STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES
January 28, 2003

I. ROLL CALL: Greg Haskell, Rob Zielonka, Sarah Muollo, Julie Swartwout, Angela Webb, Scott Toomey, Colin Drury, Steve Senecal and Jenn Curren were absent. Shawn LaHair and Lynn Mysiuk were excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2003: The Minutes were accepted.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rhiannon D'Angelo

A. Rhiannon D'Angelo recognized Dr. Curt Robie who updated SGA on renovations and capital projects on campus:

All dialogue contained in the SGA Minutes is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.

1. *Dr. Robie* - Thanks for inviting me down to Senate. It's always a pleasure to come down here. I want to first go over the major things we accomplished over the break. We converted Room 424 in Wilson into a computer lab for the Business, Economics and Math Departments. We also installed a brand new state of the art fire alarm system in Ely. In addition, we made numerous repairs to hot water systems in Courtney Hall, Dickinson Hall and the Apartments. We are also in the process of expanding the telephone room in the basement of Parenzo. We need to upgrade our telephone system because it is ten years old and we don't have any new phone numbers left. The system needs to be expanded. This will be done in May and operational in the fall and will hopefully improve the quality of the phone system here. There were also many small painting projects that went on over break. Many stairwells and entrance ways were done. We actually spent a lot of time over break removing snow. We took over 85 truckloads of snow off the campus in order to make room for parking and other snowfall. In addition, the field house is starting to take shape. The part that you see right now is the academic side of the complex. We plan to start building the field house side of the building within the next week or so. The winter has set us back a bit in the construction of the building but we still plan on having it built by January of next year. I'm not sure if that means we will be able to occupy it at that point or not. We are finally working on the Ely elevator project to improve the accessibility to this building. We finally had our first meeting regarding construction of the elevator over the semester break. Dr. Jackson, Daryl Hendery and Hal Gibson are all involved in the planning. We are also going to look at all other things we need to upgrade in this building as according to the Americans with Disabilities Act and try to incorporate as much of that into the construction process as we can. We have a budget of about $5 million so we will need to work within that. We hope to begin construction sometime in the fall 2003 semester. We have been working on

finding a designer and a general contractor for the new residence hall. The students were actually helpful in the a design process of the building due to a survey they filled out which we used in the planning. We are also working on a full renovation of Parenzo Hall. It is a large project, that we thought would cost about $5 million, and now we are looking at $15 to $17 million to renovate the hall. Renovations will include everything from the gym space to Dever Auditorium. That project is in the study phase and we hope to get funding for it in 2005 or 2006. We are also working on a project to improve Lammers Hall. We want to put in new suspended ceilings, a sprinkler system, new lighting in the hallways, hopefully replace all of the room doors, upgrade the bathrooms and completely renovate the lobby and the bathrooms in the lobby. That project will cost about $1 million and work will begin on the day after Commencement and will hopefully be completed by August 8. The Career Services and Counseling Center Offices will be part of this renovation. We are hoping that the SGA Executive Council Offices can be used over the summer to temporarily house these offices while the renovations are being completed. This would be a great area for them because the building is air conditioned. We are also looking at a new student parking area between 400-600 spaces that will be located either on the south slopes or on Route 20. The City would like to have us put it on Route 20 but I'm sure the students would prefer the South Slopes. Either way, we will make sure increased shuttle service is provided. The reason we need additional parking is to accommodate for parking lost when we build the new residence hall and also the campus development plan calls for us to reduce the amount of traffic on the interior of the campus so we will need to plan where parking will be. We are looking to move all parking to the periphery of the campus for safety reasons. Our hope is to have that in place for the fall. We are also looking at a project to improve the HVAC system in Ely. It is old and was installed in 1973 so it will need to be replaced. We will also need to do it to accommodate the power needs for the new elevator. We are also looking at electrical upgrades in Lammers and Dickinson and a project to replace the roof on the main entrance to Courtney Hall. This roof has been leaking and we will try to do it for next fall. We are also looking at shower stall improvements in Courtney. We have a prototype in one of the men's bathrooms, which has worked, so we are looking to use those stalls in the whole building. We are also looking to install a new floor in the Ely Main Lounge. This is a high traffic area and the floor is wearing out. We will be installing a new electronic score board for the Women's Swim Team. A parent donated the new scoring system and it will be installed on February 5. We will also be resurfacing the parking lots at Juniper Park. We have a separate account for Juniper Park and the

