

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



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

**MINUTES #28, Wednesday, April 10, 2013**

Page Business Meeting Agenda

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***Updates***

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***Open Discussion***

***Adjournment***

*Executive Committee*

President:	Carly Annable
Vice-President:	Justin Shapiro
<b>Directors:</b>	
Academic Affairs:	Dara Gell
Business Affairs:	Casey Howard
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Silvia Roma
Public Relations:	Forrest Regan
Student Affairs:	Sadie Baker
Student Programming:	Matt Bower
Advisor:	Patty Hamilton-Rodgers

*PROFESSIONAL STAFF*

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

**Call to Order:** 6:45 pm.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Amendment to reading 88-1213 from “88-1213BE” to “88-1213 BE”, reading 89-1213 from \$19,880.00 to \$19,380.00, and to reading 90-1213 from “90-1213 IT” to “90-1213 BE IT”.  
Passes 6-0-0.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Amendment to open updates for Malcolm from “April 12<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>” to “April 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>”.  
Passes 6-0-0.

### Updates

**President, Carly Annable updates:** This Friday, because I am attending SUNY Student Assembly, I will not be able to attend College Council so Justin will be going instead. He will present approximately 420 letters that have been signed already for Medical Amnesty, talk about what is happening currently in SA, and what policy for Medical Amnesty that we are interested in putting in place. As for SUNY Student Assembly, as Forrest has already kind of summarized, they will do the normal “thank you for hosting the business meetings and passing the referendum”. However, also on the agenda are three technically large changes that will be discussed. The first is that they are proposing that the SUNY system go tray-less in all of their dining halls because it will help to decrease the amount of food wasted. There are apparently studies out there showing that. There is another resolution saying that they want the SUNY system to go paperless for transcripts. Apparently, there is a way to securely send through pdfs and emails so that you know that the recipient has received it and opened it. It’s just as secure as when you mail it. Also, SUNY has a dedication towards sustainability and they think that this would make us more sustainable. There is also a resolution for veteran affairs. Veterans release their New York State residency when they enter the armed forces to serve our nation. The idea is that veterans should be offered in-state SUNY tuition anywhere in the SUNY system. Lastly, there are a lot of changes to the bylaws of SUNY Student Assembly. It should be an interesting SUNY Student Assembly. Also, we get to hold caucus with other schools that are similar to SUNY Geneseo, like Fredonia and Oneonta. I will be bringing up topics like Medical Amnesty because Oneonta is currently in their own plight trying to get Medical Amnesty as well. It should be an interesting and informative experience and I am looking forward to attending.

**Vice-President, Justin Shapiro updates:** The Medical Amnesty rally went well. It was cool to see all the students who are interested in it. Having the rain did negatively affect the turnout. Had it not been raining, there probably would have been a better turnout. The College Counsel will be voting on Medical Amnesty this Friday. I will be presenting the letters then. If you haven’t done so yet, and you still want to, you can still submit the letters until noon on Friday. We’re really close to 500 letters. If you don’t know what Medical Amnesty is, feel free to email me at [savp@geneseo.edu](mailto:savp@geneseo.edu). If you’re interested at all in hydrofracking, environmental issues, grassroots movements, and legislative change, David and Helen Slottje will be coming as part of the College’s Distinguished Speakers Series. They are two lawyers and they will be giving a lecture in the College Union Ballroom at 2:30 pm on April 17, concerning case law and legal strategies for fracking bans. Yesterday, the Student Senate defended Medical Amnesty. Unfortunately, for the students, the graduation policy was changed. Essentially, anyone who attends Geneseo as a student will not be able to walk if they have more than 12 credits to fulfill in the following academic semester. The reading failed in the Senate 19-23. It was extremely frustrating. If you have any questions about that, feel free to email me.

**Director of Business Affairs, Casey Howard updates:** On Monday, I presented the budget to the SA committee. Minimal changes were made and you will get the budgets for your clubs tomorrow afternoon in your mailboxes. Included will be a letter on how to go about the appeal process. If you don’t want to appeal, then the budget on the letter will be the one for the next academic year.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Silvia Roma updates:** Delegates were selected for the National Conference NACURH. Also, the elections for IRC was completed this week and the week before. We have a full board for next year which is really exciting.

**Director of Public Relations, Forrest Regan updates:** This Friday, I will be going to Albany for the SUNY Student Assembly. Unfortunately, I won’t be able to attend Jamnesty this Friday. This is where students across the state come and talk about the policies implemented throughout the SUNY system. This will be my first meeting, along with Katie Becker, future Vice President, and Carly Annable, current President. Examples of the issues in the fall was the frequently discussed topic of increasing the cap that the SUNY Board of Trustees had on our mandatory student activity fees and a SUNY wide ban on smoking on campus. If anyone has any points of discussion that they want to bring up in front of the entire SUNY body, then let me know. I will be meeting with Malcolm on Thursday to go over the agenda, which I heard is a really long agenda. It also came to my attention earlier this week that clubs and organizations don’t have U.S. mailboxes. I think that clubs used to have mailboxes so maybe we can bring this up in open discussion if there has been a problem with that.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Dara Gell updates:** “The Importance of Being Earnest” will be shown this Thursday to Saturday in the Black Box Theatre at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00. I’ve seen the stage and it’s pretty cool so please go support that. The Professor Recognition Ceremony will be May 1 at 5:00 pm in the Hunt Room. Please come and support this. We haven’t chosen the professors yet but we have narrowed it down to the semifinalists. We will be talking with the Teaching and Learning Center on Friday to select

