

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:	Doug Sinski
Vice-President:	Tom Sochia
Directors:	
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

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

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Call to Order: 6:15 P.M.

Approval of the Agenda:

USAEC striking Article 9 Section E Subsection 4. For Article 9 Section F strike “must be specifically approved by the USAEC. It is the full responsibility of the candidate to follow all USAEC policies concerning them.” Make it say “Any forms of publicity not mentioned in any of the above are subject to USAEC Guidelines and the USAEC Acknowledgement Form.”
Passes 7-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes:

Passes 7-0-0

Motion to suspend Robert’s Rule of Order for Open Discussion to go first.

Motion seconded.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Doug Sinski updates: I see there is a lot of participation in “ugly holiday sweater” wearing. There are still spots for the MLK day of service. It’s a great way to give back to the community. We will be creating first aid kits for economically disadvantaged people and we will have great speakers as well as a couple of GOLD workshops and we have a free lunch. Alert your groups about this and encourage involvement. And I further wish everyone luck on their finals because those are next week. It was Meghan’s birthday last night and it was a fantastic time.

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

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates: No new updates.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Mary Bock updates: Tomorrow night at 6:00 P.M. is Coffee Talk upstairs in Starbucks. We have over 10 student performers. You should definitely come because it’s a lot of fun and there will be free coffee from 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.

Director of Public Relations, Jake Griffin updates: No new updates.

Director of Academic Affairs, Meghan Pipe updates: AAC had its last meeting last night. We also had a rep retreat and wrote cards for soldiers. We held elections for communications director and in a funny twist of events our secretary ran for the position, which means that we now have an opening for the Secretary position. Elections will be held the 2 weeks after we return for spring semester, so if you’re interested please submit a letter of intent.

Director of Student Affairs, Will Labate updates: This Friday will be one ACE event and another event that ACE is participating in. At 7:00 P.M. in the Union Ballroom ACE will be showing “The Good, the Bad and the Weird”. It is a 1940’s movie about people finding treasure maps. There will be free popcorn and free prizes. Then at 10:00 P.M. the Holiday Jubilee is going on where ACE will be doing lots of arts and crafts. The ACE website is now updated and flashy so if you guys are interested in what ACE is doing next semester check it out.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Spengler updates: If anyone’s interested in working closer with me or AC come talk to me as AC has several open positions including Vice Chair.

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

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

Open Updates

RA’s: My name is Luke and I’m a senior res. I’m Marissa and I’m also a senior res. We’re here to talk about RA applications for the fall semester of 2011. They are open right now and they are due on January 24 at the latest. The early application date is January 17, it’s not necessary that you get it in by then but it looks great if you want more consideration. It’s a different application than those in the past. You can find it on reslife.geneseo.edu. If you are applying you need to be here on the weekend of February 12-13 as those are the selection dates.

GAGG: Running GAGG is rapidly approaching, but more rapidly than usual as it’s happening on the first full weekend after we get back.

BSU: Kwanzaa Dinner is this Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$6 for faculty and \$7 for the general public. It's at 6:00 P.M. in the Interfaith Center.

Patty: College-wide scholarships are now available. There are 65 scholarships primarily geared for leadership and academic achievement. Go to geneseo.edu/scholarships for more information.

Japan Club: We just want to thank everyone who came to Japan Knight. We sold out and it was a great night, thank you!

Old Business

47-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$30,000 from Reserves, Account 4000 to SA-Programs-Study Abroad Scholarships, Account 1002 in which \$5,000 will be used towards scholarships and \$25,000 will be put towards an endowment.

Second of Two Readings

Patty said this scholarship would be structured as \$5,000 going immediately towards scholarships and then \$25,000 would go towards building an endowment. There are almost 400 students that study abroad annually, and according to the Study Abroad Office \$1,000 can make or break their ability to participate in the program. This will be available for the summer, but not next semester.

47-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

49-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Alliance for Community Enrichment Constitution and By-Laws.

Second of Two Readings

Will said that ACE changed the clause about the procedure regarding conducting a meeting. For each meeting, basically ACE can decide on any form of procedure. In addition, GCCC will be allowed to collaborate with other ACE groups and be an official nonvoting member of ACE.