lots are starting to break up and become dangerous. Some of these projects will be based on what happens in the next few weeks. Some of them may not happen based on our budget. We will know more soon. The Field House, completion of renovations to Lammers, the new residence hall and the Ely elevator project are all fully funded and will definitely happen. We are also looking at having to resurface the astroturf field within the next few years. It is starting to get thin. The astroturf field was last renovated in 1993. We are looking at possibly using the longer, synthetic grass. That project is estimated to cost between $1 and $1.5 million. The ten year plan is something that we have to do. Every secretariat in the state has an opportunity to a bond issue, or capital construction, which happens every ten years. The last time we did one here was in 1992. That provided a good deal of the funding for the Ely elevator project and the field house. We now have to apply for another one which we have been working on for eighteen months. It has been submitted to the State and we are waiting for the final report. We fared very well on the draft report, which calls for Westfield State to get over $100 million in new construction and renovations over the next ten years. If fully funded, some of the projects that we were approved for were a new library, a performing and fine arts and communications building that will house the theater, music, art and communications departments. We are looking at a facility central receiving complex, renovating the old maintainers building for a central mailroom and central copy center for the campus. If we get the new library, the existing one will be renovated for other uses, including expanding Student Affairs and the Campus Center. We are looking at additional parking, including a parking garage, which is very expensive. We also asked for money to perform major renovations in all academic buildings and we are approved for a 500 seat addition in the Dining Commons. This plan is now before the Governor and his staff for review. It is hoped that it will go before the legislature sometime in March or April. The total plan for all of the state and community colleges is in excess of $1 billion dollars so in these rough times, we don't know how that will fare. We have had a lot of people working on this so we are really hoping that this plan will come to fruition over the next ten years. I will close with an update on heating oil being used each day. We are doing the best we can with the type of weather we are having. We are using about 3,500 gallons of fuel oil a day to heat the main campus. Please, if you're not in your room, do not leave the windows open. Not only for heat purposes, but that can allow the pipes to freeze.

2. *Corinne Hairston* - Are you planning on replacing the windows in the Apartments?
   Dr. Robie - We are looking at another bonding issue with the Building Authority which would include new windows in the Apartments. However, I don't think that

you will be seeing that this year or even the next.

3. *Rhiannon D'Angelo* - Will there be any construction or renovation projects going on during the week prior to Commencement?
   Dr. Robie - I don't see anything at this point. It would only be for an emergency. If anyone else has any questions, please feel free to call my office and I would be happy to answer them.

B. Rhiannon D'Angelo recognized Page Albertson from MASSPIRG to speak to SGA about an upcoming event that MASSPIRG is currently working on:
   1. MASSPIRG will be holding an "Arctic Action Call-In Day" in the Ely Main Lounge on January 30. This same type of event will be happening all over the country in an effort to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. We have been involved in this effort for about ten years now in an attempt to prevent oil drilling in these regions. Last week another energy package was announced that would open the area up for drilling. Since it is one of the last areas we have like this on the continent, we are trying to prevent this. The call-in will last from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in which we will call the White House Switchboard and say a couple of sentences to oppose the drilling. If you can, please come and help us protect the arctic.

C. Corinne Hairston, Chris Murray and I attended the opening meeting for the spring 2003 semester. President Woodward reported that the college will undergo another budget cut for this fiscal year. The most that the college will be asked to return will be $476,000. President Woodward is hoping that it won't be that much.

D. The College will no longer be using the same telephone company for services used by students. The college will be responsible for phone service very much like it takes care of your cable. Students would be responsible for their own long distance service. Also, when the new system goes in, 911 calls will through the Westfield Police Department.
   1. *Paul Scannell* - <u>Point of Information</u> - Currently the 911 calls go to the Westfield Police and they don't know where they come from. Under the new system, the calls will go to Public Safety so we will know exactly where the call came from and the Westfield Police will also be notified.