four winners. You are all welcome to come and support the professors' recognitions. Elections for AAC will be on April 23 and the available positions are PR, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice Chair. Effie Barbagiannis is our Chair next year. If you have any interest, then you are welcome to come and talk to me or any of my eboard about it. Also, if you're interested in running, you have to send me a letter of intent by April 20<sup>th</sup>. My email is [saaac@geneseo.edu](mailto:saaac@geneseo.edu). It's a really great job and it's a great way to get involved with the Student Association. It's not a terrible amount of work and I think that all of you would really enjoy being on the board. Spanish Club just got funding for Eurofest and I will let Slavic Club make an announcement about that. Pot Latch, an Anthropology event, will be on April 19 from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am in the Union. You bring two pieces of clothing to swap with others. The Sociology Club will be having a conference on Saturday, April 27 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Interfaith Center. It was going to be in the Hunt Room but they've sold out 50 tickets already so the event was moved to a larger venue. All the sociology professors will be speaking. Tickets are being sold in the Union Lobby. You can also talk to Kevin Castaneda or email Sociology Club. Last night we approved a reading for a film festival put on by the Political Affairs Club in conjunction with a Political Science class. It's called the F-bomb Film Festival. They will be showing movies on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. It's a feminist film festival showing movies like *Half the Sky* and *Miss Representation*, which is a movie about the lack of women representation in politics. That's really exciting and I hope you all come out and celebrate with us.

**Director of Student Affairs, Sadie Baker updates:** I would like to ask all of you to sign up for the Albany trip. It will be on Monday, April 22. We would depart from the Union at 6:00 am and then return at 10:00 pm. It's a really great chance for you to go to Albany and the legislature, and meet with legislators. It's about something that should be really important to you and everyone on this campus, namely about Geneseo's funding. Furthermore, if you receive financial aid, this should be of great interest to you. The sign up deadline is by the end of the day on Friday. There is a refundable \$5.00 deposit on that and if for some reason you can't pay it, then you can come talk to me. ACE is looking for a suitable Vice Chair. We have a great Vice Chair right now but he is graduating. If you are interested in becoming more involved on campus, being more involved in ACE, and you are part of an ACE club that is of particular interest to you, please send me an email by next week. Elections will be held for ACE, not next Wednesday, but the Wednesday after. Pride and WAC night is this Saturday on April 13 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 for students, \$7.00 for faculty and staff, and \$8.00 for others. It will be a carnival style event so there will be food, veggie kebabs, hotdogs, burgers, aerial acrobats, a show, and games. SEAA and GODA are doing an event tomorrow called "Discovering Deaf Worlds" in CU 203 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. According to Discovering Deaf Worlds, approximately 70 to 200 million deaf people nationally cannot access education in some form. Geneseo Chinese Culture Club will be having their dumpling festival on April 20 at 6:00 pm at the Saratoga Commons. Tickets are \$6.00 for the general public and \$4.00 for members. Shakti, MSA, and APO have started a fundraiser today for an organization called Women for Women. The fundraiser will continue tomorrow and if you have any questions, you can talk to them in the Lobby. And on April 20, BSU is having a fashion show in the afternoon. Email or go to their meeting at 5:00 pm on Thursdays at the Fireside Lounge if you're interested in walking the fashion show.

**Director of Student Programming, Matt Bower updates:** Not present.

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

**Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** GREAT Day is Tuesday. Keynote speakers are out of this world and if you look at the posters, there are some familiar faces on it – Forrest and Carly.

### Open Updates

Malcolm: There are updates from SUNY Student Assembly beyond what was announced by Forrest and Carly. I'm not sure if either of them are aware of this because this only happened today, but Forrest brought up how in the fall, the SUNY Student assembly, brought up a resolution to have the system increase the cap for student activity fees. The Chancellor has granted that request. Effective starting in the next academic year, the cap for student activity fees is now \$250.00 a year. This announcement was made by the Chancellor today. This is the second or third time in the past three years that SUNY Student Assembly has been able to institute a major policy change at the system administration level. So the resolutions that Carly was talking about a moment ago may have substantial effect. These conferences are important. Anyone can go and look at the wording of the resolutions. They are on the Student Assembly website, [www.studentassembly.org](http://www.studentassembly.org). You can go look at the agenda and resolutions and I encourage you to speak to Forrest and Carly, as I am intending to, about your thoughts and opinions on those resolutions so that they can accurately represent the feelings of the Geneseo student body.

