

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:	Katie Becker
Vice-President:	Paul Michael
<b>Directors:</b>	
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:** Bruno corrects that his office hours are on Tuesdays from 10-12PM. Passes 7-0-0

### Updates

**President, Katie Becker updates** Katie informs everyone that she is going on an informal speaking tour of all the subcommittees to discuss RCAP and how important it is to stand up for each other. There is tabling going on and there will be an article in The Lamron about it. She encourages everyone to go to SA if there are questions and to read about it on the college policy website.

**Vice-President, Paul Michael updates:** Paul reminds everyone that Student Senate applications are due on Friday and anyone interested should contact him.

**Director of Business Affairs, Rob Terreri updates:** Rob announces that February 12<sup>th</sup> was the last day to sign up for budget meetings, and starting tomorrow the final schedule will be posted on the SA office door. Also, he reminds all organizations to submit both College Union fundraising forms and Student Association fundraising forms when looking to fundraise.

**Director of Inter-Residence Affairs, Olivia Kelly updates** Olivia announces that the Inter-residence Council “town hall” meeting will take place on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and anyone can go. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a meeting in the Tower Room of Doty. There are also still some alternate positions open for the NEACURH conference.

**Director of Public Relations, Riley Burchell updates:** Riley reminds any representatives who have not taken RCAP pamphlets to take some. SA Executive Board elections are coming up, and all 8 positions are open. She encourages everyone to apply. It is RCAP week, which is Responsible Community Action Policy week, which is the closest thing the college has to a medical amnesty program. She reminds everyone that it makes campus a safer place for everyone.

**Director of Academic Affairs, Effie Barbagiannis updates:** Effie announces that Opus is accepting submissions until February 14. The Pre-Dental club is having a guest speaker on February 26. Cothurnus and VegSoup present *Wit*, this Thursday through Saturday, with two shows on Saturday (2/13-2/15). On March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be the opening of Doty Hall which will have recitals and ribbon cutting. There will also be a concert performed by professors that Sunday. On February 24, the Second Geneseo Global Café roundtable meeting will take place. February 13<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>, WAC will present *The Vagina Monologues*. She reminds everyone to nominate professors on Knightlink.

**Director of Student Affairs, Bruno Villazhinay updates:** Bruno reminds everyone that this Thursday through Saturday (February 13-15), Womyn’s Action Coalition will be presenting *The Vagina Monologues* at 6PM. Tickets are \$5 for students. The Black Student Union 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner is on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6PM. Tickets are \$6 for students. The Slavic Mardi Gras party will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. Eurofest will be April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6PM. The Latino Student Association’s cultural dinner will be held April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Director of Student Programming, Jenny Keller updates:** Applications for Activities Commission positions are open until March 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are especially looking for a treasurer, because of how much money the AC handles. Everyone who applies gets an interview. Jenny also announces that she will not be at next week’s meeting. KINO is presenting Captain Phillips and Gravity in the Hunt Room of the College Union on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 8PM.

**Kate Rebban, Director of SA Programs, Personnel, & Finances updates:** Kate is sick and not in attendance.

**Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, SA Executive Committee Advisor updates:** Patty reminds everyone that RCAP is significant because it saves lives and is the result of years of hard work by the Student Association.

### Open Updates

Julia, from Cheerleading and an intern at Student Life, informs everyone that Student Life is redoing the Halls of Involvement and all organizations should apply to have their pictures taken and hung in the hallway. She says that it is a cool project and the fact that people will see it will help with getting attention for the club.

Olivia reminds everyone that bids are this weekend, and although they may be annoying, they are a Greek tradition held very dear to the Greeks so people should be respectful.

Max from Mock Trial announces that Mock Trial had regionals last weekend and won six awards this season.

### Old Business

54-1314 BE IT RESLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$150.00 from the Budget Increases Account 1099, to Stitches Account 1916, to provide a start-up budget.

*Second of Two Readings*

Nina from Stitches says that due to a communication error with the last treasurer, the organization has no budget. They would like to use this money to buy knitting supplies such as yarn and needles, and especially the special needles needed for making hats, which they will make for a fundraiser.

Katie opens the floor to questions. Rob asks if they will add an income line. Nina responds that there will be a fundraiser at the end of the semester leading to income of about \$25, ideally.

Katie opens the floor to discussion. Rob motions to change the reading from a \$150.00 budget increase to a \$150.00 budget increase with a \$25.00 fundraising line. The motion passes 7-0-0 and the reading is amended.

54-1314 *Second of Two Readings* Passes 7-0-0

### New Business

57-1314 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the budget realignment request of Ultimate Frisbee, Account1411 moving \$500.00 to Line 20: Hotel Reimbursement from Line 10: Custom Discs.

*First and Only Reading*

The SA representative from Ultimate Frisbee requests that the reading be tabled, since the treasurer who submitted the reading is not present. Rob motions to table the reading, which is seconded by Bruno.

Katie opens discussion. Bruno reminds everyone to keep entire e-boards apprised of what is going on so that everyone is informed.

The motion to table the reading passes 7-0-0.

57-1314 *First and Only Reading* Tabled.

58-1314 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate \$3000.00 from Budget Increases, Account 1099 to Academic Affairs Committee, Account 1100 to provide funding for Academic Clubs off campus trips.

*First of Two Readings*

Effie from Academic Affairs says that after realigning money, they are now running out of money to allocate and have very limited funds left. They would like to add money in order to make sure that they do not run out of money and are not able to provide money to those who read for it.

Katie opens the floor for questions. Bruno asks why they are asking for the money now. Effie replies that it is to make sure that there is always money and they do not deplete it completely.

Katie opens the floor to discussion. Jenny informs everyone that she will be abstaining since she is going to a business conference at Harvard funded by this money. Bruno says that AAC does good work, so he is in favor.

58-1314 *First of Two Readings* Passes 5-0-2

59-1314 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$6000.00 from Permanent Equipment, Account 2000 to Geneseo Crew, Account 1402 for a down payment on the purchase of a Vespoli shell.

*First of Two Readings*

Marianne and Nicole present on behalf of Crew, and apologize for the many documents used for the reading. An overview of the inventory shows that all of the team's current boats are old and outdated. The newest eight person shell was purchased new in 2000 and the oldest was purchased used in 1990. Marianne explains that things break a lot but the team does everything possible to fix things when they can. However, having old shells places the team at an automatic disadvantage in a competitive setting. Last year due to a safety issue, the team urgently needed a four, and SA granted it and gave the team upwards of \$18,000. An eight person shell costs twice as much. The \$6,000 down payment would go towards paying for 1/3 of the boat. The other 2/3 will be paid for by money from the Crew Alumni Foundation as well as student fundraising. The inventory shows that the Foundation has helped pay for or funded all of some of the boats. There is an error in the rationale; Student Association is referred to as Student Activities three times. A motion is put forth to change those three errors to Student Association and seconded by Bruno. This amendment passes 7-0-0.

Marianne also explains that there is an email from Vespoli to Coach Will Greene that explains that if the money the team owes is not paid on time, the team will either set up a payment plan or have the boat repossessed.

Katie opens the floor to questions. Jenny asks how many people are on the team, to which Nicole replies there are 32. Jenny then asks how the team will maintain retention. Nicole explains that last spring, the team did not exist and last fall there were only 8 members.

Now, there are 32. Numbers are growing as the team becomes more professional, which includes the coach who is being paid a competitive salary thanks to the Student Association. James from Chess Club asks what time the team practices. Nicole replies that the team practices at 5:15AM during the fall and spring, and between 6AM and 10AM during the winter. Olivia asks if there will be an addition to the budget in the form of an income line, to which Marianne replies that there will be. Rob asks if the team would be willing to provide information about what happens with SA's investment if the boat is repossessed, since they do not want to lose

