

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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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

Call to Order: 6:15pm

Approval of the Agenda: Passes 7-0-0

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to change Director of Student Affairs updates- it was Japanese Culture Club's first meeting at 6pm and not GCC's, the Chinese Cultural Club's meeting time tomorrow is not 11:50am but 7:15pm, and the Director of Student Affairs office hours are not Thursdays from 1:30pm to 2pm but 11:30am to 2:30pm.

Passes 7-0-0

Updates

President, Forrest Regan updates: I would first like to reiterate, as there was confusion about the issue concerning the crew coach topic, that not every crew coach has left the position because of the salary. I do not have too many updates this week, but I would like to emphasize Riley's update about the public forums. They are a really great way to get student opinion on policy here on campus and one of the things that students just put into the Code of Conduct was "Medical Amnesty" that many of you may be familiar with now. For any of the freshman in the room, you may have been briefed on this topic during your orientation. So, if you have any policy ideas, complaints, or compliments this forum is a great place to get started on getting those through. For "Medical Amnesty", it took about 4 years to work on that. Basically, the more people we have to work on things the faster we can go.

Vice-President, Katie Becker updates: I have a few updates. Firstly, the first session of the College Senate was yesterday and it was primarily an introductory event. I am looking forward to that over this year. Also yesterday I attended an Open SUNY meeting with the provost, a couple of members of the administration, and a couple of faculty and staff members. It was sponsored by SUNY Central as a gauging of opinion and gathering of input on what they want the Open SUNY system to be. For example, making some courses more transferable between SUNY schools in general and keeping it within the system. I am very glad I went, it was an interesting discussion. I was very thankful to the members of the administration and faculty who more or less put me on a similar playing field as they were in the policy discussion. Secondly, the first meeting of the SOFI Task Force will be Monday, September 16th at 7pm in CU 324. What our first meeting is going to be is talking about why the SOFI system doesn't work, general complaints about it, and how we could potentially change it. This means possibly reforming the system to benefit us because that is what it's meant to do and it is not doing that job currently. So just to clarify, Monday September 16th at 7pm in CU 324 will be the first SOFI Task Force meeting. Next, a professor from the College Senate and I are looking for two students to sit on the Chancellor's Award Committee. You see, members of the Geneseo community will nominate professors that they believe have performed excellently in teaching and there is a collection of five different awards that are given out from this committee. We nominate people and Geneseo has to give input on this process. If anyone is interested in potentially sitting in on classes and reading over credentials, you can email me at savp@geneseo.edu if you want to see more about this system. Lastly, I would like to remind any club sports reps here to send me your contact information for your eBoard at the same email, savp@geneseo.edu. I would also like a tentative schedule if you have it at that time and I will be forwarding all this information to our club sports advisor. Also for club sports, if the presidents are in attendance, for your new members the anti-hazing presentations are mandatory. These will be happening on Friday September 20th at 2:30pm in CU 322, Sunday September 22nd at 2:30pm in CU 322, Thursday September 26th at 2:30pm in CU 322, and Tuesday October 1st at 5:30pm in CU 322. Please remind your new members that they are obligated to attend these meetings and they will not have to attend another anti-hazing meeting in their club sports career.

Director of Business Affairs, Rob Terreri updates: Just as a reminder for officer training, it is on September 17th and 18th at 3:30pm to 4:30pm, please attend only one of those meetings. These will be for presidents and treasurers. If your president or treasurer is not able to attend one of these sessions, please have them email me. This way, we can set up an appointment to work with them and get them better acquainted with financial policy.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Olivia Kelly updates: My IRC Exec. and myself had our Executive Retreat this past weekend at Minnehan's and we had a lot of fun, it was great. We also had our first IRC meeting this Monday. We have a great bunch of reps and I am very excited to work with them this year.

Director of Public Relations, Riley Burchell updates: The Student Association will be trying a few open forums this semester like we did last semester briefly. It is an informal atmosphere where we tend to discuss things that affect student life that you want to see addressed or they can generally go in whatever direction you guys want it to go. The first session will be on Thursday, September 19th from 3pm to 4pm, the second session is Thursday, October 10th from 3pm to 4pm, and the third is Thursday, November 14th from 3pm to 4pm, all of which is in the Fireside Lounge. I will be putting up posters for them that may look slightly different than this. Again, these meetings will run similarly to what we discuss here in a more informal setting, so that everyone is more comfortable. If you have specific topics you want to discuss for the September 19th date, please email them to me at sapr@geneseo.edu.