Slavic Club: There is Eurofest on Sunday April 21. This event is collaboration between the European groups on campus – Slavic, German, French, and Spanish Club. We are trying to raise awareness of the European presence on campus. There will be performers coming in from Rochester, performance from professors, and European food. Tickets are on sale next week from Wednesday to Friday and are \$5.00 for students, \$6.00 for faculty and staff, and \$7.00 for the general public. Doors open at 5:00 pm and the event will be in the Ballroom.

PAW: Tomorrow night at 6:00 pm in Sturges 223, Jean, who runs Big Dogs and Big Hearts will be coming in to show how to properly handle animals. Then, right after that, at 7:00 pm, we are having a representative from the Livingston county SPCA come in and they may have three to four dogs with him. If you want to see some animals and have some free food, come to Sturges 223.

Alyssa: On April 20, we are having our Media Prom at the Knight Spot at 10:00 pm. It will be hosted by The Lamron, GSU, and GSTV. There will be a prize for best dress and there will be free food. There's going to be cool music. It is a masquerade theme so dress up. It will be fun so I hope to see you all there.

Chris: Thanks to SA for approval for the event. GAGG will be having a free Magic Draft a week from Saturday. It starts at 3:00 pm upstairs. Come by even if you don't play as there will be a lot of people to teach you. I will also be there if you want to try out other types of games. It's going to be a great time.

Silvia: Thank you for those who came to the bone marrow registry drive. We will also have table at Relay for Life if you didn't get a chance to donate but still want to. Also, tomorrow night, IRC is having A Knight in the 90's from 7:30 to 10:30 pm in the College Union Ballroom. There will be 90's themed games and food. We will be playing Figure It Out.

Guitar club: Guitar Club and Amnesty International will be hosting Jamnesty at the Knight Spot. There will be open-mic performances.

Rachel: IRC Leadership Committee is hosting an event this weekend. It's going to be co-sponsored by GOLD and you get Emerald credit if you register and attend. It's Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in Sturges Aud. There's going to be free food and great speakers.

Casey: If case you need to get a hold of me, my SA email is not working so please email me at my personal email at clh16@geneseo.edu.

Carly: If anyone follows the SUNY system on Facebook, their current profile photo is of Geneseo campus. When they advertise the fact that 10 SUNY schools are on Kiplinger's Best Value, they use our picture.

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Tessa: Nothing in the money aspect has changed. We updated the roster. We removed Victoria and added Kate instead.

Rachel: Victoria cannot attend because she is a grad student so she doesn't pay student mandatory fees.

Tessa: We changed two of our drivers with other team members. So overall, just logistical changes.

Malcolm: How much is left in the conferences line?

Casey: As of right now, before this reading, we have \$2,705.96 left.

Casey: I just want to reiterate that I think what you did with the dining is really responsible.

85-1213: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

86-1213 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,000.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Chess Club at SUNY Geneseo, Account 1002 to fund the SUNY Geneseo Chess Tournament.

*Second of Two Readings*

James: I'm the President of Chess Club and this is my friend Mike.

Mike: I'm the Publicity Officer.

James: The reading says \$650.00 but we raised the request to \$1,000.00 because of ongoing interest from other colleges, such as Cornell, SUNY Buffalo, Colgate, RIT, and University of Rochester. We think that if we get the increase, we can have more participation. It would be great if we could have a big tournament. It would help make Geneseo known and help Chess Club start out.

Carly: Just for clarification, you're asking to amend the reading from \$650.00 to \$1,000.00?

James: Yes.

Malcolm: Does the \$100.00 include the first round of engraving on the trophy for this tournament's winner?

James: Yes, it includes the engraving for this tournament's winner. Because this is a fixed cost, next year, it would cost us less to engrave the next name. We will probably have room in the Chess Club's budget to pay for it next year.

Malcolm: You have \$800.00 for gift cards and the math on that makes sense. Where are the gift cards going to be from?

James: In a normal tournament, there would be cash prizes. However, the school cannot give cash prizes because that can be used for alcohol and drugs. We would have to get gift cards from stores that do not sell those. We had a talk with the eboard and there are a lot of great stores like Target and Wal-Mart that have gift cards that do not allow for purchasing those items. Also, MasterCard has a underage prepaid card but we would have to do more research on that.

Malcolm: So you haven't decided yet?

James: Yes. What we have are a lot of options. What might happen is that we will offer options to the winners and then mail them the cards afterwards.

Carly: Also, because of the purchase order process, we are not going to allow for the money to be spent on something that would allow the purchase of drugs or alcohol.

Malcolm: You said \$35.00 for unexpected costs and in parenthesis you say for “ties in prizes to make correct numbers”. Can you expand on that?

James: Yes. Let’s say we have a two-way tie for \$125.00. Credit cards usually don’t have change in them, so we would have to bump up the amount to an even number.

Malcolm: Why don’t you give an example?

Mike: Often times, tournaments end in ties. If we have a four-way tie for the \$125.00, we’re not going to be giving each person \$40.00 and some change. Instead, we would bump up the prize amount so that we can split it evenly in whole dollars between the winners.

Malcolm: So if a bunch of people tie for second place, you would be giving \$125.00 total, or a little bit bumped up from this reserve and not \$125.00 to each individual.

James: Right. We would split the award and round up the numbers. Also, if two people tie for something, they get first place and second place combined and then you split that.

Chris: As far as gift cards go, there are three excellent gaming stores in the local area that do store gift cards if you want to go in the chess and gaming direction. You mentioned last week that this would bring in a lot of people from off-campus for the tournament. What have you done in terms of off-campus advertisement?

James: When we went to an amateur tournament last year, it’s one that the Geneseo Chess club participated in last year and this year and placed first and second place respectively, I got to talk with this Grand Master. He’s setting up this intercollege competition that hopefully we can all take part in next semester. Through that I got into this Google group where you can talk to all of the individuals invited. Through that, I have correspondence with various presidents from other schools. They’re really excited about this tournament because this is not something that officially happened, at least to my knowledge, at Geneseo or at other colleges.

Chris: GAGG has run a couple of Chess tournaments at our yearly conventions. None to the general populous though?

James: Other than talking to the other schools? Well, when I started playing chess, I played in Rochester at this chess center that’s one of the biggest in the nation. They know about this tournament but we haven’t given them a formal poster. I did tell the owner that we are having a tournament on April 27. He said that this is awesome and gave me phone numbers of people, that I will be contacting, that live around Geneseo and play chess. Our next step after today is publicity. We’re really excited about this and want people to know about it.

Chris: I suggest that when you have an official poster that you send it to the official gaming stores since they do get a lot of traffic.

James: Okay. Thank you.

Carly: Also, going forward, please try to make sure your questions are actually questions and not better suited for the discussion portion of the reading.

Silvia: How are you splitting up for the gift cards for first, second and third? How is this being broken up?

James: Do you mean the quantity of gift cards?

Mike: They will probably be broken into smaller amounts.

Silvia: I just want to know how many gift cards there will be in total.

Mike: This is just some guesstimate work that we did. We don’t ultimately know how they will be split.

James: That’s why we were thinking that the best option may be to mail them out after the tournament.

Silvia: You’re having three different levels, so will there be first, second, and third for each section?

James: Actually, there’s only first and second place for each section.

Casey: Have you found a way to store the trophy?

James: Yes. I talked to Chip, and he said that we can have it in the Union, for about three weeks, by the knight. Then he said that, like Rugby said last week, he will be making a trophy case and we can store it there next year. Until then, he said that he could keep it in his office or our advisor can keep it in his office.

Malcolm: We talked about what happens if there is a tie for second but what happens if there is a multi-way tie for first? Is the second place prize added to the first place prize?

James: Yes.

Malcolm: So if there are three people tied for first, then they’re splitting \$325.00 for the Open Section?

James: Right.

Malcolm: I understand that you guys are a new club. I remember you guys getting your startup budget. Did you guys submit a budget for next year? Have you included funds to run this tournament both semesters of next year?

James: Actually, we don’t get a startup budget because we were late this year.

Casey: They became a club after the budget review so we can’t give them a budget after that time. They’re still a funded organization, just without a budget, so they would have to do a similar reading next year.

Malcolm: But your Treasurer knows to include the costs of running this tournament in 2014-2015 year into the budget next year?

James: Yes. This is an idea that our advisor brought to our attention and it first happened in the 80’s I think. Next year we will keep this in mind and tell our Treasurer to put it in our budget.

Casey: You removed food costs from the proposal? Have you been working with CAS to cover that?

James: Yes. Yesterday, I talked to CAS, and within an hour we got a \$500.00 grant for food.

*Motion to amend the reading to “BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1,000.00”. Second by Justin. Passes 6-0-0.*

Casey: I like that you went through the work and research, and took the feedback from last week.

86-1213: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

### Tabled

*Motion to bring 87-1213 to the floor by Casey. Second by Justin. Passes 6-0-0.*

87-1213 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached changes to the Alliance for Community Enrichment's constitution and bylaws.

*First of Two Readings*

Sadie: I am back again this week. I have taken into consideration everyone's suggestions and edits to ACE's Constitution and Bylaws. At ACE today, we passed the new edits. We put the section numbers in our Constitution in numerical order. Article VI, Section B, the text was changed to explain that the SA Executive committee will appoint a temporary ACE Chair but the Student Association President will consult with the ACE representatives before the SA Exec does that. Also, the primary candidate should be the Vice Chair. In Section I, I changed "chair" into "committee". In Article VII, Section II, I attempted to solve the quorum problem and hopefully this will be amenable to everyone. I deleted the part that says ACE Chair and now it says that quorum will be the simple majority of the ACE representatives. The Constitution decides what quorum will be. In Section I, part D of the Bylaws, the section that has the ACE advertising guidelines, there was an issue with bad financial standing in this section contradicting bad financial standing as indicated in Section IV. We adjusted that by editing Section I, part D so that the length of time is not indicated. Instead, you would refer to the time indicated in Section IV, which states two weeks. It was also suggested to me that I further explain number 16 on the ACE Advertising Guidelines. So now it says that if an organization suggests multiple methods that aren't on the list, each method counts once as part of the mandatory methods. Therefore, if someone has three methods that are not on the list, they can use those three and then pick two on the list.

