STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES
December 3, 1996

I. ROLL CALL: Robyn Beaulieu, Monique Gesnaldo, Colleen Madigan, Chris MacDonald and Hisham Guess were excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 1996: The Minutes were approved with a correction to Section VII, letter A, number 5. The Business Club was allocated $381.00.

III. PUBLIC REMARKS: None

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Matt Odell*

A. I sent a letter to the student body asking for someone to design a logo for SGA and to incorporate the logo into a mural on our wall. We will be able to pay this person for their work. If you know of anyone who would like to do this, please have them see me. One person has already responded to our letter.

B. Don Carignan, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, sent a memo to the campus community regarding the status of the committee. The committee has narrowed the field to nine candidates. We will be meeting these candidates for confidential interviews at Bradley Airport during the first two weeks in December. There will be a formal announcement in January concerning on-campus interviews. During these interviews, there will be an opportunity for the campus community to meet these people.

The President's Report was accepted.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE:

A. Student Life Committee: No Report

B. Food Services Committee: *Amy Bergstrom*

1. The Food Services Committee will meet on December 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Private Dining Room.

C. Health Committee: *Amy Daughdrill*

1. The Health Committee will meet on December at 2:30 p.m. in t he Infirmary.

D. Neighborhood Association Committee: *Megan McPartland*

1. The Neighborhood Association Committee will meet on December 9 at 6:45 p.m. in the SGA Room.

E. Parking Control Board: *Eric Griffin*

1. The Parking Control Board will meet on December 11 at 4:30 p.m. in Ely 232.

F. Substance Advisory Committee: *Ian Nelson*

1. The Committee continued discussion on possible ways of dealing with on-campus drinking/substance abuse. We talked about various, possibly radical, ideas in which to attain our goal. We see three possible areas that we could approach:

a. Residence Halls - Certain dorms become dry; the

possibility of registering parties with Public Safety to deter from underage drinking; or becoming a dry campus.

b. Special Activities - Senate Banquet or Spring Weekend. Discussion will continue on alcohol issues related to these events.

c. Sanctions - Sanctions will remain the same. We did discuss harsher sanctions for underage offenders.

The dialogue contained in the December 3 SGA Minutes is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.

d. *Amy Bergstrom* - How did administration feel about a dry campus?
Ian Nelson - Most of them were against making this a dry campus. Brian Cahillane feels that it will push problems elsewhere.

e. *Jessica George* - To have a dry dorm you have to have enough people who want to live there and I think they will not have that. Residential Life already has trouble filling substance free sections.
Ian Nelson - This really may not be an option for those students under 21. It would be a way of restricting underage drinking.

f. *Chad Heipler* - To have a dry dorm, we would have to get our ISO's back or there would be no way to monitor underage students bringing alcohol into the dorms.

g. *Melissa Cross* - You mentioned that one reason we are concerned with alcohol use is because of parental concern. I don't think they should be so concerned with parents. We are all adults now. If we are under 21 and get caught drinking, we should be responsible enough to face the consequences.

h. *Cindy Pucillo* - I think the sanctions for underage drinking should change and be stricter.

i. *Dan Lam* - Maybe an increased fine would deter drinking.
Ian Nelson - We looked into that but felt that it would not matter to some students. It depends on who actually pays for this. The student or the parents.

j. *Jessica George* - I think that the RA's need to crack down more on their students and start writing people up.

k. *Nicole Leney* - Instead of kicking students off campus for drinking, why not have them do community service within the city of Westfield. Maybe at places where they could see firsthand how alcohol abuse affects people.

2. Brian Hofacker asked me if there was a way in which students who get caught drinking (i.e., one offense/ freshman year) could have their record cleared after

a year or two so the charge does not stick with them until they graduate. This is not a possibility because in extreme cases, the Alcohol/Substance Counselors see yearly offenders and this kind of information needs to be there.

3. The Substance Advisory Committee will meet on December 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Lammers Annex Conference Room.

The Vice President's Report-Student Life was accepted.

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Amy Cashman*

A. This Week:

December 4
Coffeehouse 8:00 p.m.
Ely Main Lounge
December 7
"Slipknot" and "Phineas Gage"
Scanlon Banquet Hall
7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
$2.00 with WSC I.D./$4.00 guests

B. On December 11 there will be a "Taste of the Holidays" from Noon until 4:00 p.m. in the Campus Center Main Lounge. CAB will have pictures with Santa for $1.00.

