



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

MINUTES #29, Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Page Business Meeting Agenda

Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes

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New Business

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First of Two Readings

92-1213 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the budget realignment request of \$300.00 from Shakti, Account 1926 to create a new line within line 20 entitled Field Day.

First of One Reading

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Open Discussion

Adjournment

Executive Committee

President: Carly Annable

Vice-President: Justin Shapiro

Directors:

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: The agenda changes are: Amend to add under Old Business “87-1213 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the attached changes to the Alliance for Community Enrichment’s constitution and bylaws. Second of Two Readings”.

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Motion to Table Reading 92-1213 by Casey, seconded by Silvia. Reading 92-1213 is Tabled.

Approval of the Agenda passes 7-0-0.

Approval of the Minutes: Passes 7-0-0.

Updates

President, Carly Annable updates: I attended SUNY Student Assembly this past weekend. Again, leadership leaves a little bit to be desired, but I do feel a little bit more confident with the people that they voted for next year. I do think that the programming will improve significantly with the new leadership. This Thursday, our SUNY SA Rep, the liaison between what the SUNY SA Executive does and what we do, Justin Shanley, who is from Fredonia and has been extremely helpful, is going to be here. He just wants to get a better understanding of how our campus and student government works. In the next couple of weeks, I will be transitioning with Forrest and closing up shop.

Vice-President, Justin Shapiro updates: Medical Amnesty came to a vote at the College Council. Thank you for attending the rally last week. I have a copy of the article and the letters attached. We had approximately 420 letters in total. During the meeting, we set aside half an hour on the agenda to talk about it. People had problems with Dr. Bonfiglio’s proposed language regarding sexual violence and assault. Medical Amnesty provides protection for students who seek medical help but are under the influence or in possession of prohibited substances. The members of the College Council expressed a concern that by including that language with Medical Amnesty, there might be a misunderstanding with people thinking that those who commit sexual assault and violence would be exempt from consequences. It came down to the idea of resubmitting it to Dr. Bonfiglio and having it resubmitted in the October meeting. Thankfully, the College Council decided not to do that. There will be an unprecedented meeting early May where there will be two items on the agenda, one being Medical Amnesty. Now we just have to focus our efforts and make sure that the policy passes. Thank you for all your help on that. I will keep you updated on that. Unfortunately, the next College Council meeting might be after we are done here.

Director of Business Affairs, Casey Howard updates: Budgets were made public through mailboxes last week. Appeals were due yesterday. If you’re a club that wants to appeal but did not inform me or submit an appeal request form, you have to talk to me today or you waive the right to appeal. If you have any questions regarding the budgets, please talk to me or Kate.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Silvia Roma updates: IRC’s constitution and bylaws passed on Monday so we will have our second reading today. Also, IRC is moving offices with the closing of Jones. I’m excited to be moving offices and transitioning the new executive committee for IRC.

Director of Public Relations, Forrest Regan updates: This past week, I attended SUNY Student Assembly with Carly and Katie. It was my first conference and I was surprised by how unorganized it is generally run. For the fall, I want to bring in more representation from Geneseo. This is potentially a very powerful way for students to voice their opinions and make a difference. I believe that the next College Council meeting is on Friday May 3 in the President’s Boardroom. It is open to the public and I will be attending. Along with that, I am working on transitioning the past Exec with the future Exec.

Director of Academic Affairs, Dara Gell updates: F-bomb Film Festival is this Friday and Saturday. The F in F-bomb is for feminism. It’s going to be four different films. The two films on Friday are *Half the Sky* and *Miss Representation*. On Saturday will be *Makers* and *Girl Rising*. They are all about women’s issues across the globe and women’s representation in politics. You should all check it out. I think it’s going to be great. From what I can tell, it’s going to be free. Elections for AAC will be this Tuesday. All positions, except for the Chair, are available. If you’re interested, you should send me a letter of intent by Sunday. It should have what position you’re interested in and why.

Director of Student Affairs, Sadie Baker updates: ACE’s Vice Chair election is this Wednesday. If anyone is interested, email me at sasa@geneseo.edu. The Albany trip is this Monday. If you haven’t signed up yet, it’s too late. I’ll update everyone next Wednesday on how the trip went. Japanese Culture Club is having their 10th anniversary celebration on April 27th in the ISC. They are bringing in a traditional Japanese drumming group and the event is going to be catered by a Japanese restaurant from Rochester. Students Educating About Ableism is having a lecture by Robert McRuer on April 24 at 3:00 pm in Newton 201. They will be talking about

intersections between disability and sexuality. Women's Action Coalition's Sexual Assault Awareness Week is coming up. Look for more information about the schedule in the coming What's-up. BSU's fashion show is going to be this Saturday at 5:00 pm in the Ballroom. On Friday, there will be tabling in the Lobby, giving people an opportunity to sign letters in support of immigration reform. Definitely stop by and sign those.