Malcolm: Could you email me the newest version of this Constitution?

Sadie: Sure.

Casey: I think this version dealt with all the issues brought up during discussion at the last reading.

87-1213: *First of Two Reading*, Passes 5-0-1 with Sadie abstaining.

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Yanush: Hello. I am the President of PAW and this is Sarah, the Vice President. Our organization will be going to Seneca Park Zoo on Earth Day for their annual Earth Day events. We are no longer doing dinner. We're instead using that money to purchase snacks and water bottles for our volunteers. We're leaving at 10:00 am and coming back at 6:00 pm. Our attached roster is incomplete. But, at this time, we found all 50 members will be attending.

Sivlia: If they're not doing dinner, should the expenses for snacks be under miscellaneous?

Casey: Yes.

Malcolm: You said you're canceling dinner, and going to snacks, and you said that that would cost less than \$50.00? But on the sheet you have \$240.00 on the cost amount. So how does it change the amount that you're asking for?

Casey: It's always an up to amount. They only get compensated for what they spend.

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89-1213 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$19,380.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to Crew Club, Account 1402 to purchase a Vespoli M2 Men's Heavyweight 4.

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Rachel: Hello everyone. I'm Rachel, the President of Crew Club. This is our coach Jason. We are requesting all this money from Permanent Equipment because we are currently in desperate need of a men's boat. The one that we have now is no longer a safe boat to go in. We picked a Vespoli M2 because it's the best option for the cost. If you look at our competitors, they are most likely in a Vespoli. M2 is a step down from their rhino which is basically a couple of extra thousand dollars to have a fancier covering on the boat. We think this is the most reasonable priced shell and the best one for our team's current needs. Our coach will explain more.

Jason: My name is Jason Rich and I am the new crew coach. Let me start off with telling you a little bit about the difference between a heavyweight and lightweight boat. Boats aren't one-size fit all. They are made to fit a certain sized person. A 200 pound man can't sit in a lightweight women's boat; the boat would sink. This is the reason why we have come today. Unfortunately our fleet contains a bunch of middleweight and lightweight men's boats and only one antiquated heavyweight men's boat. Unfortunately, when you place a lightweight person in a heavyweight boat, it's harder to row the boat and it sits high, but no issue. But when you place a heavyweight person in a lightweight boat, it sinks, and then we have an issue. We have a boat that is weighted for 185-205, but it was purchased in the early 90s. It's over 20 years old and completely antiquated. At camp this year, there was a severe thunderstorm which caused damage to the boat. We immediately brought the boat to be fixed in Pittsford, where Brad, he's our boat repair guy, approached me. He said that he could fix it but it's at the point that we would be losing money by putting any more money into this boat. In fact, he is currently patching the boat up to the point where it may last one, maybe two, more seasons if nothing happens. But even rough water can tear right through the boat. With that comes a safety issue. In order to have it refurbished enough to race with for a few years, it

would cost us anywhere from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. The boat is a Kaschper, not a Vespoli, so it's a much lower quality boat. For this quality of a boat, it's not worth it. The issue we have is that at this point, we will be lucky if our men can row in the Bob Fennel, which is the name of our boat right now. I'm forward thinking and I'm trying to start planning ahead for the fall. It takes a few months after purchasing a boat to receive it. We would be lucky to get it by September even if the reading passes today and next week. I would like to mention, in case it's brought up, the fact that we did have a plan to fundraise in the past two years. I was obviously not here for that. But I'm sure that all of you are aware that the Crew team was rather stagnant and in decline the past two years. Their main goal, if eboard members weren't changing, resigning, and overlapping, was to keep the team alive. Any fundraising that could have happened would have been rather moot and would not have raised enough money for the new boat regardless. In the past, the team has been in decline, but since I've come here, we've procured new ergs, all the rowers, who are all in attendance today as well as Patty Fennel, our number one fan, have been hitting personal records. We have the rowers, the ergs, and a coach. Now all we need are the boats to be successful.

Justin: Why do you want to have a coxed four instead of an uncoxed four.

Jason: An uncoxed four race is few and far between and it's also much safer to have a coxed four. It gives people who join the team as coxens the opportunity to be in the boat. It's just one more person who can win a medal and be a part of the team.

Malcolm: What is the expected lifetime of this boat?

Rachel: We have Kaschper, which is not the highest quality boat. It lasted us 20 years with minimal repairs. We were using it until spring break as the men's top boat. This new boat can easily last us 20 to 25 years. We take special care to make sure that our boats are taken care of. We have a guy in Pittsford that we trust a lot.

Jason: I would say that the average life expectancy, with care and maintenance, is 20 years.

Malcolm: My second question is for Casey. How much is in Permanent Equipment right now?

Casey: We have \$31,773.00 before this reading.

Casey: I'll start with fundraising because you've brought it up. There is some money in that account. I know that you use it for immediate issues and emergencies. I think that you have close to \$3,000.00 in the account right now. Did the club think of using any of that for purchasing the new boat?

Jason: My initial decision was to come to you guys for the full amount. Whether or not that money is used for fundraising, as the coach, I'm going to advise the eboard to save that money for any emergencies that may arise, especially with motors and whatnot. Sometimes you do need the money and you need it quick. So I would advise on saving at least half of it for emergencies.

