

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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<i>Executive Committee</i>	
President:	Harry Dole
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93 *Open Discussion.*

93 *Adjournment*

Call to Order: 6:15PM

Approval of the Agenda: 7-0-0

Approval of the Minutes: 7-0-0

Updates

President, Harry Dole updates: He forgot his updates, but will send them out on the SA-1 list serve.

Vice-President, Paul Michael updates: There is a Club Sports Association meeting next Wednesday, April 8th at 3:30PM. The first anti-hazing meeting was on Monday. There will be some next week maybe on Monday and Wednesday but he will send out an email.

Director of Business Affairs, Billy Fagan updates: Budget appeals are happening this week. Next week he will bring the budget to the exec committee and he will communicate any changes to the clubs but he doesn't see anything major coming. If you didn't appeal and you still aren't happy with the budget, there are budget increases next year so take advantage of that. Next week he will bring in changes to financial policy.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Caroline Goldschein updates: IRC elections are happening on Monday. The Facebook event for the Festival of Color is up! The event is Tuesday, May 5th.

Director of Public Relations, Nicolette Lukacs updates: SA Merit awards are available online and can be found on the SA website under forms and documents. She will be putting it on the home screen soon.

Director of Academic Affairs, Tushara Surapaneni updates: AAC elections are on April 14th and the letters of intent to run are due to her email by Friday the 10th. Quiz Bowl is on April 25th in the Knightspot at 1:00PM. It is general quiz questions and it doesn't cost anything to enter but there will be prizes. Philosophy club is hosting a water pong tournament on April 24th at 2:00PM in the Knightspot. It is \$2 to register a team.. Phi Delta Epsilon is hosting a medical talk tonight at 7:00PM in Doty Hall.

Director of Student Affairs, Gina Villazhinay updates: GCCC is bringing in a speaker in the Ballroom on April 16th at 7:00PM. Pride is having the "LGTBQ+ Fine By Me" at 7:00PM in Newton 202 on April 9th. Shakti is having their cultural dinner on Saturday in the ballroom and the doors open at 5:30PM.

Director of Student Programming Alexis O'Hara updates: This Friday KINO will be playing Birdman at 7:00PM in the Kinetic Gallery. Limelights and Accents has their last show on Saturday. It starts at 7:00pm and is a Celtic Rock group "The Elders."

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: No updates.

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

Open Updates

GAGG will be hosting their last mini-con coming up on the last Saturday of April. The League of Legends club is having a tournament in mid-April.

Old Business

Tabled Business:

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Billy motions to un-table the reading and Paul seconds it. Harry opens the floor to questions on the motion. Mock Trial asks why the reading was tabled. Harry said because there was questions on the inclusion of insurance in the rental cost. There is no discussion on the motion. The motion passes to un-table the reading 7-0-0.

The festival is in Washington, DC next week. They will volunteer and perform traditional dancing. They are asking for help covering the lodging and travel fees. He called Enterprise to ask about whether the rental fees included insurance or not and they told him it does not. They are requesting an additional \$317.58 to cover insurance costs of the rental. They will be asking for \$1,481.06 in total. Harry opens the floor to questions. Kate asks what the total was and Harry said \$1,481.06. Kate asks if the hotel reservation is still at

the same cost and the SA rep said yes. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Billy clarifies that the insurance is \$52.93 per day for 3 days for 4 cars. SA will cover half of that cost. He motions to amend the reading to the new cost and Nicolette seconds. There are no questions or discussion on the motion and it passes 7-0-0. Kate says if the reading passes to come see her tomorrow.

Second of Two Readings 7-0-0

Old Business:

120-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$65.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Art Club, Account 1002, to provide funding for professional artist workshops.

Nothing has changed since last week. They are requesting \$30 for a professional model for a figure drawing workshop and \$35 for a puppetry workshop from a theatre professional. Harry opens the floor to questions but there is none. Harry opens the floor to discussion. GAGG says to let everyone know when they know the dates of the workshops. Nicolette says she has heard compliments from people that they think this is a great program for such a low cost.

Second of Two Readings Passes 7-0-0

121-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$900.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to MTC, Account 1602, to create a new line for tech services fees.

