

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:	Harry Dole
Vice-President:	Paul Michael
<b>Directors:</b>	
Academic Affairs:	Tushara Surapaneni
Business Affairs:	Billy Fagan
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Caroline Goldschein
Public Relations:	Nicolette Lukacs
Student Affairs:	Gina Villazhinay
Student Programming:	Alexis O'Hara
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:** 6:19PM

**Approval of the Agenda:** Tom crosses off sections C and D to the USEAC constitution. *Passes 7-0-0*

**Approval of the Minutes:** Buddy would like to amend his comment on funding Limelight and Accents to read “use of SA funds” instead of “use of funds” *Passes 7-0-0*

### Updates

**President, Harry Dole updates:** OA applications are open and due February 4<sup>th</sup>. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming an ambassador for the college to incoming students in terms of welcoming them you can find the application on the orientation website: [geneseo.edu/orientation](http://geneseo.edu/orientation).

**Vice-President, Paul Michael updates: Club sports-** He put roster forms online and shared them with the club sports accounts. They can be filed out online instead of handing them in in person. There is some openings for student senators for people who like college policy, student interests, or just hanging out with him. The applications are outside the SA office.

**Director of Business Affairs, Billy Fagan updates:** Some general updates: It's a new semester, so please remember to use logos on all physical and electronic ads. If you are handing in readings, make sure they are single-sided because they copy better. Agendas are emailed on the SA-1 list serve and are online at the SA website, and there is a copy outside the SA office door. There is also an organizational supply closet with pens, markers, sharpies, different color paper for copies. Feel free to stop by and check it out. Budget review materials have been made and placed in mailboxes. Emails have also gone out today with information and there is extra packets over on the side. Budgets are due Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM in SA office. There will be a drop box and there is a sign up sheet on the SA office door for 15 minute time slots. You can ask him any questions you may have.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Caroline Goldschein updates:** IRC's first event is coming up within the next two weeks or so. For siblings weekend on Valentine's Day there will be roller skating and ice cream- you don't need to be with your sibling to attend and get some free ice cream. It is 10:00PM-12:00AM in the gym. North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (NEACURH) minis application is open for the Geneseo delegation. If you live on campus or someone you know lives in a residence hall and is interested in gaining lots of leadership experience or programming experience the website is [tinyurl.com/geneseominis2015](http://tinyurl.com/geneseominis2015). It is due January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59PM.

**Director of Public Relations, Nicolette Lukacs updates:** She attended the student expo earlier, advertising the legal service. It is free to students and there is more information on their website. Her office hours this semester are Wednesday from 12:45PM-4:30pm and Thursdays from 12:45PM-2:30PM.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Tushara Surapaneni updates:** Her office hours this semester will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30AM and Friday from 12:00-1:30PM. Professor recognition nomination forms are still going on until March 9<sup>th</sup>. They are now available on the front page of [sa.geneseo.edu](http://sa.geneseo.edu). Please send in your nominations because there is a ceremony in May and every professor that is nominated, even if they don't win, receives a packet with anonymous excerpts from submissions they have received. It's a really nice thing to do and everyone always appreciates hearing good things about themselves. Chem club is selling t-shirts in the ISC all week. Phi Delta Epsilon is having their interest meeting tonight in Bailey 107 at 7:00PM. They also have one February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the same time and place. Student ambassador awards, which are given through the Center for Inquiry, Discovery, and Development (CIDD) have applications due February 6<sup>th</sup>. They are \$5000 grants that are really flexible for projects and research use. Stop by the CIDD or shoot them an email for more information. Applications to present at GREAT Day are up.

**Director of Student Affairs, Gina Villazhinay updates:** Geneseo has finally hired a graduate assistant, **Aidan Cr**, for the LGBTQ programs to provide information, help, GOLD workshops, enhance orientation programs, and help with counseling so we can be more supportive as a college. His office hours are on Sunday from 10:00AM-2:00PM and Mondays from 9:00AM-5:00PM in the College Union 348. He is in the process of getting an email soon so keep an eye out for that. Livingston CARES trip to Mississippi still has about 9 spots open- talk to Tom Matthews. Her office hours this semester are Monday from 2:30PM-4:00PM, Tuesdays from 1:30PM-2:30PM, and Thursday from 12:30PM-2:30PM.