Carly: Is there a separate account for the fundraiser apart from the general account?

Kate: Just for clarification on what that account is, it wasn't fundraising money for the shell specifically. It's money that over the course of time, donors restricted to Crew through the Foundation. The money they get from them gets put into this account and I keep a separate ledger for it. What was approved last year in April was a fundraiser specifically targeted to friends of the crew team to purchase a boat.

Dara: Do you have any tournaments for the men this semester?

Jason: Yes.

Dara: So you need this boat immediately?

Jason: This boat would not be ready for this semester. The earliest it could be ready is next fall.

Dara: Now that you have more stability in your club, is there any way you can start a stronger fundraising effort?

Rachel: That's sort of what the eboard is doing now. For the last two years, the eboard has been basically running the team, as coaches, as presidents, as everything, so we haven't really had a chance to sit down and think about fundraising. Now we've had a couple of meetings dedicated solely to rebuilding relationships with the town and the school and just getting back to fundraising where people are willing to support our team as we used to be.

Jason: To add to that, whether or not we start fundraising, it would take a team twice our size, with strong fundraising, banquet, and rent-a-rower, three to five years to fundraise enough money for that kind of boat. The current boat does not have that much left in it.

Justin: Have you looked at any other vendors?

Jason: I've looked around, but vendors like to hide the actual prices of their boats. You have to ask them for a quote and then pester them to show that you're serious. The reasons we chose Vespoli are because it is a high quality boat for its affordability, it has a somewhat unmatched five year guarantee, proximity-wise it's in Connecticut and I am used to driving across New York State every other weekend and I have to drive the trailer so it would be no big deal, Vespoli comes to almost every race that we attend with a tent set up where I can ask for help if needed, and relationship-wise, I connected with Dave Dickerson who is the senior advisor for Vespoli and that relationship seems to be something I can work from.

Justin: Have you looked into long term lease from boathouses? Is that an option while you're fundraising?

Jason: It's not an economical option. The boathouses that I can think of that are local, and the people we have a relationship and are willing to reach out to and who would consider lending to us, are most likely using the boat that we would need. Not a lot of club programs have very nice boats. You will see in the packet, especially in the Vespoli used boats, the rental prices are just a money sink.

Casey: What does your membership look like next year, after graduating seniors?

Jason: We have three graduating seniors leaving, which will bring us down to 20. There hasn't been a coach so a lot of people have left. From what I've seen, we will probably get 30 to 40 new members in the fall.

Rachel: We get 70 to 100 new members.

Jason: There we go. My job will be to try and retain as many as I can. Then we will run into issues with having more people than boats. But you usually see the real numbers in the spring, which is about 60 strong.

Casey: In response to that, how many boats do you currently have?

Jason: Counting the current Bob Fennel? Counting the boats that are not antiquated, on the best case scenario, we have four eights and three fours.

Sadie: Of the four eights, what weight class are they?

Jason: One is a heavyweight men's boat, which is the one that is old, and two of them are newer ones and are 165 to 185.

Unfortunately, our women have been rowing them but the boats are too heavy for the women, which is another issue.

Forrest: I wondering if you could speak to club attendance and the history of membership? I was one of those 70 students who ended up not sticking with the team. How many rowers would be available to compete and use this boat in the fall?

Rachel: In my freshmen year, the team probably had about 40 people. Then coach quit and moved to Rochester. We sort of had a coach after that. We dropped down to about 30 members. Last year, we had no coach and so we were down to about seven people. It was just the usual people showing up every day. In the fall, we had the usual rush of people but we've been solidly at 23 to 25 this semester. There is a lot interest on Knightlink and emails from high school students so looks like we'll have another huge rush in the fall. Hopefully now that we have a coach and captains can focus more on being captains rather than coaches, we'll make more people stay.

Forrest: How many rowers would be able to compete using this boat?

Jason: Being the newest boat, we would set this one aside as the varsity heavyweight four. It would be the top and the heaviest. Right now, we have four gentlemen who would use it, obviously not for this season. Typically, I would expect eight to ten people who are going to join in the fall and are weighted properly for this boat. We would have to go from there. Otherwise, they would not have any options in a four.

Sadie: How are the heavyweight men going to race in this season?

Jason: Right now, our men are racing in an eight. Right now we are getting our boat fixed and I'm picking it up this week. We have a race on Saturday. It's a lot harder to row in a four than an eight.

Rachel: We also have a vet and a novice boat sort of stuck together because we don't have the boats for novices to go by themselves or for vets to go by themselves. It's just kind of like a mash up of men.

Jason: Either way, having this boat, whether or not we have the men who are 200 pounds, is an extra four which means that I can move the boys that are 175 pounds to this boat. It won't be ideal but that frees up the 165 to 185 boat for the women and the lighter men. It just gives us another four and if we had to choose one, it would be the heavyweight.

Casey: So barring any extenuating circumstances that you can see, do you think crew will need a new boat in the near future?

