MEETING AGENDA

R. CHRISTOPHER DI MEZZO
VICE PRESIDENT OF SENATE AFFAIRS
ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON, NEW YORK
THE HANNON ROOM, SULLIVAN STUDENT CENTER
October 21, 2015; 7:00PM

I. Old Business
II. Time Warner Cable Update; Information Technology – James Mattice
III. Model United Nations; Lisa Dyatko ’17
IV. Theme House Council; Chris Hyde ’16
V. Canton Community Chess Club; Ioannis Chatzidimitriou ’17
VI. Women’s Resource Center; Maria Leech ’18
VII. Districts; R. Christopher Di Mezzo
VIII. Member’s Time

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MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Model United Nations International Conference in Chicago on November 21st to November 24th, 2015

Model UN club is a widely established organization that serves to allow college and high school aged students to become aware of international events and promotes critical thought and problem solving regarding the issues most prevalently threatening the world today.

The Model United Nations Club had recently been reestablished here at St. Lawrence, and thus is not yet qualified to have its own budget.

Our club leadership council consists of President Elizaveta Dyatko ’17, Treasurer Tatiana Araujo ’19, Secretary Robin Pocornie ’18, Vice-Secretary Margaret Urquhart ’19, and Public Relations Chair Ivy Raines ’18.

In the Fall of 2013, International Committee of the Thelomathesian Society held an MUN Conference as a main event of the International week on campus. Being extremely successful, Model UN became an independent club and started hosting MUN Conferences every semester. Additionally, last spring SLU MUN team also traveled to New York City to act as delegates for the annual NYU MUN Conference. Each student wrote a position paper based on what his or her country would actually think about a given topic. At the conference, students debated the issue using their countries’ opinions and passed resolutions.

This semester SLU MUN team is planning to attend the 26th annual American Model United Nations International Conference in Chicago. The conference will be held on November 21st to November 24th at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers in Chicago, Illinois. Students from across the United States and around the world will be attending, with 1,400 expected in attendance. The main goal of the AMUN conference is to provide a non-profit, educational organization providing students with a high quality, educational simulation of the actual U.N. The knowledge that will be gained from our experience at this event will be shared through our own SLU community by our own MUN conference that we will host in the coming months. Since the AMUN Chicago conference requires a lot of preparation, only the club members are able to participate. However, all SLU students who are interested in international events, critical thinking and conflict resolution were invited to sign up for the conference during the Student Organization Fair in September and attend the club meetings.
The event was also advertised on social media. For the AMUN conference, all of our club members will be helping to prepare for the event; however, we are attempting to send 8 members to represent St. Lawrence University in this prestigious national competition.

Thus, we would like to kindly request from the Thelomathesian Society for the AMUN Chicago conference:

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<td>Registration†</td>
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<td>Transportation (both ways)†</td>
<td>78/person</td>
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<td>[By train leaving from Syracuse at 9pm on the 20th of November and arriving in Chicago at 9am on the 21st of November.]</td>
<td>78 x 8 x 2 = 1248</td>
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<td>The way back will depend on the plans of the participants for the Thanks Giving.]</td>
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<td>Transportation in Chicago</td>
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<td>(4 days, 2 times a day)</td>
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<td>Housing† (2 rooms, 3 nights)</td>
<td>137/room/night (no taxes)</td>
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<td>[Stay at the Hyatt Regency Chicago (Conference Hotel) together with the other participants of the AMUN.]</td>
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<td>152,87 x 2 x 3 = 917,22</td>
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<td>Food</td>
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<td>10 x 8 x 4 = 320</td>
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Other sources of funding:

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Canton Community Halloween Trick-or-Treating Contingency Request

Contingency Request Drafted by the Theme House Council
Written by Elizabeth Lagor’16

Representative: Contact Charnele Luster (cluster@stlawu.edu) or Elizabeth Lagor ’16 (etlago12@stlawu.edu) with any questions.

The theme house community is striving to further our relationships with the Canton Community as well as the St. Lawrence Community. One of the benefits of the TCGC is the diversity within each house as well as the unique community that each house operates within. The theme house community likes to engage with the greater Canton area to strengthen the relationships we already have and to build new ones, so that we can learn about our fellow community members and they can learn about us. One example of this is the Theme House BBQ that put on earlier this year where we invited local Canton Community members to partake in a BBQ in the Enchanted forest with the TCGC. This Halloween we would like to continue our tradition of providing candy to trick or treaters in the Canton Community.

The contingency request is to provide funds to purchase the candy for each Theme House and each member of the Greek Council here on campus. On Halloween night, from 4:00PM to approximately 5:30PM each house will have members handing out candy to the local trick or treaters. This event has been a huge success the past three years and we would like to continue it for 2015.

With the funds we plan on purchasing approximately 2-4 bags of candy per house depending on its size, as well as decorations for each house. Candy ranges between $5-$7.00 per bag. We also plan on purchasing posters for advertising in local schools and businesses. We are asking for more money than we have in the past because we have two additional theme houses this semester.
THEME HOUSE COUNCIL

Cost Breakdown:

Candy and Decorations ($25 per house) $450
Advertising (one big posterboard, about 30 smaller flyers) $30

Total Sum Requested From Thelmo $480

Aside from providing fun for children in the Canton Village Community we hope that our event will put a face to the theme houses on campus and the Canton Village to promote further collaboration.

We have 100% participation guaranteed by all of the theme house coordinators and also have the support of Residence Life. If you are interested in getting involved in the project but don’t live in a theme house, we will be advertising on SLU Wire and you are more than welcome to come help us hand out candy.
CANTON CHESS CLUB

Chess in the North Country

Chess in the North Country is not the most popular game, but it might still attract young community players and couple St Lawrence students. Through a quick search of chess clubs in the North Country, I was only able to spot four active and serious clubs. These are at Rochester, Syracuse, Ottawa and Watertown. The closest one is SUNY Potsdam’s, which isn’t organized at all and is supposed to have 4 members.

Statement of Purpose

I am interested in establishing a Chess Club at St Lawrence that will spread the sport at the area, and meet regularly during the week. I hope to mentor a class or two of new young players, maybe together with other SLU students. Best case scenario the club will cluster individual players from surrounding communities (SUNY Potsdam or Clarkson club), while it introduces chess to elementary school kids.

I have phone numbers to get in touch with all clubs mentioned above, and find details about events and tournaments. Hopefully we will have a team to represent St Lawrence by next semester or year, in tournaments such as Watertown Open and Upstate NY Open.

Community Benefits

Chess is a game scientifically proven to boost the function of both sides of the brain. It is Art, Sport, and Science (Anatoly Karpov) that enhances creativity, improves memory and focus, among many other long term life benefits.

The meeting hours: Wednesday and Sunday evening make it accessible to every local student.
CANTON CHESS CLUB

Budget to get started

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Total Cost amounts to: $125.60

Books: The list of books is as follows
✓ The game of Chess, *Siegbert Tarrasch* ($20 on USCF)
✓ The art of the Middlegame, *Paul Keres, Alex Kotov* ($11 on USCF, 9 on amazon)
✓ Capablanca’s best chess endings, *Irving* ($12.29 on USCF)

Advertising:
Advertising will take place through displaying posters at central spots of the town, and distributing informational copies in schools (maybe in cooperation with the principal). We should convince parents to sign their kids in our club, since it can only benefit them, and for free. Once a class gets started, word of mouth might bring us more interested players.

Events:
I am trying to organize a mini tournament that will bring as many chess players as possible together, and give them the chance to know each other. I find it essential for a healthy and competitive spirit among players/members. If successful, it should happen by late November or beginning of December. The cost to accommodate an ambitious number of 13 people would be around $52. This includes $1.2 of snacks per person (sums to $15.6 total) and the cost of trophies (around $15-20), which will be ordered from Mike’s Trophies Shop (local Canton, NY business). A special prize of one chess book or a chess set to the highest ranking elementary school player will cost an additional $10. In order to not fall out on budget of the event, I am adding $5 margin of error, to total cost at $52.
WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER

Phone number and e-mail for at least one representative:
Maria Leech - (802)-399-6060 - myleec14@stlawu.edu

Cost of event (total itemized costs):
$20.00 Rite Aid Gift cards x 2 (on hand per week) x8 weeks  = $320.00

Exact dollar amount requested from The Society:
$320.00

Describe the event and its purpose:
In years past, on average, the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) has provided two students per week with Plan B One Step emergency contraceptive pills. Due to increased medical record laws, it has become logistically harder for house members to hand out the pills to the students that have heard about the “service” through word of mouth. In hopes of making emergency contraception more accessible – but still affordable - on the weekends when the Health Center is closed, the WRC will provide students with a gift card to a local pharmacy (where it is available without an ID or prescription) valued with the same discount that is received through the health center. There is currently a manufacturer’s coupon available via text (or download to print) for $10 off. The gift cards would be credited for $20, which when combined with the coupon would provide the 50% discount offered by the Health Center. Rite Aid has been chosen out of the three locations in Canton that one can purchase Plan B at (Price Chopper and Kinney Drugs) because its close location to campus that makes it more accessible to those on foot.

There are many reasons for the importance of the WRC providing Plan B to the student body:
• For some the WRC may be a more approachable place than the Health Center to obtain Plan B, which can be a sensitive subject for many
• From the Plan B website: “A backup plan that helps prevent pregnancy when taken within 72 hours (3 days) after unprotected sex or birth control failure. The sooner it’s taken, the better it works.”
  o If needed on a Friday night, the soonest a student would be able to obtain Plan B would be Monday morning, at least two and a half days after the incident
  o Effectiveness decreases with time
  o Peace of mind is often sacrificed until taken care of

In years past, the WRC has handed out an average of one Plan B pill per week. In a 2014 Health Center satisfaction survey that reached 238 students (conducted by Kelly Appenzeller, ’15), 75.2% said they needed health center services on the weekend but not sought medical help because it was closed. More specifically, 14.6% have bought Plan B from the Health Center and 22.8% have needed Plan B when the Health Center is closed on the weekends. One student mentioned in the comments that, “Multiple friends have needed to buy the morning after pill on the weekend and were unable to get it at the Health Center. This was very inconvenient.” These numbers are not a full representation of our student body, but they do bring attention to the need for this specific medical service. Conducting this “trial” will solidify this number with data we collect. If it becomes clear through a high volume of gift cards going out our door that this service is necessary, we will consider adding the expense to the WRC budget in future years.
WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER

We are going to provide students with discounted Plan B by always having two “packs” on hand at the WRC (3 University Avenue) at all times, which is an amount estimated from need in years past. The honor system will be in place to ensure that students bring back a receipt to verify that Plan B was purchased and for keeping track of how many gift cards are dispensed.

State the date and period of time for which the event is scheduled:
We will initiate this program for the remainder of the Fall 2015 semester (8 weeks).

Target audience:
Students seeking emergency contraception when the Health Center is closed on weekends (for the same price), or when they are more comfortable coming to the WRC instead of the Health Center for personal reasons.

Number of participants:
- 2 “customers” per week x 8 weeks = 16
- 11 WRC house members

Other organizations/groups/departments etc. involved:
- Diana B. Torrey Health Center (St. Lawrence University)

How you plan to advertise the “event”:
- WRC Instagram
- WRC Facebook
- Health center (flyers in patient rooms)
- Flyers on across campus
- Word of mouth (especially at weekly “Dub Clubs” and WRC events)

In the past, the WRC only advertised that it dispensed Plan B through word of mouth because of the legal grey area surrounding the issue. With the gift card solution, it will be a service that can be advertised. The ability to get the news out about this solution is important, as studies have shown that women are eleven times more likely to use emergency contraception if they are educated about it at within the year prior to birth control failure or unprotected sex (Teva Women’s Health, Inc.).

Other sources of funding (mention amount and source, or any attempts made to get additional funding):
- $10 manufacturer’s coupons are available
- Grants written by Darlene Dunn (Health Center Director) were declined
  - Pharmaceutical companies, local medical equipment companies
- If this program succeeds, funding in the future will be incorporated into the WRC annual budget

*A letter of support written by Darlene Dunn, the “advisor” of this project is available upon request.
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