E. Career Services will once again host "Dining Etiquette." This program is very helpful for students (especially Seniors) to know how to conduct themselves at a formal business dinner or if they have a job interview that involves a meal. Dining Etiquette will be held on February 19 and tickets are $5.00. Space is limited so if you want to attend this event, please look out for more information on when tickets will go on sale.

The President's Report was closed.

IV. <u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT</u>: *Corinne Hairston*

A. <u>All College Committee</u>: No Report

B. Academic Policies Committee: No Report
C. Curriculum Committee: No Report
D. Student Affairs Committee: No Report
E. The Committee has been selected for the Presidential Search to replace President Woodward. Each representative was chosen from a different area of the campus community. The Committee members include four members of the Board of Trustees and the following people:

Candy Heaphy
Nancy Salvidio
Susanna Adams
Terry Fenstad
Walter Griffith
Nomazeng Mangaliso
Carol Persson
Ashley Zolenski
Carlton Pickron
Nick Wojtowicz

Each person selected has contributed greatly to the college and the Board of Trustees' feel that this committee will represent all interests of the college on a large scale. The Board is also encouraging community involvement in the selection process by input through email and the web site. Also; in order help with the initial selection process, a private firm will be hired by the Trustees to help evaluate candidates.

F. The Student Advisory Council met on December 12 at Mass Bay Community College. Chancellor Gill was our guest. She is an alumnus of state university higher education. She went over information in regards to new changes in higher education. She was very receptive to student input. The Chancellor commented on centralizing state college higher education. She feels that it can benefit the current system by opening up more opportunities to share information college to college and it would be more cost effective for the state. The next Student Advisory Council Meeting will be held on January 30 at 6:00 p.m. at UMASS Dartmouth. If anyone is interested in attending, please feel free to see Rhiannon or me.

The Board of Trustees' Report was closed.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: *Chris Murray*
A. Student Life Committee: No Report
B. Multicultural: No Reports
C. Food Services Committee: No Report
D. Health Committee: No Report
E. Neighborhood Association Committee: No Report
F. Parking Control Board: No Report
G. Alcohol Review Board: No Report
H. Substance Advisory Committee: No Report
I. The "Denial of Service" attack involving a worm virus of an SQL Server and a Resnet Server caused the internet crash Sunday night. It was repaired by 9:00 a.m. on January 27.
J. 110 students have been caught since last week using file sharing programs. All will receive first offense sanctions under the new policy and will meet with Dr. Reynolds.

K. Housing Deposits for 2003/2004 are due by March 1, 2003.
L. The fire alarm at Building 3 of the Apartment Complex on January 28 at 3:45 a.m. was due to a malfunction.

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

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Angela LaPierre*
A. The first Coffeehouse of the semester will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge. If anyone is interested in performing, please call Ext. 5429. I also need help with set up and break down so please see me. It counts towards a half hour.
B. Brown Bag Bingo will be held on Friday, February 7 from 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. in the Ely Main Lounge.
C. CAB meets on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. in the SGA Room and the Weekend Programming Committee meets on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the SGA Room.

The Vice President's Report-Programming was accepted.

VII. FINANCE REPORT: No Report

VIII. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lauren Stearley
A. The following students will be on the 2003 Senate Banquet Committee:

Class of 2003
Jason Pleau
Joe Hunt
Class of 2004
Nicole View
Amy Cloutier
Class of 2005
Ashley Zolenski
Nicole Britton
Class of 2006
Kristine Miele
Stephanie DaCosta

Barbara Hand and I will be going to Chez Josef on Monday, February 3 at 2:30 p.m. to meet with Linda Skole to discuss the initial plans for the Banquet. The Senate Banquet will be held on Friday, April 4.
B. I sent out thank you cards to the four professors who attended our SGA/Faculty Gathering on December 10.
C. Please sign up for your half hours.

The Secretary's Report was closed.

