STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES
March 2, 1999

I. ROLL CALL: Chris Renaud was absent. James Byrnes, Stacie Kilroy, Nathan Desjardins and Andrea Poitrast were excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 1999: The Minutes were accepted.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Alison Leary*

A. As we all know, there has been a recent rash of fires in Dickinson Hall. I would like to thank all those who have helped out this week. I know that it was tiring and it was hard to put up with all the complaints. As an update, the "Community Fire Watch" will continue until Friday morning, March 5. Decisions of what will happen over the weekend will be made at that time. The residents of Dickinson Hall are not under any sanctions at this time.

B. On February 27, nine Senators represented Westfield State College at a Leadership Conference at the Elm's College in Chicopee. There were a series of workshops and round-table discussions. It was a great opportunity for us to meet some students from other area colleges and share ideas and concerns we all have as student leaders.

C. Derwin Frank from the Computer Center has left his job at Westfield State as of February 28. There are two other employees assuming his duties on a temporary basis and the Computer Center will try to fill his position as soon as possible. They ask that we are patient if we experience difficulties in the support areas that Derwin covered and all requests for assistance will be handled as soon as they are able to get someone there.

D. The PVTA (Pioneer Valley Transit Authority) would like to increase the student fee for services from $5.00 to $12.00. This increase would allow students to take advantage of more services that PVTA offers. The college is set with the $5.00 fee and the PVTA is making this offer. We are under no obligation to do anything further about this. The Executive Council thought that this fee increase should be put on the spring elections ballot as a referendum question:

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1. *Bill Dunbar* - If the referendum fails, will the students have to pay to ride PVTA?
   Alison Leary - Right now it is $5.00 on your bill and that will not change. PVTA wants to increase it to $12.00 so they can offer more services.
   Orlando Lassalle - Even if the referendum passes, the request for a fee increase will have to go before the Board of Trustees.
2. *Ryan Forsythe* - Will the $12.00 cover all PVTA buses and not just the ones that come to campus?
   Alison Leary - Yes.

E. Due to health concerns, one of the judicial interns has left and SGA has been asked to approve a candidate to fill this open position. It was moved by Alison Leary and seconded that SGA accept Jason Levine as a Judicial Intern for the reminder of the 1998/99 academic year. Jason can not be here tonight due to a work commitment but Ian Nelson is here if anyone has questions. I met with Jason today and feel that he is a good candidate for this position. It was moved by Tim Trull and seconded to table this motion until Jason Levine could be in attendance at an SGA Meeting:

1. *Bill Dunbar* - If we table this motion, will this hold up Judicial Affairs?
   Ian Nelson - He needs to be approved by SGA before he can start observing and learning the job. Cases come in every day but it goes week to week so it will set us back by one week. It's not a very big problem.

The motion to table fails. The main motion stood on the floor to accept Jason Levine as a Judicial Intern. The motion was accepted with two abstentions (Orlando Lassalle and Shalimar Colon).

F. Don't forget to turn in your forms to participate in the MS Walk. The MS Walk is on Saturday, April 17.

The President's Report was closed.

IV. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: *Dan Soucy*

A. Student Life Committee: No Report

B. Multicultural Reports: *Gavin Bailey*

1. The Third World Organization and CAB will be having a dance on Friday, March 5 from 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. in the Campus Center Main Lounge. Admission will be $3.00 with a college ID and $4.00 with any other form of ID.

C. Food Services Committee: *Mike Cupoli*

1. The Committee discussed the TV's again. No decisions have been made and this will come up again at our next meeting.
2. Anyone interested/concerned with the food, storage or preparation is welcome to take a tour of the food facilities with me or any of the Sodexho managers.
3. The Food Services Committee meets on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in the Private Dining Room.

D. Health Committee: No Report

E. Neighborhood Association Committee: *Melissa Abdelnour*

1. On March 10, NAC is sponsoring a Girl Scout Troop that will be selling cookies in the Campus Center Lobby. Please stop by and support this troop!
2. The Neighborhood Association Committee will meet after the SGA Meeting.

F. Parking Control Board: *Paul Jorczak*

1. Our Parking Policy Forum was held on February 24. The forum lasted for two hours and the Board listened to suggestions. We received a lot of good feedback and we

will be discussing this tomorrow during our meeting.

2. I am happy to announce that Public Safety did make an arrest in the case involving the damage to cars in South Lot.
3. The Parking Control Board will meet on March 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the SGA Room.

G. Alcohol Review Board: *Dan Soucy*

1. The Alcohol Review Board approved the proposal from Jocelyn Gregory for the Senate Banquet. This recommendation is being forwarded to Vice President Mazza.

H. Substance Advisory Committee: No Report

I. Public Safety has made an arrest in the South Lot incident.

1. *Bill Dunbar* - Is this person being dealt with criminally or through the school?
   Chief Scannell - This is a criminal matter.
2. *Tim Trull* - Is that person still going to be attending school here?
   Dan Soucy - Usually in a criminal case on campus, the courts deal with it and most likely the person will continue attending school here.

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

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Liz Patonay*

A. Campus Flicks:

March 2
"Sliding Doors" and "Snake Eyes"
March 3
"Return to Paradise" and "Mulan"
March 4
"Antz" and "Rounders"
March 5
"Out of Sight" and "Ronin"

B. March 5 is the deadline for the $10.00 Spring Weekend Fee. Please help us out and pay this fee. I hoped an editorial that I wrote explaining the fee would appear in the Campus Voice but it did not get in:

1. *Kerri Paris* - How many people have paid the $10.00 fee?
   Liz Patonay - Only ten students had paid as of February 25.
2. *Bill Dunbar* - What is going to happen if only ten people pay?
   Liz Patonay - If it is under 200 students, then they will be reimbursed and the fee will be cut. If over 200 students pay, that is a substantial amount of money and will help get a bigger band.
3. *Sharon DeOssie* - Is there any way the deadline could be extended and have you heard back from any new bands.
   Liz Patonay - We really can't do that. As of right now, we should have bands booked. We are also waiting to hear back from the college with approval to officially hold this event. We really need to start looking for bands

within our budget of $5,000.

4. *Melissa Abdelnour* - I know that we have *Itchy Fish* coming. Would they be our headliner?
   Liz Patonay - No. We will find someone else.
   Daryl Hendery - I think that what Liz and CAB are doing takes courage. They have worked very hard on this. It shows leadership.
5. *Melissa Abdelnour* - Paul Jorczak and I will be at Taco Belle collecting money from commuters on March 3.

C. The next Coffeehouse is scheduled for March 3 from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge. We have three groups set up to play at this.

D. The Spring Swing Fling will be held on Saturday, March 6 from 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. We will be having a DJ who will play swing music and there will also be someone available to give lessons.

E. The Battle of the Bands is full! There are ten bands competing on March 23 and 24.

F. The Campus Activities Board meets on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in the SGA Room.

The Vice President's Report-Programming was closed.

VI. FINANCE REPORT: No Report

VII. SECRETARY'S REPORT: *Jocelyn Gregory/Lisa Neary*

A. Senate Banquet Committee: *Jocelyn Gregory*

1. Senate Banquet Tickets will go on sale at the Service Window on March 8. Tickets are $25.00 and all Senators are allowed to purchase one ticket for $12.00. On March 9 after the SGA Meeting, Senators will have an opportunity to sign up for reserved seating with a two Senator per table requirement. Let all your friends know that they need to come to the SGA room if they want to sit at your table. Students will need to first purchase their ticket at the Service Window and then see Barbara Hand or me to sign up for a table.
2. Members of the Senate Banquet Committee will be going to Chez Josef on Monday, March 8 for "Taste Night."

B. Blue Key Selection Committee: *Lisa Neary*

1. Keep those Blue Key nominations coming! The campus has until March 9 at 5:00 p.m. to submit the nominations.

The Secretary's Report was closed.

VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: *Orlando Lassalle*

A. All College Report: *Allan Peterson*

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

B. Academic Policies Committee: No Report

C. Curriculum Committee: No Report

D. Student Affairs Committee: *Amanda Perrin*

1. The Committee discussed the incident that occurred in

South Lot. Chief Scannell told us that there had not been a problem in South Lot for five months. We came up with a few suggestions to make South safer. We invited Curt Robie to the next meeting to discuss this and I am still waiting to hear back from him.

2. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on March 3 at 4:00 p.m. in Ely 130.

E. The Stanhome building officially belongs to WSC as of today. For those of you who drove by this afternoon, the WSC sign is already up. Several administrative offices such as the Business Office, Financial Aid, Registrar and DGCE will be located there. The President's Office will be there too and an academic department. It is not known yet which department will be moving. On Monday, March 8 there will be an Open House for faculty, staff and SGA to tour the building before renovations begin to prepare for fall 1999.

F. I have put a new article in your mailboxes on the Board of Education and the removal of the controversial Chair, John Silber. Please get back to me with your comments.

G. On February 23, the Massachusetts State College Housing Authority held a meeting in Boston. Present were State College Presidents including President Woodward and WSC's Chief Financial Officer, Nick Wojtowicz. The State College Presidents fought a losing battle in order to prevent a fee increase. The Massachusetts State college Housing Authority voted in a $245.00 per year fee increase for the Apartment Complex. This will go into effect next semester. This fee increase was not approved by the colleges' trustees. The MSCHA skipped over that important process and has forwarded this rent increase to the BHE for consideration at the March 16 meeting at Fitchburg State College:

1. *Tim Trull* - Are there going to be improvements made to the apartments?
   Orlando Lassalle - That is what I was told. They are looking into new kitchen cabinets and furniture.
2. *Shalimar Colon* - Are there other state colleges against this?
   Orlando Lassalle - Yes. We didn't even get the highest increase. