

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



Student Association meetings are Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the College Union Hunt Room. All are welcome to attend.

MINUTES #7, Wednesday, September 18th, 2013

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Executive Committee

President:	Forrest Regan
Vice-President:	Katie Becker
Directors:	
Academic Affairs:	Effie Barbagiannis
Business Affairs:	Rob Terreri
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Olivia Kelly
Public Relations:	Riley Burchell
Student Affairs:	Bruno Villazhinay-M
Student Programming:	Jenny Keller
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: 6:16pm

Approval of the Agenda: Passes 7-0-0

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to amend statement made by Vice-President Katie Becker under New Business 14-1314 to remove the words “two of” from the sentence “...two of these candidates span all four years of classes...”
Passes 7-0-0

Updates

President, Forrest Regan updates: Last Friday was the first stipend period due, so for all of you who have stipend reports I would like to say, good job doing that. I also want to remind everyone who sent to my SA President Account, saprps@geneseo.edu, that if you didn't get a response from me it may have gotten lost in my personal account, which fills quickly. We had our SA Retreat this past weekend. We went to Conesus Lake and talked about some plans and initiatives we will be starting this year. So, you will start hearing about new things that came out of that. As far as USAEC and Student Court, I have appointed the USAEC Chair and there are extra positions on the committee, so Kevin Callery, sitting up front here, is looking for others to come help him out. If anyone is interested in one of those positions, please come see me or Kevin for more information about that. I updated my office hours today, I will no longer be holding office hours on Tuesday and Wednesday. I moved them to Monday and Thursday. So, Thursday is from 1pm to 4:30pm. Also, last Monday we had our annual audit. For those of you who don't know, the auditors go through all of our accounts and minutes to make sure no one is doing anything fraudulent or anything. After that, they give us a report on how our books are looking and this year it looked pretty good. In this report is how much we have in Reserves, which is very beneficial for everyone to know. We have gone from having at the end of 2012 \$608,000 in net assets and now, at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year we have \$787,744 in net assets. The audits are available for anyone who would like to look at them. They are confusing at first but interesting to someone who understands what all the numbers mean. If you ever are interested in seeing how much money SA has, has spent, or what the money is being spent on you may stop in the SA Office and ask for an audit and someone can walk you through it.

Vice-President, Katie Becker updates: As a reminder to club sports, the anti-hazing presentations are coming up. The first one will be on Friday September 20th at 2:30pm in CU 322 and another on Sunday September 22nd at 2:30pm in CU 322. Please make sure your new members attend these. We had the first meeting of the SOFI Task Force and it went well since we had some good discussion. The next meeting I will announce closer to the meeting date. We are trying to get the Director of Institutional Research to come and talk to us as well. I will be announcing that information sooner if you are interested. Last week I mentioned the Chancellor's Award; I'm still looking for an individual assistant on that committee to go to different classes to observe and to put a package together for SUNY Central. Lastly, I need to see Crew and Ski Team at the end of the meeting today.

Director of Business Affairs, Rob Terreri updates: First off, if Guitar Club is here you have missed two meetings, you are in bad financial standing and your budget has been frozen. We need to talk after this meeting. Other than that, if your president or treasurers have missed officer training they need to contact me as soon as possible to reschedule for training. If they do not, your club's budget will be frozen. You can get a hold of me at sadba@geneseo.edu to reschedule and my office hours are tomorrow from 1pm to 4pm as well.

Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Olivia Kelly updates: If you are an on-campus student and you are interested in attending a NEACURH (the North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls) Regionals Conference, you should check out our application at tinyurl.com/neacurhregionalsapp2013. And if you are interested in preparing a delegation to go to these meetings you should come talk to me because we have an exciting opportunity for every on-campus student- we have a vacant position on our executive board, the NCC (National Communication Coordinator) position. Now, the NCC is responsible for preparing delegations to go to conferences at the regional and national level and they are also responsible for keeping Geneseo up-to-date with all the things going on in NEACURH and the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. So, if you or someone you know are interested in that please send me an email. Otherwise, the letters of intent are due by October 4th and the elections will be held at the IRC meeting on Monday October 7th.

