

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 #9, Wednesday, October 2, 2013

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Executive Committee

President: Forrest Regan

Vice-President: Katie Becker

Directors:

Academic Affairs: Effie Barbagiannis

Business Affairs: Rob Terreri

Inter-Residence Affairs: Olivia Kelly

Public Relations: Riley Burchell

Student Affairs: Bruno Villazhinay-M

Student Programming: Jenny Keller

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

First of Two Readings
Open Discussion

Adjournment

Call to Order: 6:16pm

Approval of the Agenda: Effie motions to amend reading 23-1314 from “\$150.00” to “\$130.00” to provide a budget to Chess Club. Bruno seconds the motion.
Passes 7-0-0

Approval of the Minutes: *Passes 7-0-0*

Updates

President, Forrest Regan updates: The close of “Shaping Lives of Purpose, The Campaign for Geneseo” occurred last Friday. Approximately \$23 million was raised during the five-year campaign and an extra donation of \$1 million was announced that night. The SA president sits on the Board of Directors for the Foundation, so if anyone has questions, please come see him.

Vice-President, Katie Becker updates: Yesterday I had a phone call with a student from SUNY Oneonta regarding medical amnesty. At Oneonta, if you made a call for someone else you would be put on probation immediately. She met with the Dean of Students regarding Geneseo’s policy. The SOFI task force met on Monday. At the next caucus meeting, there will be a student presenting on SOFI’s. Yesterday there was a meeting of college senate college exec committee. The fourth and final anti-hazing presentation for club sports was held. Come and see me after this meeting if your team members couldn’t attend.

Director of Business Affairs, Rob Terreri updates: First of all, when you are doing a fundraising event you must first get approved through the College Union and then put a copy of the approved form into my mailbox or email it to me at sadba@geneseo.edu. Also, after this meeting I need to talk with BSU and GSTV.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Olivia Kelly updates: We picked our delegation for the NEACURH Conference in November and if you are interested in being a National Communications Coordinator and representing Geneseo at the regional and national level letters of intent are due by Friday at 4pm. The elections for that will be held on Monday at 8pm in the Hunt Room. Also, we are working on finalizing the point victor for the Res Hall Cup and we are starting to plan our Halloween activities. We are also having SWORD Day this Sunday, which is a good opportunity for Hall Councils to get together with people who share the same position as them.

Director of Public Relations, Riley Burchell updates: I went to Jones and Steuben Hall to discuss SA and how it works. We only have 4 of the basil planters left. Two people have reached out to me to talk with me about the PR committee. Members of CAS will be here next week to discuss initiatives, answer questions and concerns, and the status of Letchworth. Also, I reserved the Fireside Lounge for next Thursday for the second Open Forum of the semester. I looked into having an SA meeting in DOTY, but it’s not yet open for student groups.

Director of Academic Affairs, Effie Barbagiannis updates: There has been a quick change in my office hours this week where I didn’t hold office hours today, but I will be holding them tomorrow from 12pm to 2pm. Anthropology Club is holding their annual pumpkin sales, if you are interested in buying pumpkins you can email naw24@geneseo.edu or jtv13@geneseo.edu. Next Tuesday, Prism will be hosting “In It to Win It” games at 4pm and History Club is selling sweatshirts for \$15 until October 18th. If you would like to order sweatshirts you can do so at the meetings Mondays at 7pm in South 328. Also, Rock Your Semester will be October 16th at 2:30pm.

Director of Student Affairs, Bruno Villazhinay updates: Pride’s second chance prom is in the Knight Spot October 18th from 9pm to 2 am. There is a walk at Highland Park this weekend for Chances and Changes. BSU is working on a Haunted House with Pride and KASA helping out. LSA has a meeting in Fireside Lounge. Shakti is having a fundraiser in the Union Lobby. The Intercultural Dinner is coming up and he is currently looking for two MC’s for the dinner.

Director of Student Programming, Jenny Keller updates: Judah Friedlander, from 30 Rock, will be performing in October. Tickets are on sale at the Ticket Office. The Limelight/Accents elections will be taking place soon. They plan next year’s events. Applications will be available soon on KnightLink.

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

Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: not present.

