

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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Call to Order: 6:15pm

Approval of the Agenda: Passes 7-0-0

Approval of the Minutes: Passes 7-0-0

Updates

President, Forrest Regan updates: Last week on Friday, I told you I was attending the College Council meeting and it went well. We talked about the up-coming presidential search and one of the chairs discussed how they want to go outside the SUNY approved search committee firms. There are firms that help colleges find people to hire and they really know the business well. So, the council is going to be looking for firms that work outside of the SUNY list since that list is outdated. There is also another SUNY initiative to get universities working towards creating jobs and Dr. James ... is looking for a local business that would apply for that. If anyone knows a business that promises jobs, please talk to him about it. It is basically a very insightful time for a student to be on College Council since it is a unique opportunity for Geneseo students. And if anyone has any questions about what goes on in College Council and how that committee oversees the rest of the school come ask me. I would like to thank Activities Commission for lending us these awesome hats. I also went on the Outing Club Fall Break trip this past weekend and it was great. And if anyone is interested in backpacking or trying something new in the woods, Outing Club has tons of great gear. All you would need is boots and a sleeping bag and you would be all set for the Spring Break trip they are doing next semester.

Vice-President, Katie Becker updates: At the end of last week I had a meeting with Cyril Oberlander; who is the library director, out of curiosity stemming from some conversations I have had with student senators. I talked with him about the possibility of extended hours during Finals Week. Unfortunately, in order for that to actually happen there would need to be some kind of funding from this organization, which I wouldn't do without running by anyone. Another problem would be physically finding people to staff the library. So, that will not be a thing, but I did want to let you know that that meeting actually happened. Something interesting that I did know is that the Interfaith Center is open 24/7 during Finals Week and they can provide coffee and cookies too. It's not the library, but it is still somewhere else to go as well. Also, go see Judah.

Director of Business Affairs, Rob Terreri updates: As a quick reminder, when you guys are doing your fund raising request forms make sure that I am getting a copy of your college approval form as well. We cannot approve any fund raising request forms until we have that form from the College Union, so make sure you get those in.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Olivia Kelly updates: I don't have any IRC updates, but I wanted to let you all know that the Red Sox are leading in the ALCS 2-1 and they're playing Detroit tonight in Detroit at 8pm. There has been fantastic pitching and offense on both teams. Also, Judah Friedlander is coming next Saturday at 8pm and you should all check it out.

Director of Public Relations, Riley Burchell updates: As promised two weeks ago, I remembered the promo stickers and they are good to stick on water bottles, laptops, and whatever else. They are next to the agendas and you can take as many as you want. On November 14th, there will be the third SA Open Forum from 3pm to 4pm in the Fireside Lounge. We had one last week and Patty and I had some good one on one time. I encourage everyone to stop by this third forum. It is after Fall Break and I know the USAEC Executive Committee elections aren't advertised until the Spring, but I am going to start encouraging interested people to come by my office hours and talk about the upcoming election. My office hours are Mondays 1pm to 2:30pm, Wednesdays 1pm to 4pm, and Thursdays 2pm to 4pm. These meetings will be for talking about the different positions and I have write-ups on all the positions if anyone is interested.

Director of Academic Affairs, Effie Barbagiannis updates: AAC had "Rock Your Semester" today and it went well. Also, there was plenty of free cheese left over from the event and you should all take some. And Welles Report articles are due by November 9th. Finally, Judah Friedlander is coming on October 26th at 8pm in Kuhl Gym and tickets are \$12.

Director of Student Affairs, Bruno Villazhinay updates: Pride Alliance is holding their Second Chance Prom event this Friday from 9pm to 1am in the Knightspot and BSU's Haunted House will be on November 1st from 9pm to 12am in Knightspot as well. LSA has their freshmen reps chosen and Shakti has chosen their CAS ticket for their cultural dinner. They are also having elections for student reps this coming week and they will be having their fund raiser October 23rd to the 25th in the Union Lobby. The prices will range from \$3 to \$10 depending on the size of the sign. Shakti will hold Diwali November 17th at the Interfaith Center from 1pm to 4pm. The food will be catered by a restaurant in Rochester. WAC will be holding a general meeting on October 17th in Welles 121 at 6pm and they will be watching a documentary celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They will be watching *Pink Ribbons Inc.* and their dinner will be November 1st at 6pm or 7pm (they are not sure yet). SEAA will be holding a potluck on October 21st from 5pm to 6pm in Fraser 118. ACE is still working on their intercultural dinner and we believe that this Friday they will be working on the ACE kit for the cultural dinner. Finally, everyone here should go see Judah next Saturday in Kuhl Gym at 8pm. It will be \$15 for students.

