

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



Student Association meetings are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the College Union Hunt Room. All are welcome to attend.

MINUTES #18, Wednesday, January 26, 2011

<i>Executive Committee</i>	
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

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Administrative Assistant:	Nancy Chirico
Graphics Coordinator:	Kristen Fuest
Program Advisor:	Claire Wright
Service Manager:	Dianne Krenzer

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Call to Order: 6:30 P.M.

Approval of the Agenda:

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Agenda passes 6-0-0 with Mark Petrie absent.

Approval of the Minutes:

Meghan changes minutes to say that elections were yesterday, January 25th and it was the club resource workshop that is on February 1st.

Minutes pass 6-0-0.

Updates

President, Doug Sinski updates: Mark is looking for another person for his budget review committee, there is one spot remaining. This is a good opportunity for people interested in meta-government and money. You can find out what the SA does because you can see every place to which we allocate money. Contact Mark at sadba@geneseo.edu if you're interested. Many of you may have noticed that I have a popped collar. Many of you must have thought wow what a loser, but I'm doing it for a reason. Between now and referendum, I'm going to try to pop every collar. I'm publicizing for the referendum, that's how I will build awareness. Also, I will be attending the Geneseo Foundation meeting in NYC tomorrow and Friday. If you have any concerns you want to make alumni aware of, let me know. They make a lot of scholarships, so if you are interested in that or where donations should go I will bring it to the board. I signed a contract for 3OH!3, and Ke\$ha returned her contract, so she is definitely coming.

Vice-President, Tom Sochia updates: My first Student Senate meeting is tomorrow. Also, club sports, we might be having a couple of teams going this semester which would be cool.

Director of Business Affairs, Mark Petrie updates: Not present.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Mary Bock updates: This weekend we have GeneseOlympics. It will be Saturday, January 29th at 3:30 in the gym. Also, next week Provost Long will be coming in to do an open discussion. If anyone has other suggestions for open discussions let me know and I'll try to get them in here to talk to us.

Director of Public Relations, Jake Griffin updates: For the referendum, I'm not going to give complete details, however I will send an email out. I want to meet with your clubs individually, so please respond to my email or I will find out myself where you guys meet.

Director of Academic Affairs, Meghan Pipe updates: Yesterday we had elections for the position of secretary. There were 3 people running, and our choice is Laura, so we're excited to get her up to speed about AAC. Beyond that, next week is our club resource workshop. I sent a little flyer out to SA-L, so hopefully you saw it. It is mandatory for AAC reps and club presidents to attend, but it's also open to everyone.

Director of Student Affairs, Will Labate updates: I have been preparing for the bus trip for Albany. If funds are approved tonight tickets will be going on sale soon. This weekend I am going with Model UN to a competition and I'm looking forward to that.

Director of Student Programming, Nick Spengler updates: AC has been busy. This Sunday we're showing Double Indemnity at 3 P.M. and The Elders on February 12th, so keep an eye out for tickets. Enjoy the shows!

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: Budget hearings are coming up. I know Mark will have memos out probably early next week, so look in your mailbox.

Claire Wright, Program Advisor updates: Just a general reminder, if you have any questions or need help with contracts or anything with upcoming events you can come find me. I'm in the MOSAIC and I'm happy to help out.

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

Open Updates

BJ Goehle: Referendum is coming up, as well as the elections for SA Exec and class officers. Two weeks from today are the first informational meetings on Wednesday, February 9th at 2:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. in Union 329 and Thursday, February 10th at 7:00 P.M. in 329. If anyone has any questions come see me.

Malcolm: Running GAGG was this past weekend, and GAGG wants to thank the exec board for all their help and getting our convention up and running as it was a success. It also brought the end of GAGG's exec board terms so effective this past Sunday I am the official SA rep for GAGG. In other news right now in upstairs Letch is CAS's ultimate chef night. We have a bunch of recipes from Food Network that are being done in the all you can eat section. There's also a competition between 6 different student chefs.

Model UN: The Geneseo Model UN team will be going to go against Montreal and various Ivy League schools this weekend. We are excited for the event, and will return with results, victories and scalps.

Meghan: You might have seen me or my friends running around campus with red and blue balloons. The last application deadline for TFA is next Friday, February 4th so if you are at all interested in this and you are a senior I would encourage you to look at the website or talk to me.

Mark Romano: Starting tonight and ending Saturday is the production of "The Fantasticks" in the Black Box. It's \$6, and I've seen it already and can say that it's a really good show.

Tom: Cheerleading come talk to me after the meeting, thank you.

Old Business

59-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$100 from Budget Increases Account 1099 to Inter-Residence Council, Account 1201 for costs associated with GeneseOlympics on January 30th.

Second of Two Readings

I'm Ashley. I'm running GeneseOlympics. I'm overseeing all the residence council presidents. I just ordered the food, which cost us \$104 dollars from CAS.