**Director of Student Programming Alexis O'Hara updates:** General membership is open again, so anyone interested in helping program events can email her at [sadsp@geneseo.edu](mailto:sadsp@geneseo.edu) and she will make sure to get you an application to place you into the right programming group. Sibling's Weekend is coming up- make sure to reach out to your parents for your siblings or cousins that would enjoy the Frozen theme.

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** Absent.

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

### Open Updates

GAGG will be hosting their annual con “Running GAGG” weekend from Friday through Sunday in the College Union Ballroom. There are posters hanging around campus with Cthulhu terrorizing squirrels. It’s a 3-day event and people can sleep overnight. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students. There will be vendors selling cool stuff and lots of games.

WAC is having the Vagina Monologues (the play) on Valentine’s Day weekend-February 12-14 at 7/8:00PM? She will get back to us with the time. It will be fun and there will be chocolate lollipops in the shape of a vagina.

Mock Trial supports anything with Cthulhu in it, so they support GAGG.

### Old Business

77-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,200.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Activities Commission: Limelight & Accents, Account 1303, to provide publicity funding.

Sarah Dukler: \*more handouts\* Sarah is the Limelight and Accents performing arts series co-coordinator. Last week she told us about the benefits of newspaper ads on ticket sales and requested 4 different ads that they wanted in the Democrat and Chronicle (D&C). She followed up with the D&C about the time span of running the ad with only one week. She learned that she could quadruple the amount of ads that run with the same amount of money requested by purchasing the “Entertainment Package”. The entertainment package consists of 4 different ad cycles at \$600 each. Each ad cycle consists of 4 different ¼ page ads for \$150. That’s totals to \$2400, which is only \$200 more than the previous plan. She is requesting the same amount of money because her budget will cover the remaining \$200, but she will get quadruple the publicity by having 16 ads instead of 4. She assures that we will see the effectiveness of these ads when the house is fuller than it ever has been at the shows. Harry opens the floor to questions. Tushara asks why she has a lot of ads for the Elders instead of the others. Sarah answers that it’s ideal to have the ads out two weeks in advance and the shows are coming up really quickly. It’s a promise for 4 ad cycles. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Billy says that he is glad she came across this because it seems like it will benefit the club! Alexis thinks it’s awesome that it’s a better deal for the same price. Buddy, Wrestling Club, says from looking through the numbers from last week on the deal they had last year they brought in \$1000 but spent \$1600 on newspaper ads, which gives a net loss of \$600 from the advertising. He adds that we cannot expect all ads to be as profitable as that one because it had the free advertising with the front page highlight, but he expects it to actually be profitable this time with 4 times the advertising space. He figures safe bets bring in \$800 extra dollars per one of those, turning it positive this time but he is wondering if it is really the most “bang for the buck” for how much money they bring in for how much they spend. Sarah clarifies by saying they gained \$1000 off of that one D&C ad she showed but she spent \$1600 total on 12 ads between the Genessee Valley Penny Saver and the Livingston County News. The D&C article for free because they picked up the story and thought it would be the best thing to do on the weekend. Buddy asks if she has any numbers for what the other ads actually brought in. Sarah answers that she does, but not with her. Mock Trial asks if they are advertising in other news articles as well or are they mainly focusing on the D&C? Sarah says the others have already been set up and paid for over the summer. The D&C reaches out to the Greater Rochester area and reaches many more people. Tushara forgot to ask if it is in print or on their website too? Sarah says yes both. Nicolette appreciates how prepared she has been these past two weeks.

*Second of Two Readings Passes 6-0-1 with Alexis abstaining*

### New Business

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Kevin introduces himself and adds that it is good to see everyone. The National Democracy Matters organization that they are affiliated with provides the rooms, the speakers, everything but transportation and the last meal on Saturday night before coming back. They are asking for money for gas and that last dinner. At the conference they will be hearing from various speakers, such as Zephyr Teachout from the Democratic primary. They will be doing a lot of workshops on how to be more effective campus organizers and how to be more educated on issues such as campus finance reform. The conference was open to all members and made it so anyone who was interested could come. Harry opens the floor to questions. Billy asks if he has been to the conference before? Kevin answers that he has-he went last year and it’s a lot of people who know a lot about the issues and have been involved with them for a long time. The people who run Democracy Matters are two Colgate professors who are knowledgeable. Mock Trial points out that the 5 people attending are upperclassmen and asks Kevin why? Kevin says that it is largely based on how the club has its membership. They just have a lot of juniors and only have a couple underclassman. He adds that they meet on Mondays at 8:30PM and encourages underclassmen to join. Harry opens the floor to discussion: Billy says that Kevin has provided him with a confirmation from Democracy Matters that they are registered for the conference.