money. Marianne agrees to this. Effie asks if the team will be willing to provide proof that they are able to fundraise in the form of adding money to SA's initial contribution. Marianne agrees to add \$250. Anton from GAGG asks how, if SA is paying for 1/3 of the boat, why the team is only asking for \$6,000. Marianne replies that in two years the Executive Board of the Crew team will return and ask for another \$6,000. Coach Will Greene adds that a second side of the inventory page was not copied, which Rob explains is a clerical error that will be amended next meeting. Bruno asks if the team cannot raise their part of the boat or can raise more, will the amount that they ask for in two years change. Marianne replies that it would not, because the team will put any excess money to another new bot and if they raise less they will go into debt with Vespoli instead of asking for more. Rob then explains the second side of the inventory sheet that was not included. In spring 2014, SA will provide \$6,000. In fall 2014, the foundation will provide another \$6,000. Then in spring of 2015, student fundraising will add another \$6,000. This process will repeat in the fall of 2015. SA's total contribution will be \$12,000. Bruno says that in the contract it says there will be a 12% late fee if the payment is ten days late and asks what the team will do. Nicole says that the team will do that they can to catch if a payment will be late before they are actually late in order to prevent that 12% late fee from being charged. Riley asks if fundraising is higher than anticipated, will the money go to the \$6,000. Marianne responds that by adding \$250 now the team is showing their commitment to fundraising. All future fundraising money will go to the team's \$6,000 contribution. GEO asks how long the lifespan of these shells usually is, to which Marianne replies that new shells are used for Varsity rowers for 4 years and then Novice rowers for 10, so they have a lifespan of about 14 years. Bruno asks if the team would consider contributing money now, which was previously addressed by the team. Riley asks if the amount they plan to fundraise will go into the income line of the budget, which Marianne replies that it will. Riley asks if the team consistently raises more than their fundraising goals, but Marianne replies that this has been the first year. Riley asks if they will contribute more if they have it, and Marianne says the executive board will vote on it but they can see why it's reasonable.

Katie opens the floor to discussion. Jenny says that she is glad that the team did all of their homework and met so many times with SA Exec. However, she has reservations because SA has not only funded a new coach but also an entirely new boat in the last year. Olivia says that she is glad to hear about capital improvement, but the large investment SA has put into Crew in the last year makes giving them more money a difficult decision. Marianne states that almost everyone on the team is in the room, which shows that they are committed and the team is important to them. She adds that the sport is expensive and the team has reached a breaking point with equipment, and they would not ask if it wasn't necessary. Effie says that he believes the team deserves a second week of readings. She then asks Rob where the equipment is coming from. He responds that the money would come from Permanent Equipment, which begins the year at \$50,000 and is currently at \$38,000. This reading would bring that number to \$32,000. Patty points out that due to a clerical error the reading does not say it is from Permanent Equipment. Rob motions to change the reading to say "from permanent equipment," which is seconded by Olivia and passes 7-0-0. Coach Will Greene says that the last time the team was allocated money for a boat before last year was over 10 years ago. He also says that the team is in a very bad position equipment-wise, and they need to replace 20+ year old boats. Riley says that it is nice to see a long term replacement plan after a rush replacement last year. Olivia makes it clear to the room that the \$6000 is all that this reading would approve, and that second \$6000 will be passed at the discretion of the SA Executive Board in 2 years. Kevin from Amnesty International says that since the team hasn't been helped in 10 years, asking for help now is a good thing and SA should work to support all club sports. Marianne says that the allocation for the men's four person shell does not help much because the team is primarily women, so the new eight person shell would be very helpful. Paul says that it is nice to see the team at the meeting, and having good equipment will help with reasonable. Olivia says that the amount in permanent equipment makes the reading sound reasonable. Max from Mock Trial says that it is not fair to not give the team money that will keep the team running. Bruno asks how many people are on the team. Nicole responds that there are three seniors, no juniors, ten juniors, and twenty freshmen. Jenny says that she appreciates the feedback but thinks the idea has been presented too early on, and that the team should flourish before being given more money. Kevin from Amnesty International says that the team cannot flourish without the proper equipment. He says that there's no reason to keep the money from the team when there is over half of the budget left. Alyssa from the Lamron says that it is important to keep in mind that it is not Crew's fault that the sport is expensive. Rob motions to call the question. This motion passes 7-0-0. The reading moves to vote.

59-1314 *First of Two Readings* Passes 6-1-0

60-1314 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$995.02 from SA Programs – Conferences, Account 1002 to Geneseo Quidditch Account 1418 for the Capitol Cup at George Mason University 3/7-3/9.

*First of Two Readings*

Kyle and Jesse from Quidditch request this money to go to the tournament in order to pay for gas, lodging, and miscellaneous expenses. They did not ask for food money, but \$250 of the money will go to bulk food for traveling to and from the tournament. The fee for the tournament has been reduced because the Geneseo team is bringing volunteers and referees. They believe it will be good for the club to get them traveling and show the young, growing team big tournaments and play a new pool. They believe it will give the team a good opportunity for competition.

