

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 #24, Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

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**Call to Order:** 6:15 pm.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Tyler motions to add under heading table reading 88-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve CSA Cheerleading, Account 1404 to fundraise for men's uniforms and sponsor t-shirts.

Kate stated reading 86-1112 "Get on the Bus" was switched to \$770.60.  
Passes 6-0-0.

Stasia is at a conference but her updates will still be given.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Passes 6-0-0.

**Updates**

**President, Nicholas Spengler updates:** No new updates.

**Vice-President, Tyler Ocon updates:** I met with Dr. Bonfiglio earlier in the week to discuss progress on a medical Good Samaritan policy. He got the go ahead, so this policy draft will be available by the end of this academic year. It will be in place after the next meeting for next academic year.

**Director of Business Affairs, Brittany Wolf updates:** Thank you for all who submitted budget updates to me, everyone who came to budget review. After spring break you'll know your finalized budgets.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Carly Annable updates:** Not much on IRC front. IRC is looking to possibly bring a regional conference to Geneseo. If you're interested in serving on the conference chair committee, there are a whole spattering of different seats available from banquet to programming. It's a good resume builder and we're looking at 300-600 students across state to come. Go to [tinyurl.com/geneseoconferencechair](http://tinyurl.com/geneseoconferencechair).

**Director of Public Relations, Lindsey Hebell updates:** You really should get your tickets by 3 pm on Friday if you want to go on the bus trip. Bagels and fresh fruit will be provided.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Justin Shapiro updates:** "Rock Your Semester" is March 21<sup>st</sup> after spring break; it will be a sample of early semester syllabi. The first reading passed for the changes to AAC's bylaws and constitution. Provost Long is on the prowl for students to sit on the search committee to find a new VP for College Advancement. They might have to be here through August but she is looking for student involvement.

**Director of Student Affairs, Stasia Monteiro updates as read by Tyler Ocon:** WAC is having their "Dinner in the Dark" at 6pm in the Union Ballroom tomorrow night; tickets are \$7 and will benefit Rochester's Alternatives for Battered Women. Tickets are still available for the budget advocacy bus trip I will be picking up the names on Friday at 3pm, its \$5 that will be returned to you. We have meetings scheduled with a number of different state representatives that are relevant to Geneseo. I will be meeting with the Dean to get college sanction for the trip so that you don't get in trouble for not being in class.

**Director of Student Programming, Heather Bristol updates:** Happy Leap Day. Also for AC, applications are still open, are due on March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have some kind of conflict but want to apply please email me and we will be happy to make accommodations. If you have any questions again please approach or email me.

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** There will not be a check run the week after spring break. Please get check requests in.

**Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** The deadline for GREAT Day submissions is March 9<sup>th</sup>. GREAT Day will be featuring an awesome luncheon.

**Open Updates**

SUNY Assembly: Our lobbying trip is coming up the day after Geneseo's lobbying trip, March 6<sup>th</sup>. I haven't heard any interest yet so it looks like Geneseo won't have a presence at the system wide day the way that things are going right now. If you are interested come see me quickly.

USAEC: I have more dates. I posted ballots last night so those are ready. Speeches, first one is tomorrow at 7pm at the AC meeting, March 6<sup>th</sup>, and March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm will be the debate for all positions which are campus wide in MJ. There will be food served. If you have any questions to be asked email me or write them down and drop them in the SA office.

GAGG: Mini-con is being held. It is much smaller than the big event at the beginning of February. It is a mini version of Running GAGG. It's only this building but it's still a lot of gaming for hours on end if you want some stress relief, come to the Union. No advanced registration needed.

### Old Business

81-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,129.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000, to Geneseo Men's Tennis, Account 1416, for a stringing machine.

#### *Second of Two Readings*

David says I pretty much said everything about the machine that I wanted to bring up. The only differences are that someone said we should make it mandatory for officers to learn how to do this which I think is a great idea. We will add that into our constitution for next year. There was another concern that we may not have enough business in doing fundraising with this machine but I think that people will recognize that we specialize in racquets and will try our stringing services out. They will realize that we provide a better quality job. It is also convenient for most of our members to get their racquets back the next day which will eliminate the issue of not having enough racquets at practice. Overall this is a great opportunity for the tennis team to do some fundraising for itself.