C. On December 11 there will be the final Coffeehouse/Open Mic for the semester. It will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge.

D. CAB will sponsor free coffee and donuts for finals week beginning at 10:00 p.m. during the week of December 16-20.

E. CAB meets on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

The Vice President's Report-Programming was accepted.

VII. FINANCE REPORT: *Jenn Miller/Kelly Orgera*

A. Finance Committee: *Jenn Miller/Kelly Orgera*

1. The Finance Committee will meet on December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

B. Jenn Miller asked SGA for suggested changes in the FY98 Budget. The Budget will be prepared over break and must be submitted to Vice President Mazza by January 15, 1997:

1. *Melissa Cross* - Are you going to put something in the SGA Bylaws regarding allocations for food reimbursement when clubs attend conferences?
Jenn Miller - That is something that will be done through the Rules and Regulations Committee.

The Finance Report was accepted.

VIII. SECRETARY'S REPORT: *Karyn Dufault*

A. Daryll Chancey was asked to step down from SGA due to excessive absences.

B. Senators who did their half hours during Thanksgiving week, are excused from their half hours this week.

The Secretary's Report was accepted.

IX. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: *Nicole Sisson*

A. The Board met on Monday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Living Room. Dr. Lopes presented us with the following:

1. WSC, in conjunction with Holyoke Community College, opened a branch campus in Southwick for the Division of Continuing Education. It is hoped that this new addition will attract students from Northern Connecticut. Classes here will begin in January.
2. The Board received a position paper from Chancellor Koplik of the Board of Higher Education regarding the Commonwealth College (Attachment #1):
   a. *Dan Lam* - Is the Board of Higher Ed definitely going to go through with building the college?
   Nicole Sisson - The Board is waiting to see if other schools will respond to their invitation to submit a proposal to be the location for the Commonwealth College. WSC is not interested but North Adams may submit a proposal. They could choose an existing location or construct a new facility.
   b. *Kelly Orgera* - What do they mean when they say they are free from building codes?
   Nicole Sisson - I believe it means, for example, if you live in the apartments and your sixth person drops out of school, you have to fill that spot because someone has to pay for that space and give that money to the Building Authority. The Commonwealth College would not have to do that.
   c. *Melissa Cross* - Do you know how other schools feel about this school?
   Nicole Sisson - I got the impression that most schools were not in favor of it but I will find out more at the SAC Meeting.
   d. *Amy Bergstrom* - What would the standards of admission be at this college?
   Nicole Sisson - They have not been set as of yet. Students would probably be the brightest from our high schools who are not able to afford private colleges and their absence at other state colleges would be noticed. I feel that they should take whatever money they feel is available for this college and put it towards their existing nine state colleges. This is at ten year project and we will be ignored for the next ten years. The members of the Board of Higher Ed just want a school they can brag about but it will take away from WSC and other state schools that are already worth bragging about.

3. The following action items were approved by the Board from the Executive Committee:
    a. The Foundation Resolutions (which included a set of procedures which the Board of Trustees must pass in order to meet the requirements of the Public Education Endowment Incentive Program. The program will allow the WSC Foundation to receive amounts from the state that match private donations to a maximum of $2,500. The resolutions and the procedures have been prepared by college counsel. (I have the details on file.)
    b. The reorganization to include a Division of Administration and Finance. The recommendations were approved and are as follows: the appointment of Dr. Jim Stakenas, Acting Vice President of Administration and Finance/$81,000. Appointment of Mr. Nick Wojtowicz as Assistant Vice President of Finance/$69,500. Appointment of Dr. Curt Robie as Assistant Vice President of Administration/ $74,000. Appointment of an Acting Executive Assistant to the President.
    c. Change of reporting status of the Computer Center from the President's Office to the Acting Vice President of Administration and Finance Office.
    d. Change of reporting status of Conference Services to the Director of Development. Change in title for Ms. Jo Ann Churchill to Assistant Director of Development for Conference Services.
4. Action items presented from the Personnel Committee were accepted and include the following:
    a. Promotion/no change in salary for Jo Ann Churchill to Assistant Director of Development for Conference Services.
    b. The following Sabbaticals were approved:

