

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING  
State University of New York, College at Geneseo



Student Association meetings are Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the College Union Hunt Room. All are welcome to attend.

**MINUTES #8, Wednesday, September 29, 2010**

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*Executive Committee*

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| President:               | Doug Sinski          |
| Vice-President:          | Tom Sochia           |
| <b>Directors:</b>        |                      |
| Academic Affairs:        | Meghan Pipe          |
| Business Affairs:        | Mark Petrie          |
| Inter-Residence Affairs: | Mary Bock            |
| Public Relations:        | Jake Griffin         |
| Student Affairs:         | Will Labate          |
| Student Programming:     | Nick Spengler        |
| Temporary Advisor:       | Dr. Robert Bonfiglio |

*PROFESSIONAL STAFF*

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

**Call to Order:** 6:15 P.M.

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

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

### Updates

**President, Doug Sinski updates:** We have been giving out calendars, and we still have several so if you want one stay after the meeting. I attended the Foundation meeting, where all of the people were very nice. When you all are alumni, definitely come back to the school. If you need me to teach you how to “Doug-ie” come to me after the meeting.

**Vice-President, Tom Sochia updates:** No new updates.

**Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates:** Baseball, Ski Team, College Democrats, Outing Club and SMA budgets are frozen due to non- attendance at training, so if you are a member of these clubs please contact me.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Mary Bock updates:** IRC will be holding our SWORD day, which stands for Students Working On Reward and Development, for all hall councils.

**Director of Public Relations, Jake Griffin updates:** New name tags are to come!

**Director of Academic Affairs, Meghan Pipe updates:** Last night we appointed Provost Long for the advisor for the 2010-2011 academic year. She shared her ideas for curriculum changes in the future, meaning the next 2-3 years. We’re in the planning stages currently, and we feel fortunate that she’s available as a resource to facilitate communications between students and faculty. Come to our meetings at 7 P.M. on Tuesdays.

**Director of Student Affairs, Will Labate updates:** Today is RA promotion day. RA selection dates are coming up soon so please send in your applications. ACE is working diligently on the upcoming Multicultural Dinner which is being planned by Nick and me. Over the weekend, I had a mooncake which was given to me by GCCC, which was delicious, and I went to the Lulu Washington Dance Theatre on Saturday, which was spectacular. If anyone would like to register to vote or if they know anyone who wants to register, you can in the Union Lobby tomorrow as well as the Milne Library on Friday from 11 A.M.-2 P.M..

**Director of Student Programming, Nick Spengler updates:** KINO will be showing the movie Kickass on Friday night at 7 P.M. in Wadsworth Auditorium.

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** Not present.

**Dr. Robert Bonfiglio, SA Executive Committee Temporary Advisor updates:** Not present.

### Open Updates

**Student Court:** Wanted to let everyone know that Malcolm is officially our court reporter.

### Old Business

24-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$49 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to The Lamron, Account 1501 for the increase in cost of AP Images.

*Second of Two Readings*

Not really anything more to say than what was said at last week’s meeting. We need the price difference that we don’t have for the AP photos for The Lamron.

Do you have any plans to make any other clubs more informed about the availability of the images? We could advertise in The Lamron.

Reading 24-1011: Second of Two Readings, passes 7-0-0.

25-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$189.90 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to The Lamron, Account 1501 for the purchase of two External Hard Drives.

*Second of Two Readings*

Just to reiterate, we need hard drives because The Lamron is taking up too much Iomega server space. Last week we got suggestions to get different hard drives than the ones that we had been looking at, so I spent some time this past week doing research. We usually use UB Micro and we've always gotten really excellent deals. They only carry Iomega drives, so I looked at G-Tech and gathered from consumer reports that everything is \$60 or more for the same amount of space, and I couldn't find any student deals. It's not necessary to go out and buy something more expensive because they can be easily damaged, and this is the best deal we could get. Did you find out how much space The Lamron occupies? No, but the 2 terabytes that the hard drive would cover would be more than enough.

Are you aware of the concerns of hardware failure? Yes we would just be spending so much more money that I don't think that it would be worth it. Also, the Iomega didn't have any negative reports, and there are higher reports because it's the terabyte drive.

Do you know the warranty of the drives? Not off the top of my head.

I think considering the very low price for 2 terabyte drives (\$189), though it may be a bit more risky than paying more money for a different drive, we should go for it.

Reading 25-1011: Second of Two Readings, passes 7-0-0.

### New Business

26-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,100.00 from SA Programs, Account 1002, to create a need-based grant program for students looking to attend service trips offered by Livingston CARES.