Director of Student Programming, Matt Bower updates: All but one member for the AC board has been finalized. I'm very happy to get this done. Starting this week, and for the next two weeks, we're going to meet at Fireside Lounge because we can't fit all the new and old members in the boardroom. If anyone wants to come to our meetings, we meet at 7:00 pm on Thursdays. Concert tickets are on sale. The openers were announced. Spring Fest is going to be on Saturday May 4. It's going to be a fantastic event. I don't have all the details yet so I will update you guys next week. The last big event that I have on my agenda is the really great speaker that Contemporary Forum is going to bring in to Daga Bullpen on Tuesday April 23 at 7:00 pm. His name is Kevin Roberts, also known as the Food Dude. I don't know much about the Food Network but he was one of the top finalists on season four of *The Next Food Network Star* and owns a restaurant in San Diego called East Village Tavern and Bowl. He is going to be making and giving away healthy food at the event.

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

Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: Thanks to everyone who participated in GREAT Day. Thanks to SA for funding the food that was available. We had a record of 965 student participants in GREAT Day.

Open Updates

Slavic Club: Eurofest is on Sunday April 21 at 5:00 pm in the Ballroom. 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 performances from both the school and Rochester and European food. Tickets are selling fast and 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.

Jenny: Also happening at the Contemporary Forum event with Kevin Roberts is a raffle for two meet-and-greet tickets with MGMT. This is the last opportunity to do that. I'll just swipe your Geneseo ID card and the winner can meet them, get a signed poster and autograph.

GEO: GEO is having their Earth Week next week. Monday is actually Earth Day but we have a whole host of events planned for the week. Monday is Meatless Monday and will have more vegetarian options available. A Screening will be in Newton 204 on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 pm. On Tuesday, we're having an Ecohouse professor discussion on sustainability and social justice. We have a speaker on Wednesday in CU 316 at 2:30 pm who is going to talk about consumerism. On Friday is our carbon free concert on the ISC patio with some awesome bands, speakers, poets, and a lot of other exciting things will be happening. Hopefully it's a warm day.

Chris: GAGG's free Magic Draft, that SA kindly funded, is this Saturday. It should be a good time. We have enough funds for 80 people. It's going to take place all throughout the upper level of the Union. Sign up between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm and it runs until 11:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Carson: Community Health Alliance is having their next healthy cooking class at the Interfaith Center on Tuesday, April 23 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. It's going to be an Italian style meal with a healthy dessert.

Alyssa: This is the last update about this; Media Prom is on Saturday in 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.

Rachel: Crew team had a race last Saturday. All three teams did really well. We're going to have another race this Saturday. Sunday is our Recognition Day.

Casey: I know that I made the announcement a couple of weeks ago but I need to reiterate that if you are doing fundraising, there is nothing I can do without you receiving approval from the College Union and Activities. I am not entitled to ask on our behalf. It is meant for the clubs, and the students in those clubs, to take the responsibility and fill out the paperwork before SA Exec gets it. Basically, if you fundraise before you get the approval, your budget gets frozen and you get in a sticky situation. Please make sure to attach the proper paperwork before you submit the request to SA.

Old Business

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Sadie: There are no changes from last week to this week.

Malcolm: Did you get the email I sent you this afternoon?

Sadie: I did but I got it approximately an hour ago so I haven't read it or applied any changes because it was too late.

Malcolm: There are still four changes that need to be made to make this do what they want it to do. In the bylaws, section IVa, you need a new section 4, referring to your section Ib. It can say something along the lines of "the organization fails to comply with the advertising guidelines in section 1b. Also in the bylaws in section IVE, it should be changed so that it reads that "bad financial standing lasts for at least two consecutive weeks". In the Constitution, alter article VII, section 1F, to read, "meetings shall be run so that the Vice Chair may at his or her discretion implement Robert's rules of order for the remainder of the meeting. The Vice Chair determines Robert's rule to be in effect until the end of the meeting..." The fourth and final change is a minor one; you want to actually use an English word throughout both documents, so rather than using "by-laws", you want to use the actual word "bylaws".

Casey: Any and all changes made need to go through ACE first before it comes to us so we can't make changes to ACE's constitution and bylaws.

Sadie: Which is why I said that those edits are too late.

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PAW: Nothing has changed since last week. We have all 50 members attending and 10 drivers. We're just providing everyone with snacks and water.

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Rachel: Our reading is the same as the last reading. Our current men's four is 20 years old. It's too old and too unsafe to hold any men in it which is why we're asking for the money to replace it. We currently don't have a men's heavyweight four. For now, the men's team has been rowing all over the place.

Matt: Sorry, but I wasn't here for the last reading, so I don't know the details. When was it that this particular model that you're asking for broke down and how long has it been since you haven't had one?

Jason: It broke at camp in late March.

Casey: Could you speak about the used Vespoli models that you have here, like the ones from 2012 and 2006? They're not new obviously, but are cheaper and give us a little more flexibility. How permanent equipment works is that it doesn't necessarily get a fixed amount put in every year. We usually reflect about how money we spent and what assets have been purchased in previous years in order to determine the future amount. This would be another purchase that we would have to consider for the following years because we wouldn't have extra money should this reading go through. We want to make sure that we're using this money responsibly because this money isn't necessarily something that clubs will have access to in future years. I just want to make sure that we're buying the most affordable boat in case you guys need a new boat in the future or another club needs permanent equipment and we're not spending too much just because we have it right now. Did you look into cheaper models, potentially used, and why aren't you advocating for it?