Director of Academic Affairs, Effie Barbagiannis updates: The promotional mugs I ordered should have been shipped today, so we should be getting those in the next week. That's exciting.

Director of Student Affairs, Bruno Villazhinay updates: We had another ACE meeting today and WAC's first general meeting will be tomorrow at 6:30pm in the MOSAIC Room. KASA's first meeting will be tomorrow as well in Sturges 108 at 6:15pm and Shakti will be Mondays, with their first meeting starting at 6pm in the Fireside Lounge. Also, Pride will be having another meeting tomorrow at 8pm in the Hunt Room and this Saturday they will have a bouncy castle event as part of Weeks of Welcome starting from 11am to 1pm outside the Union. Geneseo's Chinese Cultural Club will be meeting tomorrow as well in CU 332-333 at 7:15pm and JCC will be meeting tomorrow at 6pm in CU 332-333. The Slavic club will also have its meeting tomorrow in Union room 319 at 5:30pm. The Black Student Union will also be having a meeting tomorrow in the Fireside lounge at 5pm and LSA will also have its meeting tomorrow in the Fireside Lounge at 6pm. And SEAA will be having a meeting September 23rd in Fraser 118. The ACE Film Festival will also be this Saturday, the expo will be 5:30pm to 6pm and films will start at 6pm. I will pass around ACE Film posters for everyone after the meeting.

Director of Student Programming, Jenny Keller updates: This Saturday AC will be hosting a speed dating event to recruit for our general membership. So, if you know anyone who would like to help plan events on campus, they can fill out a quick application to go through the speed dating process. Also on Saturday September 28th there are two events happening. The first event is the Career Connections Brunch; which is co-coordinating between Special Events on AC and the Career Services Department, and it is also a PD event starting 11am to 12:30pm. You need to register through GOLD to be able to attend this brunch event. A dubstep violin player, SVET, will be playing at Wadsworth Auditorium Saturday the 28th as well at 7pm. The tickets are only \$6 for Geneseo students and you can purchase your tickets at the ticket office in the basement of the Union.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: Last week I announced that SA is audited every year and the audit this year is going to be presented next Monday, the 16th at 2:30pm in the College Union Board Room. For those of you who don't know, the CU Board Room is room 351. If anyone wants to attend it is open for anyone.

Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: None

Open Updates

GAGG: GAGG's IGC event is going on this Friday the 13th from 10pm to 2am in the Union Ballroom. It is going to be a great time. The Lamron: Next Tuesday and Wednesday, The Lamron is having Assistant Editor Elections for news and web assistant on Tuesday and Knight Life and opinion assistant on Wednesday. If anyone is interested, please email The Lamron or pick up an application.

Olivia: If anyone is interested in studying abroad; which you all should be because it is super wonderful, there is a Study Abroad Fair next Thursday afternoon in the Ballroom. I will be there, come say hello.

Jenny: I would like to point out that today, during the Clubs Expo, I saw a lot of you doing a great job for your clubs and I really appreciated it. I think that it is really inspiring for all the freshman and it was really nice to see you all working with passion. Kudos.

Rachel: Geneseo Women's Rugby team is having an interest meeting tomorrow night at 8pm in Welles 123.

Old Business

None

New Business

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First and Only Reading

Katie: I have spent the first couple of week recruiting for the College Senate and these are the people who have applied and had a series of interviews as well. I have the utmost confidence in them. As I have said, we have met once already for College Senate and we've already had a Student Caucus Meeting, so they have been more or less tested already. They are definitely effective and motivated individuals in the College Senate and I am looking forward to working with them this year. For those of you who are curious, two of these candidates span all of four years of classes here at Geneseo and ten different majors as well across the board. So, I am really looking forward to this year.

Forrest: Are there any questions on the reading?

Riley: I noticed there are only 13 names and 14 positions available for College Senate.

Katie: This is very true, there is one more seat available for anyone who is interested. You may have missed the application time, but, as they say, the more the merrier. We are always striving to represent a wider number of opinions on campus. If you happen to have an application filled out or want an application, I will be here at the end of the meeting as well.

Forrest: Are there any more questions?

Chris: Who does the interviews you mentioned?

Katie: I do the interviewing, recommending my nominations to Forrest, and he formally nominates them.

Forrest: Any other questions? Any discussion?

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Forrest: Part of one of the appointments I make is Chair of USAEC, which is the election commission, and after a period of four weeks I have decided on appointing Kevin Callery. He is here right now in the front row and who else would you want for your USAEC Chairperson than someone who sits front row. Kevin has been involved in many things on campus and I feel like he is qualified.

Katie: Do we have any questions?

Chris: What qualifications does he present in terms of knowledge of the regulations and legal proceedings surrounding that position?

Forrest: I can tell you he has an interest in legality relating to the position. I have known him for the past year and I can tell you he has been involved in many things where that shouldn't be an issue for him.

Katie: Any other questions? Any discussion on the reading?

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Open Discussion

Forrest: Are there any points of open discussion for tonight?

Joe: There were a lot of people who enjoyed attending the Clubs Expo today, but a lot of other people did not have the chance to go. I think it would be nice to have another college fair for clubs in the future.

The Lamron: There actually is going to be a mini one at Livingston Hall on Tuesday, I think at 7:15pm.

Forrest: So, 7:15pm in Livingston Hall?

The Lamron: Yes, I am fairly sure it is going to run from 7:15pm to about 8ish. You may want to double check with those RA's to be sure.

Volleyball: Along the same note, I knew a lot of people who felt overwhelmed by looking at so many clubs, I believe there are at least 140 groups on campus. Now, this may be too late for this year, but for next year possibly maybe we could break it up into smaller events over the course of the first three weeks instead of one big event. For instance, all club sports or all fraternal groups to break it down so that it isn't so overwhelming.

Rachel: That is a good point, since there are so many clubs, so maybe it's possible to move the event outside wholly or partially? To give the event more space to distress that situation?

GEO: On that note, I noticed that since there wasn't enough room for all the clubs in the Ballroom some of them were moved upstairs. I feel that less people were able to see all the clubs that were positioned up there since more people were drawn to the main event in the Ballroom. So, I think finding a bigger venue might be a good idea for the future because we have so many clubs on campus now.

Forrest: Is there any more discussion on today's Club Expo?

Riley: The Clubs Expo is once a semester, right?

Forrest: Yes.

Riley: Is there interest in improving it for next semester or are you thinking of having another expo this semester?

GEO: Maybe one in January.

Riley: One in January? Okay, I just wanted to make that clear.

Chris: I think, perhaps, the desire was more for spreading across more than one day, possibly half the clubs on one day and the other half on the other day. This would make it more available to students who may have classes during that time or other conflicts of interest.

Forrest: I do know that 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Wednesdays is an all college free hour and there are no classes scheduled during that time, except for some labs.

Katie: Now, if you are looking for a basic list of clubs or organizations on campus the best thing to do would be to go to KnightLink. I would say that this wouldn't automatically substitute for the face-to-face contact, since when you go to these tables you are speaking with people you would actually be in the club with. Yet, if you aren't able to go to the Expos then KnightLink is there for people to browse and research more information available to everyone on campus.

Bruno: I know that clubs, especially the culture clubs, do table in the Union lobby throughout the semester to get better visibility and there will also be the mini expo this Saturday from 5:30pm to 6pm showing all the ACE clubs.

Forrest: Are there any more discussion points on this topic? Are there any more topics for open discussion?

Katie: This is a short point too. I want to mention, since Forrest brought up the "Medical Amnesty" policy that was passed last year, that that process is not yet finished for this policy. We have the policy, but like other policies there is more than can be done with it to make it better. So, I don't want to give the impression that this process is completely finished since more work can be done on that issue.

Forrest: Are there any discussion points on this topic? Okay, there is another point I would like to bring up. Today is Lauren Dougherty's last day. I am sure many of you have worked with her in the Union. She has been our Assistant Director of Student Life and she helped a lot of students create many of the organizations that are here in this room today. She has done a lot of great work for all of us students. I don't know if she can hear us, but let's give her a round of applause.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Burton
Recording Secretary