

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:	Haleema Murtaza
Vice-President:	Nicholas Kaasik
Directors:	
Academic Affairs:	Brian Hartle
Business Affairs:	Mark Petrie
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Melissa Kaye
Public Relations:	Mathé Kamsutchom
Student Affairs:	Hamza Murtaza
Student Programming:	Corinthia Kotlar
Advisor:	Tamara Kenney

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Dir. of SA Programs,	
Personnel & Finances:	Kate Rebban
Administrative Assistant:	Nancy Chirico
Graphics Coordinator:	Kristen Fuest
Program Advisor:	Danielle Akins
Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer

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102 **Adjournment**

Call to Order: 6:22 PM

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

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

Updates

President, Haleema Murtaza updates: I submitted my budget. Advocacy efforts, interested email me at sapres@geneseo.edu.

Vice-President, Nicholas Kaasik updates:

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates:

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Melissa Kaye updates:

Director of Public Relations, Mathé Kamsutchom updates:

Director of Academic Affairs, Brian Hartle updates:

Director of Student Affairs, Hamza Murtaza updates:

Director of Student Programming, Corinthia Kotlar updates:

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

Tamara Kenney, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: Vending Machine Committee, different kinds of vending on campus, laundry vending on campus? Would you use it? No. Would you use a vending machine to redeem cans? Yes.

Open Updates

Model UN – Model UN had a very successful weekend at Harvard.

Tom – There will be USAEC Candidate Interest meetings next Wednesday and Thursday in CU 325 at 8pm. You must attend one of the sessions. Also, USAEC's brand new website is up and running.

Mathé – As part of Haiti Relief week, tomorrow at 6:30pm in the Knightspot is a Poetry Slam. There is a \$2 suggested donation.

Afterwards, come to Coffee Talk in the Grind and make your own craft night, both in the Union from 8pm-11pm.

Hamza – There is a Haiti Relief show in Wadsworth on Saturday at 2pm.

Pride Alliance – On February 23rd from 7-9:15 is Pride's Drag King.

MiNT- Our MINT magazine will be distributed tomorrow.

Amnesty International – Our flower fundraiser was very successful.

Old Business

None.

New Business

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Brian - There are not a whole lot of changes. For membership, AAC representatives shall be full time fee paying students. For duties of the chair, I added making the agendas, which is moved from the secretary. Article 4, liaison through the SA exec, faculty and administration. Duties of VP, no monthly meetings, because they are not worthwhile. They simply meet once a month for ice breakers, so removing it will be asking reps to do more of a collaboration outside. Duties of secretary, we eliminated to prepare the agenda.

Duties of treasurer, keep track of clubs in Bad Financial Standing. Duties of the Communications Director, Duties of Academic Cabinet Director, added regulate websites of academic departments. This will be a better way for clubs to collaborate, and we are able to do it free of charge through Google websites. The director will be able to have Google calendar and blog at his/her fingertips and maintain the website. For impeachment of the board, we added abuse or misapplication, and stylistic changes. Article 5, departments with more than one club can have more representatives. Right now as AAC is defined under the SA constitution it's not what AAC is actually about. The proposal is in direct violation, but I included it so we're encouraged to look at our SA constitution and revamp it.

Section 3 was also changed. Section 4 D, E, just some grammatical things. Section 7, meeting. Article 6 D, bimonthly instead of biweekly. Changed “school” to “college”. For the By Laws, there are some stylistic changes. Section 3, 2, A, changes to make it more consistent with IRC policy, and for giving clubs more flexibility, section C was added so that they have 2 days for advertising, clubs coming to AAC enough in advance, just so it’s not a closed process. Section 4, Bad Financial Standing, got rid of Section 5,2 added federal laws, updated the date.

Tom – Why eliminate the PAC Cabinet? What is the purpose of the academic cabinet director? – Brian - We added website maintenance, and regulate academic group websites. It’s a better form of communication than meeting once a month, maintaining AC website, in terms of PAC, when I met with presidents who bothered to come to the meetings, they didn’t feel that it was worth it because they didn’t think they got things done.