*First of Two Readings passes 6-0-1 with Gina abstaining*

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Gina chairs the Alliance for Community Enrichment committee which contains nine cultural clubs. She is planning on having a retreat this semester that will include going to a museum and dinner to share goals for the semester to have a cohesive relationship. She requests funding from SA for the break-down included in the agenda. Harry opens the floor to questions. Billy asks when do they plan on doing business? Gina responds with next month on the 20<sup>th</sup> but she is still waiting for people to get back to her with the dates. Billy then asks when during the day is she scheduling a time to do business? Gina says they will leave here at 3:00PM, get to Rochester around 3:45PM, go to the museum and start doing business around 5:30PM before dinner. Nicolette asks where \$0.50 per mile comes from? Gina answers that she got it from the van rental on campus. Patty asks if they have an approved driver to drive the 12-passenger van? Gina says yes- her adviser Miss Fatima. Alexis asks why they have to pay for mileage? Patty responds that the pool that they usually draw from is running low and they have to ask for money in that case. Buddy wonders why there is a discrepancy between \$0.22 per mile for the clubs and \$0.50 for this. Kevin answers that it is a 12-passenger van and Patty says that's what the college bills to use the van. Buddy says he understands, but when students have to use their own vehicles to drive, are they are spending twice as much per mile or are they being under reimbursed? Billy says the \$0.22 per mile hasn't been changed in over 12 years and they have been considering changing that in financial policy. He points out that it would be like driving two separate mini-vans and would even out. Harry says it's a good point. Mock Trial asks if there is a chance it will go into effect in the near future? Billy says the SA retreat is on the 8<sup>th</sup> and it is one of their big topics, along with the referendum. Hopefully it will get done by April if it is going to get done. Harry opens the floor to Discussion. Billy thinks it would be helpful to solidify the date and time by next week. The business part is a big part of the retreat so it would be helpful to see.

*First of Two Readings passes 6-0-1 with Gina abstaining*

80-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the USAEC Constitution.