Director of Public Relations, Riley Burchell updates: I did mention this last week, but just a reminder that tomorrow from 3pm to 4pm is the first Student Issues Public Forum of the semester. Like I said before, any concerns or praises or any other topics you have please come voice them in a relaxed, non-judgmental atmosphere. We can just talk and hang out and play around with some new promo items, like these little seed planters. The planters are “24-hour acting”, which was no extra charge. I believe Bruno did one in the office and it worked really well and then Forrest did one and killed it. So, if you would like to pick one up after the meeting you are free to do that. We did order more promo items, like stickers that you can stick on your laptop or your bike or water bottle. Also there will be a Student Government/Student Association Workshop in Niagara Hall on September 26th at 7pm in the Main Lounge. It will be hosted by myself and other SA Exec. We will be talking about resources here on campus and other helpful information similar to that. For a regular update, we will be going to the Government Steuben Hall Council on the 29th of September at 6pm and 9pm respectively. Also, this coming Monday I will be running a very informal Staff Fair if you are interested in serving our PR committee,

since we haven't had one for a few years. I need some people to come hang out to do administrative things with. So, my office hours are from 1pm to 2:30pm on Monday and I am also staying from 3pm to 5pm in case you or anyone you know who is interested can't make my regular times. You can also email me at sapr@geneseo.edu and I think it will be a fun time.

Director of Academic Affairs, Effie Barbagiannis updates: First of all, the AAC Mugs arrived as you can see. They are very nice and if you would like one you can stop by the SA Office and ask for one. They are for everybody and we have roughly 30 left so you may want to act quickly. Second, AAC will be putting on a faculty lecture series and our broad theme this year is ethics. This means we have narrowed it down to a few different topics such as medical ethics, environmental ethics, and race and gender as well. If you are interested in being on the subcommittee for the faculty lecture series, please come to the Hunt Room at 7:40pm on Tuesday. You can give your input and opinions, for instance on faculty members you know who may want to speak on our topic. Professor Greenfield will be attending the English Club meeting September 30th at 7pm in Welles 115 to sing. Also, History Club will be hosting a Grad School panel on October 2nd at 2:30pm. They did not tell me a location yet for the panel, but I will relay this information at the next meeting. Finally, this Friday at 4pm Melissa Hull, a Geneseo Alumn who directed one of the plays last year, will be holding a talk about her work in the theatre business.

Director of Student Affairs, Bruno Villazhinay updates: This past weekend we had the ACE Film Festival and it was a great success. Over 100 people attended, so thank you to all those who came and thank you for helping me advertise this event. We also had another ACE meeting today and we were discussing the intercultural dinner. Some ACE clubs are already planning all their cultural dinners right now and our Intercultural Dinner will be Saturday November 9th. We have plenty of time before then, so people are welcome to come help if they want. Geneseo's Chinese Cultural Club will be having its Moon Cake Festival this Saturday at 5:30pm in the Saratoga Commons. It will be \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members. They will also be having a meeting tomorrow at 7:15pm in room 322 /323. LSA will be having a meeting tomorrow as well at 5pm in the Fireside Lounge to talk about soccer. The Japanese Culture Club will be having a meeting tomorrow too at 6pm in CU 322/323 and they will have a KnightSpot Game Night next Thursday from 6pm to 7pm. Also, BSU has already had interest meetings concerning their haunted house this year, but there will still be more meetings for that if you are interested in participating. And their eBoard meetings are on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Union College Fireside Lounge.

Director of Student Programming, Jenny Keller updates: So, this past weekend AC was recruiting for its trial membership, which was successful. We got plenty of interesting candidates, especially freshmen. I am looking forward to working with them. Also, this Saturday at 7pm Mac's Place is working with WGSU 89.3 "The Revolution" for a CD Release Party for The Whale & The Warbler. They are also opening with Caleb Spaulding. The following week is SVET, the electronic violinist, which is next Saturday at 7pm at Wadsworth Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for Geneseo student and \$16 for the general public. That same day is the Career Connections Brunch, sponsored by Special Events and the Career Development Department. It will be between 11am and 12:30pm and you have to register through GOLD to attend because of the type of event it is.

Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates: None.

Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates: None.

Open Updates

The Lamron: Next Wednesday at 8pm The Lamron is having elections for Arts and Entertainment Assistant Editor. If anyone is interested in that, you can come to me after the meeting or email The Lamron.