Nick – In the future do you think AAC should work towards getting a more representative number? – Brian - Ideally that makes the most sense, one man one vote, but I’m not sure how I would go about doing that. Yes, that’s what I was trying to do, but it’s a matter of figuring out what’s the best way, and how do I get everyone in the room for a meeting? I agree.

Tom – The idea came up last year to do some research as to how we could implement a tiered voting system, but the major difficulty other than referendum was that departments such as business, where the representative is selected by the dean, and involved in their board. Other departments, we found that almost every chair said no, and when we asked would they support the system, they said they would implement it if need be, but others like Anthropology didn’t think they should be counted as less than the School of Business. There are administrative hurdles to clear beyond SA. – If the constitution would change, they simply would have to do that. One vote for smaller departments is a problem but pretty much they vote unanimously. I don’t anticipate problems in doing that. For greater representation, every club has one representative. I don’t think its fair for one department not to come to the meetings.

Corey – Do you think that it might be more appropriate to be based on majors? – That would make it tiered to the minority, as it is right now, it’s difficult to, I want every academic club to have a vote.

Kate- Clarification, why are you switching it to say “full time” – Part time people pay a prorated fee, so it should cover both full and part time students.

Melissa – PAC in general, what about increasing the purpose of it? Can we look for collaborations rather than eliminating it? – Brian - Yes and no, what they do right now they do have a lot of responsibilities, events every semester to form traditions. This way the AAC reps have more responsibilities, and play a more vital role in the organization.

Tom – I’m in an awkward position since I’ve been on that committee, and have been directly involved in the academic cabinet, I chaired the PAC meetings. We do have an attendance issue but I feel that when I took the position, the presidents became more involved, collaborating on campus wide programs. AAC will admit to the fact that when this was written we looked to IRC to copy and paste some of the clauses, and I think expectations is the issue. To remove the responsibilities, you will run into the issue of CIT not willing to host the websites. I just think the changes being made are changes in the wrong direction, and that they are going to become apathetic. Anthropology thinks it’s a waste of time to come to meetings with the Business Club. AAC is seen as a bank account for trips, nothing more to expect if you take it away from them. You brought the Provost to the fold, to discuss things, I don’t think having Anthropology just with one vote and Business have more is the issue, it’s just an expectation thing.

Brian – Do you have some specific thing that happened at a PAC meeting that you can speak to? – Tom - PAC helped the VP implement “Seo Bowl 2009”, and helped to amend the constitution.

Mathé – Would you be opposed to, since the problem is that presidents thought they weren’t getting things done, meeting twice a month? Maybe the problem is there for little expectation – Brian - Ideally there wouldn’t be AAC reps and the presidents would go once a week, but that’s not reasonable. There is definitely a purpose in the presidents coming together, but something tangible for the reps to do. – open to perhaps not getting rid of it but maybe encourage them to meet more and do more instead of getting rid of it.

Jason – could you do emergency PAC meetings? – Brian - I just think as they were coordinated as a monthly thing, they simply don’t get anything done. It’s not beneficial, maybe a better thing to expect more of AAC reps coming to AAC meetings infrequently, a way to contribute. Nick – So the committee came to the same conclusion as your committee? – Yes, I presented the working guidelines to get input from members, and they agreed to everything I proposed.

Tom – Point of clarification, AAC needs to approve this first – Brian - That’s what I thought at first too, but then rereading it, Article 12, must be passed as a two week reading. We need to clean the language up. As I read it, I thought I needed to come to SA first, anyone else have an idea? Brian - Just another instance of standing committees having no power, top-down approach and SA bureaucracy to not get work done.

Jeff- Under Article 4 section 3, with the old language, it says a semester meeting of PAC – They were monthly meetings. If we do PAC I see no purpose in meeting once a month. Even more pointless for a semester meeting. I’m willing to figure out something, I don’t know how to involve the presidents, AAC reps acting as liaisons. Knowing all AAC has to offer.

Melissa – Motion to amend article 5 section 1, strike 1. – I accept your amendment.

Mathé – Are you planning on putting this in your end of year reports? – Brian -Yes. I just included it as a symbolic representation.

Tom – I’m offended we assert this as a bureaucracy. There is because the student body is in charge of what they think SA should be doing. There is power but at the same time, if we could stop assuming this is a bureaucracy, I would appreciate it. – Brian - Point of clarification, how many people do you think are so invested in this document that god forbid I not include PAC meetings.

Mark – I’d like to make a motion to amend article 3 membership, AAC members shall be composed of all fee paying students, seconded by Hamza – Melissa’s motion, seconded by Mark – In direct violation of SA guidelines, passes 5-0-2.

Mark’s motion – seconded by Hamza, motion passes 6-0-1.

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Brian - Purely symbolic, I want to make the information as accessible as possible, but as other public things, it's not as open as it could be. I want to have SA's money on the agenda so we can see how much we have to work with. For things that cost a lot, you as a student body should have this information at your hands just like we do. I didn't have any idea of how much money we even had. Everyone should be in the loop to get everyone's input. You'll be able to see it on the agenda.

Nick – Can you read for the minutes the updated amounts we have – In checking \$8,512.81, petty cash \$480, total cash \$659,710.32

Melissa – I support it, it makes it easier to make decisions, my only thing is they might not understand it. I think we should have a discussion of how much we need to have in the account, for referendums etc. so that everyone is conscious of it.

Tom – I agree, I think one of the big hurdles is a lot of people won't understand what it means, and they will come to different interpretations, a lot of lines in here nearly almost never change, so why would we have to put them in – Arguably other ones don't change either, but it's in the template, not much is changing rapidly.

Nick – I strongly support this, the representatives here did have a very good grasp of the concert issue, and we're no more intelligent than anyone else in this room. When we're listening to opinions, everyone should have an informed decision.

75-0910: First and Only, reading passes 5-0-2, with Hamza and Brian abstaining.

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First of Two Readings

Patty Hamilton-Rodgers – I'm with the Geneseo Foundation, I'm here to ask for 2 things. We've had a long-standing relationship in support of research and travel grants, since 1989. Last year SA increased their support to \$30,000 and Geneseo Foundation matches that. So \$60,000 was available last year. This program benefits a number of students, wonderful opportunities that would not have been supported by other budgets at the college. The Scholarship program has been supported since 1996, and in 2006, we created an endowment, with the goal to have a \$200,000 endowment, and spend \$10,000 a year. SA has been generous by giving us \$30,000. This would be the last time that someone would ask for that amount of money, because this will complete the endowment. It will support scholarships.

Nick – What do you think of changing the \$170,000 to \$200,000, for the endowment of students research and travel – I think setting forth to reach \$200,000 going forward the better discussion will be for funding the research and travel grants once the merit program is reached. If that was the case I'd be coming back next year to ask for an endowment, first for the merit program and the research program. It is a possibility. This was a goal set forth in 2006. I am willing to sit down and figure out what is the best to do. To spend the \$30,000 a year, we would need a \$600,000 endowment.

Nick – I've had some concerns with the merit awards program. Dean McGee, a recipient, said it was strange to him that it was advertised poorly to the greater campus community. But we need feedback on it, if its better used in research and travel grants, if we're even ready to vote on this I'm not sure. – I did some research on this, we talked about it last year on how to reach to more students. We tripled applications last year and hope to do that again by getting word out to students that these are available.

Applications will be available on Friday. That would be a bigger key to having a broad base to choose from. We want to get as many students as possible interested and get their application in on time. – This is not something that should be taken lightly, what would you think of eliminating the merit program and putting forth more to the research program? – I think it would be a shame. We have supported this for very long, I think it's a shame to eliminate any scholarship. In my opinion it would be terrible.

Tamara – Is there a greater need for scholarships? – Patty - I've seen more students in my office this semester than ever before, and there have been more questions from parents. There is a need across the board. These scholarships are merit based. So if they don't qualify for financial aid they can apply for this. A lot of kids on campus put a lot of time and effort into making this campus a better place to be. Our SA has done supported this so very long.

Mathé – I wanted to hear from the students, whether or not you think you should be funding scholarships for other students, and if it's properly advertised to you, or if you've heard of merit scholarships, it would help.

Tom – I think going back off of what Patty said, the people receiving these scholarships, they've really taken the brunt of the work to make the college community what it is and recognizing through this program, we're only \$30,000 away from endowing the program. Students making this college better deserve to be recognized. The concept of the award is special. To be so close and to just stop is a shame.

Jeff- I haven't heard anything about these scholarships, but I am very interested, and it sounds like a very worthy program. In our general economic problem, this is a big opportunity.

Hamza – Whenever a recipient gets a merit scholarship, it motivates them to raise the bar.

Tom – And also, the people who received them in the past are really role models for this association. Elected or simply a member. It speaks volumes to the SA exec to provide the role model to the student body.

Brian – How many applications? – 45

Does anyone know how many scholarships are awarded by research? – It depends on the applications that are submitted. Different cycles we've given out 58, and we had 100 on this last cycle, the Feb 5th deadline.

BBBS – I've received both a merit scholarship and a research grant, and I can say that both of them are very worthwhile.

Brian – In what ways are they advertised? – Tamara – We really made a concerned effort to have committees announce it and sending out emails. Patty - We also talked about Facebook. – I also administer another scholarship program and advertised to those students.

Ray – Listening to everyone attacking the marketing, I agree with you, but Tamara is saying they are trying. A lot of us have known about it, but we like to complain that we don't have access to it. Lastly we all pay this fee, why can't we get it back? Some people need it.

Nick – If that's what we're concerned about it should be need based. The value of this merit award is \$5,000 and the 45 or so of us in the room are more likely to see this scholarship. Is that the best use of student money? We need to be thinking of broader student interest.

Crew – We all chose to be here, we don't have to do that. This meeting is open to anyone, and students can choose to be in an organization.

Melissa – I think making it financially based isn't what the award is about. If it was need-based, some people don't qualify, but they still need it. Nick, you can make your point for every event, money spent on anything.

Tom – To reiterate, I think this is an excellent program, I agree with Ray. There was a tremendous push last year and on behalf of all standing committees, the fact that the 45 of us in the room, these people come to this meeting because we're interested, and we're the ones who put things on. Stipends also are from people on this campus who pay student fees. Whoever comes to the table deserves to be recognized. It's not fair to keep criticizing this program. It was controversial last year but because of how much money to give.

Jason - Since we are in such unsure financial times, part of the reason why we don't have a concert, we don't know what our future will be. If we really need money, like for a building in an emergency or something, we won't have it.- The SA fee you pay can't be used for permanent things for the college. – Still I don't think we should be making that large of a commitment.

Mathé – To Ray's point, Tamara has been working to make sure it's properly advertised. I invite you to work with me for public relations, perhaps we could reach out to the students more, a lot more students want to be a part of it. Talking about coming here to SA meetings, you have to come here, not many people come to these meetings saying they want to participate, I'm just being honest. A lot of people contribute to this campus in their own way. For publicity, we don't mean to attack it, but it is an issue. You can definitely work with me if you'd like to.

Melissa – To clarify, the SA budget doesn't depend on the NYS budget. It's not a multi-year commitment. The fund will be endowed after this year, so they won't need to add to it again.

Mark – I guess this is more of a question, Is the \$170,000 SA money? – Yes.

Nick – Division of the question – Motion fails.

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Rachel – I'm the president of Stitches. I started the club last semester, and we teach interested students how to knit and crochet. They are rewarding and fun, and a great way to give back to charity and the community. We're involved in Chemo Caps with Rotaract club, that deliver caps to Noyes hospital. We're looking into Project Alliance to make security blankets to bring to sick children. We're asking for SA funding to get more supplies, and our group is rapidly expanding. We always get interested students who don't always have their materials. We do most of the teachings, but we want to get books so they can practice. We're in need of yarn because we've been surviving off of donations to do our charity work.