Heather says one thing that I had a concern about is that if anyone outside men's tennis team pays for the services if you were to obtain this machine that would be fundraising. So the issue arises of how can you keep cash flow in check. I think that that can be a sticky issue because there isn't a system in place.

A representative says I think that's something for our treasurer to handle throughout the year. I'll designate him to take in the racquets to see how many are done from the team and from outside sources. I have faith in the e-board that they will be able to keep track.

Charles ask is there any way that you can rent the machine and accomplish the same thing every once in a while?

David says you can't rent a machine, they are costly and aren't the easiest thing to move back and forth.

Justin asks if you talked to the guy from Swain Sports, would he be able to string the racquets with more tension?

David says I don't know what machine they use or how they even do it and I think that it would be so much more convenient for members to just be able to come and do this at practice. We don't have to request additional money since we will be making money off of this which is another bonus.

Lindsay says last time you said that you didn't want to go to Swain because you weren't happy. I was curious if you happened to take it back to them and tell them that it wasn't expected to be like that.

David says personally I'm not a kind of person to complain and take it back. Since I have my own machine I just brought it here, it wasn't that much of a big deal to me. I haven't really asked around much about that.

Lamron says it's my impression that when a group fundraises it doesn't go into their budget.

Kate says if it's not in the budget it would have to be a reading for a fundraiser to put it into the budget.

Brittany asks would they have to do a reading every time?

Kate says no they would have to do one for the year asking to fundraise by charging x amount of dollars for restringing racquets.

Tyler says I have only one concern for buying this piece of equipment. I have faith that you would train the next people coming up.

But a couple of years down the road this machine is going to become forgotten with time so I am hesitant to shell out the money necessary if for me there is no real guarantee that 7 years down the line this thing will still be used. Just to get an idea of the Athletics Department, I was called today and was told that the school has an agreement with Modell's and it comes out of the college's athletic budget. He did not seem very amenable to altering that agreement to bring their business to the club tennis team. So this seems that it would be for the tennis team.

David says last week I addressed that it would be in the closet here in the Union. I checked the dimensions and it would definitely fit. One of my concerns is also for passing it on because I don't want this to be forgotten. I am making sure that this is going into the constitution and I would hope that the officers would pass it on, but I believe that everyone would stay interested in learning how to do it because there has been a lot of interest.

A representative in the room says it could be an opportunity for the department itself by using your machine as opposed to going elsewhere.

Justin says the constitution is a really good thing and a lot of clubs do follow them, but on the other hand clubs can also neglect changing the constitution or wouldn't pass things down. Also the time factor, if you have a stringing machine on campus it would increase incentive. What if you have too many racquets and not enough people to restring them? It can pay for itself, but let's say Swain Sport doesn't give us a discount. I don't understand why you weren't granted the other equipment, but it would be worthwhile to looking into that in the future.

Heather says my biggest concerns are centered on financial issues not with the cost of the machine itself, but in the future with how much people would have to pay. Especially because there are potentially cheaper options. I think that there are various issues inherently built into that.

David says I know you guys may be skeptical on some points, but even looking past the fundraising I have been running this team for 3 years now, I feel like me requesting this stringer is the best thing our team could have gotten. I don't want to waste anyone's money or time, but I feel like if you trust me on this, this is something that our team really wants and would be very beneficial for us. I just

feel like this would be a really good thing for our team. This is something that not many teams get an opportunity to have and our team would not take it for granted.

Rachel asks how often do you use this per semester?

David says last semester at least 15 people that I know of needed a restringing. Sometimes multiple times, one guy needed it 4 times. Some people don't need a stringing for a year or two it all depends on how you play.

Tyler says with a team discount if you supply your own strings it would cost \$10 at Swain.

Rachel asks how long would it take to pay for the machine?

David says it would take 4 years with a minimum of 15 people at \$20 per racquet it would pay for itself.

Lindsay asks did you say the life span of 7 years?

David says it's a metal machine, I know a club that has had a machine for 30 years it's ancient it's working great. It is warranted up to 5. It would definitely pay itself back before the warranty runs out.