MTC is looking for an increase to cover the SA tech fees for their Spring Revue. They are looking to cover the cost of their two members to oversee the tech services for their two shows. They heard back from SA tech and the show will actually be \$820.00 so she wants to change the amount requested to \$900.00. Harry opens the floor to questions. Nicolette asks what the need is for asking for more than the \$820.00 they need. She says they have never had to do this before so it is in case there is any overages and they can use this year as a baseline for coming years. Kate asks the exec board if they can switch the reading to read "create a new line for tech services" so it sets it apart from the line that pays for the musical. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Billy says he supports what Kate said. Nicolette motions to amend the reading to change the reading wording and amend the dollar amount. Paul seconds the motion. There is no questions or discussion on the motion. The motion passes 7-0-0. No further discussion.

Second of Two Readings Passes 7-0-0

122-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,400.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to WAC, Account 1903, to provide funding for a speaker to attend Sexual Assault Awareness Week on 4/18 .

They are hopefully bringing in a well-known slam poet as their finale for Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Harry opens the floor to questions. Billy asks if the dollar amount is still the same and Amelia says yes. Harry opens the floor to discussion but there is none.

Second of Two Readings Passes 7-0-0

New Business

124-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allow Art Club, Account 1002, to fundraise up to \$130.00 towards their Bracelet Sale from 4/20-4/24.

They will be fundraising in the Union for art supplies and future speakers. They are making wire/bead bracelets in the Union. The wire assures they will fit anyone. They will be sold \$3 for 1 and \$5 for 2. Harry opens the floor to questions. GAGG asks when they will be tabling and she says April 20th-April 24th. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Buddy tried on the bracelet and says it is comfortable. Nicolette and Paul clarify the prices of the bracelets.

First and Only Reading Passes 7-0-0

125-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allow MTC, Account 1602, to fundraise up to \$200.00 towards their Spring Revue fundraiser from 4/18-4/19.

Their show is the 18th and 19th of April and they are asking for permission to have a suggested donation box. The suggested donation would be \$1 because they are not allowed to charge for the show due to copyright issues. Harry opens the floor to questions. Mock Trial asks how they estimated bringing in \$200. She says they anticipate bringing in 100 people per show and hopefully everyone will donate at least \$1 or even more. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Buddy suggests raising the amount of the reading so they have room to bring in more money. Paul asks Buddy how much he suggests they change it to. Buddy says to stay on the side of caution, he would say \$500. Kevin asks what happens if they raise more than that and Kate says it goes into their account. There is talk about the need for an arbitrary amount then for the reading and it is decided the language maybe needs to be changed in the future.

First and Only Reading Passes 7-0-0

126-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allow Amnesty International, Account 1910, to fundraise up to \$200.00 towards their Jamnesty event from 4/24-4/25.

Jamnesty is April 24th from 9:00PM-1:00AM in the MCU Plaza. They will have two bands playing, there will be food, games, and prizes. It is cosponsored by Peace Action and GEO. They are hoping to raise awareness on campus about human rights. Stitches will be selling knit flower pins and the slam poets will be selling little poem books. Harry opens the floor to questions. Billy asks if this is more of a suggested donation. For Amnesty, it is a suggested donation but Stitches and the slam poets will be selling things and half of the profits go to Amnesty. Kate asks if GLK knows if they are doing a fundraiser too because GLK events are typically free. She says yes and then Kate asks where the money raised is going. Taylor says to the club for their budget. Kate says you can't use GLK money to raise money for your organization. Taylor says the money will be going to pay their chapter fee so it will be getting donated to the larger Amnesty International. Mock Trial clarifies that Stitches will be receiving half of the money and Amnesty International will receive the other portion. She says yes, but the Stitches rep adds that they will be donating all of their portion to Amnesty International. Patty says Stitches will have to do a fundraising request too. Billy asks if they have met their income line yet. Taylor says she is unsure if they have or not. Nicolette asks what the MCU plaza is and Taylor says the patio outside the Union. Kate says she would feel more comfortable if SA Exec could table the reading until Stitches puts in their reading and so she can talk to GLK about this event. Kevin says this is unfair if they have already gone through the work of talking to GLK. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Caroline motions to table the reading and Billy seconds it. There is no questions on the motion. Billy says to work with GLK and Kate this week to work it out. Buddy says they need a system for when a club is approved for a grant that SA is given an alert notice so they have it on file. Kevin said he has never seen this before in all his years here and it seems that they are just making this hard for the club. The motion passes 7-0-0 and the reading is tabled.

First and Only Reading is tabled.

127-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$50,000.00 from Discretionary Allocation Funds, Account 4000, to fund the 2015-2016 Undergraduate Research and Travel Grant Program.

Ann Baldwin is the Director of Sponsored Research. She works with the Research Council on the grant sub-committee. The interim Vice President for Advancement, John Hysell, is there as well. He thanks SA for previously supporting the travel grants. He was previously reading Thank-you notes from students who took advantage of this opportunity and has found that the students love it. Ann said this program is to allow students to experience some scholarly work in all fields. It was created in the 1988-1989 year. It provides support to students in all academic fields. Students must have a GPA of 2.5 and students must attend one grant writing workshop in their time here to be able to apply. The need for this money is growing every year. There is a student grant subcommittee comprised of 4 faculty members and 2 representatives from SA (Harry and Tushara). She and Patty are the administrators of the program with the committee. The program has grown dramatically and they are currently at the highest point-largest dollar amount and largest amount of awards. There has been a 4100% increase in the program since its conception. The Research Council has made some adjustments to the program. They have lowered the max amount per person from \$650 to \$600 and capped the group project amount at \$1,500, down from \$1,800. They have added an April deadline for summer funding and that is new. SA sets rates for travel, food, and lodging that they use in their travel reimbursements. They have more travel expenses than pure research requests because some research does not require money but all traveling does. The money has increased to its highest amount this year. The average award this year was \$449 per student but they were able to fund more students. They have added a table to the presentation of the awards for the past 5 years that breaks up the distribution of awards by department. Some departments tend to receive more grants, but they are open to every student who applies equally. It is a supportive program and every application is usually passed if the application is filled out correctly. The only way something is not funded is it is not the correct avenue for the funding they want (ex: study abroad). 98% of submitted applications are funded. There are more benefits to this program than just the tangible- more confidence, professional development, and more self-esteem. It allows students to be dramatically changed. Harry opens the floor to questions. Mock Trial says we have seen an increase in the number of awards given and a decrease in the dollar amount requested and asks for an explanation. Ann says it is all student driven- students are sharing more, going to closer meetings, finding ways to cut costs, and many other things. Buddy says lots of the liberal arts programs do not need money for research but need money for a conference. Sometimes the acceptance is not around a time when the workshops are being held. He suggests making more workshops to cover all students. Ann says they encourage students to submit for funding before they have been accepted and then submit the confirmation when they receive it. They have added a 4th deadline to help with this. Billy asks why the Foundation has promised to provide \$50,000 for next year but have previously given \$80,000. Ann says they tap into the faculty travel grant fund because it is not used but they don't want to promise that out front in case it doesn't happen. Billy asks why they are asking for a \$7,500 increase from the Student Association as opposed to the Foundation. Ann says the faculty reserves are almost exhausted because of past use. They are not confident they would get the increase from the Foundation and they are trying to avoid lowering the maximum award amount. John adds that they project what they want to raise before they have raised it so he is hesitant to promise something before he is sure it is absolute. Casey asks Billy how much of a "bite" this takes out of the discretionary fund. Billy says he thinks it is around \$350,000 at the moment. Paul asks why they are asking for \$50,000 this year. They say the dollar amount has increased because the number of grant applications has increased. More students are applying for the grants than previously and they even spend more than what is allocated to them on a conference. Billy asks how they advertise this program to students. Ann says Patty sends out reminder emails to students, faculty receives emails to tell students, and they have a website where information is available. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Buddy says it makes sense to increase the funding in light of the increased demand and our ability to meet it. He does not feel comfortable with the misappropriation of faculty funds so he supports the increase in funding from SA. In reference to his prior concerns about the workshop deadlines, he also does not feel comfortable applying for funding for something he has not yet been approved for. Tushara says the workshops are important because writing a

proposal is such a different process than any other writing we do. It helps students realize the worth of their project. She also says the extra money you don't use gets put back into the collection. Quidditch adds that he has attended a conference and the experience was invaluable. John adds that it is not misappropriating funds from the professor travel grants because there is no demand for it. It is done in a transparent way to get the full utilization out of the Foundation money. GAGG says it is awesome that the school helps offset the cost of the research because it is such an important part of moving forward for graduate school. Tushara talks about the raise in gas reimbursement offsetting the increase. If the gas reimbursement amount is increased to \$0.40 per mile, that will affect the payment output of the program. Paul is uncomfortable with the \$7,500 increase. He thinks it is a big jump from last year and says that last year they said they wouldn't increase the amount this year and they are. Mock trial says although he does not need the grants as a history major, he supports the need for this program to provide this experience to students who need it. Buddy says that if SA increases a club's budget to give out free t-shirts, they need to support this too. Harry reminds everyone to keep things appropriate. Tushara will be abstaining from the reading because she is on the committee. Billy suggests people talk with their friends about this reading for next week because it is such a large amount of money.

First of Two Readings Passes 5-0-2 with Tushara and Gina abstaining

128-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the stipend allocations for Fall 2015 through Spring 2017.

Minimum wage has increased so they have to increase the stipends. They want the president of SA to be in the office the most to have structural integrity so that stipend has been increased. Paul says they ran into the idea of having stipend review every year to avoid people ruining other student's futures in the position for two years to come. He brings up raising the stipend amount in the future to encourage students to run for these positions over an off-campus job. The proposal is for 30+ positions, so he will answer any questions. Harry opens the floor to questions. Caroline asks how many people are on the committee and Paul says 4 plus him. She then asks how he chose them. Paul says there was an application process that was announced. He received 7-8 applications. He had someone from IRC, Greek life, Activities Commission, and someone involved in student caucus. Mock trial asks what the AAC Peer Advisement review and the P&P position are for. Alexis says the P&P position is for advertising for all 9 programming boards and Activities Commission as a whole. Tushara says their new position ensures each academic club and the AAC clubs hold a peer advising event once a semester to advise their members. It is aimed to get more peer advisement on campus. Nicolette asks how he chose them and Paul said he had an application position. Mock trial asks about two new positions. Alexis says they added a PR position to be the face of the activities position. Tushara says they have added a peer advisement coordinator position to assure all academic clubs hold a peer advisement meeting to foster student peer advisement. Erin says one position for the communications position for IRC has been eliminated in a previous reading so does that change how the budget is allocated. Paul said the committee didn't see the benefit of the position being funded whether it was one or two people in the job and didn't need it funded either way. Caroline asks how they derived the guidelines that they used in deciding if a position deserved a stipend or not. Paul says they saw the relative importance of the positions in reference to the other positions, how they presented their positions in their interview, and part of it was the current stipend info they presented in the meeting. Christine asks if they would entertain looking at more work periods than the suggested two weeks because it could have been a slow week for the period they requested. Paul said nothing stops people from bringing in more than the required amount of information to the meetings. There is no limitations, but they ask for a rationale and a stipend from a certain period of time. Caroline asks why this was decided in November but it is just being brought up now. Paul says the mandatory fee vote was this year, and they wanted to wait to present the increases upon the decision of the referendum. They didn't want to ask for an 18% increase if the referendum didn't pass. Tyler asks if there is an appeals process and Paul says this is it. There is nothing in the finance policy about an appeals process. Caroline asks about why the IRC vice chair position, the "goings on" Lamron position, and the IRC campus careers position did not receive stipends. Paul says goings-on did not even submit any paperwork for a stipend. CRC was a structurally interesting position, but they do not provide a big benefit to IRC and it needs to expand in the future. The IRC vice chair has been contentious in the past- the committee seemed skeptical about it and decided to cut the stipend. Mock Trial asks about the two new positions for The Lamron. Paul says the ad-manager brings in a lot of money for The Lamron and is a huge role and The Lamron is a huge part of SA. The associate editor position is a lot of work but they don't want this to be a regular thing. The work load was too large for a single person position so they split the position and decreased the amount paid to each person. Billy asks about GSTV's reach and their need for a stipend. Paul said he asks each person why GSTV, why the club is not promoted on campus and everyone said because they are not the ad manager. The club needs expansion so if they keep the stipends the club can put in work and increase their presence on campus. They increased their stipend a bit to give them incentive to work hard. Quinn asks if in the future the number of people can be increased on the stipend board. She feels 5 people can be very biased. Paul says he was going off of financial policy and he only got 8 applications so he isn't sure there is student interest. He doesn't see a need to increase the amount. Tyler asks if the people on the committee board typically are on the eboard of their clubs. Paul explains everyone's roles as one person on the eboard of an SA funded club and there was also someone who is not involved in any clubs on campus. Nicolette asks if the candidates were asked what their leadership role is. Paul says yes- they asked how it was a leadership position. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Mock Trial is uncomfortable with a stipend to a club that is not reliable to the students (referring to GSTV). Paul says they struggled with what to do because it isn't fair to punish the club for one person's failings because the ad manager didn't do anything. The GSTV rep says it is hard to get people involved because of their out-of-date equipment and it is too expensive to get new equipment. They are trying get more people involved and create more interest to improve their presence. Sarah says the new AC P&P position is an important addition. They do a tremendous amount of work to get the word out for all 9 positions. Paul says the stipend depends on the size of the organization and time required, so that's why some

positions make more money. Kevin urges the need for an expanded stipend committee and the need for an appeals process because people don't have an avenue to vocalize concerns. Tyler says he understands the need to fund clubs with potential so they can grow but it is also important to reward clubs that put in a lot of work in already. He is against the changes because the IRC vice chair does so much work and mentors younger kids to be able to become leaders in the future. Caroline says how unhappy she is with the process. The IRC positions work to mentor younger students and she would like to see stipends because she is not okay with this. The current vice-chair talks and says how much work she does and what her duties are in regards to mentoring younger members and solving all hall council presidents with their problems. Buddy says it is challenging because everyone works hard and there is a need for more student interest. It is difficult to draw a line because people on the lesser side are always going to have a problem with the decision and everyone cannot always be happy. He sees why there is not a lot of interest because it is a lot of work without a big payout to allocate the limited amount of funds available. Paul said CRC was a hard job for the committee. There is structural issues that go into this idea and people will always be unhappy. He thinks the process should be reformed and he has outlined the changes he wishes to see. Mock trial says more people on the committee would increase the representation but he doesn't see how it could be expanded with such little interest. Nicolette finds it frustrating that the positions were looked at as a whole when they are all very different from one another. Christine suggests that if they have questions they wish to be answered after the meeting time, they should call the person back in to find out more details about the position. Paul says he has to stand by his committee's decisions. Billy says based on the criteria, he feels like the IRC positions have more reach to the student body and more leadership than GSTV does. He wouldn't be in his position if he didn't have the role models he had in IRC. Tushara says the IRC info is helpful and is something to think about coming from someone who has never been in it. That being said, she thinks we need to stop calling out other positions directly. Kevin asks how financial policy goes about being changed. Billy says he proposes the changes to the exec board and then they come to SA for a two week reading. Buddy says he sees how we shouldn't compare positions to one another but there is only a limited amount of money to go around. It makes sense to compare them to see how they add up to make decisions. Mock Trial says he sees a bias in whether the IRC positions deserve a stipend or not because the unhappy people that have spoken up are all from IRC. Kevin says he isn't a part of IRC and thinks the positions deserve to be funded. Caroline asks if she can make a motion to add two stipends. Kate says there is nothing stopping it. Harry says it would be a lot of math to work out really quickly and would be a benefit to take advantage of the second week of the reading to work it all out correctly. Caroline says she is not in support of the reading as it stands and she will motion to add to stipends next week. Billy says he is going to abstain because he doesn't think it is appropriate for him to vote given his background. Tushara says she feels weird judging something without having access to the interviews or provided rationales. Paul says he would like to point out the SA exec board is not the stipend committee and they didn't sit through 35+ interviews to decide whether or not a position deserves a stipend. Buddy cautions the eboard with how it can appear when a standing committee can alter motion to change the allocation when there is committees who do not have this same option. Kevin calls to question and Billy seconds it.

First of Two Readings 4-0-3 with Billy, Caroline and Paul abstaining.

129-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$415.20 from SA Programs: Conferences, Account 1002 to Amnesty International, Account 1910, to provide funding to attend the "Get on the Bus" event in New York City from 4/17 to 4/18.

"Get on the Bus" is a peaceful protest that people attend from all over the country where they protest against human rights violations. Harry opens the floor to questions. Kate asks what buses they are taking. Taylor says they are taking Trailways down and Megabus back. Art club asks what violations they are protesting and Taylor says human rights. Kate asks if they have booked the buses yet and she says no. Billy asks if they will be sharing what they learned on campus. Taylor says it isn't really for learning, it is more about making a larger difference. Harry opens the floor to discussion but there is none.

First of Two Readings Passes 7-0-0

Open Discussion

Sarah says The Elders is this weekend- it's a Celtic Rock concert. If you bring your ticket to the Big Tree Inn, you get \$1 off an Irish cup of coffee.

Harry reiterates the misuse of poor language tonight but adds that there was good conversations this week. Mock Trial agrees with him.

Adjournment 8:04PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Coffaro
Recording Secretary