49-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1.

50-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the USAEC Guidelines; Non-Substantial Changes.

Second of Two Readings

Tyler said that the non-substantial changes are the same as they were last week.

Tom says thank you for cooperating with us through all this.

50-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

51-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the USAEC Guidelines; Substantial Changes.

Second of Two Readings

Tyler said these are the substantial changes. I met with SA Exec prior to this meeting to work things out so it doesn't turn into a huge question and answer session later. We have decided to cut Article 9 Section E Subsection 4 regarding Facebook usage. Article 9 must be specifically approved- are subject to USAEC guidelines and USAEC forms. We also struck the clause talking about list serves which is not on this list.

Will asks what was section D, just to refresh my memory?

Tyler said the USAEC Chair reserves the ability to keep open the vote if the requirements are left unsatisfied. We found that this was contradictory regarding voting volume requirements as they deal only with referenda.

Malcolm said just to clarify you're only looking for 3 alterations not the 4 that are on here? Only the last 3?

Tyler said yes we struck the first alteration.

51-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

52-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the USAEC Guidelines; Governance Changes.

Second of Two Readings

Tyler said that there's not much that has changed except the last one on the list stating Article 1 Section G "All USAEC decisions regarding changes to these Guidelines and the USAEC Acknowledgement Form must be made by a 2/3 majority of all Committee members".

Malcolm asked Article 3 Section H, when would the USAEC have to meet to determine how long the extension would be?

Tyler said the day it ends.

Malcolm asked the day what ends?

Tyler said the day the initial voting period ends. The USAEC Chair should always be harassing Kate about looking at the turnout making sure that everything is running smoothly and that the Chair is always in the know regarding how many people are voting or what the number of people required to have everything pass is for referenda to be valid.

Malcolm asked once that decision is made, once you've decided how long to keep the vote open for, when the end is reached it will close period?

Tyler says yes regardless of what happened due to voting.

51-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

53-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$825 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Gold Account 1015 to fund Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Luncheon for January 17th, 2011.

Second of Two Readings

Doug said they are having a GOLD Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. There will be a speaker, GOLD workshops and then lunch. After will be a service opportunity which will involve students as well as community members creating first aid kits for economically disadvantaged elderly people who don't have the resources to own one or drive themselves to the hospital. They will be distributed by Livingston County. It's a multi hour event, hoping to reward our participants with food.

53-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

New Business

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First of Two Readings

Evelyn: I am the President of LSA. We are requesting \$1,400 for our annual dinner. Our budget was cut in half from last year due to paperwork issues so we have to request a new budget for the next semester. We are also requesting \$100 for our annual fundraiser.

Mary asks is it \$1,300 for the dinner?

Evelyn said sorry it's \$1,400 in total. \$1,300 for dinner and \$100 for the fundraiser.

Mary asks did you do a fundraiser request memo through the Union?

Evelyn said no we have to have the money for it first

Mark asks do you know the date?

Evelyn said yes April 16th.

54-1011: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 7-0-0.

55-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$542.84 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Black Student Union Account 1902 to fund the Kwanzaa Dinner and Pageant on December 12th in the Interfaith Center.

First of Two Readings

BSU is having a Kwanzaa Dinner this Sunday at 6:00 P.M. in the Interfaith Center as well as a pageant. We are enforcing collective work and responsibility as well as purpose, which are part of the seven principles of Kwanza. We are asking for a budget increase to ensure that we have the highest quality of dinner and pageant for our guests.

Will asks are you asking to waive the first reading since the event is on Sunday?

BSU said yes we're really sorry we had some issues with the caterer.

Chris asked does someone want to make a motion?

Doug said we got this.

Motion to waive first reading.

Motion seconded.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

No questions or discussion on the second reading.

55-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

56-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the fundraising request by Black Student Union Account 1902 to collect monies at the Kwanzaa Dinner and donate the proceeds to Doctors without Borders.

First and Only Reading

BSU would like to collect \$2 from each guest at the Kwanzaa Dinner and send the money to Doctors without Borders.

