your life.

Steve says it is a full sixth of the Reserves, it's too much.

Justin says I think that this is a great program; we should have a system that supports this. As said, there are fiscal realities that we have to reconcile, and it makes us question what the primary mission of the SA is. Not a mission statement. At this time, it would be the wisest decision to focus on an organizational level. We must continue to support the other orgs that fall under the umbrella. I wouldn't be averse to funding this in the future. We have a running policy that the most cost beneficial way to fund students would be to benefit the masses. I also question what fuels the need for these grants, is it for having money? Does having more money fuel people to apply? The Foundation should be supportive of this anyway, they should continue to front \$40,000 for this program and they don't need to look to SA to make the first move, they should be doing it regardless.

Dara says I am going to be the support. I am one of the students that get these grants. It's wonderful. I work with Dr. Scott in the Sociology Department; it has been a vital part of my experience here. They give me a small stipend so I can do the work, I have time for it. It has been one of the best things about this college, having the opportunity to do this. I understand that we might not be able to do this right now, but maybe next semester, I see academics as the most important thing at this college.

Tommy asks is there a possibility to bring this back next semester when we have a fresh budget and we can do this without Reserves? Tyler says there is a possibility that we could do that, it is up to the choice of you at College Advancement when you would need the money. If you can get it in September or October, you can come next semester, and everyone knows that the money is available. I'm surprised that it's not done at the beginning of every year. At the end of every year money is always tight. We can't anticipate the needs of every organization.

Brittany asks is that possible to bring it up at the start of next year?

Lisa says it might be possible but I will have to tell you next week.

Brittany says it's a 2 week reading for a reason, I'll ask the exec to pass it this week.

Malcolm asks how much have we gone over budget already?

Tyler says \$44,000.

Malcolm says I might have a little more sympathy with this reading if the Foundation had already guaranteed a certain amount, rather than matching how much we do. I would also like to say that I prefer having a reading like this at the end of the year when we can base it around what the other obligations we have are. We might be freer with our money at the beginning, but this is not part of our primary vision. Better to fail this reading than a lot of other readings. Finally I would like to say despite my reservations, I would agree with Brittany that we should pass it the first week and have more discussion.

Lisa says the Foundation is the force within this college that finds the funds and brings the money to spend on the students. When we make a matching gift, it's an appropriation of funds. It's a way for them to say thank you for your gift, let's double that money and do twice as much work.

Charles says there's a lot of research on this campus that is done without funding. This is not a threat that will take away all research on campus.

Carly says I commend you for taking all of this right now but I think that this is the kind of a reading that should start with a dialogue. To come here to ask for that amount of money is a big deal, we need a conversation that is going back and forth continually. When I got this packet I know that I have had it before, but there's a big turnover changing exec board. This is not something that is on everyone's radar. I think that this should be funded, but it is fiscally irresponsible at this time. I would be much more in support of a lower amount.

Tommy says I would suggest reducing the amount for next week.

Heather says given that this is a two week reading, motion to call to question.

Seconded by Carly.

Motion passes 4-1-0.

111-1112: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-0.

113-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve term limits on the SUNY Student Assembly representative for 2011-2012.

First and Only Reading.

Tyler says whereas, the SUNY Student Assembly By-Laws make no mention of the tenure of school representatives to the Student Assembly; whereas, the Geneseo Student Association makes no mention of the Student Assembly Representative in either the Constitution or Financial Policy; whereas, the tenure of all SA Exec Committee members, elected by a campus-wide ballot, ends at Changing of the Guard on the last business meeting of the spring semester in which the Exec Committee members are in office, at which time the Exec Committee-elect for the following year begins its tenure; and whereas, the SUNY Student Assembly Representative for Geneseo is also elected by a campus-wide ballot; therefore BE IT RESOLVED the term of Geneseo's SUNY Student Assembly Representative for 2011-2012 be completed on April 25th, 2012, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUNY Student Assembly Representative-elect for 2012-2013 begin his/her term at the same time as the 2012-2013 SA Exec Committee, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration be effective only for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Justin asks does every other SUNY student assembly rep for life?

Tyler says it has been in limbo for a long time, Geneseo has had a long standing history of not caring for a while, no one noticed that there wasn't a mention of it, so I'd like to thank Malcolm for making it known on campus. We have someone coming next year for the

position, so now the position is well known within SA so we need some term limit. We need a smooth transfer of power from one rep to the next.

Tom asks is there any work needed to be done over the summer?

Tyler says I can't answer that question.

Malcolm says I am currently your SUNY Student Assembly representative, SUNY Student Assembly is your statewide student government, twice a year there is a conference held. The first voter for every campus is the student president for every campus. Every other voter is supposed to be elected by a campus wide ballot this is according to SUNY board of trustee policy. The people who go to these conferences they go in April. It always happens in April. There isn't an effect in the summer.

Dara asks would you be opposed to changing it to May 1st?

Tyler says I would be amenable to that. May 1st is still not the end of the academic year, and the transfer of all elected power should be at the same time.

Heather asks isn't it irrelevant, the assembly could occur at a later time?

Tyler says the reason why I put that in there is that any change to the term limits for the future would have to go through a constitutional change.

Heather asks aren't all the aforementioned comments irrelevant since this is only for this year?

Tyler says yes.

Malcolm asks is this a one week reading?

Tyler says yes.

Malcolm asks is there any particular reason why no one contacted me about the drafting of this resolution?

Tyler says I thought about it an hour before the meeting. We got into discussing the conference and talked about who goes to the conference. So I wanted to see if there was anything in the constitution that dictated limits and nothing did so I thought that there should be a change. I thought it would be imperative to do now.

Malcolm says I would like to say that although this may be a good idea it does seem a little rushed. I would be a little happier about it if it was a two week reading.

Heather says while that would be ideal, this resolution only impacts the end of this year, and we are trying to have a smoother changing of the guard, this has a specific purpose. This couldn't be avoided in this case.

Malcolm says we still have 2 more SA meetings after this, including changing of the guard.

Nick says your comments have been heard. Is there any other discussion?

113-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 4-0-1.

114-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve Account 1002, PAWS, to fundraise for the Red Collar Campaign from April 16th-27th.

First and Only Reading

PAW says we would like to do a fundraiser that won't cost us anything, we are going to presale t-shirts. We will sell them for \$15 each. \$4 goes to Red Collar Campaign and the rest of the money goes to Special Tees. This campaign provides rabies shots and a red collar to stray dogs. We are hoping to at least save 100 dogs for this fundraiser.

Nick asks does tee shirt price place you at \$11 per shirt?

PAW says yes.

A representative asks how much is it to save one dog?

PAW says it's about \$5.

Heather asks would you look into other t-shirt places online and such? I ordered shirts for \$6.

PAW says we printed it out and took it to Special Tees and we were offered less than the original cost, but if you give us the place that you went to we would definitely consider it.

A representative says that this is a really great cause.

114-1112: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 5-0-0.

Open Discussion

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed
Recording Secretary