#### *First of Two Readings*

Doug said he's been in discussion with Dr. Bonfiglio, to discuss new ways in which we could provide opportunities for students to get involved. A great idea was to provide more opportunities for community service, and the best way to get involved would be to get involved with the Livingston CARES program by Tom Matthews. We should make the program a little more accessible for those who couldn't normally afford the cost of the trip. Such a grant program is need based, and the money would go to Tom Matthews, who in turn would review applications and allocate the money as needed. Dr. Matthews and Mr. Kevin Felter would love to come up and talk more about the program and why the money would be a good addition.

Dr. Matthews: When hurricane Katrina hit, dozens of students wanted to help. As a result of that we called people in the community and tried to set up collaboration with students and community. The Livingston CARES program is a 501(C)3 charity, which means that people can help by giving donations and get tax deductions in return. Since setting this program up, we have taken 19 trips to Mississippi, and you may ask why there and not New Orleans. The Mississippi coast was getting no help as FEMA was a mess. New Orleans was starting to get help whereas Mississippi wasn't, and we want to go to an area where we can get to know people and establish a relationship. We've worked on over 50 houses, and there are over 5,000 people who are still on the list for help in the southern part of Mississippi. Incredibly, 5 years later there is still a need for the volunteers to work on the houses that couldn't have been built by the owners, as they don't have the funds or resources to build. One woman that I visit is named Daisy. She lives in East Biloxi and is in her 70's. As a single mom she put 4 kids through college, and lost her house. We helped her get it back.

Kevin: It really is a life changing event. I'm 20 so I know that there will be more to come, but this will certainly stay up there. It is such an incredible opportunity to go out there and help someone. Simply your presence there and the idea that you sacrificed your time means the world to them. They are so grateful for all you do, but I get more out of it with the good feeling that I helped. I went on the past March trip and will be going again in January. The first day there I was sent to a public works center, and had to repaint the break room because they didn't have the time as they were out in the community helping all day. On the second day I went to an animal shelter called Smarter. It was an outdoor shelter that was busted the second day we were there for animal cruelty. We could've gone to other sites but the people that were there made it a point to talk to group leaders and the sheriff to say that we want to see it through that the animals were taken care of. In total we had rescued over 225 dogs, 70 cats, possums, raccoons and goats. Every day there were tears of joy and sadness.

Dr. Matthews: I haven't talked to a student who's gone on a trip who hasn't said to me that they wanted to do it for the rest of their life.

Can you outline how much the trip will cost, and how much the scholarships will cover? There was a bus accident last year, and we had sent buses during March break. Due to the liability, we are not going to do that anymore. We decided it's cheaper to fly there, so we are doing 4 trips flying out of Buffalo or Rochester. Without airfare, the cost will be around \$225, however the March trip is more expensive than the January one. In total it will be over \$500 for everyone. We will not be distinguishing between students or staff, but we do get students who ask for financial assistance. There is a committee who reviews the requests, and we will decide what they need assistance for and how much they need. I can't tell you how many there would be, but if you give us the money we will use it this year and into next year depending on what we are asked for.

I wanted to say that I did this in high school when Katrina hit. I got roped in and didn't necessarily want to participate, but it was easily the best week of my life, and I came home with the best feeling that I ever had for a month straight. Please bring it back to clubs that this program does exist because it is something you will want to do.

This seems like a good program and \$2,000 shouldn't get in the way of letting students go, especially if they volunteer their time and money to do something that is for others. We also do so many fundraisers like Gumbo, which will help to raise money. This is a really good program and a great use of student money.

Reading 26-1011: First of Two Readings, passes 6-0-0.

### **Open Discussion**

It was brought to my attention, for all those who do not know, there will not be a fall concert, as there is only enough money in the budget for a spring concert. This is in response to efforts by the SA to figure out a more effective business model for the concerts to make them more attractive. If we spend more money on one concert, then we can get a more appealing performer. We have been tabling in the Union getting student input on who they would like to see and at what price. We were going to discuss it at this meeting, but Bill is not feeling that well, which gives us opportunity to tell you that we will be having an in depth open discussion on this next week. Bring this information back to your organizations, and anyone who cares about the concert should come and make his/her voice heard. We don't know if we need to put more money into this concert, so that may also come up as a point of interest. Come to my office hours if you'd like to discuss this further. Also, we will have the Police Chief come at the beginning of the next meeting to talk about concerns regarding UP and how they operate.

The Chief is coming in, and in the past when the police come in it becomes a bash PSA meeting. That is not the goal of this open discussion.

If you know that you won't be here at the next meeting, we are looking to see if you have anything to say on the matter.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6: 41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed  
Recording Secretary