59-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

60-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$6,000 from Reserves, Account 4000 to Budget Increases Account 1099 to replenish the Budget Increases Account.

Second of Two Readings

Doug said we've been doing a lot of fantastic things. We need to replenish the Budget Increases account to continue to do such things for the next semester.

60-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-0.

61-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$5,107.20 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to SA Programs, Account 1002 for the Bus Trip to Albany on March 1st.

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Will said this money is going to the price of printing tickets, a full page ad in The Lamron and potentially free buses to Albany. It's an "up to" amount, so I'll be reserving one bus tomorrow. Posters will be up by next week all around campus and in the residence halls. The posters are taken care of by another reading and the tickets will cut off on the Friday before the trip. We want to fill up 3 buses, but just in case we don't I am only reserving one bus for now.

Tom says hopefully we will be seeing everyone in the room on this trip.

Meghan says I'm going to talk to Provost Long about drafting up a letter from her or someone else in the administration so that you have an excuse to be out for the day to come and lobby because it's so important to us or anyone who works or lives here.

Will says you can't be formally excused from class, but there will be an alert to professors. There will be a letter from SA saying that this student will be out of class for this reason and if the teacher doesn't accept it then...

Malcolm asks if a teacher requests actual verification that you physically went will such verification will be provided?

Will says they can call me up.

Meghan asks will there be receipts from the office?

Will says there will be tickets.

61-1011: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-1 with Will abstaining.

New Business

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First of Two Readings

Tom stated as part of the Vice President position, he is in charge of stipend reviews which have been when referendum year happens, and that's this year. We reviewed all of the positions that felt like they deserved a stipend through the SA and mostly everyone who came who wanted a stipend already had one so it wasn't incredibly difficult. Before I continue I wanted to ask the SA board if you wanted to table this until next week when we have more info from CAS.

Doug says I wanted you to go through it now.

Tom says okay, well after talking to everyone we kind of realized that there are a lot of positions that receive SA stipends that kind of make it unable to do anything other than SA. We wanted to raise the stipend a couple of dollars especially if the referendum does pass and these can be allocated, we will end up having a larger budget anyway so it won't be a huge deal. Especially The Lamron as The Lamron editors spend up to 20 hours in The Lamron office on the Tuesday and Wednesday before The Lamron comes out. We wanted to give them more than \$12 a week. Also then the next big change is that a lot of the AC positions are now going to run on seasonal stipend. This means that instead of getting a \$24 check every 2 weeks, they'll get a big lump at the end so that they aren't required to hold office hours when they aren't having an event coming up. Then when they do have an event they can just fill out an event report and get the money at the end.

Doug says due to an ongoing disagreement with CAS they want to take out taxes, so we are working on that with them. That would increase costs so we are making sure that they don't need to take them out. Is there a motion to table?

Motion to table reading. Motion seconded.

Tom says also to clarify, this would eliminate all the seasonal positions we just created because you have to have a certain payroll, and everyone has to have a certain dollar amount. Right now stipends aren't based on hourly pay and associated with the job are office hours, so it's not really associated with payroll, which is why we need to table this.

Motion passes 5-0-1.

63-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$150 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to SA Programs, Account 1002 to fund a start-up budget for the Community Health Alliance.

First of Two Readings

We're from the Community Health Alliance, a new organization on service projects in this community and abroad on service projects that relate to health. We are asking for \$150 for a startup fund. Most of that money will go towards Haiti week that we throw February 14th-18th. We need money to buy posters to put up to advertise the week as a part of an awareness campaign. We will also be using some money on a community health needs assessment project that we'll do. Just to add, any money that is raised during the Haiti awareness week all will go to our group partner in Haiti for water purification systems because there is a cholera epidemic there, so this will save lives.

Meghan asks can you give us a plug for your group?

CHA says we're not sure yet. We have an interest meeting planned for Monday, February 7th at 8:00 P.M. We will also be at the student organization expo. Also there's a description of all of our various projects in here so you can read about it.

Doug says send us an email about when you know what room you're meeting in and we will put it out in mailboxes. Also if you're looking to explore alternate sources of funding you should talk to Claire who can hook you up with the resources that you need to do more fantastic things.

63-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

64-1011: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$900 from Budget Increases, Account 1002 to SA Tech Services, Account 1004 to cover the costs associated with attending the United States Institute of Theatre Technology Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, which runs from March 9th-12th.

First of Two Readings

I'm Mark Romano, the tech director for SA tech and a designer in theatre. First I am asking to amend 64-1011, we forgot to add in the hotel tax. The change is from \$900 to \$1037. This conference is every year, it's one of the largest tech-theatre conferences in the country. There are many job opportunities associated with it, and there are a bunch of different workshops. It's a great resource for designers and technicians to go to. I've gone for the past 2 years and we want to give that opportunity to other people who can then take the information that they learn there and bring it back to help all of the student groups which we help. We have \$2500 for the conference right now, and we've got 4 people going this year so we've got the breakdown of how much it costs in this packet.

