

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 #24 Wednesday, March 4, 2015

<i>Executive Committee</i>	
President:	Harry Dole
Vice-President:	Paul Michael
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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
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Call to Order: 6:22PM

Approval of the Agenda: Passes 7-0-0

Approval of the Minutes: Passes 7-0-0

Updates

President, Harry Dole updates: He apologizes for the late start. He asks people to not use smartphones, tablets, or laptops, during the readings out of respect for the presenters and the money being allocated.

Vice-President, Paul Michael updates: The club sports meeting was today and they approved the new bylaws. The anti-hazing meetings will be coming up soon for club sports members. Also, vote “mandatory” for student activity fees and vote to increase the amount by \$5 to keep supporting all of the clubs.

Director of Business Affairs, Billy Fagan updates: Budget review committee met on Monday to do the final review of all the budgets. They are working on finalizing them to be in mailboxes by Friday.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Caroline Goldschein updates: IRC PR committee has been tabling and asking students what they love about the mandatory student activity fee and to take a picture with a white board saying their message.

Director of Public Relations, Nicolette Lukacs updates: Referendum voting starts on Monday and goes through Wednesday. You can stay up to date on election info at sa.geneseo.edu. She asks for everyone’s support; vote to keep activity fees mandatory and support a \$5 increase. She has cards to hand out.

Director of Academic Affairs, Tushara Surapaneni updates: March 9th is the last day for professor recognition nominations. There will be a subcommittee to review those nominations. It is a one-time quick commitment and anyone can email her for more information. “Rock Your Semester” will be March 25th with the syllabi from every department. English club is selling sweatshirts outside the English department for \$25 on the second floor of Wells. Cothurnus is having auditions for the “Rocky Horror Picture Show” on March 6th at 5:30 and March 7th from 3:00PM-5:00PM and callbacks are on Sunday. Physics club is having a trip to the Corning Museum of Glass with tickets for \$5 outside of the physics office in the ISC.

Director of Student Affairs, Gina Villazhinay updates: Pride is having a Drag Ball at the Knightsport on Friday from 10:00PM-3:00AM. LSA is having Sabor Latino in the Ballroom on Saturday at 5:30PM. Shakti’s Sangamam dinner is April 4th at 6:00PM in the Ballroom. The Budget advocacy trip to Albany is on March 26th. They will be leaving the union at 6:00AM and returning at night. They will be advocating for an increase in TAP funding, and keeping public higher education affordable. Tickets are at the SA Ticket Office for \$5 refundable deposit.

Director of Student Programming Alexis O’Hara updates: Friday at 7:00PM in the Hunt Room, “Interstellar” will be playing. There is an opportunity to win free movies. At 9:00PM in the Kinetic Gallery there is music, free coffee mugs and free hot chocolate. On Saturday at 7:00PM in the Hunt Room “Gone Girl” will be playing.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: Kate asks to see the BSU rep after the meeting; and says there will be a check run on March 11th and March 18th but not on the 25th.

Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: Remember to vote!

Open Updates

Mock Trial shares they will be moving onto the national circuit for the first time. They thank SA for their generosity toward them.

Sports Medicine Club is having trivia tonight at 7:30in Bailey 209.

Cheerleading is selling chocolate bars in the Union for \$1from 11:00AM-5:00PM.

Bella advertises that if anyone wants safe-zone training they can email pride@geneseo.edu.

Old Business

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She shares that nothing much has changed except for the fact that they are asking for \$400 instead of \$350 to account for the IFC rental fee. Harry opens the floor to questions. Billy asks if this is the fee to book the space or the security deposit. She says it is the rental fee. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Billy motions to change the amount of the reading from \$350 to \$400 and it is seconded by Alexis. There is no questions or discussion on the motion. The motion masses 7-0-0. There is no further discussion on the reading.

Second of Two Readings Passes 7-0-0

104-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$25,900.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to Crew Club, Acct 1402 to purchase a M2 EL8+ crew shell.

Nicole and Brandon are representing Crew and asking for help with the down payment of a used men's boat. They don't have a recent boat that is newer than 15 years old. This is a good deal because it is new to them but is used. They have committed to giving SA fundraising reports every semester in order to keep themselves accountable and on track with their fundraising. Harry opens the floor to questions. Buddy asks if they need the whole \$25,900. Nicole says she thinks that is the way it has to be because that is the total amount the boat is worth. The reading listed is an up-to amount but they are only asking SA for \$8,600. Mock Trial, Max, asks about the lifespan of a boat being 10 years and how their 15 year old boat is still standing. She says they have some that are older than 15 years old but it is all they have. They are stretching the use of them and anything older than 15 years is not race ready. Paul asks about a fundraising update every semester. Nicole says yes of course. Billy says Nicole provided the exec board with a fundraising timeline and wants her to share it with everyone. She shares that their goal is that they will have a little bit over \$3,000 left in the account after this year and that will be saved. The fundraising dinner will bring in about \$6,000-\$8,000 net profit and that will be used. It is the 25th anniversary of the club so they are having an alumni row the same weekend as the dinner. They have heard that the alumni want that and it will bring in money. They are launching a boat-naming plan to name a boat or a seat in the boat. That would raise \$4,000-\$6,000. The Erg-a-thon will bring in about \$2,000. They have more people this year so the event should be more of a success. Buddy asks why the reading doesn't need to be amended to say what they are actually allocating. Harry says it is for transparency with accounting even though they are only giving \$8,600. Kate says that is the value of the boat so that has to be put into permanent equipment. On the off chance Crew does not make all the payments, it will fall back onto SA so that has to be documented. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Art club says she hopes the new equipment serves them well. Billy says he hopes they can make the last women's 8 payment by October and if not it can be moved to give them more of a gap between payments. Billy moves to change the description of the reading to add Crew providing bi-semester reports of the fundraising efforts to the SA exec board. There are no questions on the motion. Fencing supports the clearness of the fundraising report. The motion passes 7-0-0. There is no further discussion on the reading.

Second of Two Readings Passes 7-0-0

105-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,128.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to Fencing Club, Acct 1002 to purchase an Electronic Scoring System.

Julien says there is not too much new news. Julien addresses Billy's concerns of a new eboard not doing it the same for the club as they currently are. They are going to have elections tomorrow instead of the end of the semester so they can be trained all semester and be ready to take over next year without just being thrown in. He shares that the Fencing Club account has \$66 in the supplies line. They will move that money to the correct line and use it for shipping. He says Kate asked him about using the \$66 for any other supplies this semester but he doesn't think so because it is such a small amount of money. This works well for this reading and they don't have to ask for more money. They had their meeting with UPD and they want to move the storage closet to their practice location. There is still a disagreement between them and the club about whether it is a weapon or sporting equipment. The Lamron has graciously allowed them to publish an article in tomorrow's paper. They are going to build a strongly worded petition to gain support after spring break. Harry opens the floor to questions. Nicolette asks what the amendment amount for the reading will be. He says \$1,030. The shipping is around \$58 and the amount on the reading is too high to begin with. They just need to add up the baseline cost of what that is. Billy says it is \$1,030. Harry opens the floor to discussion. There is some discussion and confusion on the UPD issue and whether it is relevant to the reading. Julien says he will talk more in open discussion but it is not relevant to the reading because the club will continue to happen no matter what. UPD is not trying to get rid of the club, just change how they operate. Tushara motions to amend the amount of the reading to \$1,030 and Alexis seconds the motion. There is no questions on the motion. Julien says he will do the necessary actions to move the shipping money. The motion masses 7-0-0. Billy says he is glad about the new leadership styles in the club and that it will promote success in the future.

Second of Two Readings Passes 7-0-0

New Business

106-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the appointment of Jarred Okosun, Colleen Cummings, Caitlin Toth, and James Clarke to serve as justices on the Student Court for the remainder of their respective academic tenures at SUNY Geneseo.

Harry says the Student Court has been an organization on campus for a very long time but its services have not been needed. In year's past, people were appointed for the tenure of their undergraduate career. The membership has fizzled in time and they found out the court exists of only one member. He sent out a lot of emails and received over 12 applications for 4 open spots. He made the final decisions based on the applications and talked with the Chief Justice, Josh. He chose students from the younger age groups so they would last longer on the court. They have all different experience levels and have different involvements on campus. These officers will be trained but the training will be difficult because they haven't had to train anyone in so long. He will contact Josh and Kate on how the training shall occur. Paul opens the floor to questions. Mock Trial, Max, asks what Student Court does and if it is similar to a conduct board. They are loosely similar. The Student Court does not provide any sanctions but they are an appeals process. They can appeal any decision that the Student Association makes. It is similar to a checks-and-balances system. Patty says the last time the Student Court was almost used was when the SA elections were within 5 votes and the lesser-voted student could appeal for a revote. Buddy says he is now more confused than he was before. He asks if they act as an arbiter that makes decisions or as a mediator who encourages decisions to be made. Harry says it depends on the circumstance. They can make recommendations to the exec committee but cannot force them to make any decisions unless it is in the case of impeachment. Paul says they are final on impeachments but it is just recommendations on other sanctions. The Lamron asks about the bias of the fact that he chose the members that act as a check on the exec board. Harry says this has come up before- it is a responsibility of the SA president but he is looking into the issue. He made sure to consult others in the decision of who to appoint and consulted the Chief Justice and Kate before choosing the new candidates. Mock Trial, Max, asks why the court fell out of use. Harry says the most common reason it may be used is rare and many organizations don't know what it is. He also thinks that in the majority of instances where it is used, they only get a recommendation so it is easier to just talk to the exec committee directly. He would like to make SA more communicative and stable organization. Billy says he thinks the Chief Justice is a senior and so is Harry, so how will it be maintained as an active entity after them. Harry says elections are really early this year so he can train his successor about all of the smaller details. He will also include it in his year-end report. Paul opens the floor to discussion but there is none.

