



Student Association meetings are Wednesdays at 6:45 pm in the College Union Hunt Room. All are welcome to attend.

MINUTES #24, Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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Open Discussion

Adjournment

Call to Order: 6:47 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Amendment to reading 72-1213 from “allocate up to \$4,475.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to purchase 5 Concept II Model D PMS Monitors for Geneseo Crew Club, Account 1402” to “allocate up to \$4,250.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to purchase 5 Concept II Model D PMS Monitors for Geneseo Crew Club, Account 1402 and further resolve allocate up to \$225.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Geneseo Crew Club, Account 1402 for shipping costs.” Passes 6-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes: Passes 6-0-0.

Updates

President, Carly Annable updates: I want to formally congratulate Dr. Bonfiglio. He was recently awarded with the American College Personnel Association Student Educator International Award for Excellence in Practice. Also, please vote yes to the Referendum.

Vice-President, Justin Shapiro updates: Medical Amnesty was discussed yesterday in College Senate. It will be looked over by the College Council to vote on in April. A letter will be circulated at the next SA meeting in support for Medical Amnesty. We will be sending this letter to the SUNY Board of Trustees in the same way we did for the reallocation model. It would be really helpful because we would be showing a lot of support for this. If you don't know what exactly Medical Amnesty is, you can email me at savp@geneseo.edu. There will be a Club Sports meeting at 7:00 pm the Tuesday after spring break. The place is to be determined. Last night, we discussed revisions to the Constitution. Now, the Club Sports Representative Council will be meeting on an ad hoc basis.

Director of Business Affairs, Casey Howard updates: The Budget Review Hearings are now over and the Committee needs to meet a couple of hours this weekend to discuss how the budget will look for the next year. If you have any questions as to how your budgets went, then email me at sadba@geneseo.edu. They will become public just before spring break and I will send out an email next week as to when you can find them in your mailboxes.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Silvia Roma updates: IRC is hosting a part of APO's Day of Service on Saturday from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. You can still register. There are over 180 people who have registered. It's going to be a great experience and several organizations are hosting service projects. You can sign up by going on tinyurl.com/dayofservice2013. For students who are living on campus, if you are interested in getting new TV channels, please send TV channel ideas to sairc@geneseo.edu. I am meeting up with Dr. Bonfiglio this Tuesday to discuss about potential channels to add to our cable service.

Director of Public Relations, Forrest Regan updates: “Rock Your Vote” concert will kick off the election on Monday. There will be computers available for students to vote and free food such as bruschetta. I made posters and business cards for the Referendum if anyone wants them. They have information about the Referendum and why people should vote. The cards are made with seed paper so you can actually plant them and wild flowers will grow. You should see them dispersed throughout the college this weekend so keep your eyes peeled for them. You should go back to your club meetings and encourage your members to vote yes to the Referendum.

Director of Academic Affairs, Dara Gell updates: Welles Report is accepting submissions so if you have any political essays you'd like to submit, email wellesreport@geneseo.edu. IR Club, with the IR department, is hosting Charles Kenny and he is giving a lecture titled “Getting Better: Why Global Development is Succeeding” tomorrow in Newton 202 at 4:00 pm. Rock Your Semester will be on Friday, March 29th from 2:00 to 4:00. For those that don't know what it is, “Rock Your Semester” is a peer advising forum. We'll have tables with a representative from each department and syllabi for classes. You can get advice for classes and there will be free food. I'm still looking for GREAT Day volunteers for the Monday, April 15th from 11:00 – 2:00 pm and Tuesday, April 16th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If you're interested, please email me at saac@geneseo.edu or come up to me after the meeting. You get a free t-shirt, you get volunteer experience, you can put it on your resume, and it's an overall great experience.

Director of Student Affairs, Sadie Baker updates: ACE did not have too many updates today. On March 25th, Upstate Escapes is sending a group of students to see Maya Angelou speak at RIT. Tio Louie, a Latino gay man, is coming tomorrow to speak with Pride and LSA. I believe information about it is in the Whatsup-L.

Director of Student Programming, Matt Bower updates: Not present. (Announcement by Carly. Keep your eyes peeled for AC elections. They are going on right now. If you have any questions, you can contact him at sadsp@geneseo.edu. “Rock Your Vote” is coming up on Monday, March 11th at 8:00 pm. The bands are Nevergreen and Dare I Say Is Lightning. Limelights and Accents' final show is a martial arts show. It's on Saturday, April 6th at 7:00 pm in Kuhl Gym. It's during Siblings Weekend and tickets are \$6.00 for students. Lastly, MGMT presale tickets are this Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. With your ID for verification, you can

purchase one ticket for \$20.00. You can pay with cash, credit, or campus cash. This is going to the end of the week at 4:30 pm on Friday. After presale is over, you can buy public tickets at \$40.00 per ticket.)

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: I would like to see the rep from MINT after today's meeting.

Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: Vote yes to the Referendum. GREAT Day submission deadline is Friday.

Open Updates

Malcolm: Similar to what a couple of people said before, but with a slightly new flavor to it, I will add my own voice to it, please vote yes to the Referendum. If it doesn't pass, the consequences will be apocalyptic. I'm not kidding. SA could cease to exist.

Grace: Community Health Alliance is hosting a series of healthy cooking classes at the Interfaith Center and the first one will be next Tuesday at 6:00 pm. We're hoping that people will sign up in advance because we want to cap it at 30. If you're interested, then see me after the meeting or you can sign up on the googledoc link available through Whatsup-L. If you can't make it this Tuesday, there are two more sessions coming up after that. The second one will be on April 9th and Wegmans will be lending support to that one.

Dara: If you're interested in getting involved with environmental activism on campus, there is a group of students that are meeting to get the campus off of fossil fuels. Their meetings are on Thursday at 5:30 in CU223.

Mike: Community Health Alliance is also continuing our school supply drive for Haiti until this weekend, so if you have any non-paper school products, please donate them. There are boxes placed in the dorms. Even just a pen or pencil will help because it's just about how much they get from the state. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

PAW: Tomorrow night at 7:00 pm, we're hosting Officer Yasso and K-9 Rosco who will be demonstrating police dog training and answering questions. It will be at the College Union Fireside Lounge. There will be free food and refreshments for those who attend. It should be a good time so bring your friends.

Pride: Pride is having their annual Drag Ball this Saturday at 10:00 pm in the Knight Spot. Dancing will start at 10:00 pm and performances will start at 11:00 pm.

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Dorris: My name is Dorris and I am the President of KASA.

Ashley: My name is Ashley and I am the Public Relations Coordinator.

Dorris: Last week, our ACE rep Philip and our other PR rep Paul came to talk about why we need this budget increase. Every year, we host Poker Night in the spring semester. Usually we have GLK help cover the costs for prizes. The prizes are set to create a friendly and competitive atmosphere. It gives players an incentive to play and provides rewards for the individuals who win the tournament. We have had great prizes. In previous years, we've had a TV as our grand prize, a PS3, and an Xbox. They're some pretty awesome prizes that most people want. Poker Night is not just open to KASA members but the entire Geneseo campus community. It's a very popular event but unfortunately, we do have to cap it off at 105. We believe that the prizes are an essential aspect to the event and we were hoping that SA would help us with the \$350.00.

Justin: Would you consider requesting more money from SA in the future so that you don't have to cap it off at 105?

Dorris: We could definitely do that, but Stephanie Medina recommends capping numbers at 105 so that the game doesn't go on all night.

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Ann: My name is Ann Baldwin. I am the Director of Sponsored Research here at Geneseo. I'm sorry I couldn't be here last week. I have what's been going around campus lately. Vice President Brower is away from campus today and Lisa Feinstein is also unavailable. I am here for the second reading to request funding for research and travel grants for undergraduates. I went over the questions from last week. From my understanding of the questions, you wanted to know what the departmental distribution for awards were. In 2012-2013, at least 16 departments were represented. We're still finalizing some of the spring grants. In 2011-2012, there

were 17 departments represented. There is some variation from year to year and some departments are virtually always represented. For example, Biology, Chemistry, and English are represented fairly regularly. Generally speaking, most of the departments are represented and probably during my time here, every department has been represented. Another question was whether there are students who receive more than one award a year. Yes, there are. We actually anticipate that students will apply for a research grant in the fall semester and a travel grant in the spring semester. In the current year, we anticipate about 22 will receive two awards. I gave you a little bit of additional detail because some students apply for two in one semester and they are automatically limited to the maximum award for both of those. Other students will do a combination. They will ask for less than the award or ask for two travel grants or two research grants. I've given you the details of the 2012-2013 and 2011-2012 year. In 2011-2012, 16 students received two awards. For 2011-2012, 199 students shared 215 awards so the average per student award amount was \$564.03. The maximum award amount for that year was \$650.00 per semester per student. This current year, we will have 182 students share 204 awards making the average award per student \$511.66 which reflects a lower maximum award this year, \$600.00.

Chris: In reference to last week, and to kind of short circuit any discussion on how this relates to the Referendum, can I request a motion to alter the reading to make its passing contingent on the Referendum passing, thus saving us time?

Resolution by Justin, "Be it further resolved that this reading's passage contingent on the Referendum such that if both this reading and the Referendum pass, this reading is approved by the Student Executive Board. If this reading passes its second reading and the Referendum fails, this reading is to be taken to the Student Executive Board for a third reading at the first meeting after the close of the Referendum." Seconded by Forrest.

Justin: I was anticipating this. In the interest of keeping the discussion rooted in the reading itself, I've created this simple resolution that can act as a rider. This basically says that if this reading passes tonight, and the Referendum passes, the reading passes. Ann doesn't have to come back. The reading is approved and it's done. If however, the Referendum fails, and this reading passes, then it comes back for one more week of review by the Student Association. We would be assessing the reading based on the new budget reality. With this rider, we're not bound to allocate the money.

Malcolm: I would strongly support such an amendment to the reading with one caveat that you specify which Referendum you're referring to, such as by adding "2013 Referendum".

Dara: I just want to explain that I'm not going to vote in favor of this because I truly don't think that it's necessary. I don't like the precedent it is setting, that we shouldn't pass this reading because of a hypothetical fear that the Referendum will fail. I do understand that it could be apocalyptic, but I don't like the message it is setting. I am happy to choose to support this reading.

Justin: I understand what Dara is saying but we treated the Concert reading the exact same way. That's why we knocked down the overall allocation of the Concert reading. This reading is the same. It's not saying that the Referendum is going to fail. It's just that if the Referendum fails, this provides a safety net.

Silvia: I think my concern is that if we feel the need to do this for this reading, why didn't we feel the need to do this on a reading that was only \$5,000.00 three months ago, just because the date is one week before the Referendum? I think that we decreased the amount for the Concert reading from \$75,000.00 knowing that this was coming. It seems to me that we're afraid of this date because it's in one week. If that's the case, then we should have been afraid of this date three months ago as well.

Casey: I think I'm in support of passing this reading even if the Referendum were to fail because I would like the Student Association to give something to the students next year even if we don't have enough money. This would be a guarantee that some students have this resource available to them. I would like to straw poll everyone's vote on the reading being contingent on the Referendum passing.

Sadie: I will be voting in favor of this rider, in the interest of everyone's time tonight. However, even if the Referendum doesn't pass, I would still vote in favor of this reading in the third week because I still find that in the case that funding is cut drastically, this is important in how we support the students.

Malcolm: I just want to say that if this amendment is added to the reading, then I would support the reading tonight. If this amendment fails, then I would oppose the reading. This amendment determines whether I would oppose or support the reading tonight. I have been concerned with the student activity fee a lot longer than a week or two. I have been concerned with the Referendum failing for years now, going back to previous administrations. My point is that even if this had come before SA three months ago, I would still have requested a rider similar to this because this, unlike a lot of other things that SA is looking at, is funding activities for the next academic year rather than all other readings that looked at funds for this academic year. Between that and the extremely large cost and the comparatively extremely small number of students, those are my principle concerns with passing it if the Referendum were to fail.

Justin: I mean we're locking the next Executive Board for an allocation of \$40,000.00. Whereas the concert reading was an allocation spent for this year. My personal opinion is that it doesn't hurt to have a safety net. To put it in perspective, it's five years on Model UN, three years in AC and 43 legal consultations.

Patty: If I could just add something, you're not locking the next year's Executive Board into anything. This money is coming from the budget that you're overseeing this year. So you're not committing next year to anything.

Chris: A couple of people scurried around saying it so I'm just going to come out and say it, because that's what I do. This seems to be one of the most important, if not the most important thing that we do, but at the end of the day, this is still a college. The point of a college is still to advance knowledge which feels like what this is doing. I'm in support of it. At the same time, I don't think that this alteration is coming out of fear. I think it's coming out of a better awareness of where we are financially because in the last three months, things have been approved and not approved and we know what our budget is right now.

Forrest: I agree with Dara's point about this setting a precedent for future readings. This makes future readings contingent on the Referendum. I also have no doubt that the Referendum will pass since it is basically my one and only job.

Casey: I have a question for SA Exec. If this rider is not attached, who would fail the reading as it stands in the agenda right now.

Carly: It sounds like this amendment could potentially have a split vote in which case my decision would pass or fail this motion. If I fail the rider, are there members on Exec that would fail the entire reading on the principle that they don't think it is responsible to spend this money without the rider? You don't have to answer this question if you don't want to.

Justin: I don't think it hurts to have a safety net. I think what it sets a precedent for is to look very carefully at large allocations before making a decision.

Motion to attach rider to reading 68-1213, Fails 2-4-0.

Malcolm: Given the failure of the motion to amend the reading, can I ask someone on SA Exec to motion to table the reading two weeks until we know the results of the Referendum.

Chris: Just a discussion on that. Tabling the reading for two weeks would mean tabling for three weeks because I believe that spring break happens a week from Wednesday.

Dara: Could I just get a straw poll of those who support the reading in its full \$40,000.00.

Silvia: I call a question.

Ann: Thank you. I have a question. Would it help if I send an email to all the recipients to go and vote yes to the Referendum?

Multiple individuals: Yes.

68-1213: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

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James: My name is James Hiltunen and I am the President of Chess Club. We just became re-affiliated with the school and I came to ask for funds to buy four basic chess boards and pieces. That way we can play matches. We need three clocks because that's what you use for tournament play. We recently played in a team tournament and placed second in New York schools, right behind Cornell. We have one coming up at Cornell in a month, so I was hoping to get some chess boards and clocks.

Malcolm: Are you aware that on your budget request as submitted, you won't be able to purchase your supplies until you bring in all your income? Does that put you guys in a catch-22 because you guys can't function since you can't hold a tournament to collect money until you get the supplies but you can't get supplies until you hold the tournament to earn the money?

James: Are you saying that we can't get the money to buy the clocks and boards until we held the tournament?

Casey: It's like tricky thing. Because you have a \$74.00 in your income line, it means that it was anticipated that you would raise that so it was put into your expenses. We're only allocating \$76.00 of student activity money to meet that \$150.00. Does that make sense? So really, you're not requesting \$150.00. You're requesting \$76.00. If you want us to change the amounts of something to make it more reflective, we can do that.

James: Okay. I just included that because we're going to have a Geneseo Championship tournament at the end of the semester, so that's what I was anticipating.

Casey motions to amend reading 69-1213: Strike "tickets sales for tournament." Seconded by Silvia. Passes 6-0-0.

Malcolm: Where were you last week?

James: Unfortunately, everyone on the eboard works on Wednesday. Our Treasurer, Mike, works at Mama Mia's. Our Vice President works for CAS. We're trying to rearrange our work schedules so that at least one of us will be here every week. We're a small club since we just started out. We have at maximum, 20 members and our eboard is only five members. For some reason, this time Wednesday just doesn't work out.

Chris: GAGG has a history of supporting our fellow gaming clubs on campus. If anyone is concerned about new clubs failing, as many clubs unfortunately do, we're willing to support Chess Club during their rough start up time.

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Will: My name is Will. We're all part of the men's rugby team. This year, we wanted to hold a fundraiser. Thirty guys are willing to shave their heads to raise money for Relay for Life.

Kevin: We would like fundraising time in the Union.

Chris: I know this because GAGG does a fundraiser every year, but have you gone to SA and submitted the proper paperwork for fundraising?

Will: Yes.

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Gedney: My name is Gedney and I am the President of Swing Dance Club. I am here to request \$2,288.75 from SA to go down to DCLX. What is DCLX? DCLX is the Washington D.C. Lindy Exchange and it's the swing dance conference down in DC from Friday to Sunday, April 19-21st. It's basically a big conference where dancers of all different ages and levels come down and have a really great time dancing. We have a really good number of kids signed up for this. I think it's just about over 20 members. I think that it's going to be really beneficial for us to go down. When I started dancing, I learned the basic stuff at the club but it kind of goes one ear and out the other. I didn't really get it down until I went down to the conference to just dance and practice. That's what I say is the best way to learn it – practice. This is a really good opportunity to do that, especially with all the new members this year. Money will go towards gas, food, and a part of the registration. Also, if we sign up by March 20th, we get a college discount. They set up housing down there for us. It's free so that's one thing we don't have to worry about. I really think that it'll be a great experience for everyone.

Casey: How did you tally the amount for tolls? It says \$600.00 for tolls, and I don't really know if it's that much.

Gedney: There are websites that calculate that for us.

Silvia: Are you sure that you're going to have enough drivers?

Gedney: At this moment, we have four upperclassmen that can drive. It's basically carpooling at this point. In previous years, we've managed.

Jenny: Do you think it would be easier to take a bus down there?

Gedney: We have considered it before, but from what I've done in the past, I've done this three times before, we've always taken cars. I think it would just be extra money and dealing with different things.

Jenny: It would save you money from tolls and things like that.

Gedney: It's a good suggestion. But, for example, the cars leave at different times because the kids all have different schedules and when they end classes so we group kids together by when they can leave.

Silvia: Just to clarify, if one of your drivers couldn't drive, I just wanted to make sure that you have another driver who can.

Kate: What website did you look at to look up those tolls?

Gedney: One of my officers did it. I didn't do it myself. I can double check with her and come back with it next week.

Patty: I've gone down to DC many times on 15 and there aren't many tolls.

Gedney: Okay. I will definitely double check on that.

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My name is Rachel and I am the President of Crew Club. This is Paige who is Vice President. Right now our team has four of our own ergs, which is an incredibly small number for the team. Currently our team has 25 people. Ergs are the first machine you see in the cardio room in the gym that no one really ever knows how to use or uses. For us, ergs are the only way for us to practice on land and it's the only thing that mimics what we're doing on the water. It's pretty much essential to every practice. Right now we only have four and with 25 people, we only get about five minutes per erg. It's not a great way to practice every day. If we have nine then we can at least have an entire boat practice at once. It would also make practices run more efficiently. The ones that we're looking at right now, the Model D PM3, are the same ones that we have right now. I guess the gym has upgraded to the PM4. They're pretty much the same model and they do the exact same thing that any other erg would do. They come with a warrantee. We take care of ours really well so we've used the ones we have now for seven years. Besides a couple of battery changes, they're all working fine. This isn't a short term purchase.

Casey: Where are you planning on storing these?

Rachel: We have use of the Knight Spot right now. As long as we're in there from 4:00 am to 8:00 am, they don't care that we use it. We have access to that. It's not our favorite place, but it works.

Dara: You can fit nine ergs in there?

Rachel: They let us use their kitchen and they have this bizarre office.

Page: We're also thinking that once construction ends, there will be a place on campus in like a year or two.

Malcolm: You mentioned that the ones that you're using currently, you've had for seven years. What is the expected lifespan of these machines?

Rachel: As long as you take care of it properly, there are some at my high school that have been there for about 15 to 20 years. We have a pretty big team that's using four ergs consistently, so they will probably die sooner than if we had nine. But I would say at least 10 to 15 years.

Malcolm: You're asking for five of these. If you're asking for five and each one is \$900.00, where is the \$250.00 savings coming from?

Rachel: I think that online, when you say that you're buying them as a team, then you can get a discount. That's the price that came up when I plugged it into the website. It gives you the cost of the ergs, the shipping, and tax.

Malcolm: So you're sure it's \$4,250.00 and not actually \$4,500.00?

Rachel: Yes.

Chris: You referenced some of these machines already being on campus in the workout room. Is there any reason you can't use those in addition to the ones you've already got?

Rachel: They have to stay in the gym and we only have one coach so we don't want to split the kids up. We do use those since we have supplemental workouts that we have to do. Those are the only ones we can use then, which is also difficult because kids who go to the gym also want to use them too and we can't tell them to get off just because we're part of a team.

Dara: So if you get these five, you'll have nine in the Knight Spot. Does that still mean that you can only use those nine during that small amount of time it's open to you? You're still going to have to deal with the issue of using the ones in the gym for the supplemental practices?

Rachel: We want to eventually have our own room. But an efficient morning practice would be better than what's going on right now.

Forrest: Have you considered possibly keeping one of these ergs in the workout center?

Rachel: We could, but if we put it in there, then I think the whole school can use it. The ones in the gym have been replaced a lot more frequently than our own so it's risky with people getting on them and breaking them.

Forrest: I also heard a brief discussion with Dr. Bonfiglio about possible empty rooms once the construction is finished. Could you elaborate on that?

Rachel: They've said a couple of times that Erwin is going to DOTY and everything will be spreading out. Hopefully what will happen is that we've talked to enough people, enough times that they'll remember us and stick us into one of those empty basements.

Chris: I was just going to respond to Forrest's question. I've had issues where I've purchased equipment that ended up in the more public academic realm. There's a lot of red tape involved. Theoretically, such things are supposed to come from the gym's budget, so you can try to give it as a donation. But with a donation, you run into problems of giving a donation using money from the school.

Casey: I think that it's great. Hopefully a space comes up.

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Mike: I'm Mike and I am the President of Community Health Alliance.

Grace: I'm Grace and I'm the Treasurer.

Gina: I'm Gina.

Mike: We're asking for \$300.00 to make picture books for students in Borgne, Haiti. Our connection with Borne is that Professor Rose-Marie Chierici, who we work with, runs a grassroots community development organization there. We've traveled down there many times. We have a service learning trip over spring break. This is related to the school drive but the schools down there receive little to no support from the state, so they don't have many books around. We wanted to create simple picture books that our members could help to make. Basically, it would have abcs and numbers. Gina has a little prototype to show you. The books will benefit the students in Haiti and our members will benefit by learning about what grassroots community is, what goes into it, and it will let us work on a service project that's different from what we usually do. Our usual activities require a more long term commitment. It would be a great opportunity for more students to get involved in what we do. We're also planning to collaborate with education students and art students to help us with the books.

Gina: We're thinking about making around 50 picture books. Each of them contains 15 pages. Each page will be laminated, so that they last longer, which costs \$200.00. Then stapling and cutting costs \$100.00

Grace: The importance of the lamination is to preserve the books for as long as possible. The humidity in Haiti is really high and the schools are not all enclosed. The books will be exposed to the weather conditions. The school in Borne only recently got a roof, but it's still open air. Prior to getting a roof, students didn't go to school if it was too hot or raining outside. We've also brought a picture of the students who will benefit from this.

Chris: You have all the data on how you're going to create the books, but nothing on how you're going to get them there.

Grace: The original goal was that they would go down during spring break but obviously that's not going to happen. We don't want to rush this, especially if we're going to be getting funding from SA. Dr. Chierici goes down quite often during the year. Her organization is based out of Rochester, so lots of people are always going down there.

Pride: I went to Haiti three years ago with a grassroots movement and I think this is a great idea.

Dara: I just think this is super fantastic and this is great. You're club is the coolest thing ever.

Gina: The books are going to have both Haitian Creole and English.

Grace: Haitian Creole is a dialect of French.

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Open Discussion

Steve: I'm Steve. I am the Elections Committee Chair. Today's the last day for speeches from all our candidates for SA Exec. It's going to be in order from President, Vice President, and so on and so forth. Just to make you all aware, one candidate couldn't be here because he has an EMT course so I have a YouTube video that he made. First off, before I get into the rules of this, does anybody have any questions about the Referendum or the election in general? Every candidate has three minutes for speeches and five minutes for questions.

Carly: Can we limit one question per person at a time?

Steve: Yes. You can still run the meeting. You can field questions if you want. First we have the candidate for President.

Forrest: Hello everyone. You currently know me as the Student Association Director of Public Relations. My biggest job this year has been advertising for the Referendum and being a general member of the SA Executive Committee which we all put a lot of work into outside of these meetings. Most of you know from your own clubs that you put a lot of hours in but the other students only see a certain portion of your work. The Student Association does a bulk of the work outside of these meetings. This past fall, my work has been to draft, edit, and send letters to the SUNY Board of Trustees. We ended up getting about 900 letters from students to send to the SUNY Board of Trustees to rethink their reallocation model. I think that that is one of the biggest things that we've done as an Executive Board this year. Provost Long said that the Student SUNY Assembly President Kevin Rea said, "I don't agree with you but you have a great Student Association." I think that us being known in the Greater New York area and state as a great student body is definitely something that I want to keep. Something else I do around campus as Director of PR is being part of the Strategic Planning Group for the College. I meet up with other members of faculty and administration and look at where the school is now and where it should be in the future. I've also been on the New Organization Review Committee where I looked at new organizations trying to get approved. I've started my work with SA as the Treasurer for AAC last year. In one month, I went from not knowing anything about Student Association to being on the Executive Committee. I had a feeling that I would be President in my senior year. It definitely something I took part in and I did everything I could to participate. I know that we definitely can do a lot next year too. I already have ideas with getting SA Exec involved with Main Street Fun Fest which is part of RA training that partners up with Main Street businesses at Geneseo.

Chris: Director of Public Relations is an important job. Are there any experiences in PR that you feel has prepared you for the position?

Forrest: Definitely how I was very familiar with the college administration and general SA administration. I learned about general duties and how to be more efficient with my time. I'm familiar with SA processes. One of the biggest things you learn on the SA executive committee is how to work closely as a team and how to balance your life as a member of SA Exec. I've gone out of my way to be on committees that are available. It's not in the PR's position description to be on the Strategic Planning Group or any of the other committees that I've been on this year. I've definitely fulfilled my job this year with the intention that I would run for president.

Jason: Just to clarify, next year will be your senior year?

Forrest: Yes.

Casey: Could you go over some of the goals that you have for next year?

Forrest: I'm an RA and this was my first year as an RA. Part of RA training is Main Street Fun Fest where RAs basically do a tour of Main Street. Main Street owners say what they have to offer to students. The idea is that the RAs will bring it back to the students. My idea is to bring this to SA. I think that it's definitely valuable for the Student Association to know about the services that Main Street can provide. We started to talk last fall about making a better commitment to local Geneseo businesses. So much of our money has gone to Wal-Mart. At least getting SA Exec involved in Main Street Fun Fest is something that I want to look into and possibly other members of Student Association like club presidents. Another issue that came up this year is that our activity fee is at its cap. The mandatory student activity fee is at a cap of \$100.00. There has been a resolution in SUNY Student Assembly to raise the cap but it hasn't happen. I think that that is definitely a long term goal that we should work on. Especially since we're competing with places like Cornell whose student activity fee is twice ours and has hundreds more students than us.

Silvia: One of your responsibilities as President is to represent the student body to the faculty administration and SUNY SA. How qualified are you to do so and what has prepared you to do that?

Forrest: I have not yet been able to go to a SUNY SA meeting. But at the request of Carly, I will be attending one in April along with the future Vice President. I definitely look forward to going to those meetings. The only reason I haven't gone when I had the chance to in the past is because of scheduling conflicts. I was part of the Strategic Planning Group. I was part of AAC. Last year, I got to know Provost Long Fairly well. We all know Dr. Bonfiglio. One of the things that I believe Carly handled really well is regarding the CIT printer balances. I hope to address problems that arise in the future in the same manner.

Justin: How confident are you that you will be able to balance your time between your responsibilities as president, student, and part of Res Life?

Forrest: It is a constant struggle. I definitely learned a lot his year trying to balance RA duties, studies, and my SA responsibilities. I've made it clear to Res Life that I am more committed time wise to SA and so I haven't applied to any higher positions like SRA. I've mapped out my senior year schedule and I am taking summer classes to compensate for that. I know that I will be able to balance my responsibilities for next year. If you have any more questions, you can email me at frr1@geneseo.edu. Forrest Regan. Thank you very much.

Steve: Next is the candidate for Vice President.

Katie: Hello everyone. My name is Katie Becker. I am an International Relations major and a junior here at Geneseo. I'm running uncontested just so you know. A little bit of background about my involvement on campus. In terms of student organizations, I was part of Crew Club and I hope to go back to that soon. I'm also a member in Alpha Phi Omega. I have also been a Student Senator and a member of the Student Caucus my sophomore year. That's one of my main reasons for running for SA VP. One of the main responsibilities of the position is representing student voices on the College Senate. Additionally, I have recently joined the SOFI Task Force after returning from a semester abroad. That's definitely an interesting topic that I am looking forward to working on in the future. It's definitely something that I will be keeping my eye on next year. Other than that, my basic objectives have been more or less continuations of what Justin Shapiro has been doing until now as SA VP. They are generally long term issues, such as SOFI Task Force and Medical Amnesty; hopefully serious headway is being made on that issue. With that, I just want to let you know, that I view myself as the fresh eyes on the eboard more or less. I have never held a position within SA or in any of the subcommittees that exist. I look forward to the opportunity and the challenge to represent students in that position.

Justin: Being VP, you have these projects to be continued and you're constantly pursuing them. What policies would you change on campus and how would you accomplish it?

Katie: To be honest, it's more of a continuation of what I've just said. I think that the SOFIs, I know that this is harping on it a little bit, are a crucial aspect of student expression within the administration. Personally, I've always thought that it would be more interesting if they asked for more student input on class subjects themselves in the SOFIs and kind of suggest classes as we are moving up and forward. As an International Relations major, I would love to study something wacky like North Korea or Iran. I would just like a little more input regarding the future classes and what's relevant for today. In general, they tie into the overall recognition of the SOFIs and increasing that recognition in the administration.

Dara: As the fresh eyes, and not being part of an eboard and being used to seeing the readings, how are you going to handle it if a reading that is more controversial, like the Concerts tend to be, comes in? How will you decide and how will you integrate student opinion?

Katie: That's a good question. Going off that, I'm going to say that I'm generally a very personable person. I am somewhat a social butterfly. I do enjoy interacting with members of the student body here. My interactions with them are definitely going to really shape what I work into it. Besides that, I hold the integrity of the position at the highest level. I know that Crew Club deserves and needs ergs. For that reason, I probably would have abstained in this vote because I am too invested to represent the whole student body fairly.

Malcolm: There are a number of potential reasons why the seat for presidency could be vacated. How are you prepared to take over the seat off the bat or at any point during the term?

Katie: Going in, I know of course that Vice President is second to President. I think that there is always that base assumption when you take the Vice President seat that there is the potential. While I don't want to consider the unfortunate situation in which Forrest would have to vacate his position, in that situation, I would be more than willing to step up to fulfill that position.

Justin: When I came into this position, I did Crew for one semester. I'm not super athletic so I'm not sure why I would run for Club Sports Committee, but being SA VP ties in with that. Are you comfortable stepping into an entirely new position that by necessity falls into Vice Presidency and would you be willing to work with the people in that position to improve that club or organization?

Katie: We're talking in the context of interacting with Club Sports members? I think that going into this position, there is a small level of uncertainty. In this case, it's something that I look forward to working it out, figuring out the dynamics, and ultimately representing the student body.

Steve: Next is the candidate for Director of Student Affairs.

Bruno: Hello. My name is Bruno Villazhinay. I am a junior and an IR and Sociology double major. I am running for Director of Student Affairs. I am on Pride's eboard and I am co-president of Advocacy. I have been on Hall Council for two years and this year I am Vice President for EcoHouse Hall Council. I am also a member of Alpha Phi Omega. I am running for this position because I really want to be a liaison for SA and ACE. I want to not only bring ACE to SA but SA to ACE. One of things that I want to work on next year is to get the ACE groups to work together more to create a friendlier atmosphere in Geneseo. I also feel that I am ready to lobby and talk in Albany if need be for the budget allocation model. I want to be a liaison between the SA Board and the off-campus students so that we can fix things or answer any questions that they have. I also want to be a servicing member of the GFR Board of Directors. I'm planning on being on the soccer team as well.

Malcolm: My question for you is in regards to what has been until this year, the annual budget advocacy trip, generally held in March. At least this year, I don't know of any plans to go. What plans do you have in regards to taking a trip for budget advocacy?

Bruno: My idea is to advocate here at Geneseo rather than go to Albany because it is four hours away from here and not a lot of people have the time. I don't think that it's necessary to go to Albany but if we need to, I can figure out a way to get people there.

Sadie: At the end of the last school year, you were elected the Secretary of Pride Alliance and at the beginning of this year you stepped down. Could you elaborate on why you made that decision and what impact that may or may not have on your role as part of SA?

Bruno: Well, I was Secretary for ACE, Co-president for Advocacy, and on the eboard for Pride. Last semester I pledged APO and there were time conflicts with the meetings for Pride. I went and helped out where I could. Next year, I will not hold responsibilities to that extent so I shouldn't have the same time conflicts.

Steve: All right. Next are candidates for Director of Student Programming.

Via Youtube video: Hello. My name is Alex Clark. I am a junior Biology major and I am running for SA Director of Student Programming. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend today's SA meeting because I am in class right now. One of the main reasons that I'm running is because I am really passionate about Activities Commission. I found out about AC before I even went to school here. My brother was on a previous board and when he told me that there is a student run programming board that put on events for the campus community, I was really excited and couldn't wait to join. My freshman year, I joined AC and I have been on the Board ever since. Some of my favorite memories about Geneseo are because of Activities Commission. The people I've met and the events that I've organized or attended have really shaped the person I am today. I love going to an event that I was a part of producing and seeing people enjoy themselves and smiling. It's a really great feeling. It's because of this love for AC, that I want to take a leadership role next year to help make it as awesome as it has been in previous years. I also want to use my experience on Activities Commission to better serve my campus community. Next year is going to be difficult for AC. Our advisor of nearly ten years has gotten a job at a different college. On top of this, we're a very senior heavy board. This means that next year's Activities Commission will be comprised of almost entirely new members. This has a lot of potential but they need someone to help guide them to their full potential. In addition we have ratified a new constitution that institutes a general membership which will just add more people who don't know what to do and how to achieve their goals. I have the experience and passion necessary to lead this new group of people to keep AC as awesome as it has been. Some of my goals include keeping the board united as a team because that is when we're the strongest and put on the best events for the community, ensure a smooth transition for the new board, make sure the new board for general membership

sets a good example for future boards, continue to advertise better so that students know what is going on and what events that they can attend since it's their money, ensure that AC maintains its standards of high quality events for the campus community, and use my experience in AC to better serve the SA student body. Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at ajc29@geneseo.edu. Thank you for your time.

Jenny: My name is Jenny Keller and I am a junior Business Administration major. It's been awhile everyone since I was last here for my budget increase request for Concerts. So to start off, I'll talk about what my involvement is on Activities Commission. I was the Mac's Place Coordinator starting my freshman year. Basically, as soon as I came here I was appointed to AC. I was very aggressive with what I wanted and was very pleased with the results. Through my experience with Mac's Place, I booked over 30 small scale bands over a year and a half period, including bands that you might be familiar with from Spring Fest like Teddy Geiger and Wakey Wakey. It brings me a lot of gratification to see people's faces light up as Teddy Geiger takes the stage. And I'm sure that I will receive the same gratification when all the lights go down, MGMT is walking on stage, and the crowd goes wild. I'm sure that I will too even though it was through a long and tedious process that I much admire. I just want to thank SA for the budget increase so that MGMT will be able to happen. Without it, it would not have been possible. To remind you, MGMT was number two on the feasible arts chart, only second to the Fray, and number six on the overall chart. With Concerts, I worked with a budget of over \$100,000.00. That responsibility can be transferred over to AC Chair considering that I will be overseeing all the AC members who work with the total budget of over \$400,000.00. The Concerts budget is the second largest budget on AC. Especially with my opportunity to work with two different programming experiences on AC and with my experiences at Geneseo, will help me with my diversified experience. Another thing that I want to mention is that as of this year, our advisor, Carey Backman is unfortunately working at Nazareth College. She left about a month ago. We will be working with a new advisor so I believe it is imperative that someone who is working on AC, especially the Chair, has a lot of experience. In addition to my AC experience, my fiscal decisions will be influenced by my business background. I've taken many finance classes and as I get more concentrated in management classes... I am out of time. Thank you.

Dara: How do you feel your role as AC Chair and your role as an Exec member will clash, where do they work together, and how will you manage those two roles?

Jenny: Basically, it's a dual position. When I come to SA, my "AC-ness" will be there when I am relaying the events that are happening, as Matt currently does, but at the same time, I will have to put my biases towards AC aside when it comes to making decisions that involve being fiscally responsible. I think that it's also important that I am active, passionate, and enthusiastic about making these decisions which I will also bring to SA meetings. I think that that is my basic premise. I would definitely be able to put on a different hat in a different environment.

Justin: Serving on the SA Executive Board requires listening to a variety of opinions. How will you handle a situation where someone has a vastly different interpretation of the right action?

Jenny: I think that I will be able to, most importantly, listen to what other people have to say. Regardless of whether or not your opinion is different from mine, I would protect your right to say it. I would hear them out and share my differences in the most professional and respectful way possible. I encourage others to do the same. I especially wish that during these meetings, more individuals would contribute their opinions.

Casey: Why are you the best candidate for this position?

Jenny: I've had the distinguished opportunity to work with two different positions on AC. Working with a larger budget does bring more responsibility. Not only am I coordinating the second largest event on campus but I am also coordinating a lot of people that are working with me. The management classes that I am also taking contribute to managing people. It's something that I feel comes very naturally to me. The positions that I do have, I have come to leadership positions within them. I feel strongly that if I was Chair on this board, I would do the best job possible.

Chris: You mentioned that you got a lot of gratification from working with these bands, which is fantastic because I love people who love their jobs. But is that why you're running, because you get gratification? Or because you feel that you can provide something extra to the student body?

Jenny: A major part of being a Chair is going to other people's events and supporting them. Director of Student Programming involves supporting different events and student organizations, what they do and what they are passionate about. The fact that I'm there to support it would make me heard. I think that I would have the most influence doing so if I sat on this Board.

Unknown female: You said that concerts are the second biggest event, what is the first?

Jenny: Graduation

Steve: Candidate for Director of Public Relations.

Riley: I'm Riley Burchell. I am a junior Geography and Spanish major. Those are the facts. I'm running for Public Relations. To me, Public Relations is a loosely defined position. I define it as the middleman between the student body, SA Exec, and higher-ups in the SUNY system. When I look at the student body, about every two to four years, there is a little bit of a change, a tweak almost in identity as collectively what the student body wants, what the student body represents, and I think that PR is the position that really takes that identity and relays it to SA Exec to incorporate it into whatever we do. At the end of the day, it's your money and we're spending it so it should be programs that you want to see happen. As far as experience, I work for College Communications. I am a photographer for College Communications with Keith Walters and Brian Bennett. I also serve as Communications Director with Dara on AAC, which is a standing committee. I've also had internship experience with the Associated Press and the City of Rochester in conjunction with the EPA. I have experience in that respect. I've been published nationally. I know that I would like this position. I love a good promo item. I have a high tolerance for long meetings. Do you guys have any questions?

Malcolm: Could you elaborate more what you do for the Academic Affairs Committee?

Riley: Sure. Basically what the Communications Director for Academic Affairs Committee does, is the Professor Recognition Ceremony that is held annually now in the spring. We collaborate with the Teaching and Learning Center to create a list of nominees and then select the actual winners within the faculty. It's all based on surveys that I and the Vice Chair, Effie, and Dara administer. What it includes is booking the room, we're using the Hunt Room this year, getting things with CAS together, getting a speaker, collaborating with our advisor, and then putting on this event where student nominations and results from SOFIs are put together to come up with these winners. I think there were four winners last year. It's just to celebrate and recognize a professor. I'm in charge of advertising for that too; handing out surveys, putting it on the list serves and Facebook. The advertisement theme for this year's Professor Recognition Ceremony is awkward family photos. If you have any, then send them.

Dara: I know that you and I have had conversations about the bureaucracy of this all and how it can sometimes be frustrating. I just want to know why you want this position.

Riley: I think that PR is actually the best way to take the good of the bureaucracy and leave the bad. It's a great way to integrate student opinion into everything. No offense, but I've talked to some students and students are intimidated to come to these meetings. SA is mandated to use this money for the student body, but how can they do that if the students are afraid of the Student Association? Clearly you guys aren't demons, so my position as PR would be: what can I do to change that?

Justin: In the years where there isn't the Referendum, the PR has a lot of time. What do you want to do with your position? Do you have any ideas on what you would like to do?

Riley: A really big one is that in the beginning of the year, I would like to go around the dorms, especially the freshmen dorms and create a different, more positive opinion of the Student Association and getting them involved. Maybe from that there could be a subcommittee that can do things and have some student input that way.

Silvia: Although next year is not another referendum year, how do you plan on making sure the students don't forget about the Referendum in the meantime because most of the students are not going to be graduating seniors?

Riley: I think that having SA as a presence of some sort, even just at Hall Council meetings, or something as simple as that just to remind people. It doesn't really have to be in your face. It doesn't even have to be physical advertisement insofar as to putting posters everywhere. It could just be reminders on Facebook and going to the different meetings like ACE and IRC. I think that there are a lot of ways to keep it in everyone's minds. Honestly, if you just make SA great, people are going to associate with that.

Malcolm: What will you do to increase voluntary turnout at these weekly SA meetings?

Riley: I think that all of it is from ground up. Fatima said that people don't want to come because this room is intimidating. If that's the case, then why not change the room? I think that talking in the freshmen dorms and speaking at the beginning of the school year will help because they get second hand information about SA.

Steve: Candidate for Director of Academic Affairs.

Effie: My full name is Effie Barbagiannis. I am running for Director of Academic Affairs, which is Dara's job. I would be Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. For those of you who don't know what that is, it is essentially a standing committee of SA. It helps give money to academic clubs, like Bio Club and French Club, to host their events and go to conferences. We also host Rock Your Semester, where we offer syllabi and advice regarding classes. Additionally, we host the Professor Recognition Ceremony, which Riley and I are working on this semester. Students nominate professors for recognition. By the way, there will be a survey up at the end of the week. I entered AAC this past fall as Secretary. Then our Vice Chair went to Prague so I had the opportunity to run for Vice Chair. I am the co-president of Amnesty International. I've been in Model UN. I was on the EcoHouse Hall Council. I want to be on SA Exec because SA has helped shaped my college experience into a positive one. I've been able to go to conferences and hold events that I'm really passionate about. I just think that it's great to be in groups of likeminded people, go to events that you're passionate about, and do things that you would otherwise not be able to do.

Silvia: IRC and AAC have very similar style meetings and models. Do you have any thoughts or ideas about possible collaboration between the two standing committees?

Effie: I would be open to meeting with whoever was the IRC rep next year to talk about maybe joining meetings once a semester. I think that would be cool. We would be able to see what events each side is hosting and have that cohesion.

Justin: AAC has been going through an evolutionary process for about five years now. With that in mind, do you have any suggestions for changes to AAC?

Effie: I know from being President of Amnesty International that the budget is really difficult to understand. Casey was really helpful to me. I think that it would be beneficial if during one of the first meetings, we have a workshop about how the budget works and the options available to the reps.

Chris: I used to sit on AAC as a rep and one of the biggest things during my time was that there was actually very little discussion made on the readings. A lot the readings kept getting pushed through because we always had enough money and even when that was an issue with everyone getting cut. What would you do to foster more discussion during the AAC meeting to make sure that SA money is being spent in a way that is best?

Effie: I think that in the beginning it was like that but now I think that it's progressed a bit and there is more discussion. I think that for more discussion, you have to make it more of a comfortable environment. I think that it's intimidating for people to just stare at each other. Beyond that, I think that people support each other for readings because they want support when it's their turn. I think that there definitely is more discussion now than there was during the first two meetings.

Chris: One of the issues I had when I was a rep for AAC was getting long term equipment for my club. I was told that I would have to bring the request to SA to try and get funding for that. What would you do to push for academic clubs in SA?

Effie: I think that in order for AAC to fund equipment, we would have to change our Constitution. We would have to go through an entire revolutionary change and I don't know when it's up to that. I would look into it. I would certainly advise AAC reps to push a reading through SA.

Dara: I was just wondering, as you know what it's like to be on an eboard, how would you use your eboard to help you? What is your management style? How would you use the eboard more effectively?

Effie: I think essentially, we would need more open communication. I think people should really know what their role is in AAC and what they can do.

Grace: I know that GREAT Day is a big responsibility. I think that it's underappreciated on this campus. I think that it's a great way to show what this campus has to offer. Do you have any ways to promote that?

Effie: AAC always holds a luncheon which means free food as an incentive. Beyond that, I guess just making people realize what a great commitment AAC is. Maybe spreading the word on campus about how impressive it looks on your resume.

Steve: Candidates for Director of Inter-Residence Affairs

Marie: My name is Marie Dempsey and I am running for Director of Inter-Residence Affairs. A little bit of my background in IRC. Last year, I was the Genesee rep for the first semester and then there was an opening on the Board for Secretary. I ran for that position and got it. This year, I serve as the National Communication Coordinator which basically means that I bring a congregation of students to conferences in the Northeast region to talk about promoting wellbeing in residence halls, programming, and things like that. The reason I want this position is because I gained so much experience from my time on IRC and it's shaped me to be the leader that I've become. I think that the chance to sit on the Executive Board of SA and Chair on IRC is an opportunity to give that back to the students. Some of my qualifications are: As secretary, I prepare agendas every meeting so I have knowledge of that as well as knowledge of the Constitution of IRC. As NCC, I sit through board meetings when I go to conferences so I know the procedure pretty well. I manage our budget for conferences so I feel that I would be qualified to help the Treasurer as well. I'm familiar with putting in POs and things like that. Furthermore, I feel that I am capable of being part of the eight member Executive board team and that I can represent the student body. I think one of the great things about being the IRC Chair is the chance to gather opinions from the residence halls and bring that back to the meeting. That's what I would really value.

Malcolm: The Director of Inter-Residence Affairs holds an ex officio seat on the CAS Board of Directors. This past year, I have been strongly advocating for the Residence Genesee Scenario Quad with the Letch construction project. With my graduation in May, I won't be there. What preparations have you done for serving on the board and are you living on North side next year so that you can be an advocate for the residents that are most effected by the closure of Letch?

Marie: I don't live on North side right now. I live in the townhouses. But one thing that I think Silvia has done really well this year is bringing everything that she's heard from the CAS Board of Directors back to our IRC meetings, posing them in open discussion, and gathering feedback from students. I think that I would really encourage representatives to bring in their Hall Council that live on North side and have a strong opinion about it to the meetings. That way I can bring back the information and opinions back to the Board.

Silvia: One of the responsibilities as IRC Chair is the NEACURH Conferences and sitting in the President's Boardroom. What do you feel has prepared you for this aspect of the position?

Marie: I have attended three conferences so far and I will be attending NEACURH, the national conference, in May. For NCC, I have sat in two boardrooms for conferences which are very similar to the President's Boardroom. They just have different awards and stations. I think that I have been really active in NCC boardrooms and have had my voice heard so I feel comfortable speaking in boardrooms and having the student opinion heard.

Casey: Are there any changes that you would like to see made to IRC or SA?

Marie: One thing for IRC, that we used to have in the past, is the PR committee. Our secretary was in charge of it this semester and she was really good, especially with the Referendum. But next year not being a referendum year, I would like to use the PR committee more heavily to help promote IRC. I would also like to have more meetings where members outside of the mandatory Board attend and have more of a say.

Dara: What makes you the best candidate for this job?

Marie: I think it has a lot to do with my passion for this job and what I have gotten out of it. Like in freshman year, I would not have been able to stand here and talk to you all. Through my experience with IRC, I have gained a lot of confidence. My desire to give back is really strong. Also, my experience with NCC this year and my experience with programming as a whole is really helpful in being a leader for my Executive Board in IRC. I guess my desire to help students grow is a benefit of mine.

Silvia: So the NRHH President sits in on the IRC meetings as an ex officio member. How do you plan on collaborating and promoting between the two sister organizations?

Marie: I think that it's important to collaborate between NRHH and IRC. I think that having a strong communication level between the President of NRHH and IRC is really important. Having them come to meetings and speak on our behalf might be a good idea. I think that a strong collaboration between the two is very important. I think that that is something I have to enhance and it's something that I have to work on with the NRHH President.

Olivia: My name is Olivia Kelly. I am a junior Math major. I am running for the position of Director of Inter-Residence Affairs which is Silvia's position. My experience with IRC is as follows. Last year I was a General Assembly member and I was a representative from Steuben Hall. Halfway through the year, I was elected as Treasurer of the organization. Through that, I am super familiar with the budget and how it operates, how residence halls and other people can use the money, and how the Executive Board uses that money to put on programs, leadership events, banquets and things like that. All the stuff that we do, I have a really great understanding of it. So I believe that I would be beneficial to the Executive Board next year because I get it. Also, I was Hall Council President last year. I was Vice President, IRC rep, and President at all different times but it all happened. So I have some familiarity with meetings and doing stuff like that. I also currently serve on the SA Budget Review Committee so I met with someone from all of your clubs. We talked about your budget and I understand how almost all the budgets work. There were some meetings that I couldn't get to because I had class, but overall I have an understanding of how budgets work and how clubs operate. With that I would be a really valuable asset to SA Exec because even if it's just office hours and someone comes in with a question on how to do something,

I think I would have a really good understanding of that. Also, when you come to ask for money from SA Exec, I have an understanding of how your club operates and what the money is going for. Also, after sitting through all these budget reviews, I just have an appreciation for all the clubs here. I understand that everyone comes to college for an education but you all come here for more than just a transcript. I think that SA funds are a really great way to do that. I really want everyone to get the most out of their time here. I'm really excited to get that going.

Malcolm: The Director of Inter-Residence Affairs holds an ex officio seat on the CAS Board of Directors. My question is what have you done to prepare for that role and where are you living next year? Can you serve as an advocate for the three northern most residence halls, Seneca, Genesee, and Ontario, that are most affected by the closure of Letch?

Olivia: I currently don't live on campus but I obviously lived on campus in my freshman and sophomore year. I am moving back on campus next year, into the Townhouses. I have lived on North side and I currently would be devastated if I lived on North side and Letch wasn't open because I ate there almost every day. But I also feel that as the Chair of IRC, I would have a group of 32 students to reach out to ask "Hey, how do you feel about how this is going?" and then relay that information back to CAS. Not only that but I really appreciate the work that CAS does. I know that sometimes they can come in and be frustrating but they really do work so hard and I have a strong appreciation for them and all that they do. I think that that would make me a good liaison between them and the student body. I can take back what people might say, like "this is so bad" and phrase it a bit nicer for CAS. We can see what the issues are and what can be done.

Silvia: One of the responsibilities as IRC Chair is the NEACURH Conferences and sitting in the President's Boardroom. What do you feel has prepared you for this aspect of the position?

Olivia: I was on General Assembly and Exec last year. I attended two regional conferences where I put on programs. I was part of a big team that won the regional conference this past fall. I have a really good familiarity of how NEACURH works. When I was a General Assembly member for IRC, I was a very vocal member. I spoke up and I like being in meetings like this and IRC. I think I would be a vocal member of the President's Boardroom and I would represent Genesee well and advocate for the region.

Casey: What changes would you make to IRC or SA if you could?

Olivia: I would like to see more participation from general assembly members. I know that with IRC there is a lot of participation and discussion already. I go to the meetings, even though I'm not a rep, and sometimes there are things that I think some reps have questions about but don't know how to say it. I would like to think of a way to facilitate some questions and things like that. I would like to see more participation at SA meetings. I think it's great that Malcolm speaks up at every meeting and says that this is great or this isn't and things like that but I would like to see that from a lot of people. I know that a lot of people are here for their clubs and just relay the information back to their clubs but you're also here to advocate to SA what your club wants. So I'd like to see more of that.

Dara: What makes you the best candidate for the job?

Olivia: I think that Marie and I are both very strong candidates for this job. I think that one thing that sets me apart is my familiarity with IRC budget, an understanding of how it works, and an understanding of how each Executive member uses their budget. I worked with the previous Exec to work on their budget and find the most effective ways to spend their money and things like that.

Silvia: So the NRHH President sits in on the IRC meetings as an ex officio member. How do you plan on collaborating and promoting between the two sister organizations?

Olivia: I think that I would like to see a lot of collaboration between NRHH and IRC Exec as a Programming Chair and CRC Chair. They are both Programming Chairs and I would like to see them collaborate with NRHH to do a program together. I would like to see more IRC involvement in Residence Hall.

Steve: Candidate for Director of Business Affairs

Rob: My name is Rob Terreri. I am a junior History major. A little bit about me. The last three years I worked pretty extensively within SA. Spring of freshman year to the fall of sophomore year, I was chair of the Election Committee. This year I am working as Treasurer for Academic Affairs Committee. I am also working on the Budget Review Committee. In between that time, I worked a lot with the Quidditch Team getting us recognized and funded by this school and coaching for the World Cup down in Florida. Fundamentally, I think the role of this position, deviating from being a resource for clubs and organizations, is obviously assisting in the readings and getting the information out there but at the same time making sure students are aware of the services that are provided by SA. I think that it's one thing that I would like to work on next year. I mean, how many students know that within SA, we provide legal services through the mandatory activity fee? Going off of that, I think that's something we should mention when we advertise SA within the res halls. I mean, 50% of students live on campus. We should also remember to reach out to students who live off campus.

Dara: You have been a member of AAC as Treasurer and as a rep beforehand. This is not me trying to attack your decision, but why did you decide to run for DBA instead of AAC or any other position on this board?

Rob: I think it's because I have such a sound knowledge of SA Financial Policy. Working with the Financial Policy for the last three years, some of the flaws in it have become highly visible to me. For example, this year we were working on how purchase orders are processed. Obviously SA cannot reimburse, but AAC and IRC were kind of breaking that. For something like gas reimbursement, a lot of the forms do not make sense for specific subcommittees, but we're asking our members for purchase order numbers and request numbers which doesn't make sense for our subcommittee because they don't actually do that. I want to bring the subcommittees more in line with SA Financial Policy.

Silvia: What are your commitments for next year and how are you going to be balancing these responsibilities?

Rob: Next year, I will hopefully keep working as a Residence Assistant. I don't know where I'm going to be stationed yet but it's going to be an interesting year. On top of that, this year I've been coaching the Quidditch Team. I may or may not retain that role. It depends on what the eboard decides since it's a staff position. Since I won't be able to serve on any eboard if I'm elected, I would not

be able to serve on AAC. I pretty much live in the SA office anyway to being with. I see taking less credit hours for classes but I don't see commitment being an issue.

Casey: Two of the biggest responsibilities of the Director of Business Affairs are to hold the officer training in the fall and budget review in the spring. What are your thoughts on how to change or expand these events for the students?

Rob: In regards to the Treasurer training, at least working within AAC, a lot of times Treasurers are unaware of specific allocations that are available like the On-campus Non-Funded request form. So if Psychology Club wanted to hold a conference, then instead of going to AAC, they can go through that. I mean, just so that clubs are aware of the different funding options that are available. One thing that I know that is specifically on the SA website is the fact that a lot of the subcommittee bylaws are outdated. Specifically, under Club Sports, there is a \$1,000.00 line that is budgeted for regional and national qualifications. But if you go on the SA website, within the Club Sports Bylaws, within the Budget Reviews, that line is not even mentioned because it is outdated. I think facilitating an ease of access as well as training for Treasurers of subcommittees is a good idea as well. I think that the Budget Review process is fairly effective as far as improving it. You wouldn't want to do it earlier in the semester or later in the semester. I can't see any reason, at least for right now, to change the Budget Review process.

Malcolm: Obviously there are reasons why a club eboard can change unexpected in the middle of the year. Things like someone leaving to go study abroad. But there are also oddball clubs like GAGG that rotate their eboard in the middle of the academic year. GAGG rotates their eboard almost two weeks into the spring semester. Will you be trying to institutionalize a spring semester round of treasurer training to help out the new eboard officers who come into their job in the middle of the year.

Rob: I think that it's something that definitely should be done. It's done for Club Sports being trained through Bullying and Anti-hazing workshops. I think the same should be done for treasurer training; obviously not requiring all treasurers to go back for training but at least holding one or two workshops for that purpose or just setting up individual meetings.

Steve: Make sure you guys vote on Knightlink from the 11th to the 15th starting at 8:00 pm. It's all done digital. It's knightlink.geneseo.edu.

Malcolm: I have two points of open discussion. I would like to remind everyone that with many of the races uncontested, there is an option if you don't like the candidate who's running to vote for "no confidence". If "no confidence" wins the election, then the seat remains vacant and a special election will be held to fill the post at a later time. The other point that I have for open discussion is back to reading 68-1213 and it shouldn't be a huge surprise to many of you. Specifically for the four of you that voted down the amendment to the reading, I strongly feel that passing this reading without waiting to see the results of the Referendum was reckless and irresponsible. I am highly disappointed in the four of you in particular and SA Exec as a whole in what otherwise was a good job this year. I am highly disappointed in what I see as an abdication to your responsibility to the future of SA tonight. I cannot state how strongly I feel about this because it is critically important to have funds for next year should the Referendum fail. I do not think there has been sufficient acknowledgment from SA Exec exemplified by this reading, but not limited to this reading, for the possibility that the Referendum might someday fail. The fact is that the requirements to pass the Referendum are extraordinarily high. It requires a turnout that is seven times the national average. It requires the supermajority of that turnout voting in favor to actually pass the Referendum. Just because it hasn't failed in the past doesn't mean it can't in the future. It's an extraordinarily high bar and I want to express my disappointment in SA Exec tonight. I would like to express my disappointment in what I view as a cowardly action to calling the question without any time to voice this opinion during the discussion on the reading itself.

Slavic Club: I, on the other hand, applaud the eboard for not falling into the paranoia of what will happen. You have to focus on what is happening right now. What might happen does not dictate what is happening.

James: How many votes do you need for the Referendum to pass?

Malcolm: 20% of the student body needs to vote and 66% of turnout voting in favor.

Steve: So approximately 1,000 people need to vote and 600 of said 1,000 needs to vote in favor of the Referendum.

Carly: Also, please explain what the protocol is if it does fail.

Steve: If it fails and 1,000 people don't vote or we hit that and we don't have the 60% precipice, then it automatically extends itself for up to ten days I believe, until we do hit that point or the entire ten days are exhausted without it passing.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Choo
Recording Secretary