

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*

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**Call to Order: 6:16PM**

**Approval of the Agenda:** Approval 7-0-0.

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

### **Updates**

**President, Haleema Murtaza updates:** I attended the College Council meeting on Friday. I met with President Dahl yesterday regarding advocacy for the Empowerment Act. I would like to start organizing a rally so please, if you want to get involved email me at [sapres@geneseo.edu](mailto:sapres@geneseo.edu). I would really appreciate it.

**Vice-President, Nicholas Kaasik updates:**

**Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates:** The sign up sheet for Budget Review is now up on the SA office door. Please sign up for a time. Also budget proposals are due a week from today, so please get that into me ASAP.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Melissa Kaye updates:**

**Director of Public Relations, Mathé Kamsutchom updates:** I met with Tom Buneo, the chair of elections committee earlier this week to talk about advertising for the election, and making sure there is just as much student involvement as we had last semester. The blog was updated by Nick with Legal Education information. Since the sleds operation is undergoing, I will be advertising for that to make sure students know they are available at the concierge desk here in the Union. As part of Haiti week and Winter week, there will be a poetry slam next Thursday at 6:30 in the Knightspot. Blue Rooster will be performing as well as the awesome Geneseo slam poets and other talented Geneseo students. T-shirts will be on sale and there will be treats! All proceeds will be going to Haiti relief so make sure you do your part in the relief efforts and stop by. Coffee Talk will be starting a little bit later in the night so make sure to stop by there too in the Union Grind.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Brian Hartle updates:**

**Director of Student Affairs, Hamza Murtaza updates:**

**Director of Student Programming, Corinthia Kotlar updates:** Harlem Gospel Choir, Winter Week next week.

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

**Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** No new updates.

### **Open Updates**

Amnesty International- Amnesty is having a fundraiser in Milne this week from 4-7 pm. We will be selling roses for Valentine's Day, and we'll deliver them for you. All proceeds go to Amnesty International human rights campaigns.

SMA – The male and female acapella group on campus is having singing telegrams for Valentine's Day tomorrow afternoon and Saturday. They will sing to anyone on campus. Get a singing telegram sent to your valentine!

Women's Rugby – We've had the most new girls we've ever had for this semester's open meeting, which is about 20.

Shakti – ACC raised \$52 for Haiti relief.

Brian – Teach for America Workshop for seniors only is next Monday, email [bjh15@geneseo.edu](mailto:bjh15@geneseo.edu).

Model UN – We are hitting the road again and going to Harvard for a conference.

### **Old Business**

67-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$150.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to SA Programs, Account 1002 in order to fund a start-up budget for Swing Dance Club.

*Second of Two Readings*

We were here last week. We're looking for money so we can get better programs, and so we can have another dance in the ballroom this semester.

67-0910: Second of Two, reading passes 7-0-0.

69-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$150.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to SA Programs, Account 1002 in order to fund a start-up budget for Slavic Club.

*Second of Two Readings*

Recap for those who weren't here last week, we are a newly recognized organization on campus. We're interested in enriching the campus with the culture of Russia, and Central and Eastern Europe. The funding is for advertising and for one event later this semester. Student Organization Expo was a great success for our organization and we got a ton of people to sign up. Our first meeting is tomorrow at 6pm in Welles 210.

Ulyses- Are you going to be an ACE group? – We're in the process of getting a start up budget with SA first, and then our eventual goal is to get funding from ACE next year. – That's pretty cool man.

69-0910: Second of Two, reading passes 7-0-0.

70-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Undergraduate Student Association Elections Committee Guidelines.

*Second of Two Readings*

I'll go over the changes made since last meeting. I went to the SA exec meeting to clear up a few things with them. There are just a few changes, starting with Section 9J which was a big issue last time. "Upon 2/3 majority vote" has been removed. Article 6D now reads "The USAEC will...violate the necessary forms for candidacy or USAEC guidelines...." On the Acknowledgement Form, "professional" has been stricken because the term was left up to interpretation. "Candidates shall not use SA funded...as a means to further their own campaign" has been stricken as well.

Nick – Since we have no paper copy, can you go through each change quickly so we can see everything as we vote on it? – Article 1, E, F, G, Article 2, B, Article 6, A, C, D, Article 9, E1, 2, 3, I, J removed, Article 10 Teaching Internships, Article 11 Study Abroad, Article 13, A, Article 14, C2

Melissa – I think "discloses" in section F, was supposed to be "disclosure."

Mathé – Tom met with us on Sunday, and I'm glad that the amendments we suggested were made.

70-0910: Second of Two, reading passes 6-0-1, with Brian abstaining.

71-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$487.50 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to S.A. Programs, Account 1002 to create a new line, Bus Trip/College Party on February 26 at Tribeca Night Club in Rochester.

*Second of Two Readings*

Phara – We are amending the amount from \$487.50 to \$187.50 because we went to Upstate Escapes and pending this approval, we would be getting money from them. Also, everyone getting tickets will be signing a waiver saying they won't drink, and the 2 people who are 21 agreed to sign it.

Nick – Have you picked an advisor? – Yes, Kim S. Melissa – Do you have a copy of the waiver? – Yes I have one.

Brian – Do you have the Upstate Escapes \$300 in writing? – It's pending approval if this passes first.

Melissa – So they decided it meets guidelines? – They're waiting on this reading, but yes.

Kate – Would Upstate Escapes be using Student Association money or state money? If using the SA portion, it needs to follow SA policy.

Nick – Would it be a part of the agreement to have a chaperone? – Yes, Upstate Escapes requires a chaperone so we need a chaperone.

Mark – My only concern is that it conflicts with financial policy. Funding the bus trip would make it an event, and it conflicts with our alcohol policy – We're going for the music and for the environment we can't get here, not to drink.

Tom – Students signing a waiver will not provide legal protection of SA if something happens.

Brian – With all due respect, I have faith in your group, if anyone doesn't know Kim, she's the Director of Livingston Hall this year, and I have faith in her as well. Tamara – Do you know if Brockport is attending? – Not sure – Tamara was investigating this, and contacted SUNY systems and other schools and asked the same questions, by providing transportation it does become an SA event and conflict with our policy. Mathé – I wanted to say that it's not so much that we're saying you can't but that we can't. We're not permitted to pass this reading, providing that transportation automatically makes it an SA event and it would be at a bar so we wouldn't be able.

Brian – Section 4, article E, I think it's up to interpretation "does not condone or authorize consumption, use, or sale of alcohol."

Other SUNY's might spell it out more clearly but this is what we have to work with.

Tom – The entire section says by providing transportation it automatically makes it an SA event, and at that event, we're still breaking financial policy. Melissa – If you look at past events, students at other events have had the potential to buy alcohol, and I think that we're not condoning the sale of it and I believe them when they say that's not why they want to go.

Travis – For clarification, would this be considered SA events for Upstate? – Upstate has 2 budgets – Alcohol is a huge part of sporting events, people don't go there to drink. It's to provide an environment for dancing and listening to music, a lot of opportunities to buy the alcohol but it's not the main focus of it.

BSU – The purpose of going to the party is not to drink alcohol. If parties like this were offered here, there wouldn't be the need to go somewhere else. Jeff- Alcohol is the main focus of going to a nightclub and a bar no matter what.

Mike – Another clarification, where would the money be coming from? Upstate Escapes funding comes from the state and SA? – It would be coming from the Student Association account, which means that it is SA money and not state money. – They're asking for \$180 from SA then and also \$300 from Upstate Escapes? – If we approve this, then Chip will approve the Upstate Escapes amount.

Jason – The main focus is not for the alcohol, it's at a nightclub that has a bar, but many are not even of age. If we're saying we're going to the nightclub for the music, we're going to listen and dance to the music.

Mark, Tech – If Upstate Escapes is willing to sponsor it, what is the difference with Upstate Escapes and SA?– It's pending this request. Melissa – I think he's saying if Chip thinks it's ok, why don't we.

Mark – It seems to me that Chip is waiting on what we say - By having us sign something where we say we won't drink, SA is not condoning drinking alcohol. We're saying we won't drink, and if I was an RD I would not put myself in that position. Kim is willing to go because we said we won't drink.

Brian – Is the bar in a separate area? – We haven't been there, so we don't know.

Nick – Upstate Escapes is given a separate account with separate authority to fund programs where they will, given their own guidelines. Corey – That money that is coming from SA is under the same guidelines. We need to interpret this. Chip also has to work through the same guidelines.

Crew – I've been to the venue, and it's sort of like the IB, with a back room, and the main bar is in the middle of the dance floor.

Tamara – We've done a lot of legwork on this because we want you to have the opportunity to go there, and we want to work with you guys. We need to negotiate around the policy.

Ulyses – What is the focus of the event? They are saying it's a cultural event, and they're going for the atmosphere. You're talking about the alcohol thing since SA goes on precedents, but what about sporting events, and conferences where students have clear access to it? Is the question an issue of condoning alcohol or being available? Events at different locations have alcohol readily available at these other events too. Who knows what Model UN does on their conferences.

Melissa – I'd like to clarify my comment. People go to events that have access to alcohol, but we trust people going to the conferences won't be irresponsible.

Tom – The argument that conferences have created a precedent, I don't agree with that. I've been on 2 conferences with more than one group on campus, and your day is scheduled all day. There's an understanding that you'll be coming back from the conference and then back to Geneseo as a campus. I would love to go on this trip with you guys, I do believe these type of events are not available for you, but you come here understanding that you have Main Street and the Knightspot. It's not appropriate to violate guidelines to give you an opportunity.

Sequoia – When I looked into this school, I looked into a great education, I want to contribute to the diversity on this campus, and I would love for you to come with us. It's very viable to this campus, if I was 21 on these conferences I could go and get a beer.

Model UN – I would like to point out, we go to conferences because that's what we do. After conferences they provide activities all of which are alcohol-free. It's about the ease and accessibility to the bar and alcohol that they will have.

Corey – I agree, we don't have enough here to address everyone's needs. I think you should take every opportunity to go other places, but alcohol is the biggest issue here, it's difficult for us.

Jeff- Wherever SA sends people, there's no guarantee that they won't drink. SA can never send them and say they will never drink.

Travis – People here have a booked schedule, and there are plenty of people here that go out and drink after a busy day. Some people will always take the opportunity to drink, it's everywhere. Also I agree that it's a cultural thing, Oktoberfest with German culture and German food is a cultural event that includes a lot of drinking.

WAC – A big part of conferences is interacting with people, and they want to meet people from other schools and go to different events. It's very important to consider, and the networking aspect is important to them.

BSU – It's really frustrating when groups on campus try to increase diversity and we're faced with adversity. There are only 2 people on the list that are 21.

Ulyses – It's about what the SA guidelines say, and ease of accessibility is the issue. Whether or not you're booked solid, it doesn't matter, it's how are you going to interpret it. If you're going to follow this you would have to push it to a lot of other events, and see how much is the ease of accessibility at other events, and you must follow it for others.

Ray – Sequoia, I can understand the minority aspect, because being gay on this campus, I know I'm in the minority. I know I wouldn't want to put SA exec in the position to fund something like this. I wouldn't ask SA for this, their financial policy says they can't.

There's a difference between a bar and a conference, the purpose of a bar is to provide alcohol, and the purpose of a conference is educational. I don't know why we're not seeing the difference.

Sequoia – To clarify, the event is sponsored by college students to support awareness, and the nightclub is just the venue. They're not making money.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – We had an event that was sponsored that advertised free alcohol for those involved. It was advertised on the campus, and our students didn't partake in it. We got support and trust from SA and I don't understand why we can't support and trust them now. Mike – I want to say that Slavic Club does not condone the use, sale, and consumption of alcohol.

Mathé – I was going to throw some things out there, to address what Tom said. I, coming on this campus, knew that it was cow town, and I also knew that the college would stick to it's word and foster diversity and support efforts. What I was struggling with was the accessibility and not so much you guys. I trust you, but just the precedent of sending a group to a bar, I don't know how we could go about it if another group comes to us for something like this in the future. I'm unsure.

Melissa – I feel good about the fact that they're going with an advisor, they would get in a lot of trouble if they violated it. When we go to NEACURH conferences, we do sign something from them about alcohol, and they say they haven't had an alcohol problem in 11 years, they wouldn't risk it. Nick – I think precedence is an issue, but having an advisor aware of guidelines would be prudent, and something we would do. I was there when the amendment was made to the alcohol policy, and I know it's not at all clear. I want to point out that our purpose here is not to just provide conferences, it's also to provide culturally enriched activities also.

Brian – Kim is a graduate RD, and if something goes down she'd lose her job. Also Chip is a great guy, I don't think he would be willing to fund this. Big Brothers Big Sisters reassured me in my thinking. Mathé – That is a huge point of free alcohol offered at an

event. I stated I was worried about that, at any nightclub, alcohol is expensive, so if free alcohol was offered and we trusted them, it would almost be unfair to not offer them. – Haleema – Where was the event held? – At the Livingston bowling alley. BSU - By going to this event, we'll be hearing cultural music, but the roots of the music are based on cultural survival, from captivity and colonialism. We would get a lot from just listening to this music.

Tamara – Big Brothers Big Sisters, that event wasn't sponsored by SA? – No, it was funded by the chapter of BBBS in Rochester.

Brian – So no SA funds were used at all for that event? – No. – My own thinking is that there is a waiver and an advisor who is an RD, she's a rules type person. Chip is implicitly supporting this, providing that we are supporting it.

Melissa Student Court – How often are there college nights? Is there a way to get them non-alcoholic? – Personally I don't know how frequently they are or anything about it. At conferences, precedents were already set. SA has sent people to places where alcohol can be consumed. It seems personal, feels personal, I completely understand where you're coming from, but you need to make the laws more clear, to deny it will deter a lot of people from the school as a student.

Ben – As far as accessibility of alcohol, we're in close talk with the people promoting this, the deal is that there will be a line but a set place for us to go in, and we'll have marks on our hands saying we can't drink. We're not going to be able to drink. I wanted to say that though this might just be a fun time, it is a great opportunity for networking. There is a Black and Latino minority revolution on Greek life, we want to have a Greek forum and have them educate us on what we're missing here.

Tom – I want to say I support your pursuit of diversity but I don't support SA paying for it. The argument from BBBS, no SA funds were used for it, but regardless, for precedents sake, 2 wrongs don't make a right. As far as Chip giving his blessing, he passed it on to see what SA thought before he spent his money. It sickens me that we use the argument that Kim will be there, the thought of sending someone as a chaperone for an SA event knowing there's a possibility of her losing her job is ridiculous. The Board of Trustees guidelines is not an interpretive document, and it will not give SA legal protection under anything. As delegates of conferences, those forms were instituted with legal protection, not just a word document. The Board of Trustee guidelines say we will not support any SA activity that has the consumption or selling of alcohol there. There's no room for interpretation. I'm not saying your group will have a problem, but as an organization, these 8 are here to protect SA. It's all about an order of precedence.

Sequoia – As far as what we're signing, it wasn't going to be a word document. I was going to go to SA if it's passed so that they could sign for SA to protect them. For 2 wrongs don't make a right, so the next conference that comes, they're wrong so they shouldn't go?

Corey – I'm sorry, I want to address the fact that you're taking it personally, I think you shouldn't. My decision is about the alcohol and it's my opinion, it takes a lot of courage to come up here, and I really hope you will come back with more opportunities for students. I think you are both great, please don't take this personally. Tamara – It's not in trustee guidelines, it is in the financial policy. Travis – If that were the case than no events could be done really. What Brian read earlier is less specific, and it didn't say you couldn't have an event where alcohol is. There's nothing in writing.

Nick – The policy Tom mentioned doesn't exist, the policy we operate under is the financial policy that Brian read. This is the policy we're dealing with, having a chaperone and marks on your hand. It's within guidelines that they will follow all procedures, already redundant. Mathé – What we were looking for is an interpretation of it. It is vague, and we need to interpret it on our own, that's why Tamara went to other sources. The word "condone" is very important. The way we are handling this, and the measures that they are taking, I don't know if condone actually applies to this event. That's my take on it, I don't think we're telling students to go get drunk at the event. Brian – I'm just wondering if Corey can still be concerned when Ben contacted the event coordinator and said they're going in separately and have marks on their hands.

Corey – It's not that I think they'll try to cheat the system, but a huge focus of it is alcohol. That's my opinion and I have a right to it, and it's my opinion on the guidelines. Mathé – I don't want people to think that there isn't reason to be concerned. There is a reason Corey is concerned and it's valid. I don't want you to think we're targeting the group. There is the same way your side is valid, the other side is valid as well. No one has asked for this before.

Model UN – The fact that they're so willing to defend their position, I hope that the precedent has been set to review the policy in the future. BSU – We'll sign the form to not drink, and most people are under 21. The main focus is for dancing, I don't understand why it's still such an issue. The people at the nightclub will know that we're not drinking.

71-0910: Second of Two, reading passes 4-3-0 with Mark, Corey and Hamza voting no.

73-0910: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$1350 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to SA Tech Services, Account 1004 to offset costs associated with the United States Institute of Theatre Technology Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, which runs from March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### *Second of Two Readings*

Mark – I wanted to amend the amount. I've been talking to Kate that one of the members we want to take is female so we want to increase the amount to get another room. We will bring all that we learn back to the campus, and it directly affects all the organizations here.

Melissa – If we kept the amount as is, would you still be able to go and split the remaining difference between the four of you? It seems like a lot of money for an additional hotel room. – It is possible, but I don't know what their financial positions are.

Nick – Have you looked for more reasonably priced hotels? This seems very expensive. – There are 4 immediate hotels in that area, and they were all within \$20 of each other. Going to the hotels that are close is a safety thing, and with all the people from the conference, the professionals meet up afterwards in the lobby for dinner or something.

Corey – Is there a roommate matchup service through local schools? – Not that I'm aware of. I'm not aware of other schools going.

Nick –Can anything be done for a more affordable conference? - Each of us are footing \$63 as is, so I've been working with Kate to find the cheapest hotels and airfare. There is a standard formula for meals, and we're working to get it as cheap as possible.

Vote on original amount of \$1350.

73-0910: Second of Two, Reading passes 6-1-0 with Nick voting no.

### New Business

None.

### Open Discussion

CAS – Mark Scott

CAS General Manager, Sarah Gittere  
and Executive Chef, Joanna Anne

Jeff- On the Southside of campus, are there new developments beside the new station in Southside? – Sarah - One of the main things we did is not having lunch at Southside, the purchase of an additional cooler, we put in the express, which is a smaller version of what you'd find at MJ. We're talking about something else we could do in that space. We did add some things.

Mark Scott - We are in the stages of executing our 5-year plan. RJ will get a significant face-lift for a more food-service friendly atmosphere.

Sam – At Southside café, I live on Southside and I go there all the time and no one is ever working there – We've been struggling with volume, we know that is a challenge, and we're working to address it.

Nick – I really appreciate the sushi that was brought here, I think it's wonderful and the same with the salad offerings. Question about changes, could the discussion be raised of incorporating student run places like a coffee house on campus? –In some ways our dining operations are student run, we have about 2/3 of our staff as students. We are bringing a Starbucks on campus. We can talk about those things, but in my mind it is a student run organization.

Brian – Have you thought of maybe the School of Business given a set amount of money to order food and managing work shift, maybe not on campus, but that way students that live could still order things through CAS. Maybe Fair Trade type stuff or organic things, I'm not sure that would be possible because students don't really have a say in purchasing, but what if they could start doing more executive things – Only business that fits within our plan may be a student run incubator, or something like that. I think students could do a fabulous job with something like that. As far as engaging the School of Business, we did work with some of the professors and 2 groups of students worked on projects like vending. Today we are a Pepsi exclusive campus. We engaged students in research. For the vending project, we had students test the market. The students did some work to figure out what makes sense. We also talked about a convenience store on campus as the next phase of what we will do in the Union. There will be Starbucks first, and next summer would be to take a look at GUS and maybe add a convenience store.

Mark, Tech – I think a lot of people appreciate what you've brought, but there's also a lot of dissatisfaction with what you've taken away. The specials in RJ and in the Union are gone. I think there should be more focus groups and you should talk to more people, incorporate your thoughts. – Absolutely. The largest of projects is Letchworth, and we do need to back in some student feedback in that. Sarah - We are going to do some focus groups as we move forward with what we will be doing with the Union. When I came on, I was in charge of bringing the center of campus to a different level with retail, and that's where the change came from for a restaurant kind of style. It's not just about cost, but bring more diversity.

Mike – Where is the new Starbucks going to be? – In the grind, we will open the place up more. We want to take a look at the space for the seating and the serving, and we've spoken with Chip and if we have to go into the office, we'll find more space for him.

Pride Alliance– Will there be more seating in the grind? – We took them from RJ, and we are looking at putting some wrap around couches in that corner space. There are more chairs for tables already there, so it is being worked on.

Model UN – Would it take over as the main distributor of coffee on campus? – No, I didn't think we were as serious about coffee as we should have been, so Starbucks will be the first place to get serious with coffee. Something we're looking at for more handcrafted drinks. We know Books n Bytes is so busy but maybe we can get an espresso machine there.

Corey – Will the Grind switch over to Starbucks food? Would we be able to still get focaccias? – There are several food items we could ask them, we have to get their permission for it. They do have some standard items, including bakery items, huge variety.

Tom – I know in hotels and college campuses, Starbucks offers a limited menu, would it be the same thing here? – This will be a real Starbucks, a full licensed store.

Nick – I would be elated if CAS would expand Fair Trade options with Honest Tea – One of the things we're looking at is more convenience items. We're looking at a vendor that has other options. I don't know if we were to take on a new vendor that specialized in convenience items, but we'll look into it. We're looking at 30 times more capacity vending machines to expand healthy options. People will buy what they will buy, but there is still a need to offer items. Introducing a healthier beverage machine or taking a look at a bigger capacity, 100% juice or Naked Juice in the machines, you will see those for next semester.

Jason – On campus meal plans, why don't they roll over for semesters? –Last semester they did roll over, because there was an exorbitant amount of money left over. It was no fault of the customers, because RJ was closed, so a large part was our fault. In particular meal plans are non refundable and at the end of the school year you forfeit the remaining balance. Some time ago we had that in place, but they still had money left over after the spring semester, so there was a large amount of money that they forfeit at the

end of the year instead of at the end of the semester. People used to get really upset, so that's why we don't have that anymore. If the balance is short in time span, I think students are more likely to manage their money better.

Brian – If you were over from semester to semester, why not from May to August? – It's only supposed to be for the academic year – Is it in the financials to do so? – It's not taxable, so the state dictates that to us. – Uof R has Honest Tea if you want to talk to them.

Corey – Why is it that you can go to Big Tree but you can only pay for yourself? – It's in the guidelines for how meal plans are used. It dictates how meal plans should be used. They are non transferable. Certain piece we can manage but that was not something we could. We've done some research on this convenience store piece, and there is a lot of gray area with how they work. We want to make the best decisions we can.

Sam – I was wondering why there are limited choices for the monetary amount for meal plan? It's nicer to have a greater selection of meal plan choices. – I spoke to Sarah about a need to look at meal plans. We get the meal plan summary for all SUNY schools, to see what they are doing, and Sarah and I talked about that about what we offer in the dining outlets. Today we have 5 plans, we'll look at those as well, and if we should do something outside of declining balance or meals per week.

Mike – What about lowering the mandatory amount for freshman? I had money left over that I could of put towards better things instead of buying 5 cases of Gatorades at the end of the semester. – I looked at our meal plan. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> university I've worked at, and we're looking at the costs of the meal plan. We don't want students to have to buy 5 cases, because it means we're not giving you enough opportunity to use your meal plan. The price structure didn't make a lot of sense, and we're looking at it, specifically for meal plans for transfer students, who are also considered first year students. Transfers are the first piece I'm looking at. We also see generally speaking that most freshman generally don't come here with the ideas of how to manage their money, but we are looking at those things, and we do need to do a better job.

Mike – My friends and I ate well but still had a surplus at the end. You could still eat pretty well for a lesser amount. – The Gold plan is \$13.07 a day. Someone that would eat \$7 for a buffet style and then some for snacks, or who goes home on weekends, or has an off campus job, etc. \$13 is not all that much for a day.

Mathé – Could you have crepes on campus? - Tonight is Japanese culture night in Suffolk Hall. We can look into it. I'm teaching how to roll vegetable sushi.

Haleema – There's still no humus in Books n' Bytes – We did add it to the to-go case, but we haven't relooked at it for behind the line. We will reevaluate it.

Emily – I feel like I need more protein options as a vegetarian, like beans or something like that. – Beans and tofu are on the southwest tofu salad. We can look at more options. We're pretty limited with spacing, and options and ability is limited.

Mike – When can we see the Starbucks? - Starting this summer. We guarantee we'll have it by late October, I think it will be worth the wait.

Ben – I was wondering if you could reach out to other local organizations besides Big Tree Inn so we could use our meal plan. We'd gain more if we could use it more – There's a problem with the cost to having access to the technology for Tim Hortons and Burger King, etc for them to have Campus Cash. Muddy Waters owner was looking to come to town, and I was encouraging him to be in the program. There is a cost and some can't afford it. Any interest, I won't approve anyone who does sell alcohol like Applebees. I can't manage anything there, but I can manage it at Big Tree. As long as we're managing accordingly, I've terminated people who've violated it. Model UN – What is the feasibility of bringing in more coffee vendors? – Today the only brand concept that has worldwide appeal is Starbucks. Everyone knows that name, and it will be a true community place on campus in the Union. Starbucks is a great way to connect people to everything we're about here. I do believe we can deliver high quality and a level of seriousness. Brian – Starbucks with using Fair Trade, they're at 60% right now. – We could have conversations like that with them and say what's important. A lot of people have the perception that they're a big bad corporation, but they really do an outstanding job and have the resources to support sustainability and local farmers. I've been able to go to conferences and hear about their business practices. Tom – At the Starbucks, will the seating area be revitalized to a Starbucks atmosphere? – Yes, we would do a furniture package with them. Mike – Would the prices be regular Starbucks prices? – Yes, there are things we won't have to pay that will allow us to have prices at street prices.

Nick S- The stage area on the grind will stay? – Yes, that's a feature that will stay. We're looking for ways to have more spaces like that to bring social and dining together. The Letchworth project has a space like that mapped out. Spaces will make a lot more sense after renovations. It's about environment, not just about the food. We want you to have a great experience in our spaces.

APPLAUSE.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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