First and Only Reading Passes 6-0-0 with Paul not voting.

107-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Inter-Residence Council Bylaws.

Caroline says each year IRC helps students go to NEACURH and NACURH. They bring people to these meetings to learn about programming in the residence halls and campus-wide programming. She has two people on her board that serve as National Communications Coordinators and they serve the northeast region and nationally at conferences. Sometimes they are restricted in the number of people that can go to the conferences, so having two people that automatically always go limits the number of other members that can attend. She says having a co-position also leaves room for miscommunication. She has talked to so many people, including the current position holders, and wants to make it a one-person position. Harry opens the floor to questions. Mock Trial Max asks why she feels the position can be served well with only one person. She says there is always some miscommunication and it is hard to have people come together to make one decision. It can be done by one person and at most other schools it is only done with one person. Billy asks about the second amendment included in her bylaws. Caroline says it clarifies their election procedures. They get a proxy if they need to step out during election and reading processes. Harry opens the floor to discussion but there is none.

First of Two Readings Passes 6-0-1 with Caroline abstaining

108-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$475.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Ultimate Frisbee, Account 1411, to provide funding for bids to sectionals.

Dylan Peterson is asking for an increase to the tournament line for sectionals. It is too early to tell where they will be but the cost is \$250 for each team for sectionals. They have \$550 in their budget currently, but that is allocated to two other tournaments. They have had a big flux of members this year so they have needed more money all semester due to attending more tournaments. He says if they do well at sectionals, they will move onto regionals. Harry opens the floor to questions. Tushara asks if there is a chance they won't be accepted because it is called a bid but Dylan says they will be going regardless and that it is just a registration fee. Buddy asks why the representative signature line is blank on the Budget Increase request form. He says he doesn't know why but he will sign it later. Billy asks what kind of teams they play. Dylan says teams in the same section. Tushara asks if they have money for anything else they may need like travel. He says yes. Kate asks if they know when it will be. Their SA rep says it could be April 11/12 or April 18/19. Mock Trial, Max, asks when they will know the exact date. He says in maybe 2 weeks. Harry opens the floor to discussion and Billy says if anything changes to just let them know.

First of Two Readings Passes 7-0-0

109-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$99.99 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Outing Club, Account 1923, to provide funding for renewal of the GPS-SOS coverage.

Outing Club is asking for an increase to renew their subscription to their GPS-SOS system that is taken on backpacking trips. The system is taken on all trips but is crucial for the Appalachian Trail trip to make sure everyone is safe. The device comes with a website page that people can log into and track progress and see that everyone is safe. In the event that an SOS would need to be sent out, local first responders and rescue personnel will receive the signal and come help. It is really helpful for the safety of the hikers. Harry opens the floor to questions. Mock Trial, Max, asks how many trips they take that uses the system. Breann says typically three trips but it all depends on demand. Paul asks how many people typically go on the trips. Breann says it is dependent on the weather. Less people go in the cold weather but there is 8 people attending the Appalachian Trail trip over break. Billy asks if it provides email updates or text updates. Breann says it updates a website that people can login and check. Tushara asks why the club did not add the renewal of this into their budget this year. Breann says the renewal came up right after the new budget was submitted so it was just an oversight. Harry opens the floor to discussion and Alexis says they could appeal their budget when it comes out and add the activation in.

First of Two Readings Passes 7-0-0

Open Discussion

Paul says the issue with student caucus is that people don't really know what it is so split into subcommittees. One committee puts together a report on where they are involved. Anyone can look up the Student Senate Report and should read it.

Julien says to check out The Lamron article. They are moving forward with what they have planned regarding the UPD issue and they would appreciate real support in the willingness to resolve these policy issues. Anyone can email them at fencing@geneseo.edu.

Alexis says she placed rack cards on the tables for the upcoming AC elections after spring break. She also says to buy Mary Lambert tickets.

Buddy asks about the SA constitution change and he wonders if there is an open dialogue about these changes. Harry says the majority of the changes are rolling over from the last academic year. Not enough students voted last time so they were not passed with a 2/3 vote to be entered. The changes are the same and he will publish them on the SA website for review and people can vote on whether they agree not. Buddy says the election date is not correct on the website and they could not find the date anywhere online. Nicolette says she is working on it currently.

LSA is tabling all week for their Sabor Latino dinner.

Billy thinks Buddy brought up a good point about the constitution changes. He would feel more comfortable going over the changes again because most people weren't here. Mock Trial would like to see the changes revisited and would like to take a more active role.

Nicolette says to support IRC's tabling in the Union and to vote "mandatory" for the referendum.

Adjournment 7:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Coffaro
Recording Secretary