Donald Bastarache-Professor-Music
Spring 1998
Robert Bristow-Associate Professor-Geography
Spring 1998
Cornelia Daniel-Associate Professor-Economics & Management
Spring 1998
John Darrow-Professor-Economics & Management
Spring 1998
Arthur Driscoll-Professor-Biology
Spring 1998
John Jones-Associate Professor-Criminal Justice
Spring 1998
Walter Korzec-Professor-Art
Spring 1998
Donald Landry-Professor-Education
Spring 1998
Raymond Ourand-Associate Professor-Foreign Languages/Literature
Fall 1997
Elizabeth Preston-Associate Professor-Communications
Spring 1998

5. The Board will not be meeting in January.

B. The next Student Advisory Council Meeting will be on December 12 at Massasoit Community College. Don't forget that SAC is meeting at WSC on February 13.

C. All College Committee: *Chad Heipler*

1. The All College Committee will meet on December 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parenzo Board Room.

D. Academic Policies Committee: No Report

E. Curriculum Committee: *Nicole Sisson*

1. The Curriculum Committee will meet on December 9 at 4:15 p.m. in Parenzo 202.

F. Long Range Planning Committee: *Rob Laprel*

1. The Long Range Planning Committee is recommending that Parenzo 109 be designated as the area appropriate for the location of the "Smart Classroom."
2. The Long Range Planning Committee will not be meeting until next semester.

The Board of Trustees' Report was accepted.

X. BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT: *Kevin Zabawa*

A. The "Taste of the Holidays" will be held on December 11 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Campus Center Lounge.

B. Sign up at the Teller Window if you want to go on the bus trip to New York City on December 14. It is $16.50 for students and $18.00 for everyone else. The bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. from the front of Scanlon Hall.

C. There have been thefts in the Video Game Room. Public Safety is investigating.

The Board of Governors Report was accepted.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

XII. COMMUTER COUNCIL, MULTICULTURAL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:

A. Commuter Council: No Report

B. Multicultural Reports: None

C. Senior Class: *Cindy Pucillo*

1. The Class of 1997 is currently working on a list of speakers for commencement.
2. We will be sending out a mailing to the families of seniors who are slated to graduate in May regarding purchasing a Senior Week Packet as a holiday gift. The packets are $97.00 and that way Seniors have the option of getting them as a gift as well as getting them early.
3. The Class of 1997 will meet on December 5 at 5:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

D. Junior Class: Megan McPartland

1. The Winter White Stag is on Friday! Tickets are available at the Teller Window for $8.00 or at the door for $10.00.

For students in the MTG play, they can purchase them at the door with their ID's. Alcohol will be available for those 21 and over in the Activities Room with proper ID. A professional photographer will be in the Scanlon Living Room to take pictures. 5X7 for $5.00. Please support the Class of 1998!!!

2. The Class of 1998 will meet on December 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Private Dining Room.

E. Sophomore Class: *Brian Hofacker*

1. There will be a final General Interest Meeting for our Montreal trip on December 10 at 8:00 p.m. If we don't get fifteen people to commit, we will not go.

F. Freshman Class: *Orlando Lassalle*

1. The Class of 2000 will meet on December 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ely Lower Lounge.

G. Apartment Complex: No Report

H. Courtney Hall: No Report

I. Davis Hall: No Report

J. Dickinson Hall: No Report

K. Lammers Hall: No Report

L. Scanlon Hall: No Report

The Class Reports were accepted.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. It was moved and seconded by Brian Hofacker to open New Business. The Motion was accepted.

1. *Brian Hofacker* - I wanted to bring to your attention the Student Union Trust Fund Budget for FY97. This budget totals $261.600. From that amount, $208,333 pays for Campus Center employees (excluding work study which is another $13,200 from the same trust fund). This leaves only $41,000 to operate the Campus Center and contribute to programming. This leaves SGA with a tremendous amount of slack to pick up as far as programming goes. This is all due to employees being taken off the state payroll and put onto the trust fund. Before they made the change to the trust fund, the Campus Center matched SGA dollar for dollar for programming, helped the Senior Class with Senior Week as well as supporting many other groups and clubs on campus. My question is, how can this be a Student Union Trust Fund when $210,000 goes toward employee salaries and fringe benefits?
Andy Johnson - Before you start discussing this, you should meet with Adrene Adams and review the budget with her. There are many factors that you have to figure into this. The Board of Governors will be working on the FY98 Budget. The meetings are open so please come and bring your suggestions.
2. *Nicole Sisson* - We have to look at the big picture of what the SUTF pays for. It pays for things like cleaning

products and toilet paper as well as salaries and programming. It is very involved.