Katie opens the floor to questions. Rob asks for the roster, Kyle and Jesse reply that for IQA tournaments there must be a 21 person roster, which they have not chosen yet but can turn in as soon as necessary.

Katie opens the floor to discussion. Rob asks them to have the roster for next week's reading. Olivia reminds everyone to make sure everything that they need for readings turned in before the reading. Bruno asks Kyle and Jesse to have their roster next week.

60-1314 *First of Two Readings* Passes 6-0-1

61-1314 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE allocate up to \$1076.55 from SA Programs – Conferences, Account 1002 to Chess Club, Account 1002 to attend the 2014 World Amateur Team East in Parsippany New York from 2/14-2/17.

*First of Two Readings*

Udi and James from Chess Club are asking for the second time for the money, which has been reduced, to represent Geneseo at a competition with over 1000 participants. They will take 2 teams instead of everyone and go in their own vehicles. Due to last week's problems and failed reading, the Club worked closely with SA and got the new reading back in.

Katie opens the floor to questions. Olivia asks what vehicles they are taking and who is driving, since that was not included in the reading. James rescinds that he is taking his RAV and Nick is taking a Honda Civic. Marianne asks how the team will have the money by Friday if there are two required readings. James responds that they were going to ask to waive the first reading. Rob asks why they dropped four members from the roster, James responds that two had tests and the other two were not comfortable going. Olivia asks if the price will go up with more than two people in each room, and James says it will not.

Katie opens the floor to discussion. Effie motions to waive the first reading, Reilly seconds. In discussion, Bruno says he votes no because he wants them to be held accountable for the 21 day required advance period for readings. Olivia says that these circumstances were beyond their control and the first reading was submitted on time, so this time is an exception. The vote to waive the first reading passes 6-1-0 with Bruno voting no.

Second Reading: Effie wishes them luck and wants them to let the SA board know how they do, Bruno says he hopes they win.  
61-1314 *Second Reading* Passes 6-0-1.

62-1314 BE IT RESOLVED THE SA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE approve the Bylaw changes to Inter-Residence Council Account 1201.

*First of Two Readings*

Olivia says they want to change Section 2, letter A, section f to change funding for hall councils. Since they use SA funds, they want to make sure that the fundraising goes to charity. This will ensure that they follow procedure and contribute to a real charity. If the charity cannot be determined to be real, IRC won't approve it. No profit can be made from a charitable fundraiser. The IRC intends to add a new article that requires proof of donation within two weeks or being placed in bad financial standing. Section 4 has been completely removed because it is outdated.

Katie opens the floor to questions. Effie asks if all fundraisers fall under Student Life, Olivia responds that Chip wants the Hall Councils to work with SA.

62-1314 *First of Two Readings* Passes 6-0-1

#### Open Discussion

- Knightlink
  - Katie asks if any of the representatives use it at all. Olivia responds that IRC uses it exclusively for all paperwork and interaction. Jenny says Activities Commission uses it for elections, applications, keys to the office, and fliers. They are very dependent on it. Brianna, from Outing Club, says they use it for all e-mails. Effie says it is used for professor recognition. Bruno says ACE does not use it, because Facebook is easier and Knightlink is hard to navigate. Slavic says they use it to keep a roster and to get keys. GAGG does not use it or like it, and expressed the opinion of "kill it with fire." Amnesty International's Kevin says none of the clubs he is in use Knightlink but he used it to get involved even though it was rarely updated. But, it is used by USAEC for SA Executive Committee and Class Elections. BSU says it is hard to navigate and has too many steps. Students don't use it for the social platform it is meant to be. There is a learning curve and there should be tutorials, or it will only be used for forms and key assignments. MTC does not use it or know what it is. Olivia says that when she was the Greek webmaster for RLK, she never used it. Lamron says they only use it when necessary and English club never uses it. James from Chess Club says it would be best if Knightlink would send notifications via e-mail. Jenny says that Spring Concert voting also happens on Knightlink. Effie asks if people would use tutorials. The room split about half and half on who would and who would not. GEO says that it is not a comfortable interface but he might use it if there were tutorials. Marianne says that Crew uses it to draw in members but no one uses Knightlink for much else.

#### Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 7:39PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Mannion  
Recording Secretary