Will asked was this money included in the ticket price?

BSU says no.

Chris asks is monies a real word?

Doug says yes.

56-1011: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 7-0-0.

57-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the appointment of Bernard Goehle to the position of Chair of the Undergraduate Student Association Elections Committee.

First and Only Reading

Doug said he got an application from Mr. Goehle to be the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Association Elections Committee for next semester. As you've seen we've made changes to the USAEC guidelines so I'd like to see someone who has the memory to what has been changed and the ability to apply those changes effectively. We are making this appointment now so that it allows Mr. Ocon

and Mr. Goehle to discuss and get the ball rolling.

Will asked, Bernard, are you going to try to make a committee up to the maximum amount of USAEC members?

Bernard said yes that is my goal. I want to get a full committee together for next semester.

Malcolm asked first of all nothing against Mr. Goehle, but why are we getting a new elections chair?

Tyler said I am resigning at the end of the semester to study abroad.

Malcolm said might I propose that reading to be slightly amended to take effect in resignation of Tyler?

Doug said it's already handled.

Tyler said my resignation has already been handed in to Doug. As outgoing Chair I could not think of a better person for the job other than Mr. Goehle. From what I've seen he has gone above and beyond what I expected him to do as a member of the committee. All the members went above and beyond and I thank them for that. I'm a sentimental guy.

57-1011: *First and Only Reading*, Passes 6-0-0.

Open Discussion

Mr. Scott: Whenever we engage our student community I make sure that not only do I show up but I bring the people who are in charge of our delivery every day so you have the right answers to your questions. I am here to answer your questions, and there are a few things I want to share with you in terms of new things we are doing to improve value for our campus community. If you want to see any new services or service enhancement don't be afraid to say so. One thing that I want you to know is that on the 10th we are installing 2 new ATM machines through a partnership with the Credit Union here on campus. There will be a replacement one that will go where the HSBC ATM was in Letch. We have a lower transaction fee so if you're not a Credit Union member it costs \$1.50 to take out funds, which is cheaper than other ATMs. That was important that we brought those dollars down for transaction fees. Not only will you have the replacement at Letch but another will be placed in the library located just outside of Books and Bytes. While the ATM will be placed there we plan to put a decorative shroud around it so that it doesn't just stick out. We want to make sure that it fits within the soft finish of the spaces. Those will go live on the 10th.

Will asks what will the bank be for the ATM in the library?

Mr. Scott: It will be through the credit union. So if you're a member, then the transaction fee will be free. The ATM that's outside here is Bank of Castille, and that contract will be done by the end of this year so we will try to lower the price for the following years. The other thing that we are looking at is replacing the Zip car, not because we don't like the Zip car but because the Zip car is very costly to maintain. It's \$3,000 to maintain. CAS is only responsible for the amount of money that's leftover from the use of the Zip car members. Every month we have to incur those costs. Hertz came out with a program that's similar to Zip car, but is overall a better program with a wide variety of cars. Also it's easier to get people to be approved for driving a Hertz car. A lot of folks have been denied membership through Zip car, not that Hertz will approve a reckless driver, but it's easier. Sarah will talk about the GUS project in which we will be renovating GUS space upstairs.

Tyler asks what's the deal with the vending machine right here that was changed? The thumb scanner thing still doesn't work for me. I don't want to use it and I'm sure that a whole bunch of students find it ridiculous and don't want to use it either. What is the rationale for changing it?

Mr. Scott: Our vending contract was over last year and we put it out for a competitive bid and several companies did bid for it. We continue to push the envelope for innovation, and vending is no different. There were a few solutions that our current partner brought to the table, like the digi-touch machine in the ISC. Traditional vending units are in existence as well. They had the best proposal that included these innovations, other kinds of really great solutions that not only they come to market with but other companies. So we said we'll try them. However, it's next generation technology and we're hearing the same feedback. Basically, it's cumbersome. We have a conference call with Venmore tomorrow, the company responsible for the technology. We're looking for solutions that are more intuitive and easier for people to use. If we can't find a happy medium then we will go back to the traditional machines. Chris says in relation to that I don't mind using the thumbprint but I'm not sure if you have it on file. I'm not sure how I'd go about using that or how the machine would recognize me?