Tamara – I would love to be your advisor, how would someone give donations of yarn? – Primarily from members, I would bring them to the meetings for Chemo Caps on Fridays. If you wanted to give a donation I could give you my email.

Melissa – If you look at your budget of \$150, some for general supplies, but then another amount that doesn't have a title. \$27.35 is extra, to use for more supplies for extra members, or a function we would have.

Tamara – Where do you keep the needles and the educational things? – I'd look into getting a storage space.

Math – When do you meet? – Every Monday night in CU 322 at 7pm.

Corey – For your budget, how would it work next year? – Mark – When they turn it in, they can only ask for the same amount next year.

Brian – I'd like to allocate the remaining sum to create an advertising line, just so we're not shortchanging you. Motion to create advertising line – Motion passes 7-0-0.

Nick – I voted for something I didn't understand I guess. So this will be a programming and publicity line? – Yes.

Tom – I've seen your club at work, you are fantastic. It's really relaxing and calming, and I think it's a great thing for you to be doing. It's very admirable to donate to charity.

Corey- I know we just created a publicity line, but I've seen your emails to What's-Up I think you're doing a great job.

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Melissa – IRC wants to sell t-shirts Monday to Friday, that will say something like I love alpacas on the front, and on the back, give back and help alpacas. Shirts will be on preorder.

Hamza – How many t-shirts? – They will be on preorder, so however many they order.

Model UN – Will you have the design ready for ordering? – Yes, It will be on a poster.

MTC – How much will they cost? - \$10, with \$3 to go to WorldVision.

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Melissa – Has anyone seen the Love Handles? I heard them all the time last year. Next Friday we want to have a concert with NRHH. There will not be a mandatory donation, but a voluntary donation to go to WorldVision.

Model UN – Where will it be? – The Knightspot.

Brian – How much does an Alpaca cost? Mary - \$500 through WorldVision.

Adam – What kind of music are they? – They play the Killers, so like alternative rock music. It’s really good. There will also be a wing eating contest.

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Jeff- We want to have a concert in Muddy Waters on February 26th from 8-10pm. The band will cover a lot of famous rock groups, and there will be more info next week during updates. The proceeds will go towards human rights activities. We will be selling earrings from Michaels, candy, and buttons made with the button machine.

Mark – Do you promise the band will be better than their band? – I’m going to plead the fifth.

Brain – Will they be better than blue rooster? – Never heard of them.

Brian – Muddy waters is awesome for letting you sell candy there – There is a really good interaction between us and Muddy Waters, and they’re looking forward to it.

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Nick – I had a full representation of undergrads, and 2 of them can’t continue this semester because one has an internship, and the other is studying abroad. I think these two will do a fabulous job.

Mark – How many applications did you receive? – 2 in the time period of nominations and one after. Both of them are here.

81-0910: First and Only, reading passes 6-0-1 with Nick abstaining.

Open Discussion

Public Safety Aides Adam Schnackenberg and Danielle Relyea

Who we are:

-student-operated organization funded by SA and supported by the UP Department, comprised of a culturally diverse group of students of all years.

-students who believe that the safety of our college community should be ensured by peers, not only law enforcement professionals.

What we do:

-walk and observe the campus on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights during the academic school year.

-strive to maintain a safe environment by:

1. reporting any disturbances, such as vandalism, illegal drug use, fights, to UP officers via radio communication.
2. monitoring intoxicated students and provide assistance or notify UPD when necessary. We’ve had some stories, one of the things I’ve done is gone into a bathroom and found a girl unconscious and not responding. I was glad I was there.
3. acting as a deterrent for illegal and unsafe activities
4. being available to accompany students on campus late at night

Where you might see us:

- parking lots
- residence halls (working with RAs)
- fields surrounding campus and the Arboretum
- outside ISC during “bar rush” from 1:45am- 2:15am

What we won’t do:

- carry weapons
- arrest individuals
- use physical force

Contact information

PSA captains: psa@geneseo.edu

Inspector Joe VanRemmen, supervisor: vanrem@geneseo.edu

University police (non-emergency): x5651

University police (emergency): x5222

Questions –

Brian – How many people are PSAs? – Usual number is 10-20, but it’s in flux with seniors – Walking around, are you in clusters? – Thursday nights we have 4 people going out, Saturday night 3 groups of 2, so we spread out. There is no set program of where you’re supposed to walk. Some nights, officers will ask us to look out for something.

Jason- How often or on average how many reports do you have a weekend? – Depends on the weekend, I would say per weekend maybe 3 calls, some times a lot of calls, but on average 3-5.

Nick – Can you tell me how much financial support you get from UP? – None.

Phara- I’m a PSA. A lot of time we serve as deterrents because they’ll see us and stop doing whatever they’re doing.

Crew – How do you get involved? How much training does it require? – You go out with an experienced person, get a map and identify the buildings. The training is very hands on, start off with one of the captains, and pair people up. You have to get out there and learn the ropes. I got involved because I saw people out. I filled out an application and here I am.

Nick – I have strong and great concerns that an SA funded service is used to enforce an immoral law of the prohibition of marijuana use. How often does that happen? – I think as a PSA, we are talking to UP, so it is the officer’s decision. We work with them, it something we will do. I would say it happens not very often, I’ve only called it in once, but it’s in our description. Nothing against your personal beliefs, but we are required to. We hear calls that go in all the time, and RA’s are required to call in any time they believe marijuana is being used. If it’s one of their responsibilities, it should be one of ours also.

Brian – Members of PSA, - The conduct of PSA is a question for Joe VanRemmen.

Mathé – I have friends that are PSAs, do you think consistently if you are a valuable thing on our campus? Can you speak to that to see why we spend money on it? – It’s hard to say, one because we are a deterrent, so you never know from night to night what’s going to happen. Students’ lives are at risk, and we’re there to help. We can’t predict what’s going to happen but we could prevent something from happening.

Phara – I’ve seen a hit and run, guys harassing a girl, one car broken in, students stumbling home on ice. I don’t know if you want to put a price on that? I think of it as being of service to the community. I think we stop things each and every night.

Melissa – SA money is going to this? Is it something the college should be paying for. – That’s also a question for Joe VanRemmen.

Jeff- Do you have a website? – We don’t have one, but you can email psa@geneseo.edu, and applications are in the SA office. – Can you say how much you get paid? - Pay is \$7.48/hour.

Brian – I know that there are ongoing programs such as Red Watch Band, and I think money might be better spent there. Everyone should be more involved in taking precautions, and more of the college campus input. We have the Geneseo police, county police, and University police, that all take these things into consideration. The money should be spent to educate people to be their own safety aids – If the Red Band Watch was successful we’d have more people working, but because of the bystander effect, not everyone will call it in. As PSA’s we will actually take care of it. There are so many officers around, but a lot of the times the officers aren’t getting out of their cars, and they don’t know what’s going on inside the buildings. We’re seeing other things going on on campus. We are an extra set of eyes to take care of things.

Mathé – I do see both sides, and I do see that we do have a lot of people handling the college, but I see what you do. Do you kind of go off campus? – We’re not physically allowed to go off campus.- I do think you contribute a valuable resource to the college.

Corey – People at 2am are all coming from the bar, so I don’t think that makes them able to take care of others. Having a set responsibility is a really good safety measure.

Model UN – You’re allowed to venture wherever you like. Do you feel as though places such as South Village is being more heavily controlled? – We’re very fluid, but there are officers out there also. Generally we get more calls from Onondaga, because of freshman not knowing how to drink responsibly. It’s unintentional.

Phara – The circuit we go through takes about 20 minutes. Every 20 minutes there is someone on either side of the campus. Our scope is wide.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

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