IX. BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT: No Report

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Reports

XI. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
A. Commuter Council: No Report
B. Senior Class: *Jenn Prior*
1. The Class of 2003 sold 116 Senior Days Packets over the holiday break. This is the most any class has ever sold.
2. The next Senior Night will be held on Saturday,

February 1 from 8:00 - 11:30 p.m. in the Third World Room. Tickets are $3.00 for WSC Students and $4.00 for guests. This Senior Night will be sponsored by the Alumni Office and we will celebrate 103 days until graduation.

3. The Class of 2003 will meet on February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the SGA Office.

C. Junior Class: *Greg Benoit*

1. We need to fill three positions on our class council. We need two representatives to SGA and a Treasurer. We will be conducting interviews to fill these positions. If you know of someone who might be interested, they can reach us at WSC2004@hotmail.com.
2. The Class of 2004 will meet on January 29 at 9:00 p.m. in Lammers Hall.

D. Sophomore Class: *Ashley Zolenski*

1. Beginning on February 6, we will be selling Candy Grams in the Dining Commons and in the Ely Lobby. For $1.00 we will deliver a small bag of Hershey's Hugs and Kisses to anyone in the residence halls and the apartments. You can also write a little message that will be attached to the bag. For every two that you purchase, you will be entered into a drawing to win a $30.00 gift certificate just in time for Valentine's Day.
2. We have started to collect email addresses from the sophomore class so they can stay updated with our events.
3. The Class of 2005 meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

E. Freshman Class: *Dan Rice*

1. The Winter Wonderland Dance has been postponed and changed to a Pizza Party. The new date is February 13.
2. The Class of 2006 meets on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

F. Apartment Complex: *Adam Couto*

1. Kristi Favaloro, Vice President of the Apartment Complex Council, resigned and we will be holding interviews to fill this position within the next couple of weeks.
2. We will be ordering Apartment Complex t-shirts at our next meeting.
3. We will begin plans for our third annual spring fair.
4. I would like to meet with all Hall Council and Class Council Presidents to discuss plans for the Relay for Life type fund raiser we hope to do in the spring.
5. You can still reach us at AptHallCouncil@yahoo.com.
6. The Apartment Hall Complex meets on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Dickinson Commons Room.

G. Courtney Hall: *Angela Webb*

1. Plans are underway for "Mr. Courtney." This event will take place on March 5 at 8:00 p.m. in Dever Auditorium.
2. The second edition of the Porcelain Post is out and distributed throughout Courtney. Hall Council is now working on a Valentine's edition.
3. Our Hall Council is still looking for a Historian.
4. The Courtney Hall Council will meet on January 28 at 8:30 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge.

H. Davis Hall: No Report

I. Dickinson Hall: *Kyle Piazza*

1. Dickinson Hall Council accepted the resignation of P.J. Mignault and we are currently looking for someone to fill that position.
2. The Dickinson Hall Council meets on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in Dickinson Hall.

J. Lammers Hall: *Stephen Sawyer*

1. Lammers Hall Council accepted the resignation of Sarah King as a Representative to SGA.
2. It was moved by Stephen Sawyer and seconded for SGA to accept Kevin Laren as a Representative to SGA from Lammers Hall. The motion was accepted.
3. We will be holding interviews on Monday, February 3 at 8:00 p.m. to fill our position of Vice President.
4. Lammers Hall held an open forum for resident students during our regular meeting time if students wanted to attend to discuss issues or ideas for programs. At this meeting, the Hall Council discussed sponsoring events for the remainder of the semester - Ski Trip, Condom Sense, Fish and Chips, a Pool Tournament with prizes, and Easter Egg Hunt, an AHL Hockey Game and a Back Yard Barbecue.

K. Scanlon Hall: No Report

The Class and Hall Reports were closed.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Unfinished Business

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. It was moved by Rhiannon D'Angelo and seconded to accept the Minutes of the December 10, 2002 SGA Meeting. The motion was accepted. It was moved by Rhiannon D'Angelo and seconded to close new Business. The motion was accepted.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. *Sarah Muollo* - Buy a Candy Gram from the Class of 2005.
B. *Brooke Ann Popielarz* - 110 Days until Graduation!