Tommy says I think Swain is very responsive, I recently asked if they were willing to give a donation and they were more than happy to. They are willing to work with the college and I think that that is an option that is very viable for the team.

Heather says I think that it's awesome that you are trying to do this for the team because you wouldn't even benefit anything from it. But when issues come out such as 15 racquets for \$10 at Swain in comparison to what you are asking, I feel kind of torn. I don't think that you're trying to get something that is merely a novelty.

Brittany says I am thinking about paying it off thing, we never ask clubs to pay it back, so I don't know if necessarily we should be looking at how long it would take for it to pay itself back.

Lamron says the reason why people are looking to pay it off because they are specifically asking for it to be used for fundraising. So if it didn't pay itself off, then it would be somewhat pointless.

Dara says I was really skeptical about this. I don't like to vote no on a lot of things, but I saw a lot of problems specifically with it not being useful if people don't know how to work it. I think that you really addressed it by making it a part of your constitution. The racquet itself needs to be at a comfortable strength thing so that people can play well, I can't speak for tennis but I feel like you have answered all of the questions really well and you have been such a good presenter that you have changed my mind, and I think that we should give it to them. I see all the concerns but I think that they have all been addressed.

81-1112: *Second of Two Readings*, Fails 1-3-2 with Brittany voting yes, Justin, Tyler, and Carly voting no and Lindsey and Heather abstaining.

84-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,199.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000, to Geneseo Crew Club, Account 1402, for a new motor.

*Second of Two Readings*

Tommy says pretty much the same thing as last week; this is the motor that the team uses every day at practice. It's to monitor the safety of the boats that are out on the water. It gets used from September-October and from April-May. It allows the morning practices to run more smoothly, we are not waiting and sitting still. As much as we like waking up at 5am we like being productive. It's five 8's, not four 8's.

Heather asks you brought something up on Friday about safety; does that change with the adjusted number?

Justin says there was a rule that you had to have one launch per boat; I don't know if this is what you're getting at. Under those club rules you'd have fewer launches per boats.

Tommy says all the boats try to stay together whether that be a men's team going a little slower to stay with the women's team. This past fall we had to run 2 motors because we had a group of novice but that motor was able to stay very close to shore. This coming season I don't see that many issues with the novice in terms of keeping up. This motor would be beneficial. Now we have the security of getting from one area to another area.

Justin asks does the motor come with a warranty?

Tommy says a 3 year warranty for the oil seals and oil pumps and the whole lower end which entails the prop and fin and all that movement.

Justin says I think it would make sense to have two functioning motors because those launches aren't built for 8 people.

Tommy says this past season we did have a boat flip. It is important in those situations to have the right equipment.

Tyler says given what Justin says even having 2 boats is pushing your luck in terms of safety but the fact that you guys plan on buying this new motor if this passes and having one engine that is reliable, that's definitely a step in the right direction and, if god forbid, another boat flips at least there is something guaranteed to work.

Tommy says we don't operate far off shore, so in that situation rowers can swim to the shore and the oars work.

84-1112: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-1.

85-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$2,000.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to Geneseo Outing Club, Account 1923, for outdoor supplies.

*Second of Two Readings*

Outing Club representatives say our membership this past year has virtually doubled so we have a lot of people and essentially no equipment. We wanted to get some money to get some equipment. An issue that was brought up is where we are going to store it. I talked to Lauren I believe, the person in charge of the storeroom. She said that she will make space, move some stuff around, and an entire shelf that is very deep to store any equipment is available. You wanted to have a detailed breakdown of equipment which is what you see in front of you.

Carly asks does this include the student discount?

Representatives say no. I am aware of it I did not factor it in I believe it is 15%.

Justin says I think the Big Agnes would have to be under permanent equipment.

Tyler asks does this total account for tax?

Representatives say no. I wasn't sure if it was tax exempt?

Kate says yes, we are tax exempt, even when we order online.

Tyler asks this tent, how many people does that hold? How many people can you cram in?

Representatives say 5-7. The cost of that tent is high because it is a backpacking tent meaning that one person can carry it on their back for miles, not something that weighs 25 pounds.

Justin says I know that you're reviewing the current reading, but if the tent is permanent equipment wouldn't it be best to amend the reading? Brittany says you would just have to put in a new reading for that under permanent equipment because we would take it out of a different line. The cutoff is \$300. Heather asks for the backpacks, are they more for the more intense trips?

Representatives say not necessarily; the backpacks could be used on an overnight, the sleeping pads are necessary if you sleep in a sleeping bag.

Heather asks so if you got them, how many people do you think would still not be able to go on the trips?

Representatives say it all depends on how many people wanted to go on the event. It would be great to be able to get 20, but we are just trying to get what we can and do what we can to share. This is something to get a good basis of equipment. Not to get a ton, but get a little bit so we can accumulate. Just this last trip we had to turn away 4 people and 3 people went out and bought new equipment which was \$600 out of pocket.

Heather says this is good quality stuff. Would you have a sign out system to keep track of where everything is?

Representatives say I would like to have that. If someone from Outing Club is taking out equipment they would have to sign it out with phone numbers. Right now we have a log attached to our current equipment.

Charles asks God forbid someone cuts through something, where would the money come from to fix it?

Representatives say I would put it on the person unless it's something completely accidental that couldn't have been avoided. We have money in our budget now for gear and supplies. Usually you can call the manufacturer and complain they will send you new equipment with no questions asked.

Rachel asks what are your dues?

Representatives say we don't have dues. People were not interested in having to do anything with the cub if you have to pay to be in it.

Kate asks do you know what's in the first aid kits?

Representatives say yes. Bandages, tape, sterilizing peroxide, stomach stuff, etc.

Kate says SA cannot buy over the counter medication it is financial policy.

Justin asks did you find ample space to store this?

Representatives say yes.

Malcolm says seeing as there doesn't seem to be any opposition to the tent, I would like to offer the following suggestion. When you make a motion to amend the reading to reduce the amount, in the same motion you can also include an addition to the reading and allocate up to x dollars from line whatever the permanent equipment line is for the purposes of this tent.

Tyler says I want to thank you for bringing a detailed breakdown. Given the 15% discount that you think you have, it would come out to approximately \$1656.52, if the discount is in place. Also I like the fact that the first aid kits are in there. In terms of medication, probably use some of that money from your supplies line instead and box up your own kits.

Brittany motions to amend reading to \$1400.00. Seconded by Tyler. Representatives say about the discount, I know this for a fact; it is only good in store, not online. Brittany motions to amend reading to \$599.95 coming out of permanent equipment.

Seconded by Tyler.

Kate said you have to have at least two quotes for permanent equipment, as there is potential that you could get it from somewhere that is less expensive.

Carly asks are we voting on each thing individually?

Nick says no it is together.

Tommy says I encourage this to be a one week reading.

Malcolm says again, if you do need to split it because I wasn't aware of the quote issue you can make a motion to amend the amendment to strike the line without having to vote down the amendment itself.

Justin says this is an exception.

Brittany rescinds motion.

Rachel says I don't like this reading because you don't charge dues. Every club on campus would get more members if we didn't charge dues. I think that SA is here to help not provide.

Representatives say if we charged \$10 for dues, the people who are going on the more expensive trips would be getting a break and the people who come on a few of the walks wouldn't.

Rachel says it's just my opinion that every club should charge dues.

Representatives say also we provide our own gas money; this is the only expense that we have.

Nick truncates discussion.

Tommy says I think any opportunity to get off campus is a good experience for students. Anything that does things outside of this community is good for all.

Chris says I think a good middle road is if you guys did some fundraising because it would offset SA from incurring all the costs.

Representatives say we are in the process of planning that. I just want to say that we don't charge dues but we do pay for the trips that we go on. For instance I am paying \$100 for the trip we are about to go on. For the people that don't they are shelling out the money

to go and the money to get a backpack. I personally just shelled out \$300 two days ago and in 2 days I will pay \$100 for gas. I put a lot into the club; you get out what you put in. I think that works well.

Tyler says this goes back to Brittany's previous amendment. Because the tent is as much as it is, would you be able to put in a permanent equipment request and have it ready by tomorrow?

Tyler motions to amend the reading to take out tent to reduce the reading to \$1400.00. Seconded by Carly.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

Dara says I want to support what Tommy said before. Are you going to use this equipment for your trip?

Representatives say no we aren't going to have enough time.

Heather says I think that this is good because you didn't come here and ask for backpacks for everyone it's just to help some people who haven't been able to do it, the purpose of your club is to be able to go on excursions so if you don't have the stuff and not everyone can afford it, then it's good to have some in store so some can borrow. Lindsay says I would also have to piggyback on what Heather said. We fund conferences for students all the time. A student wouldn't be able to pay a \$100 conference fee and college is all about experiences. Whatever you choose whether it be Amnesty or Outing Club, the experience can be a little bit cheaper for you and you still get the experience. Tyler says I can't believe I didn't think of this before, in the off chance that there isn't another place where you can go to pick this up, from the website, what is the shipping cost? Representatives say shipping is free on orders of \$50 or more.

85-1112: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

86-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$770.60 from Conference Line, 1002, to Amnesty International, Account 1910, for the "Get on the Bus Trip Conference."

*Second of Two Readings*

Matt explained that the registration fee went from \$12 per person to \$8 and that they can register on line. Tyler asked why it was called "Get on the Bus" if they are driving. Matt explained that it is a social justice activity that was organized by Amnesty International. Tyler also asked why they didn't take the bus. Matt said the bus runs from UMass to NYC.

86-1112, Second of Two Readings, Passes 6-0-0

87-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$250.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099, to People for Animal Welfare, Account 1002, for gas reimbursement.

*Second of Two Readings*

Kate M. stated that their start up budget was \$100 for mileage and \$50 for programming. She is asking for \$250 more for gas reimbursements. Tyler asked if they were looking at shelter's closer to campus. Kate said there are 2; one is close to the salt mines and the other is called Curbside Shelter.

87-1112, Second of Two Readings, Passes 5-0-1 with Carly abstaining

### **Tabled Business**

88-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve CSA Cheerleading, Account 1404 to fundraise for men's uniforms and sponsor t-shirts.

*First and Only Reading*

Tyler made a motion to un-table reading 88-1112, which was seconded by Brittany. Jenn, the treasurer from Cheerleading, said that the team held a pasta dinner a few weeks ago and they would like to use the money to purchase men's uniforms and collect money from sponsors to put on t-shirts. They did the tshirt fundraiser last year and it was very successful. Kate asked why they asked to have the reading tabled last week. Jenn said it was because they didn't have a quote yet for the tshirts from Specialtees. Kate asked for clarification that they held this fundraiser even before the reading was tabled last week. Jenn said they did hold it on the Sunday before the reading. Kate explained that this was an unapproved fundraiser and that it is against SA policy. Patty looked up Financial Policy and said it was section 12 E "any organization conducting unapproved fundraisers may have its budget frozen for a period of no more than two weeks at the discretion of the Executive Committee."

Brittany said that it was her fault that she did not catch this and that it ended up on the agenda. Kate stated that because it is against financial policy the reading cannot pass and that SA Exec and Cheerleading should set up a time before the next meeting to discuss the situation. There was a call to question by Tyler and seconded by Brittany.

Reading 88-1112, first and only reading, fails 0-5-1 with Justin abstaining.

### **New Business**

90-1112: BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE realign \$1,000.00 from Account 1018, Geneseo Late Knight, Line 20, Programming, to Line 10, Supplies, for craft and prize items requested by the grants.

*First and Only Reading*

Stephanie stated that they have run out of funds in line 10, crafts and giveaways and she would like to realign money from line 20, small and large grants, to cover this for the remainder of the semester. Matt asked what is left in line 20. Stephanie said

approximately \$12,000. Tyler asked what are some of the plans for the remainder of the semester? Latin Night with a DJ is coming up this weekend, as is tie dying, Slam Poetry, the Drag Ball, Jamnesty, and a zip line to name a few. Carly supports the realignment.

#### **Open Discussion**

Malcolm said regarding financial policy and the reading for Cheerleading, he would ask that if SA Exec were to have sanctions against the team, he would advocate for leniency. Tommy said that since Cheerleading is going co-ed, this is a good thing and he also would ask that SA Exec not penalize the team.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Freed  
Recording Secretary