GAGG: GAGG and Anime Club had their Annual IGC Event last Friday and it went really well. I would like to throw a thank you out to everyone who helped make it great.

Bruno: I forgot to mention that on Friday I am helping work with the Board of Registration along with the Democracy Matters and GOLD: We tabled on Monday and Tuesday and we had some good turn-out; some people registered to vote. We will continue to do that throughout the next couple of weeks.

Riley: I would like to add regarding the audit hearing that everything that SA does financially is for you all to see, though we do not advertise it. So, if you feel you want to see them for whatever reason feel free to come to the office and we would be happy to show you what we do with the money.

Old Business

New Business

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First of Two Readings

GAGG: This is about our annual convention, Running GAGG, which goes on every year and is at, I believe, number 17 and that is only since we have been counting. Every year we run Running GAGG it is a profitable venture. We are asking, as we do every year,

for money up front that we will pay back to SA with the money that we make at the event. It is more of a loan than simply asking for money in that respect. As far as the Tech/OT point, if you read it, it states we are having one extra late night event and we need to pay the Union manager and the Union employees more money to stay here longer. Also, we might need SA Tech, totaling the amount we need with the Union manager and employees at \$50.00. And as far as the Artist/Guest Speaker point, we don't know who we are going to have yet so we are asking for a significant sum. The unused portion of that sum will be returned of course along with paying the rest of it back. We have had a lot of great people over the years. I am not sure how many of you read web comics. We have had the guy who writes "Dr. McNinja", Dinosaur Comics attended, and all kinds of really great people. Katie Tiedrich came last year as well. We have a number of people who we're asking this year, but we are still unsure of who may actually be coming.

Forrest: Any questions for GAGG?

Mock Trial: Do you know when you will be certain which guests will be attending?

GAGG: It depends. We have sent out invitations, so it all depends on when they contact us.

Katie: Looking over the proposal, what is the difference between those that have in parenthesis "Reach Guest" and the others on the list?

GAGG: Those guests are the ones that we suspect we won't get because they are very busy or very important and are too good for a small college convention like ours.

Jenny: Can you tell us how many people attend the convention?

GAGG: I have known the number to vary a lot in my years here. I know that one year we had as low as 200 people and another year we had up to 400 people. But we bring people from all over the state and we've had out-of-staters fly back to Geneseo for it as well. Also, I'm not sure if anyone here knows Millennium and Dragon Snack and the various gaming stores around, but we usually advertise there and at least everyone in the Rochester gaming scene knows about Running GAGG.

Katie: I was wondering, do you also get GAGG or Geneseo Alumni attending Running GAGG too?

GAGG: Absolutely. As a matter of fact, the GAGG Alumni are usually the ones in charge of running the event. They sit behind the desk and sign everyone in and they know all the right people. This is why we have a much nicer, bigger convention than we have any right to because we have the alumni who know how to do it right and know all the right people. We are very grateful to them for all the effort and support.

Forrest: Are there any more questions on the reading?

Kate: You are saying that they run it, but who is planning the event? Who runs it?

GAGG: We work with the alumni to plan Running GAGG. So, the alumni have the basic set of how the event works and what needs to get done and the students come up with new ideas from there. And we add those changes from year to year.

Kate: Is there a contact student I can talk to about this? Basically, a student I can talk to about this contract in case this reading passes.

GAGG: Either myself or the treasurer Eli will be in to resubmit the contracts, as we need to do this every year, so we will definitely be in SA to talk about those.

Forrest: Okay. Are there any more questions for Chris?

16-1314: *First of Two Readings*, Passes 6-0-1

Open Discussion

Forrest: Are there any points of open discussion for this week?

Katie: I had a couple of questions from some of my Student Senators and I am aware that this isn't a lot of clarity as to what is going to be happening with the Arts program, until we get to next year with the program getting cut. What is going to happen, and this won't apply to seniors, is art programs will be offered normally this semester and next semester, but the year after in the Fall things will be getting "ify". When I called the Registrar's Office, they didn't have any idea which staff would be staying and the consensus I received was that enough art classes will be offered to help fulfill the Gen. Ed. requirements. But if you are looking to take an upper level art class or a specific art class, you may want to do that next semester as opposed to waiting until next year. Who knows what will still be available by then.

Forrest: Are there any more points of open discussion?

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Burton
Recording Secretary