Open Updates

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Greg said they did not receive a line for gas in the budget despite asking for one during budget hearings. The appeal was never resolved last semester. He has included the tournaments we will be attending this year. We estimated the mileage of each. Chris asked if the list was for one tournament or several. Greg said it was for this semester and next. Forrest clarified that the reason this was tabled last week was due to a technicality that the team did not get approval from the CSA Association to request additional money. Olivia motioned to waive the first reading, seconded by Bruno. There was no discussion. Motion to waive the first reading passes 7-0-0. No discussion on the second reading.
17-1314, Second of Two, passes 7-0-0.

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Quidditch: We are looking for some money to participate in a tournament in Maryland. The first thing I want to point out is originally the tournament was scheduled for October 27th and it has now been moved back to the 26th of October. We were originally scheduled to leave Saturday to participate on Sunday and return home on Sunday night and we will now be leaving on Friday to participate in the tournament on Saturday. The tournament offers our team a chance to play competition prior to our regional tournament and would allow us to compete with good schools around the country. It would allow us to compete with schools we don't generally play in this area. This would also give our team the opportunity to strengthen our roster and get our team tuned up to play in our regional tournament. We have attached a page to the reading listing some of the teams that will be participating at the tournament. We have chosen to stay at the Courtyard Hotel, which is cheap and clean and very close to the university.

Forrest: Are there any questions on the reading?

Katie: Is this a collegiate tournament?

Quidditch: I know the tournament is being sponsored by the International Quidditch Association, so there will be teams affiliated with universities and club teams from towns who are not official through the IQA. Forrest entertains a motion to change the dates to 10/26-13-10/27/13 passes 6-0-1 with Rob abstaining.

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Riley said that Dianne in the Ticket Office has received many requests from students to add more shuttle times before breaks. This will give students more options. They will be going through LATS and it costs \$350 for each day. Forrest asked if there were any questions. Discussion on the reading. Katie said that this makes sense to have additional buses because aligning schedules is very difficult. Chris is supportive of this reading.

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Dan Martin and Alyssa Stephanese were here to represent Livingston CARES. They apologized that the Board of Directors did not recognize Student Association in last year's report. It was an oversight and they appreciate the support. To recap what was discussed last week, they are asking for \$3000. The past few years they have only requested \$2100. They are asking for more because the spring break trip has a dramatic increase in air fares. This will make it more affordable. Tickets alone are close to \$500- Forrest asked if there were any questions.

Katie: How will you be advertising?

Alyssa: through meetings, college-wide email, GOLD, pamphlets. There is an interest meeting tonight.

GAGG: how many people do you usually have?

Dan: applications are not open yet, but the slots for each trip are approximately 14-21 people.

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GEO is asking for help with funding to go to Power Shift in Pittsburgh, PA. Members of GEO, the Eco house, Outing club and Model UN are going. They are asking for funding for food, gas and housing.

Forrest: questions

Rob: Are you paying to stay at the church?

GEO: They would make a donation. It's like "work for stay." It's customary to make a monetary donation and it helps build relationships.

Kate: Would you be billed by the church? Student Association cannot make a donation to a church, it should be a bill for services provided.

GEO: That shouldn't be a problem

GAGG: Is the conference regarding less energy or new forms of energy?

GEO: conference runs the gambit, speakers on environmental issues to companies hiring environmental advocacy, huge national convergence of youth sustainability leaders, all-encompassing conference.

Forrest: questions? Discussion

Katie: Would like an update on how it went when they come back.

Kate: If the reading passes, please meet with me in my office on Thursday or Friday.

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Chess: sorry, there was some confusion last week on numbers. They were asking for \$150 for the chess boards and membership dues will be approximately \$20.

Forrest: questions?

GAGG: how did you come up with 20 chess sets?

Chess: They have expanded recently, meetings weekly and upwards of 35 people are in attendance. They don't need 20 at one time.

They will use them for meetings, for hosting tournaments, and will have back-ups as well.

Effie: I appreciate the updated rationale and using the podium.

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First and Only Reading

Forrest appointed Kevin last week and Kevin recommended these individuals for USAEC. He is confident this committee will be up for the task. Jenny asked what type of application process was used. Kevin said that he was approached by these students and five of the students are returning members of the committee and a few have been on for three years.

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Jonathan Bernstein: Nature Walk Club has just been recognized by the college. They will lead bimonthly walks through the arboretum. We aim to educate those who attend our walks about nature and our relation to nature. These walks will be led either by students who are knowledgeable in the field or by professors or other professionals. At the end of the walks, we are going to also lead the group through the arboretum to pick up all the trash that we can find and there will also be discussions at the end on ideas for new walks. We are looking for a start-up budget to buy trash bags and garden gloves to help pick up trash with.