It was moved and seconded to close New Business. The Motion was accepted.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. *Jay DiLisio* - I need to see NAC and Hall Council Presidents after SGA.
B. *Karyn Dufault* - I need to see Mark Gefteas, Matt Hughes, Jeff Zanelli and Michael Child after SGA.
C. *Amy Cashman* - CAB will meet on December 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.
D. *Lisa Nguyen* - Student Affairs Committee Meeting on December 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the SGA Room.
E. *Nicole Sisson* - Anyone interested in going to the Student Affairs Committee Meeting, please let me know.
F. *Chad Heipler* - Rules and Regs will meet after SGA.
G. *Andrea Charron* - The Publicity Committee will meet after SGA.
H. *Karyn Dufault* - This weeks Senator of the week is Chris Stelmach for his work on reviving our Tekoa.

XVI. ROLL CALL: Scott McMillan was absent. Robyn Beaulieu, Monique Gesnaldo, Colleen Madigan, Sherri Oppedisano, Chris MacDonald and Hisham Guess were excused. Matt Collins sent an alternate.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Charron
Executive Secretary

AC/bh
cc:

Peter Mazza	Maureen McCartney
Paul Mei	Edna Wilander
Ken Magarian	Daryl Hendery
Dorothy Phelps	Amy Szlachetka
Pat Rix	Jon Conlogue
Adrene Adams	Paul Scannell
Peg Civello	Joan Fuller
Sue Basque	Jackie Sheehan
Andy Johnson	Steve Dailey
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Office of the President

November 27, 1996

TO: Campus Community

FR: Donald A. Carignan
Chair, Presidential Search Committee
Member, Board of Trustees

RE: **PROGRESS REPORT #2**

I am pleased to make the following report for the Presidential Search Committee. On Thursday, November 21, 1996, the committee met to discuss the twenty-eight candidates who submitted additional materials for our search process. At the conclusion of our meeting, ten candidates were advanced. One of these candidates has since withdrawn.

The nine remaining candidates have been scheduled to meet the committee for confidential interviews during the first two weeks of December. At the conclusion of our confidential interviews, the committee will meet to determine those candidates who will visit the campus for interviews.

The search committee expects to make a formal announcement in January 1997 concerning these on-campus interviews. Time will be set aside during the on-campus interviews to provide an opportunity for all campus community members to meet the presidential candidates.

c: Maureen Gallo, Chair, Board of Trustees

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MEMORANDUM

To: Public College and University Presidents and Chancellors

From: Stanley Z. Koplik, Chancellor

Date: Wednesday, November 27, 1996

Subject: "Commonwealth College"

I am enclosing a concept paper outlining the purpose and philosophy of the proposed "Commonwealth College." This idea was discussed by the Board of Higher Education at its last meeting where it was decided to move it along to the next phase. A sub-committee of the Board will meet in Newton on Monday, December 23, 1996 to discuss the concept paper and determine a framework for reviewing proposals from campuses. You are invited to attend this meeting which will be held as follows:

Location: Pizzeria Uno Restaurant (Meeting Room)
287 Washington Street
Newton Corner, MA

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Aaron Spencer

I look forward to your participation.

SZK:vam

Enclosure

Why don't they want

The Commonwealth College

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education is committed to significantly improving public higher education in our state. Recent actions by the Board lend evidence to this objective through actions such as raising admissions standards, lowering tuition, providing incentives for increased private fund raising, limiting remedial education and eliminating non-productive academic programs. The Board's agenda is, therefore, an aggressive effort to challenge the public campuses to improve as well as to promote initiatives that will create a new perception of the value and benefits of public higher education. One important initiative is the transformation of an existing campus into a liberal arts college of national distinction, one that accepts students with exceptional academic preparation and provides truly outstanding academic programs. For discussion purposes only, we have given this campus the name, Commonwealth College.