Jason: Not in the next 3 to 4 years at the most. The next thing on our list is a lightweight men's four which would be used by lightweight men and women. Vespoli doesn't make a women's boat and only makes boats weighted to men. But that would be the fundraising goal. That wouldn't be us doing a reading.

Justin: When you said that you have considered borrowing, have you considered Buffalo at all? I know that they have a surplus.

Jason: I'm very good friends with some of the former eboard members in Buffalo. In fact, when I was in law school, I thought that I could row crew and go to law school at the same time. It was a great decision for a month. It didn't work out but I did row with them and there is no such four there. The women maybe, but that's a whole other issue there. There's restrictions because the school owns those boats. The men perhaps have one nice four and that one is 15 years old and they're using it.

Casey: You've been able to house this boat?

Rachel: Yes.

Casey: For next week, could you provide the quotes that you were speaking of, just so we can see the numbers that it would cost to bring the current boat to where it'd need to be?

Jason: The repairs that are currently being done or the repairs that would need to be done?

Casey: To where you would want the boat to be; the best that it could be fixed.

Jason: Yeah, I'll talk to Brad.

Justin: When I say Buffalo, I mean West Side Rowing club.

Rachel: I don't think Matt Logue likes giving away boats. I know that you can try and lease from him. I was there in high school and I know that our school brought its own boats and West Side keeps the old tankers for teams that can't buy their own boats. I don't know how they would handle renting out shells. I know that they have the big eights that they would definitely sell.

Jason: Additionally, I don't know how many of you lease a car, but unless you plan on buying it, at the end of the day, it would cost everyone less if we buy a new boat. Not only is it a brand new boat but we get a warrantee with the boat. The best value is in the new boat. If you looked at the used boats through Vespoli, they're almost the same exact price and you're not getting a 2013-2014 boat.

Malcolm: I'd like to say that I'm impressed with the level of preparation put into this and the fact that you secured a sizeable donation from outside the college. I'm looking at the figures that you provided and what you expect on how long you expect the boat to last. If it lasts in the range that you gave, we're talking about expenditure, over the lifetime of the boat, of less than a \$1,000.00 per year, which is about 1/12 of the rental prices that I see here provided. I definitely see the value that you were talking about. Even in the worst case scenario that the boat breaks the first year outside of warrantee, the fact is that it would still have brought the boat down to a \$3,000.00 per year expenditure which isn't entirely unreasonable. When you combine those things with the fact that there is essentially a safety issue, and I think that safety has to be prioritized, I would strongly support this reading.

Dara: You guys came really well prepared. I really appreciate that you know that it's a hard sell – it's a lot of money. But I really appreciate that you answered all of our questions. You've done a great job. You have an expensive sport. This is ridiculous. I went to an intercity high school. I think that you answered all of our questions really well and I think it's to your advantage that it's one of the last readings of the year because we know that we have quite a good amount in permanent equipment and it's likely that we won't see another \$20,000.00 request from Permanent Equipment. I'm in support of passing this reading this week and hearing what you have to say next week. Good job.

Malcolm: Just to elaborate a little on what Dara said, I did the math from what Casey provided. If this passes, then we would have \$12,393.00 left in Permanent Equipment. There's only eight more days left in the academic year for people to submit Permanent Equipment requests. I don't think that we're likely to see requests totaling more than that in that short of a time which means that we definitely have the money from my perspective.

Forrest: I just want to speak about the retention rates. Just speaking from experience from my freshman year when there wasn't a coach, I definitely think that having a coach and having more boats are the biggest factors that students consider when joining and committing to the team.

Sadie: I am interested to hear what your future plans for fundraising are? Last year, you did a fundraising request to buy a new boat, and that kind of fell through. Now you're asking us to buy the boat that you were going to fundraise for. I understand that there were issues, but I'm hoping that you have some fundraising plans for the future?

Rachel: In our budget, we have Rent-a-Rower for \$300.00. That's an easily attainable goal. What we want to do is, with Patty Fennel, we want to talk to some people in the town and we're spreading Rent-a-Rower out enormously. We are going to go to anyone who wants yard work or any work done. That's going to bring in a ton of more money. With a bigger team, we can go to more houses. Right now, we have a couple of people, who can go in one weekend. Now that our team is solid and larger, we can go to more places. We also used to have car washes which we thought about bringing back. The dinner normally makes more money. We're in the process of brainstorming big and great things to bring in tons of money.

Carly: Could you just clarify on what Rent-a-Rower is?

Rachel: Basically, Rent-a-Rower is where you can rent us to do housework. We basically go and do some work for whatever amount of hours that the person requested us for. People generally give donations and we set fixed prices. A lot of the times it's putting in docks for people, cleaning up the yard after winter, and sort of small stuff like that. But it helps them out, especially since we reach out to the senior community. It's going to help them, hopefully, a lot.