Forrest: Are there any questions?

Riley: I want to clarify that on the rationale, you guys will meet only every other month?

Nature Walk: No. We will be meeting twice every month. We are bimonthly. Chris asked if the club has any intention to range out further than the arboretum, maybe doing bus trips out to any other trail ways in NY.

Nature Walk: Originally we had planned to hopefully do something like this, but because we were only just approved as a club we are limited for now to the arboretum.

Rob: How have you been functioning so far as a club?

Nature Walk: We were just recognized. We had 160 individuals sign up at the Student Expo.

Andrew: wouldn't a grant through the Volunteer Center be better suited to your club than the startup budget.

Forrest: that is a question better suited for the Volunteer Center.

Kate: What is your position within the organization.

Jonathan: Treasurer.

GEO: I support what you are trying to do. GEO wanted to get involved in activities like this, but they have had other initiatives going on.

26-1314, First of Two Readings, passes 7-0-0

Open Discussion

Joe VanRemmen introduced himself and asked Bonnie McGuire from RGRTA, Kelly Fitzpatrick and Bonnie Turner from LATS system to come with him to share information in about the bus service and get ideas on improving services. Last time we came some students mentioned long rides to Marketplace Mall. From this feedback, we created a new bus line to shorten the ride to Rochester. Also, Nature Club, to let you know, we added a bus to Letchworth every Saturday. We are hoping for good ideas to improve the service. Bonnie McGuire said that two years ago she came to this meeting with Joe. What came out of that meeting was to a greater understanding of student needs. They have seen a great increase in ridership to Eastview Mall. They go right up 390 to the Thruway now to get to Eastview. There is shopping there, a cinema etc. Our contract is coming up for renewal this year, so they are looking for ideas from students again this year. Over the summer they hired a Geneseo intern, John Allen. He helped us redesign the schedules this year; pocket- sized user friendly and easy to understand. We are looking for feedback from you on these as well. Also, the college made an investment in traveler systems, lighted signs. These are tools for understanding when buses are actually coming. There is also a “where’s my bus” app. Does anyone find that of value? How about the texting feature, is that of value. Some students said the traveler system is useful but “where’s my bus” app doesn’t always work. A student asked if the bus could leave earlier at times. Joe said that faculty members have asked that the buses don’t leave before classes let out. Chris said that he knows a bus runs to Letchworth on the weekend. Is there any chance there could be a bus to Avon for the Drive-In movie? Joe asked if students would want to sit on the ground or bring chairs. There was a positive response for this idea. A comment was made about buses not being available during the summer for students that are staying in Geneseo. Bonnie Turner said that there is a “Dial a Service” that you can call anytime during the day to schedule a pick up. Jenny asked if there was any possibility to go to Binghamton because they have a lot of entertainment and a connecting bus to downstate. Bonnie said that they currently only go to Monroe, Orleans, Ontario and Seneca Counties. They need permission from other counties even to travel through since they are a public transportation company. Bonnie M. stated that they currently come to orientations, informing students what is available for transportation. Olivia said that so many things are going on during Orientation that perhaps, in the fall, they do a presentation for freshmen such as a “how to” session. That might be a way to get students more comfortable with the service. Katie said she witnessed at the Orientation sessions that parents were doing the asking. Give students time to settle in and do a valuable presentation for the whole campus. Bonnie suggested that if students had other questions or ideas that they could email Joe. Joe also said they have a Facebook page and to Like them on Facebook. Joe asked if anyone had questions regarding parking. Chris asked if there was anything that could be done about parking in the Circle. He is a commuter student and often has to park far away and walk to class. Joe said now that DOTY is open, there are more people visiting there and they need to keep the circle available to visitors. Olivia asked if there is an increase use in B Lot. Yes there is. That lot fills up quicker. There are other lots on campus that used to fill up quickly but aren’t as much, such as the one near Lauderdale. Rachael suggested that the hours that students can park in other lots should be posted. Joe said the times used to be posted, but they were removed. He will bring it up to the Transportation Committee. Olivia said that the Geneseo webpage is not easily navigated. Could information be put on myGeneseo. Also thought there should be better advertisements of the lots and perhaps upload the images to the webpage.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Burton
Recording Secretary