As envisioned, the college is intended to add a measure of distinction to the public system by occupying a place where a limited number of talented and motivated students would reside together in an atmosphere fostering intellectual curiosity and personal development. Although the college's student body will draw from Massachusetts' best high school graduates, the Commonwealth's capacity to produce outstanding students far exceeds the number intended for enrollment at Commonwealth College. There is ample room for this college to thrive without causing a "brain drain" of any significant negative consequence. Furthermore, as a part of the public higher education system, it is not intended that the college will draw resources from the other public institutions, each of which has a particular mission and constituency. Any additional resources, if required, should come from separate appropriations above those needed to ensure the continued viability of existing institutions.

The curriculum and campus culture of Commonwealth College will be an invigorating and rewarding four-year student learning experience. Quality will be defined in the campus mission statement, which will also identify campus values. These will include a commitment to accept students from all walks of life, a special focus on service learning, and the development of a community with high expectations for itself. As a consequence, graduates will be expected to fulfill roles as citizens who fully understand the benefits of a society fostering the achievement of individual and collective potential.

The campus will concentrate on developing an environment that will be academically and physically attractive to talented students. Very high standards will be set for student admissions, and the college will actively recruit Massachusetts high school seniors (and a limited number of non-residents) with superior academic transcripts, standardized test scores, and recommendations. Provisions will be made to also admit a small number of qualified high school juniors. Expectations and

performance of students will be of the highest order. Student behavior will be guided through a carefully conceived set of guidelines which will constitute an honor code.

This commitment to be the best will be highlighted by an intense liberal arts curriculum, supporting inter-disciplinary majors that are both rigorous and comprehensive. Each major will identify student outcomes, assess student success in achieving identified academic skills and knowledge, and require a capstone project for graduation. Instruction will be dedicated to active student involvement in learning, and will foster debate and discussion. The college will provide not only a challenging environment in the classroom, but will also promote social justice and service learning by requiring that every student be involved in some form of community service.

The faculty who guide the students through this important experience will be chosen with extreme care. Performance in teaching will be the primary criterion for appointment and reappointment decisions. Employment will be offered through renewable term contracts and faculty designated as "Fellows of the College" without assignment as to rank or tenure. To attract faculty, wages and benefits will be competitive with distinctive liberal arts colleges. In addition, faculty will be expected to participate in campus activities to foster an intellectual and cohesive community. This special campus will not be encumbered in its management or teaching by unnecessary bureaucracy or deterred from fulfilling its mission by restrictive work rules.

Enrollment will be small, about 1500-2500 students. In addition, it will be almost entirely residential; freshman and sophomores will be required to live on campus. The dormitories will integrate students from all four classes to encourage learning and development. The commitment to excellence will be visually observed in a physical plant and grounds that are attractive, well-maintained, and inviting to current and potential members of the College community.

The Commonwealth College Board of Trustees will be empowered through additional governance authority. For example, it will be exempted from restrictive state personnel and purchasing regulations, and it will be given the authority to set and retain tuition and fees. Exemption from customary state building requirements and procedures will also be sought for the College.

Through its activities, Commonwealth College will make a significant contribution to the local community. The community must, therefore, be willing to make a commitment to the College through such means as financial support for campus buildings, grounds, and scholarships for students. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be asked to make a special commitment to the College by designating full scholarships for 200 students per year to include tuition, fees, room, and board. Additionally, the Commonwealth will participate in internships and field placements for students, through a special program of public service.

Intercollegiate athletics will play a minimal role at this campus; personal physical fitness will be important. Non-academic extracurricular activities will be limited with academics always being in the forefront.

At its essence, Commonwealth College will be dedicated and structured to facilitate the teaching and learning of bright and highly motivated undergraduates. If our ideas are to become a reality, we must be fully committed to realize this concept to its full extent and with broad participation. Legislation should be sought to ensure that Commonwealth College will have at least 10 years to demonstrate whether this experiment should continue. The campus that we develop should be a leader not only in Massachusetts public higher education, but also in the nation.

↳ Mass has too many private schools to have to try to compete w/ public.