Jason: Obviously we're not there yet, but I can attest to the fact that RIT, a well-established rowing school that placed top eight a few years ago in the most prestigious race in the world, has something called Rent-a-Rower Day. It's like one Saturday in the fall and they make \$20,000.00 consistently. They have a much larger team and are much more organized. But a well-executed Rent-a-Rower, even in a smaller community like Geneseo, \$20,000.00 is feasible just doing yard work with enough people and advertisement. That's something that I'm really hoping to push. Right now this semester is coming to an end and the focus is just on really recuperating the team, but next semester is when we'll really push and be a bit more ambitious.

Patty: I would just like to say that as a community supporter of crew team and many college functions and activities, I have been an integral part of the crew team since 1990 when it was founded. I have been very happy to support and stand by the crew team all these years. The crew team has had a very rocky road over the last couple of years. During those rocky years, even I found it difficult to stand by them. I feel better now with the new coach in place, and I am happy when I hear him speak of looking at things in the three year plan because it gives me a solid feeling as we had coaches come and go and a void for so long. Crew can be a dangerous sport and safety is a very big issue. Also, I think that now that Jason is here and we have a coach, I think it's going to help rally the team and help with the execution of the team. I think that that will help with the safety issues. The Bob, named after my late husband, is really towards the unsafe side. I personally endorse this. I said that I would give them the first \$500.00 to get this kicked off. I feel that from the scope of the shells in that boat house, it's very confusing to an outsider why we need this boat. The shells that we have are so old. Geneseo has never been a privileged team. Believe me. We begged and borrowed every case that we could get our hands on. We did try sharing, borrowing, but it's a nightmare. So I have to say that I think this plan is a good plan if it can be looked at seriously. When we purchased the Bob, it was purchased because we had four strapping, strong, heavyweight men. It was purchased specifically because we had these rowers. I am thrilled that we have that need again. I also think that the fundraising dinner has been changed since the first semester. It gives us a really good boost because if we have a really successful dinner, we can bring in a lot of funds that way.

James: I think that the crew team and I would fully stand behind in support of our president and coach. We have a clear appreciation for our boats. We are keen to and do not hesitate to care for them when necessary. Last spring, while we were staying at the camp and having a great time, there was a storm. It was like out of a movie and I will never forget it. It was just the perfect storm. We saw another university's boat fly off the trailer and smash. It was midnight and we were distraught. We're hanging around in our nightwear and it was like "Guys, we're running out into the storm and saving our boats." We run out there and one of our boats is kind of leaning on another one. We were very hands on in the freezing cold downpour. We ended up laughing though and having a great night.

89-1213: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-0.

90-1213 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached changes to the Inter-Residence Council's constitution and bylaws.

*First of Two Readings*

Silvia: We haven't made very many changes. Malcolm and I are meeting on Friday to go over the Constitution and Bylaws. At his suggestion, any changes made on Friday will be made for next week's meeting. We'll have time because IRC happens before SA next week. The only things that we're looking to change are: on page 2, we changed from "hall counsel improvement day" to "students working on reward and development day" and from "Hall Counsel Improvement Committee" to "Chair the Leadership Committee". We changed the last one because originally, IRC had a Hall Counsel Improvement Committee, but when Rachel and I met and talked about this, we didn't feel as though it was IRC's responsibility or role to improve Hall Counsels. That's more for Hall Counsels on their own and we are there to serve as resources and the Vice Chair would be that resource in the leadership role. Those are the only changes that we made to the constitution. In Section IIIC, it should now read "to provide opportunity for development and growth on

campus” and before it used to read something like “to improve hall counsels”. We wanted to change what that actually meant because the Leadership Committee now has a new name. All the rest of it stayed the same as far as the duties go. We still felt as though those responsibilities were the same. We just changed anywhere it said “Hall Counsel Improvement Committee” to “Leadership Committee”.

Malcolm: I looked at IRC’s constitution and bylaws and they are overall in good shape. SA should expect small tweaks overall for next week’s reading.

90-1213: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-1.

### **Open Discussion**

Forrest: I saw a few heads nodding before when I mentioned club mailboxes. I just wanted to see if anyone has any issues with not having club mailboxes.

Rachel: So we send out over 100 invitations for our fundraising dinners and we had a really hard time figuring out what to put as the return address. It’s sort of frustrating not having a box of our own. We’ve just been putting “attention SA Crew” and I don’t know how mail is being sorted but I’m sure the mailman hates that too.

Rachel: We’ve had that issue too with Alumni Weekend coming up. Just in contacting alumni, I’ve put my personal mailbox address some of the time. It would just be easier having a set mailbox.

Alyssa: Even for *The Lamron*, I ordered mugs for a sale last semester and I had to put my own mailbox. The company was confused because they knew it was for a newspaper but they didn’t understand why I was the one receiving them. It would be easier to have individual club mailboxes.

Carly: For things like that, you can have them send it to the SA office.

Kate: But that wasn’t for a fundraiser or anything like that right? That wouldn’t go to the SA office then.

Alyssa: No. It was just sort of for the eboard.

Casey: I know that the reason we don’t have them anymore is because they weren’t really used. We didn’t have the space in the mailroom for all the mail. From the discussion, it doesn’t seem like this is a problem that all the clubs are experiencing. I would suggest talking to Chip and getting individual spots rather than a huge club block.

Carly: Katie, if I could talk to you after the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary