

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.

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*Executive Committee*

President:	Harrison Dole
Vice-President:	Paul Michael
<b>Directors:</b>	
Academic Affairs:	Tushara Surapaneni
Business Affairs:	William Fagan
Inter-Residence Affairs:	Caroline Goldschein
Public Relations:	Nicolette Lukacs
Student Affairs:	Gina Villazhinay
Student Programming:	Alexis O'Hara
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:** 6:15PM

**Approval of the Agenda:** Billy corrects 19-1415 to read “from account 1002, SA Programming to Livingston CARES to create a new line for the Mississippi Volunteer Service Trips” and adds Mary Cicero to the people listed in 21-1415. The amended agenda passes 7-0-0

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

### Updates

**President, Harrison Dole updates:** Tom sent out emails about getting involved with USAEC and there are applications outside of the SA office. Applications are due next Tuesday.

**Vice-President, Paul Michael updates:** The first CSA meeting was this week and there will be another one in 2-3 weeks.

**Director of Business Affairs, William Fagan updates:** The CSA meeting was today, next week there will be a meeting for everyone else for officer training. Those dates are September 24 at 2:30pm in the Hunt Room and September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM in room 319.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Caroline Goldschein updates** The second IRC meeting was this week and they discussed NEACURH. If people are interested in taking part in NEACURH, they should go to [tinyurl.com/geneseoregionals2014](http://tinyurl.com/geneseoregionals2014).

**Director of Public Relations, Nicolette Lukacs updates:** The SA Open Forum was today and they will be at Letch on Saturday as an Exec Board to talk about their policies and ideas.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Tushara Surapaneni updates:** AAC is doing a faculty lecture series and looking to create a subcommittee. If people are interested, there will be a meeting next Tuesday in the Hunt Room.

**Director of Student Affairs, Gina Villazhinay updates:** The ACE Film festival was a success and lots of people came.

**Director of Student Programming, Alexis O’Hara updates:** Rockapella went really well. There will be a General member meeting at 7PM on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** Patty has no updates.

### Open Updates

Democracy Matters will be attending a climate change rally outside of the UN in New York City on Sunday.

### Tabled Business

18-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the Medical Amnesty Policy Proposal to be sent to the College Senate.

Paul motions to untable the reading. Billy seconds the motion and it passes 7-0-0. Paul proposes that the proposal is sent to the College Senate.

Harry opens the floor to questions. It is asked if amnesty protects the person that is called for. Paul says he did not take this into account when putting the proposal together but with future edits that could be added. Kevin, from Democracy Matters, asks how the administration, namely Tamara Kenney’s proposal, is different from the SA proposal. Paul replies he is not really sure, but he is meeting with Tamara on Sunday to discuss the different proposals and will report back next week. Billy asks if anyone in the general assembly has discussed it with their groups. The response from clubs has been that people are for medical amnesty, but do not like that if they try to take

care of their friends and their friends get punished, the friendships suffer. They think that amnesty should also protect the people being called for.

Harry opens the floor to discussion. Paul says that everything that is said in the meeting goes in the minutes, so any input should be put in now so administration can read it. Someone asks why it keeps being discussed year after year. Paul says that people's attitudes towards medical amnesty are just starting to shift and so it is becoming more possible to do something about it. The school wants to deal with people case by case instead of creating concrete language like this proposal would, and this proposal is trying to keep fear of repercussions from ruining someone's life. Billy says that SA Vice Presidents have been working on it for years and RCAP was a step taken with work from the Vice President. Kevin says that he has heard that people should put human lives before getting in trouble and this proposal will help make that easier. He doesn't believe the college should look at things case by case. Harry emphasizes that the college is not trying to punish people. Tamara and the SA Exec are going to compromise on a proposal and collaborate. The word "punishment" is not appropriate for the repercussions that come from calling in. There is no bad guy in this debate, and administration is trying to do what is right for everyone.

*First and Only Reading Passes 6-0-1*

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

19-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocates \$3,000 from Account 1002, SA Programming to Livingston CARES to create a new line for the Mississippi Volunteer Service Trips.

Tom Matthews presents this reading. He is the president of Livingston CARES and wants to give some history. Livingston CARES was created in fall 2005 when the Gulf Coast disaster happened and people wanted to help. As a result of a lot of interest from the community, students, and faculty, this was created to be a long-term commitment. They go to Biloxi because it is away from New Orleans and still needs help. They will be running their 35<sup>th</sup> trip to Biloxi this coming year. They have 501C3 status as a charity organization and are governed by students, staff and the community. After Sandy, they went Staten Island and Long Island. They have three more trips planned for January, March, and May. It is a major commitment, and they just began to get SA support a few years ago. SA has helped them be able to afford to fly people to Biloxi instead of taking buses. He says that the facts and figures are all in the proposal. Alyssa is a Board of Directors member and a GOLD mentor. After Sandy, her family was evacuated. Alyssa went on a Biloxi trip and has been in Livingston CARES for a while. She helped get the program in Staten Island up and running.

Harry opens the floor to questions. The SA rep for Wrestling asks what the group has accomplished in 8 years. Tom replies that concretely they have built 70 houses and have a 10 year commitment which they have completed 8 years of. He says they will continue to do service trips as long as they are necessary. Alyssa adds that not all of their accomplishments are concrete. The little things are rewarding, like the time in Staten Island when they helped someone pat dry and salvage all of their family photographs during their lunch break. Paul asks how SA has funded the group in the past. In the last four years they have given between \$2100 and \$3000 a year. Paul says they do not mention SA properly on their printed materials. Alyssa says she put it in the end of year booklet that sums up what they have done and thanked them at their annual dinner since they are such large contributors. She then passes out the booklet SA is mentioned in. It is asked where on Long Island they work. Tom replies they work in Massapequa. Harry opens the floor to questions. Billy says it is a great cause and there is no reason not to put it forward. He is from Massapequa so he has seen how their work has helped people. Tushara thanks them for their presentation and for all of their explanations. Gina says she will abstain because she went on a trip.

*First of Two Readings Passes 6-0-1 with Gina abstaining.*

20-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the changes to the Student Association Financial Policy.

Billy presents the changes to the SA financial policy. He says that the only change is that clubs with national chapters that allow them to access national funds must inform SA when they get those funds. Although it is a long process to get that money most of the time, he wants the clubs to be held accountable. This change is in Section 4 subsection m.

Harry opens the floor to questions. Relay asks how they should inform him. Billy says that just telling him or emailing him about it will do. Paul suggests adding a time limit. Billy says he will look into it next week and asks Patty and Kate if 2 weeks is a good time limit. They say it is.

*First of Two Readings* Passes 6-0-1 with Billy abstaining.

21-1415 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the appointment of Yaela Collins, Carolyn Thornton, Mary Cicero, and Rachel Osborne to the College Senate for the 2014-2015 academic year. Paul presents this reading. He extended the deadline for a week and one of the senators dropped out, so he filled the positions from the 10 applications he got. All of the candidates are great and involved in other organizations. Harry opens the floor to discussion. Tushara says she will abstain because she is on the Senate.

*First and Only Reading* Passes 5-0-2 with Paul and Tushara abstaining.

**Open Discussion**

MiNT Magazine announces that they met with their advisor to switch their format from a literature magazine to a combination opinion/essay magazine and a literature magazine. The transition should go smoothly but if it does not they might need help from SA.

**Adjournment:**

6:56PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Mannion  
Recording Secretary