Director of Student Programming, Jenny Keller updates: For Limelight and Accents elections, the deadline is Tuesday and applications are available on KnightLink if you want to book one of the performers. And two other positions are opening up on AC because people are graduating. The Contemporary Form position is available as well as one of our Publicity and Promotions positions. I would also like to remind people that both Limelight and Contemporary Form are stipend positions too. Also, everyone should go see Judah Friedlander because he is hilarious and tickets are \$15 for students. I didn't need to ask my fellow eBaord members to wear these hats they did it because they are the best. And on Halloween night, Special Events is working with GLK on a Zombie Casino Night starting at 6pm in the Ballroom. There will be food and card playing and I will be dressed up as a zombie at the event.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: None.

Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: I've heard a rumor that a week from Saturday there's going to be this really funny comedian here on campus. I think everybody here should go see him.

Open Updates

The Lamron: This Monday in the College Union Ballroom from 3pm to 4:30pm The Lamron is holding a Journalism Symposium. All of our editors are going to have tables and activities for everyone and we will be giving out buttons. There will also be food from CAS and there will also be candy, so everyone should come.

Silvia: My name is Silvia and I am here representing the Department of Student Life. I am here to talk to you about the Student Organization Recognition Awards. All of you should have received an email already through your KnightLink account about a week ago regarding these awards. They are awards to recognize all the hard work that your organization does from January 2013 on to November 4th - when the applications are due. It is a super easy form you can fill out on KnightLink through the Department of Student Life KnightLink page. We have a lot of awards ranging from New Student Organization of the Year to Program of the Year to Collaborative Program of the Year to Innovative Marketing Award to name a few. There are a wide variety of awards you can apply for. The application due date is November 4th in case any of you are doing really cool collaborative Halloween events and so on, you can definitely apply for an award that way as well. I encourage all of you to check it out. You can nominate your club for an award and you can nominate another club for an award and you can even nominate your club or another club for ten awards. You can submit as many as you want. If you have any questions, I am the student coordinator for this event and my email is sr8@geneseo.edu. I am also working with Lauren Thompson up in the Department of Student Life and her email is thompsonl@geneseo.edu. And then lastly, any organization that is nominated for an award will be invited to the Student Organization Award Ceremony at the end of the semester. The representatives of your club will be invited to come to a dinner and the reception for all the members of your student organization. Again, you can check it out on the Department of Student Life's KnightLink page under Forms and it should say Student Organization Recognition Awards Nominations. It is five questions for each nomination and you do not have to fill out all the questions.

Nature Walk: Nature Walk Club will be having its second meeting this Saturday at 1pm in the Arboretum and it will be led by Professor Gillin. The topic will be on transcendentalism and the Heart in Grove project and we will have food afterwards.

Rob: Where is your rain location again?

Nature Walk: It is South 348.

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Women's Ice Hockey: I am Victoria Gras and I am the Treasurer for Women's Ice Hockey and this is G.G., one of our members this year. We read last week to you about increasing our budget because we did have some miscommunication and we ended up getting our budget cut. We wish to allocate \$1200.00 to Line 20 which is our mileage. This would go towards scheduling extra away games that we that we have already scheduled but we would have to cancel if we did not have money to pay for getting there and back. We are also asking for \$570.00 for Ice Rental because this would go towards our practices. One of the things we talked about last year before we started this season was that we wished to practice twice a week ideally. Simply put, we are unable to do so with our current budget. Our Ice Rental fee has increased from last year from \$70 to \$80 for 50 minutes only. This makes our practices quick and we have to be very efficient about them. One thing that most people may not know about our team is that we allow and encourage new women who have never been on the ice before to play with us. I was one of those women and this team is something that I've become, as well as many others, extremely passionate about. This is because we really do encourage people to learn the sport and so on. This money would really help us continue to do that.

Forrest: Are there any questions for Women's Ice Hockey?

Katie: I've heard that your first game is happening during Parent's Weekend, is that true?

Women's Ice Hockey: We have a home game that will be on October 26th I believe and our first game actually happened about two weeks ago in Brockport. We did really well in that game. We have our next game this Sunday in Oswego.

Forrest: Are there any more questions? Is there any discussion on the reading?

Effie: I would like to say that I have a lot of support for what you do.

Olivia: I want to comment on the cost of the ice - it seems ridiculous that they charge that much and that you guys have no control over that. I have experienced that in the Athletics Department as well, so I am glad that we can help you guys out.

Women's Ice Hockey: It is something that we have been trying to push to get subsidized through the school and we are understanding of the fact that it does cost a lot of money to run an ice rink. The money has to come from somewhere, so we really appreciate you guys helping us out.