XV. ROLL CALL: Jenn Curren was absent. Shawn LaHair and Lynn Mysuik were excused.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Stearley
Executive Secretary

Did you know...?

Fact Sheet on a Leader in Massachusetts Public Higher Education

Westfield State College

The Margin of Excellence

Ranked #1 among Massachusetts state colleges according to the Arthur Gelb study, "College to School" *[1998 data issued 2000]:*

- highest GPA earned by students returning to the same college: 2.68
- highest retention rate within the system: 89%
- second highest rate of persistence at the same college, 1997-98: 77%

Recognized by the *Springfield Union-News* as "a bargain in Western Mass." *[December 11, 2001]*

Rated fifth safest campus community in Massachusetts (and safest in the public higher education system) *[source: apbnews.com]*

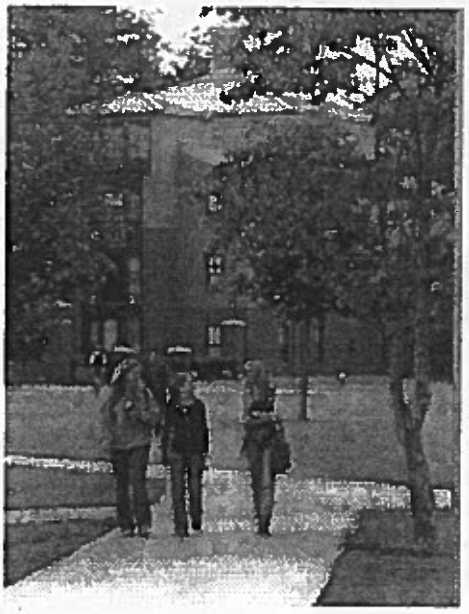
Rated first in Computer Information Systems and second in Computer Science among the Massachusetts state colleges *[Board of Higher Education CIST report, 1999]*

Sound financial condition and fiscal practices confirmed by three financial audits in 2002, including an unqualified audit by the Commonwealth, an unqualified independent audit (fourth consecutive) from PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and an A-rating from Standard and Poor

Accreditation renewed in 2002 by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

44% of varsity athletes earned a 3.0 or better [spring 2002], and 36% achieved *cumulative* GPAs of 3.0 or better

Services for learning disabled students are nationally recognized—the largest and most successful such program in the state



Courtney Hall: with high enrollments filling student housing, and the largest residential population among the state colleges, Westfield State is laying the groundwork for a new residence hall.

Alumni Who Achieve

80% of all Westfield State alumni live in Massachusetts

More than 16,000 Westfield State alumni live in Worcester County and counties east

Alumni regularly honored for excellence in teaching regionally, and also nationally with such distinctions as the Sallie Mae First Class Teacher Award (Michelle Gandee '98) and the Disney Company American Teacher Award (Andrew Lucia '89)

Selected outstanding alumni:

- Peter P. Laviolette Jr., Class of 1986, coach of New York Islanders (NHL) & former Olympian
- Paula Meara, Class of 1975, first woman metropolitan Chief of Police in New England
- Christine Zajac, Class of 1973, teacher featured in Tracy Kidder's best-seller, *Among Schoolchildren*
- Eduardo C. Robreno, Class of 1967, first Cuban-American federal judge
- Nettie Marie Stevens, Class of 1883, scientist who proved how chromosomes determine gender

An Institution of Distinction

Largest residential population among the nine Massachusetts state colleges—60% of undergraduates live on campus

Largest Massachusetts *college* west of I-495 *[Boston Business Journal]*

Highest graduation and retention rate among the comprehensive state colleges

Attracts students from every county in the Commonwealth—the only *truly* statewide public college

Founded in 1838 as the first coeducational institution for teacher preparation in the nation

Unique mission focusing on service, experiential learning, teacher education, and criminal justice

One of only two state colleges in Western Massachusetts

Only institution in New England offering the bachelor of science in Regional Planning

Participates in National Student Exchange with over 160 colleges and universities across the country

Oldest, largest, and finest Criminal Justice program in the Commonwealth

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