Jason: I have looked at cheaper models. A boat has about a 20 year lifespan no matter what, unless you completely rebuild the entire boat, so buying a 2006 boat means that it's already seven years off its lifespan. It's more economical to buy a new boat. With a used boat, you don't get a five year guarantee, you don't get the exact specifications that you want and you have to settle. The price drop just isn't there.

Casey: I'm just going to interrupt. While I know that you're probably the best resource, I would like the answer to come from Rachel, or the other club members, because they will be the ones using the boats. It's nothing against you.

Rachel: A lot of the boats on that list are not fours anyways. It's a lot of different sized boats. Obviously, the smaller you go, the cheaper it gets. Also, we have no idea how others teams are treating their boats before they put it up for sale so getting a brand new one is our safest and best option. I mean, I was on a high school team that dropped our shell off the trailer and we sold it to another team almost full price. It can get ugly with buying other team's shells. With Vespoli, we get that guarantee that it's brand new, a five-year warranty, and if something happens to the boat while it's getting sent to us, and it's their problem.

Matt: What is the average price differentiation from older models compared to ones that are bought new?

Rachel: Something that's been used for a year and taken care of really well won't be that much cheaper; maybe \$1,000.00 or so off the original price. The price goes down the older it gets. But then again, you're running into the issue of the quality of the boat. We bought our boat in 2000 but it's also been on the water longer.

Forrest: Last week you said that Vespoli measures for men, does it mean that women can also use it?

Rachel: Yes. Most of the fours that we have now are weighted towards the men's scale. The weight class is sort of just shifting up one. For example, a men's midweight is a women's open. A lot of our boats are openweight anyways.

Justin: Barring money for repairs and maintenance, you don't think that you will be requesting a large amount of money from SA in the near future?

Rachel: No. We want this four to last as long as our current four. Now that we have a solid coach, our eboard is really focusing on fundraising for ourselves. If we have to buy a new shell in the future, and we're definitely going to have to, we want to buy it with our own Foundation money.

Forrest: Do you know how much the money is in that Foundation account now?

Rachel: I think just under \$3,000.00

Casey: To make it equitable, I think that the Crew team should make some contribution to the purchase of the boat. Basically, the team should make an investment on behalf of the club. I think it's only fair to ask that you make the same level of contribution that Mrs. Fennel has. This would show some involvement of Crew in the purchase of the boat instead of just SA funding in entirety because this will be the first time we've contributed this large an amount for one organization. I think that it's important that we come up with an amount that we both feel comfortable with.

Rachel: I think that we would be okay with matching Ms. Fennel. We generally use that money for emergencies or if someone on our team really can't afford something, so we don't like to use it. But I don't think that spending \$500.00, to say that we're in this too, will be a problem.

Casey: It's not the actual dollar amount that is important but the fact that Crew is helping out in purchasing the boat.

Matt: It actually seems that we're monetarily supporting Crew more than any other club sport. How many engaged and consistent members do you have as of right now?

Rachel: It's hard to say for this season because we haven't had a coach for so long. Right now, we're at 25 consistent members every single day. In the fall, we jump up to about 80 or 90 until a couple of people realize that this sport isn't for them. In my freshman year, we had a coach, and we had solid 40 to 50 members.

Jason: This is something from a coach's perspective. I noticed in the last week, as we were preparing for the upcoming race, we have a bunch of people racing in fours. In fact, we have more four racers than we actually have fours, including the broken Bob. Spring is always 20 to 40 rowers and fall is double that amount at least. Right now I'm jumping through a bunch of hoops. I currently have three groups on a three day rotation because we don't have enough boats for them to use. And if they're running into that problem now, I'm really going to run into that problem in the fall.

Casey: Since this is one of the largest investments that SA will be making, I came up with a plan to make sure that it's being overseen properly. I came up with a three to five year plan just to make sure that all the work is being done properly on behalf of Crew and so that we have a better understanding. The plan would cover fundraising, the status of your equipment, and your team. This is so that we have a solidified item that we can refer back to in the future. Does that make sense? How do you feel about it?

Jason: Could you elaborate on it?

Casey: Basically, it's a proposal on what you want the next three or four years to look like for Crew and how can we as SA support that. It would also be something that SA can refer back to. This would be the basis on which we're giving you this money. The plan would lay out where you want to be in the future and how it will be done. The only way we'll know is if we have documentation that we can refer back to. As opposed to just saying that we want Crew to be more successful, do well, and fundraise, I would like more solid figures in terms of what you would like membership to be at, what you would like your fundraising goals to look like, and what your plans are for purchasing new boats over the course of the next three to five years. We would allocate the money with the caveat that you would send in a plan before you put in the purchase order to buy the boat.

Jason: So we will have a commitment?

Casey: Yes. The commitment would be to make the plan.

Carly: Everything is in one place that way and we know what you will probably be asking for over the five year span of time rather than us sifting through the minutes. This will make it easy to refer to.

Casey: For example, let's say that you want to buy another \$20,000.00 boat next year, not that I'm saying you do, but if so, the only person to have heard you make the request before is Forrest.

Dara: It's not a contract. Just because you say that you're not going to buy a boat, doesn't mean that you can't come and ask. It's just so we have that awareness of what you were thinking at this point.

Jason: I spoke to Dave, the Vespoli guy, and he says that if I tell him by the end of this week, he would be able to meet me on May 11, with the new boat, which would then save us and the school \$500.00 to \$600.00 in gasoline for me to drive out to Connecticut to pick up the boat. With this caveat, would we get the preapproval to make the purchase as long as we make this plan?

Casey: The money would be allocated so yes, you can spend the money but we would need the plan. So if you submit it by the end of the week, then you can order it.

Jason: So, it's not like, we submit the plan, you think it's a terrible plan, and you say that you're rescinding your approval? Mind you, we wouldn't submit you a terrible plan.

Casey: It's not necessarily us telling you what you have to do, but we would like to know your future goals in writing.

Kate: Because it's built to order, I was wondering how long that would take and how much it would cost to get it delivered but you answered that before when you said that if you order by Friday, you can have it by mid-May.

Justin: Will there be an extra purchase? Do you have enough oars?

Rachel: We have enough oars.

Dara: Could I just have a straw poll, since this is a \$20,000.00 reading, of who is comfortable with this? The three options are going to be: would you like us to pass this as it is, would you like us to pass it with the caveat, or would you like us to not pass it.

Casey: How many people in this room are in Crew?

Silvia: I really like Casey's idea of the addendum of a three to five year plan. I think that one of the issues of SA is that we have a fast turnover, so the Exec board doesn't necessarily know exactly what has happened in the years prior. We've had issues like this come up this year in other readings. To have a three to five year plan that any SA Exec can look over, enables us to have an understanding of the history of everything. I think that that would be really helpful, especially with a reading involving this amount of money for one club. Therefore, I am in 100% favor of adding that caveat.

Casey: It's not to punish or restrict Crew, but it's to help the future exec boards have a plan for the success of the club from people who knew what was happening at one point. I think that this is something that we can provide as a vision of what to strive for. That's my reason for adding this caveat.

Matt: I realize that we're in the discussion section, but I have a financial question if that's okay. Where are we at in regards to permanent equipment?

Casey: We are at \$31,773.00 so after this reading, we would have \$12,363.00.

Malcolm: I would like to remind everyone that there is a safety issue at play here and that should trump everything. They went and found the most fiscally responsible boat they could. They've done their work and what they could. Yes, maybe you should encourage them to submit a plan, but the fact is that this is a safety issue. This should be a no brainer. It should pass unanimously as is and have a request for a plan as a separate issue. This is safety. This is first in importance.

Silvia: I disagree with Malcolm. I think that Crew Team is at a good place right now, with a coach and a good team. I think that this is a really solid group of people to create a plan like this. Let's say that at some point in the future, there is a repeat of what has happened in the past couple of years, they'll have something to refer to. I think that it's really important to have something like this especially with getting a new piece of equipment that is so valuable. People need to know that it needs to be treated with a specific type of care. I think that this plan is very important for safety as well.

James: Due to the limited timeframe that we've had, which is strict 5:30 am to 7:30 am, we're making time in the afternoon to give everyone an opportunity to row. We're making compromises, but we would definitely appreciate this being passed. I'm running for the Exec board tomorrow and this plan sounds beautiful.

Jenny: As a future SA member, I would like to say that I would benefit from having a plan just so the future exec knows what Crew has purchased, where they are at financially, and having general notes of things.

Forrest: As you know, I am SA President next year and I do support this. I don't think that we should be completely responsible for the success of Crew. After our year, I doubt that anyone in the room, though there may be someone, will be on the SA Exec board.

Chris: It seems like Malcolm's point was that this is a safety issue. Everyone else is talking about them having a plan for what they are going to do with this. I don't really see how the two items are related. It seems that we don't have all the information to determine the viability of a long term plan. A committee to determine that might be a wise decision.

Carly: While a committee might help, that is my responsibility, along with Kate, to evaluate those things. However, thank you for your suggestion.

Casey: The only committee that would do a best job for Crew is Crew. That's essentially what I'm trying to do. Yes, it is a safety issue, but I don't think that the coach will put them in a safety hazard boat. This is still an investment that we need to look at holistically rather than just looking at "safety" and allocating the money.

Justin: The plan was done before. It was done for GSTV, but the problem is that all of next year's board is graduating. I don't know where the GSTV plan is right now. However, it's helpful to have an official document. My point is that we have precedent for this. Second of all, a \$20,000.00 reading is not something to take lightly.

Carly: Also speaking to the safety issue, Kate and I have contacts that we talk to every time Crew goes to a meet.

Malcolm: I would just like to clarify my point. I'm not asking to hold anyone to a lesser standard, but the fact is that I think that they met the standard that SA requires of readings of this nature. I think that this talk, at the moment, is holding Crew to a higher standard. Here's why. Yes, plans have been done in the past, like for GSTV. But that was for scheduled equipment replacement from things breaking down. However, from what I understand from last week, the shell was damaged by a storm. It's not like they could predict this. It's not like a plan would have provided for this shell. The fact is that unplanned emergencies happen and unplanned emergencies have to be dealt with responsibly. I'm the one preaching fiscal responsibility most of the time. But the fact is that when they come up, they still have to be dealt with. There is a time factor; they have to place the purchase order by the end of the week. I don't know if 24 hours is enough time to get together a plan for the next five years with the level of detail that you should look for in a well done plan. I don't think that preventing them from getting the boat on time is going to be helpful for the purpose of what you're trying to do here, which is to be both fiscally responsible and attentive to the needs of Crew. The fact is that they have demonstrated fiscal responsibility. Let's hold them to the standard that we hold everyone to. Not make them psychic and predict emergencies they can't plan for.

Silvia: I understand what Malcolm is saying, but at the same token, I think that it's important with a sport where you don't know what might happen, to have a plan in place if something does happen like this again, especially with the price of the equipment. I think that's it's important to plan for the unforeseen.

Dara: I just want to say that it seems that Crew is making a conscious effort to rebuild your team and make future goals. I think that this is just a way for SA to know what is being planned because we see the effort that you're making. You did a great reading and I don't think that you should see this as a punishment. It's just SA trying to be cued in.

Jason: I just want to give an example of the progress that we're making. Yesterday, everyone pulled a 2k which is the benchmark of your rowing capacity. All 23 rowers, including Rachel who had long plateaued, beat their personal records. All the rowers have shown vast improvement in the past five weeks.

Justin: I hope you wouldn't mind sitting down and telling us your plans for the future.

Casey presents the Motion to amend 89-1213 "BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$18,880.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to Crew Club, Account 1402 to purchase a Vespoli M2 Men's Heavyweight 4, Be it further resolved that Crew Club, Account 1402, provide a three to five year plan regarding fundraising and team goals to be approved by SA Executive Committee to attain access to the above mentioned allocation." Seconded by Silvia.

Dara: What time do you need to tell him by Friday? We meet at 12:30 pm. Can you tell him at 2:00 pm that you want the boat?

Jason: Yes. It just has to be at a reasonable hour.

Malcolm: I oppose the amendment.

Amendment Passes 7-0-0.

89-1213: *Second of Two Readings, Passes 7-0-0.*

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

Second of Two Readings

Silvia: The reason why you guys have copies is because we made a significant amount of changes from last week's reading. There are some semantic issues that Malcolm pointed out to me in an email, but I don't think that that needs to be changed in a motion. They're just semantics and doesn't change what the constitution or bylaws read. The first change is on page two, section 3A10, the chairperson will organize the fall and spring retreats. We added SWORD Day, which refers to Students Working on Rewarding Development. Also, we changed the Hall Counsel Improvement Committee to the Leadership Committee. On page three we changed the duties of the Treasurer so that if the IRC Chair wants them to attend a SA meeting, then that is how it's going to work from now on rather than all of IRC's finances. On page four, section 4A, we made attending the retreats mandatory. We removed section 6 to under section 5. So we haven't removed impeachment, just moved it to a place that makes more sense. On page five, section 6E, we changed quorum to read that "Quorum for impeachment proceedings shall be two-thirds of the General Assembly". It's just a higher quorum for those meetings. We wanted to make sure that all sections of the Constitution were in accordance with each other. We also made a lot of changes for timeline and vacancies to make more sense. For example, it's sometimes vague determining what a full academic week constitutes as when we have vacation days or an event like GREAT Day. So we reworded to make the timeline more specific like in section 7B1. On page 6, article 4 section 1A2, there will be a student representative for every 100 student residents because there are nonresidents in resident halls, like visiting faculty and the residence directors. Most of the changes on this page are to make things easier to read. Also, on section 4A, the first meeting of each semester will be held the third Friday of classes. This is so that we're not set on a Monday. Also there are many instances where IRC Representative has been changed to General Assembly Member. This is because the IRC Representative has been elected by their hall council so if they send a substitute, they're not necessarily an IRC Representative but a General Assembly Member. This way, they can participate in all the proceedings regardless of whether or not they were actually voted in by their residence council or not. We changed the wording for Robert's Rules of Order to match the actual wording from Robert's Rules of Order. Section 6 shouldn't be bold. In section 5D, it used to say that we would not be able to have outside discussion at all. We changed that so that now outside discussion related to the topics discussed in the candidates statements are allowed. People can still bring in pertinent information to the discussion. Page nine is mostly semantics. In the Bylaws, we abbreviated residence hall counsel throughout for easier reading. We got rid of the Student Advocacy Committee. Not to say that it can't be brought back but it's one that hasn't been used in the past four years, so we took it out. On page 3, article 1 section 5B, it now states that "in the event of absence, the RC President must send another member of their RC in their place to the CRT meeting." We got rid of part 1 that says that "in event of absence, the RC president must send another member of their RC in their place to all CRT meetings." because that made it sound like if someone missed one meeting than the other person had to go to all the meetings for the rest of the year. In article 2 section 2A2, we specified that IRC cannot fund for disposable items. The idea behind this is that IRC will fund for items, like board games, that are necessary for the program to occur. We specified disposable items because before, items like paper cups and plates were considered disposable items. Also, this is to prevent halls from using this as a way to purchase microwaves and televisions for their halls that should be purchased through hall improvement funds which are provided through residence life. In article 2 section 2B8 on page 5, if they are a requester and a voting member of the general assembly, before the reading begins, the requester and the requester designee shall proxy their vote to another General Assembly Member. This is because at our meetings, the requester does not stay in the room but this way, their vote will still be heard through a proxy. We made changes to bad financial standing just to make it clear that all IRC reps need to be at the meetings. We changed SA to Student Association because it wasn't there at all. We removed a line in bad financial standing that was repetitive. In section B2 about protocol, it used to sound like bad financial standing couldn't extend beyond two weeks but it can. We changed the wording so that it can go beyond two weeks.

Justin: What is SWORD Day?

Silvia: It stands for Students Working on Rewarding Development. It used to be called Hall Counsel Improvement Day but we changed it because the role of IRC is not to improve Hall Counsels.

Justin: On page 6 article 4 section 1A2, you should add mandatory student activity fees. It's a minor detail.

Silvia: If you're living on campus, you have to pay mandatory student activity fees.

Casey: If the referendum doesn't pass, then the students wouldn't pay mandatory student activity fees.

Silvia: If the referendum weren't to pass, and IRC was still able to function, then IRC wouldn't be able to function if we add the mandatory student activity fee into our constitution. We would still like to continue as a standing committee regardless of whether the referendum passes.

Dara: Clearly the one thing about the proxy vote is the most important thing. Can you explain why you would do this? In SA, if we do a reading, we abstain. In AAC, it would be a conflict of interest.

Silvia: The reason why is because the way AAC runs is that if we start the meeting with 32 people, than all 32 people have to be voting throughout the entire meeting. Previously, we were forcing the individuals doing the reading to abstain because they had to step out of the room. If they were in the room, they would probably abstain themselves, but now we're allowing them to proxy their vote.

Malcolm: Can the minor typographical changes be done without a formal re-approval process?

Carly: That is correct.

Silvia: Yes. I already spoke with Carly and she said that that would be fine.

Malcolm: IRC's constitution and bylaws were in a pretty good shape to begin with. It needed some tweaks but not a lot of them. The changes that I emailed you about were changes that Silvia and I discussed and were going to happen but for whatever reason got lost in translation. I support this reading.

Rachel: I've seen this presentation four times. And I approve the changes that are made.

90-1213: *Second of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1.

New Business

91-1213 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$348.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to The Lamron, Account 1501 for a website host change.

First of Two Readings

Madeline: My name is Maddie Smith and I am the Editor-in-Chief of *The Lamron*. We're hoping to get a new website host for the next coming years. We actually started our online paper in 2007. We started working with College Publisher who brands themselves as the most efficient college website worker in the world. But after five years, we are pretty tired of them and in the fall, they said that they're going to start charging us. So our free contract, a very ambiguous thing that they started with us, is going to be over. They said that the contract may be up to \$1,000.00. It's starting to become like an AP Images deal. Also, College Publisher has gotten a lot more business in the past few years, so they haven't been able to do as much one-on-one business with us. They've been very distant, both literally and figuratively. It's been very hard to work with them. We just revamped the design of our website and that was supposed to be done in September, but it wasn't done until January. After that was done, we wanted more functions to be changed, like the search bar and tabs that weren't working. To make the changes, we had to contact them but they wouldn't respond for two weeks. So next semester, we want to get a WordPress account. We have a new web master coming in. His name is Herb Susmann. He's going to be putting it together for us so that our next webmaster that comes in can just learn how to put our articles up. They won't have to do any coding and designing. We're looking to Herb to put everything together for us. WordPress will keep us completely separate from some host in Boston or something. Basically, our goals with WordPress are to be more independent, do what we want, and do everything faster because everything is on the internet now. We get a lot of internet hits from alumni and faculty. We're just looking to keep up with press these days.

Malcolm: I have a question in regards to timing. Your rationale seems pretty good. You said that this reading would go towards your 2013-2014 school budget and not the current fiscal year. My question is two-fold. Why was this not put in your budget that was submitted for the budget process? Number two, if the decision was made after the budget process, why are you asking this year's SA for it right now when its going into your current budget and thus expire at the end of the fiscal year and you'll need to come to next year's SA and ask for the money again anyway?

Madeline: I was hoping that if I was putting this into my budget for next year, I wouldn't be asking next year.

Casey: If you buy it now, and pay for it now, is it a year from when you purchase it? So you would use it for the remainder of the semester that's left.

Madeline: Yes.

Casey: So you would be able to put it into your budget proposal for next spring.

Madeline: Yes. So when I do the budget for 2014-2015, I would put it in there, just like I did it for AP images.

Malcolm: So to clarify if I could, your intention is to get this reading right now and buy it within the next month or two before your budget disappears and have it last for a year. Not get this at all from next year's Exec? And in your budget process from 2014-2015, have a request for the \$348.00 so that you can buy this service again at the beginning of the 2014-2015 fiscal year with a gap of maybe a month.

Madeline: Yes, but I don't think there will be any gaps.

Dara: You can't access your budget for the next year for a little while.

Casey: You can't spend activity fees until after June 1, so after the fiscal year starts.

Madeline: That's fine. We have to extract everything from College Publisher first and that's like a 90 day process. We wouldn't need it until after June 1 anyways. Whoever works on it would work on it in August.

Casey: Malcolm's right. If you're not going to use it until after June 1, then we can't allocate it since we can only allocate for this fiscal year. So the avenue I would suggest is that you put in a reading for a budget request over the summer for when SA Exec has their summer readings, and then you'll have the money to use in August.

Madeline: Okay. So I would request over the summer for the 2013-2014 school year. So I would just come back?

Carly: After Forrest's group of SA comes in, that's when you would ask.

Dara: The other option that you have is to continue this now, purchase this within this fiscal year, and when it runs out a year from when you purchase it, you'll have a gap between when the yearly subscription ends and when you can purchase it again. If you're okay with that, then you will have access to WordPress now, but you'll have a gap of time until you can access your budget.

Madeline: That makes sense. I would prefer it now. Just disregard the part about the budget at the end that says that it would go to the 2013-2014 school year budget and just put it in for now.

Carly: At this point, I would like to go back into question and answer.

Silvia: If we approve this now, and there is the month and half gap in April when your subscription runs out until June 2 when you can access your budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Do you know if you'll lose everything on WordPress? My concern is that you'll lose everything on the site or lose data and then have to go through the process over again to re-upload and re-code. Do you know if that will happen? Are there any provisions for that?

Madeline: I don't know what would happen. I guess it would take me talking to them or ask for 14 months of WordPress instead of 12, which would raise the cost by \$58.00.

Dara: You can ask for more?

Madeline: Yes. It's a monthly thing. We just listed for 12 months, which would be \$348.00.

Kate: Is it a monthly payment or a lump sum payment?

Madeline: It's a monthly payment.

Kate: If this passes, then we would have to work out how the payment options work and how we're going to go about it.

Madeline: We can work together on the payment.

Justin: Could you contact them in the next week and ask if you can pay the money upfront? That would make sense. Then we don't have to worry about making the monthly payments.

Madeline: Yeah.

Forrest: Wouldn't you be able to ask for a budget increase in the spring and then you wouldn't have that two month gap?

Casey: Yes.

Forrest: It is to my understanding that you use the current website as an archive? Does this mean that you don't necessarily have the articles on your computers or central space?

Madeline: We do. We have them on our computers. We have them from further back too.

Forrest: Would this website be done from scratch?

Madeline: Yes

Malcolm: Could you walk us through the 90 day switchover process, from the time when you start switching to when WordPress is fully live and when in those days the check is cut?

Madeline: I don't understand what you're asking.

Malcolm: Well, three weeks from now is going to be the middle of July. If the check isn't going to be cut until the end of the 90 days, then this can be a non-issue to begin with. If the check isn't issued until the end of the 90 days, then any money approved right now is not going to be any help to you at all. You can start the transition but you would still have to come to Forrest's SA to actually get the money because when you get the check, the fiscal year would have rotated and you wouldn't have access to the money anymore. That's one aspect of this. Another aspect of it is when will the site transition visually? Those are the two principle dimensions of that question.

Madeline: Okay. Herb will be working on it in August so it will be ready when the school year starts.

Malcolm: So no website over the summer?

Madeline: Yes, that's why we're using the summer as the 90 day transition.

Carly: Right now, I think that there are a lot of questions about the financial aspect and the funding. If this does pass this week, then you can come into the office and talk to me, Kate, or Casey about the plethora of options available to you. Just highlighting that so there are no more questions about this.

Malcolm: I did have another non-financial related question.

Carly: You can ask after Silvia.

Silvia: At any point do you need both accounts simultaneously?

Madeline: I think that we do need them at the same time. From what College Publisher said, the articles need somewhere to go.

Silvia: When will you start getting charged for College Publisher?

Madeline: It's very weird. We've gotten random checks and invoices from them. When we ask what it is, they just tell us to ignore it because we're a dedicated user and it's for when our free contract is over. They said vaguely that they would start charging us in the fall.

Malcolm: This question is related to something Forrest mentioned. After the switchover, will all the articles remain accessible?

Madeline: Yes.

Malcolm: So all the older articles will remain accessible under the new website?

Madeline: Yes.

Sadie: I am overwhelmingly in support of this reading. I was abroad last year and tried to read *The Lamron* online. It was the most painful experience.

Madeline: You're telling me. It's very frustrating and embarrassing.

Silvia: I am hesitant with the idea of moving to a three to four month subscription with a budget increase in the summer instead of a 14 month one. I think I'm more comfortable with that for SA to look into for next week, just because that way we're looking at student activity fees for 2013-2014 as opposed to 2012-2013 for 2013-2014. That being said, I also like how you looked at WordPress and other colleges and universities use it, so we know that it will translate really well to a college paper.

Malcolm: Like Sadie mentioned, I am also overwhelmingly in support of the transition to WordPress. The current website really isn't good. You have a very good rationale. I like the work that you've already put into it. So don't misunderstand my questions on timing

because I'm trying to help you avoid a road bump in the middle of the summer either this year or next year. I don't oppose the transition, and I do hope you do transition successfully. I just want to make sure your timeline is all straightened out.

Casey: Just make sure to come in. Maybe bring in Herb next week so that we can go over everything. He may be able to explain the more technical aspects.

Madeline: I can bring him and our current webmaster.

91-1213: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 7-0-0.

92-1213 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the budget realignment request of \$300.00 from Shakti, Account 1926 to create a new line within line 20 entitled Field Day.

92-1213: Tabled 7-0-0.

93-1213 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$5,000.00 from SA Reserves, Account 4000 to the Geneseo Foundation to fund the SA Study Abroad Grants.

First of Two Readings

Lisa: My name is Lisa Feinstein and I work in College Advancement. I have come to Student Association to approve a \$5,000.00 donation to the Geneseo Foundation in support of the Student Association Study Abroad Endowed Scholarship. Through this commitment, five \$1,000.00 scholarships or the equivalent, are awarded annually. To be eligible, applicants must meet all requirements for acceptance into a study abroad program. The recipients are chosen by the Office of Study Abroad Programs and a representative from SA. Just so you know the background about what is going on here at Geneseo's Study Abroad Program, 445 Geneseo students studied abroad last year, 268 studied abroad over the summer, and the average cost for a summer course was \$4,000.00 to \$7,000.00. Current scholarships available for study abroad are \$2,000.00. The biggest stumbling block for many Geneseo students right now is financial access. What we want to do, and what you guys help us to do, is officially provide scholarships for people who need a little bit of help in funding their study abroad program. Last year, students immediately benefited from the \$5,000.00 annual gift from SA. The scholarships were awarded to students like Dara who traveled to Uganda. Emily Wheeler, who is part of the Class of 2014, also benefited from your generosity last year. She traveled to Senegal. These are just two examples of the types of people who benefit from the scholarships. We hope that you agree that it is in our best interest to continue this funding. These programs and experiences allow students to develop meaningful world perspectives and fully appreciate the scope of our global world, economy, and community. We respectfully request that SA maintain this commitment and make a \$5,000.00 award for the immediate funding for next year's scholarships.

Malcolm: Just for clarification, this is entirely separate from the Research and Travel Grants correct?

Lisa: Yes, it is.

Jenny: Have you considered, or has it ever been brought up, to increase the amount from \$5,000.00 to perhaps \$10,000.00?

Lisa: Right now, this is actually building as an endowed scholarship. Once that is in place, we can talk about it. For this year, through discussions with SA, we've decided that this is what they can do this year.

Chris: I would just like to thank you for making this presentation short and succinct on this sweltering day.

Malcolm: I can definitely see the benefit to this; however, I feel that I would be remiss without bringing up some word about the state of the Reserves. We do have the mandatory student activity fee for two more years and we do have the leeway to increase it, but the fact is that we've got to think of the long term strength of the Reserves. We've got to contribute a significant amount towards the Reserves with a net positive impact from this school year. With that being said, how much do we have left in Budget Increases?

Casey: Budget Increases stands just under \$52,000.00. If you take away the \$40,000.00 that will go to fund the Research and Travel Grants, and the fact that we have only two business meetings following this one, we will still have just under \$10,000.00 to allocate this year. I am comfortable with supporting this because we have a decent amount going back to Reserves from clubs that haven't spent their money and other avenues that we haven't used. I think that we are in a better position to award this money.

Matt: I think this is a decent cause and we should fund it.

Chris: Going back to Malcolm, if we don't spend it on this, what do you see us spending it on? At the end of the day, this is what we're here for; to provide funding for students. We are a school. Ultimately, especially with the increasingly horrible nature of the world community, the more we can send people to other countries, the more we can foster understanding in the students of this school.

Justin: When we allocated for the Concert reading, we wanted money left over at the end of the year to allocate to the Study Abroad reading. I'm happy to say that we can sufficiently fund this.

Patty: I would like to see it added into requirements that when they apply for the scholarships, they should be mandatory fee paying students because it's funded by Student Association.

93-1213: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 5-0-2.

Open Discussion

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Choo
Recording Secretary