GAGG: I would like to wish you luck.

Women's Ice Hockey: Thank you.

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Chess: My name is James and I am the president of the Chess Club. Now, last year our first tournament was a big success and we had 46 participants. We raised over \$400 and got onto the Livingston County News and we want to be able to do that same thing for the next coming tournament. What we are hoping to do next Spring is to lure in more college students, particularly Geneseo students. We feel we have a shot at winning the NYS Collegiate Championship and have it next Spring here at Geneseo after our proposed fall tournament. This is why we are asking for a budget increase for this semester.

Riley: I noticed that should the reading pass we are allocating a lot of money for prizes. Would you mind explaining the prize breakdown sheet more clearly for us?

Chess: We are keeping the prizes the same as last year and with that we did attract some strong chess players. We are hoping with this tournament to increase prizes for the unrated section- which is a section of people who don't make enough money to give to the USCF to become rated. This is why we want to raise the prizes of this section to bring in more college students and Geneseo students in particular because we want to expand the members of the Geneseo community. We also figure that if we do draw more Geneseo students that the unrated section of the tournament will be the most populous.

Jenny: How much money was given to you last year for prizes and how many Geneseo students attended last year's tournament as well?

Chess: We received \$800 for prizes last year and I believe we had about 24 Geneseo students. How we kept track of that is when you play the chess tournament you get pairings and we can look to see who is a Geneseo student and who is not from there. We also kept track of how much they paid, since there was a reduced cost for Geneseo students to enter the tournament.

GAGG: You said you are making a poster, are you doing anything else to increase the number of Geneseo students apart from the prizes?

Chess: We are making a banner and we will also be tabling in the Union and giving out other materials, like key chains.

Olivia: Have you considered taking the prize money out of the cost of registering for the tournament?

Chess: We are actually giving half of the money made in the tournament to Adopt a Family and the other half to our club's budget.

Rob: So, since you guys are going to be taking in income for this as well as donating money, have you filled out a fund raising form with the College Union?

Chess: We did that last year, but we haven't done that yet this year.

Rob: Have you also filled out SA fund raising forms as well?

Chess: We will.

Rob: That form has to be in before next week's reading.

Riley: This seems like a big event and you did it last year, did you guys consider an agenda for the day of the event in your rationale? Do you have one?

Chess: We have plenty of good rooms for chess booked for the tournament.

Rob: Since SA is not allowed to give out cash prizes how do you plan to organize what prizes go to what specific group?

Chess: We would give out gift cards, some from Game Stop, but most from amazon.com. I also believe we were thinking of getting gift cards from Wegmans as well.

Olivia: Is the prized money that you have outlined on par with what you would normally find at other tournaments?

Chess: Compared with some tournaments they are on par, but no necessarily with tournaments that are bigger than ours have been in the past. We drew in 46 people with a limited amount of money and this year we are hoping to draw in more people than that with a larger sum to spend on prizes.

Effie: You mentioned half of the money from admission is going to "Adopt a Family" and where is the other half going?

Chess: The other half is going to the Chess Club budget.

Effie: How important are prizes to draw people into your tournament?

Chess: It was very important to attract people from longer distances like Buffalo and we feel that the prizes will draw in more people this year.

Rob: Looking at your income line, have you considered instead of taking half of the registration money towards supporting the family that you try a silent auction or a basket raffle? This could mean that more money can go toward the actual cost of the event and the fund raising would be separate.

Chess: We are eager to learn more about what we could do with a raffle in the discussion if that's alright with you.

Riley: This is a lot of money you are asking for prizes, have you considered maybe doing gift cards from local stores in Geneseo?

Chess: We are hoping with this tournament to draw more Geneseo students, so that would be a good idea to do.

Effie: What are the admission fees for this tournament?

Chess: The admission fee for Geneseo students is \$5 and it will be \$10 for non-Geneseo students.

Kate: What is the USCF fee for?

Chess: When you submit an official United States Chess Federation tournament they collect a fee for how many games are played. They collect a quarter for every game circle that is played and when you have a lot of people the money adds up fast. Being an official USCF tournament is a big draw for many chess players in college actually.

Kate: So last semester, we paid a fee that was for that tournament only?

Chess: I paid that fee last year. You paid a different fee last year and I don't want to pay for it this year. Basically, as far as anyone who is rated by the USCF for their scores to count towards the national ranking we have to submit the scores of the tournament to the USCF and they have a processing fee.

Forrest: Are there any more questions?

Olivia: Can you please go over the prize break down again? Are there two prizes for the open and first, second, and third place?

Chess: Yes. There are two prizes for each section.

Patty: How many rated students do we have at Geneseo?

Chess: We have around 7 rated Geneseo students and we know there are a few other rated players that are freshmen who haven't been able to make it to Chess Club yet. There may be 10 to 15 tops at my best guess. This is why we are planning to make the majority of prizes for the unrated section.

Forrest: Are there any points of discussion?

Kate: Based on last semester and the difficulty of giving the choice of what the prize was, as you remember, some people wanted Game Stop and some people wanted Amazon. We couldn't buy Game Stop gift cards and there were a bunch that kept coming back and being denied. It was difficult. It would be a suggestion that you stick with one item or find out if there's some local business with gift cards. We were scrambling after the fact trying to get these things purchased and sent out last time. It was a long process.

Chess: That would be a better idea to do for sure.

Victoria: I'm not sure if you have thought of this, but for when we go to our tournament we try to subsidize that cost with a form of sponsorship. If you guys need to think about that as far as helping with the cost for prizes that could be a good idea.

Chess: Who sponsored you?

Victoria: You would consider it more of a donation. One of our landlords that a lot of our players rent from sponsored us to go to the tournament and that really helped us. Maybe if you offer a local place to give out a gift card from them as a prize they might sponsor you or maybe the chess center in Rochester? What we found was that a lot more people are willing to support you than you think.

Chess: That would be a good idea.

Rob: There are three things that make me hesitant about approving this reading that have to be taken care of. First, fund raising forms have to be in definitely. Second, I would like to see an agenda attached to this reading as well so we can see a breakdown of what the day would be like. Also, I would like to see a more detailed rationale so we can have in writing what specifically prizes are going to look like, what your plan is, and how you are going to run the tournament.

Chess: We can definitely do that.

Rob: The only other thing that I'm hesitant with is not the funding or the publicity or USCF fee, but for \$1300 coming from SA for prizes I would be much more comfortable seeing a 60-40 model. What I mean is you guys supply 60% of the prize money and we supply 40% because it is a lot of money you are asking from us now. Even if you do a raffle and you were to take \$500 from registration costs which go directly to paying for prizes that would be a large quantity of that money right there.

Chess: Will we be talking more about this after the meeting as well?

Rob: Yes.

Chess: I think that it would be great for the school to host the NYS Collegiate Chess Championship. It could potentially lure in students from other schools and make Geneseo known for chess to some degree.

Riley: I agree with Rob that if the reading should pass I encourage you guys to come to the SA Office and talk to us since much of the funds aren't necessarily going to the students. I would like to see a more detailed rationale on the tournament and it is necessary in order for us to feel comfortable about it.

Chess: Absolutely, if this reading passes we would be more than happy to come by to see you guys and discuss this further and making it all better.

Forrest: Is there any more discussion?

Gina: I really think this is a great thing that you are doing, but I do feel that everyone would feel more comfortable if the prize money was a little lower.

Chess: We are trying to gear as much as we can to Geneseo students. We understand that we are asking for a lot of money and we will try to be as responsible as possible with that.

Jenny: I think that the prize money that you are asking for is too much, especially because essentially, say, all Geneseo students lose in the tournament all that money will go to other schools. I think that drawing attention to having a chess tournament at Geneseo is a

good idea, but you should reconsider the amount you are asking for and come next week, if this passes, with something we can feel more comfortable about.

Chess: We will definitely see SA after the meeting or later at your office to discuss this more. We understand that \$1300 is a lot of money and we will be trying to get as much of it to Geneseo students as possible.

Jenny: Now, I understand the publicity you are doing. I hold events all the time, and I'm telling you to do more. Keep targeting freshmen especially and keep doing the banner, the poster and key chain ideas. Just keep thinking of more marketing ideas because it will make us all feel more comfortable knowing that we're walking around the campus seeing that Chess Club is really living up to their word in advertising.

Bruno: Could an option be for the prizes to give more so that you have more potential prizes to give out?

Chess: We could talk about that, yes.

Riley: If there aren't a lot of students for the open section, would you consider getting rid of the second prize to have one big prize for the open section? Also, maybe if you took money away from prizes you could consider commissioning a player that is really good that isn't going to Geneseo to host a thing with the novice players and etc.

Chess: We may be having a Grand Master, which would be a good idea. It is more of a spectator kind of thing.

Effie: I just wanted to say that the tournament is a great idea and even though we have some hesitation about the \$1300 that it doesn't mean that the tournament won't be great.

Chess: I think that if the money is the key issue we have time next week to talk it over and figure something out.

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Amnesty International: My name is Stephanie and I am the Co-President of Amnesty International. Every year we do the Northeast Regional Conference and this year it is on November 9th at Boston University. Basically, throughout the day there are seminars and featured speakers who were imprisoned for human rights violations, for practicing their human rights such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion. There are also hands on workshops. Some of this year's topics are going to be on U.S. security issues and Russia, which is relevant to the NSA and Edward Snowden.

Forrest: Are there any questions?

Katie: I am confused, you said the event was on the 9th. Are you departing the night of November 8th and coming back the 9th?

Amnesty International: Yes.

Olivia: Under Part C: Meals, it says that you need \$98 divided by 2 per meal for breakfast, yet under your booking in the Quality Inn Suite it says that breakfast is included in the room rate.

Amnesty International: I guess we don't need it then.

Effie: I have two questions. First, is the \$37 per room or is it the total amount?

Amnesty International: It is the total.

Effie: Ok. Also, would you guys be able to provide us with a flyer or agenda for next week?

Amnesty International: Yes.

Riley: Are there multiple events at the conference doing things at the same time and you can pick and choose what you go to?

Amnesty International: They generally do featured speakers at the beginning and then from there they have a schedule of different workshops going on. Pretty much at that point you can pick what you are interested in, for example how Effie chose to go to the human sex-trafficking workshop and I chose a workshop about talking to local representatives and being a better constituent.

Olivia: I noticed on your total room price it says "please note additional beds are not added to this total". You should check with the hotel before next week because sometimes the rate they give you online is the rate of two people staying in a room and then they will add \$10 per person that stays in the room.

Amnesty International: So, if they do four people per room they might add more money?

Olivia: That's right.

Mock Trial: Do you know what issues they will be covering specifically about Russia and the Olympics?

Amnesty International: I am not positive because they didn't release an agenda yet, but I'm guessing that with Russia there may be topics about our diplomacy with them and their allies. You can get a direction for what they might do, but they won't release the agenda until later.

GAGG: Does this group often result in real change happening, do a lot of your members go on to affect change in the world? Do you have any numbers on that?

Amnesty International: Do you mean our members in Geneseo?

GAGG: I mean people who go and travel to do Amnesty International. I was wondering if you had any statistics or figures of how many people go to affect change.

Amnesty International: I would say people do go absolutely. However, I don't know any statistics, though I am sure there are some. Still, I think Amnesty International as a whole is very influential.

Jenny: How much is each individual member paying? And is this a closed list of people attending the conference or is it still open for people to attend?

Amnesty International: We did an estimated cost of about \$45-\$50 and we closed the attendance list today actually, closing it at 14 people. We also did first-come-first-served, meaning the people who signed up first and were really headstrong about it were the ones who got first priority.

Kate: Are you sure for whoever did the calculations for tolls and miles that they are accurate?

Amnesty International: It is \$26 per car round trip.

Kate: And same with the mileage?

Amnesty International: Yes.

Kate: And as Olivia brought up before, it does say four per room max in the booking papers.

Olivia: I just wanted to clarify that, because Kate and I have had complicated issues booking rooms in the past. I would just call them to double check.

Amnesty International: Of course.

Forrest: Are there any more questions? Any discussion?

Jenny: I think this is a wonderful opportunity for students and I support doing it. I think you can learn a lot from it and take away a lot from it. It is very inspiring.

Effie: I will be abstaining from this reading because I am a part of Amnesty. I would like to say that I have been to the conference twice and it is really great, especially the workshop I went to learning from a woman who went undercover in human sex-trafficking. The speakers that they bring in are experts on human rights and you can learn so much.

Katie: In regards to what Chris said, I'm not a part of Amnesty and when I went abroad and worked in an Advocacy and Lobby Office in Brussels, Belgium I worked with someone who worked in Amnesty Central. The organization has a large scope and many people go from Amnesty to go make a difference in the world.

Effie: Going from what Katie said, our on-campus group writes letters and petitions to governments, so they do that all over the world in all different groups.

Forrest: Any more discussion?

30-1314: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1 with Effie abstaining.

Open Discussion

Forrest: Are there any points of open discussion tonight?

Riley: I want to let everyone know that I'm ...chair for ...Psi Epsilon and I am in charge of awarding two \$125 scholarships per semester to freshmen. It should be in the What's Up email for this week. If you or any of your friends have any questions please email me at rkb2@geneseo.edu.

Olivia: I have a question for Riley. Does it have to go to a female freshman?

Riley: It does not. Men are also freshmen.

Forrest: I would like to remind everyone that at 8pm, two Saturdays from now Judah Friedlander is coming. Get tickets now. I also need to see CHA and WAC.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Burton
Recording Secretary