Mr. Scott: You do that at the machine. We are talking to them about whether or not we can do this remotely to get people an opportunity to sign up beforehand, rather than standing at the machine and doing the process. So we're working on that.

Dave says at Starbucks they serve sandwiches and they cost about \$6.50. When I go to GUS, the same sandwiches cost less. How is this so?

Mr. Scott: I don't believe we have identical sandwiches. For GUS focaccias are \$4.50 and our artisan sandwiches are \$6.50. The sandwiches at Starbucks are similar to the artisan sandwiches in the sense that the breads are similar, but the ingredients remain different.

Justin says I don't know what control you have over prices in the vending machines. This may be an individual concern, but if you can negotiate prices could you make juice cost less than a soda?

Mr. Scott: Whatever the prices were for products last year remain to the prices for this year. If there were new products put into the machines, then there would be some flexibility. I do know that any prices that were in place last year we kept the same. All juice products aren't created equal.

Mary says I had a friend tell me the other day that people were buying mugs and merchandise from Starbucks with their meal-plans.

Mr. Scott: That should not be. We are setting up a backend solution so that that can't happen. We were leaving it up to our cashiers to negotiate that and we realized that we were still having that problem. In the future when it gets wrung up it won't allow you to complete that transaction.

Malcolm says this past weekend I was approached by one of my suitemates with an issue that they were having with the quick-store machine. They are also having problems getting the reader to accept the thumbprint at all. I was wondering what might be going on with that and when will it be fixed? They said they followed the instructions and it still wouldn't accept.

Mr. Scott: Again we will have a conversation with the company tomorrow morning. We are not sure if there's some sort of sensitivity with the print recognizer itself, but after our conference tomorrow we will tell you what we have learned.

Doug asked are we getting the rundown of what GUS is going to look like?

Sarah says we have been working pretty hard on the GUS project which is for this upcoming summer. John and I have been working on the content look and what we want this operation to be. Right now we are focused on a multicultural street fair type of food since we don't have a lot of that on campus. We want it diverse but casual. We want it to be quick, easy and portable. We are currently at the point in the plans where we can see a good sketch of what it will look like. Even though GUS is not a national brand, we are looking to make that experience, especially with the installation of Starbucks around the corner, into one that feels as if it is a national brand. Some ideas that we are considering incorporating are more obscured meats from Indian cuisine to Middle Eastern to Mediterranean. We have been talking about a faux noodle station and cold noodle salads. We have been working with what I call a compound salad which is not lettuce and tomatoes but couscous and lentils. John and I went to NY just to do a little research and something we saw in a ton of different markets that we went into were gorgeous looking sandwiches. They were premade and the workers take them and heat them for you or you could take it and run. The sandwich component is very important as we know that students just love it and would be upset if we got rid of it, however we are going to give it a different shape. We saw a lot of really cool things that we think students will enjoy because the flavors will be different. We also need to not go so far to one side that we turn one part of the population off, so you'll see mixes of things. When we open we'll do tastings and samplings so that students don't spend the money first before they know what they would like. We want to open up the kitchen and do skewered meats. We would make it more interactive and fun, a little more authentic in feel and everything. We're really excited about this project, it should be really neat.

Doug asks do you have anything else in store?

Mr. Scott says this current semester we had over 20% of all books that were available for rental, and next semester we expect over 30% of all titles to be available for rental. So I would encourage you to look to rent them. This Friday we are going to be talking to Follett about the future of course materials. Something that we want to understand is how they plan to address digital course materials. Our experience in the past has not been so great in terms of digital titles.

Malcolm asks has progress been made to getting financial aid to pay at the bookstore?

Mr. Scott says it's interesting because when we first introduced this, that's not something we had normally done. We got some push back initially because this was a foreign idea. Now we are talking to financial aid folks and now they are starting to warm to that idea. I don't see it happening next semester, but it's something that we'll talk about for next year. We'll work through the process of getting everyone comfortable with it and that the student community definitely wants that. I would expect that that's something we should present to our board.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed
Recording Secretary