Mary asks do you know who is going? Are any of them seniors?

Mark says at least one of them is. I'm going but I'm not going through tech services. I pulled myself out so that other people can go that can't afford it.

Tom asks so you have budgeting for 3 people?

Mark says we asked for 4, which would've been \$3000, and we were rewarded \$2500 in our budget which is good for 3 people so we are asking for enough for the 4th person.

Mary says a concern that has come up is the fact that this conference is the middle of March, and if you're sending a senior they will only be here for a month and a half... I realize that we are sending people so they can learn and expand, but if they will only expand here for 2 months it doesn't seem worth it.

Mark says we have a crew of 25 people. We told them all about the conference, and these were the 4 people who expressed interest. They can take what they learned and then bring it back to the crew.

Will says Mary I agree with you, but in this specific case, having just one senior go would be okay, whereas I would have a problem if it was all seniors, I think it wouldn't be the worst thing in the world, because the senior can facilitate more training for the rest of SA tech crew in the things they have learned. I have some concern with the next reading, but for this reading there is only one senior going out of four so I think for the training purposes of SA tech that it's a good idea.

Motion to amend the readings for up to \$1037. Motion seconded.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

Ashley asks are there any people going that are paying for part of it?

Mark says they pay for their registration.

Ashley asks do you have any formal plans for when you return?

Mark says we have continual training programs that go on for the year. We are going to take what we've learned and then bring it back and incorporate it.

Kate says in financial policy it says that anyone that goes to a conference is supposed to do a write up about the conference within a week of returning.

64-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

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There is a number of people in theatre department who want to go and it's fairly expensive to pay for it. There are a lot of seniors going on this trip, however we are also all the seniors who design all the shows this year and will continue to design this year. There will be 2 shows that will go on post-returning. They are Jekyll and Hyde and the dance concert. We are all the people who had expressed interest in going.

Will asks so you never actually turned anyone down for this?

Mark says correct. We asked who wanted to go and these are the people who said yes. They cross disciplines in the theatre department.

Will asks how much recruitment have you done? We're doing a reading for MTC, so how much went on in MTC?

Mark says we asked them, it's been announced in the department, and these are the people who showed an interested of going.

Will says I just have an issue that there are other committees where people in the past have been given a hard time near the end of their year for going to a conference. With the exception of you since you're the tech director you need to train the people behind you, out of the 6 other people, 4 are seniors. It bothers me that there are a lot of seniors in this trip. I know MTC asked everyone who wanted to go. They had auditions this past weekend and I wonder if anyone that was just accepted was asked to go. I think that the college would benefit from their expertise for a few months but it would be a better alternative for a freshman or for a sophomore to go to have that experience. Can MTC ask if anyone else would want to go?

Mark says we are more than willing if more people want to come down, it would just cost more money. Then you'll be suggesting cuts for your next question. Matt is the only sound designer on campus and he is a senior. He will take on someone to train after attending the conference. Katelyn is a senior, being one of the only prop designers. They are training people to replace them to work on all the student productions. The conference will allow them to relate even more what they've learned, what they've done. As I said if there were more people who showed interest in going, I would have them come.

Will asks did they possibly ask the people who they are supposed to be training? I'm not saying that they don't have a valid reason for going, but I think that a person they're actually supposed to be training will get a lot more out of the conference than the seniors will. I was looking at the cost and the max is \$2500, so I don't know how many people more you could actually bring...

Mark says the group of designers is very small. There are 6 or 7 of us and that's pretty much it. We've talked to people coming up and coming through who are showing interest, and often it doesn't happen for sure until the end when we say that we need someone to fill in. That's why training happens the second half of the semester. Trainees don't really show interest so we are the ones that go to the conferences. As more shows go on we get more interest in what we do.

Tom says I think also that a lot of the students who are designing shows currently are the upper level students just because they have taken all these classes and they know at this point. Sending someone like a freshman who is maybe interested might not benefit from it because then they take the classes and they won't end up designing.

Malcolm asks this is the same conference as the last reading?

Mark says yes.

Malcolm: asks why is there a large discrepancy in the funding?

Mary says if it's a budgeted conference we can fund 100%, and if it's not then we can do 50%. For MTC, since it's not budgeted we can only fund 50% so they have to pay for it themselves.

Mark says each of the students will be paying \$300-\$400.

Mary says I think we could talk in circles about whether or not we should send seniors, so we should wait until Mark talks to people in MTC.

Call to question. Seconded.

Passes 6-0-0.

65-1011: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

Open Discussion

Doug says we are looking to increase the mandatory activity fee, as we currently have one of the lowest in SUNY. It would allow us to put on a concert every year such as the one we are putting on this year. In another couple of weeks we will be having an open discussion based on whether or not we want to vote to increase the referendum. So we can have that discussion at a later date as I know that there will be a lot of questions regarding the referendum.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed
Recording Secretary