Tom Hartvigsen introduces himself as the USAEC chair. In light of upcoming SA elections, he is proposing a change to the USAEC constitution by proposing to remove sections C and D. They read that there will be one "abstain" option for every position and there will be one "no confidence" option for every uncontested position. This is because they are switching to Knightweb, which only has 5 options so by having one option be abstain, another to be no confidence, and a third be a write in, there can only be two candidates running for any position. He is not saying that they will no longer use them, he is saying it would take away the mandatory usage. Harry opens the floor to questions. Buddy asks if they have talked to anyone about expanding the number of possible spots. Tom says as far as he knows, they can't. Kevin, Democracy Matters, asks for clarification on if it was an uncontested position, wouldn't it be the one candidate and the no confidence option? Tom says yeah, but if one position has like 5 people running for it the others could not have a no confidence option (he thinks?) because it has to be equal for all of them. Harry clarifies by saying this shift is happening because there is no longer Knightlink as a voting system. These changes would allow us the flexibility to make accommodations based on the system that offers a limited amount of spaces. They are not eliminating the option of an abstain vote, a no confidence vote, or a write in vote, they are just allowing all candidates to be able to run. Kevin points out that if it was only one person running unopposed, which leaves a second spot for a no confidence option. Tushara asks that because they are keeping the write in space, couldn't someone write in "no confidence" Tom says yes- that is the idea that that space will be there so people could write in no confidence or abstain if they wish to. Kevin shares that he was USAEC chair last semester and thought that no confidence was an important part when there was opponents. He sees no situation where there would be an uncontested election where they would need more than three spots: the candidate, the no confidence, and the write in. Harry reminds everyone that we are still in questions. Buddy asks if we were to state in the instructions on the ballot that we could instruct anyone wishing to abstain to do so in the write in option., would that not eliminate the need to eliminate section C because it would be presenting the abstain option for every position? Harry rephrases the question to Tom because he did not understand. Tom says yes. The idea behind it is if you want to abstain, just don't vote! Harry opened the floor to discussion. Buddy says that Kevin is right in cases when there are only two spots, one of which could easily say no confidence. That option is important when running a democratic election. We need to mention at the top that you can abstain and how if that option is not included. It is important to enable people to not vote for a candidate if they do not wish to. Kevin adds that he understands it is a hard job and that they are working with a difficult system but from his experience, the abstain was pointless because nothing is stopping you from not voting if you didn't want to. He understands there would be other ways to vote no confidence on Knightweb but worries that when the school moves on from this system that the option will never come back. Someone shouldn't win solely because no one else ran for the position. WAC says abstaining by not voting may just appear as that no one voted and not as though anyone abstained. She also says directions need to be clear because she is confused. Paul suggests to pass it the first week so we can all talk about it, look into more options, and then decide next week. Billy says he thinks we can keep D without it being a big deal because if it is an uncontested position it would be under 5 options. Buddy reinforces that it is vital to keep C and D because with technology write in space. He suggests that we simply rewrite the code for Knightweb to be able to carry more spaces for the voting. Paul counters that if Knightweb says it can't do more than 5 options, it can't do more than 5 options. Patty clarifies by saying that it is through "Banner", which is delivered to the college. We could ask, but it might not be deliverable. Tushara thinks the language is viable because it says for uncontested positions, the no confidence option would be given, and thus making 3 choices. C should be eliminated or modified according to the language of the text. Nicolette points out by removing these sections, we would have freed up some possibilities for the voting, not be eliminating them and thinks we should discuss over the next week. She adds that Kate has researched this thoroughly. Buddy is against passing something just to have better discussion next week. He thinks we should table it instead. Mock Trial asks if there is an advantage to pass this reading this week over tabling it? Paul says that it is a two week reading, so we can deal with it for three weeks or two. Nicolette says the advantage is to passing it tonight because of the timeline for elections to be before spring break. Kevin seconds that because he knows the USAEC Chair has a hard timeline and it would give him more time to advertise the elections. Mock Trial defers his judgment to the e-board since time is

of the essence. Buddy says with the way C is written, there will be one abstain option, not a separate abstain option. We can combine the “abstain” and “write in” as long as we specify that you can abstain in the write in space. He would also prefer we table it this week and turn it into a one week reading next week. WAC is sure the e-board knows what’s best in most cases and in accordance with the strict election timeline. Billy points out we have reached a circular argument. He advises Tom to clarify things for next week, but he calls to question. Paul seconds the motion.

*First of Two Readings passes 7-0-0*

### **Open Discussion**

-Billy informs everyone that \$100 of the comprehensive fee of the semester bill goes toward SA. The lucky folks whose clubs are in the room get to use that money as part of being a funded organization. Every year there is budget review as part of that process. If you want funding for next year, you can follow the information in the packet. Packets include a detailed timeline, starting with the distribution of the memo. It says all of the expectations they have, and if anyone has any concerns or any questions they can contact him. The signups will be up all week. All hearings are in the Union and are conducted by himself and whoever else is available from the committee. Kate will be there and Breann, the recording secretary will be there for some. The hearings will take place from February 11<sup>th</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup> with a deliberation period to follow. Preliminary budgets will be sent out March 6<sup>th</sup> and on the 13<sup>th</sup> you can submit an appeal. As part of change to financial policies from last year over some confusion, Billy will be meeting with all clubs who submit an appeal before the meetings start on April 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a very detailed timeline so there is a calendar provided in the packet. The packet also includes some details on how to create a good budget. Financial policy information is also included on if you do not turn your budget in on time, there will be a 10% deduction and you cannot ask for more than the previous year. If you are late to your budget hearing without telling him, you will not be allowed to ask for more if you don’t let him know before 4:30PM the previous day. Budgets are due on Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Prepare a rationale with why you need those expenses, conference requests, etc. Billy asks if there is any questions. WAC asks where the packets are. Billy says up front.

-GAGG reminds everyone of “Running GAGG” and that it will be fun with games, prizes, and a charity auction to benefit the Ronald McDonald house containing signed posters of voice actors.

-Paul asks to see Women’s Rugby after the meeting.

### **Adjournment 7:06PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Coffaro  
SA Recording Secretary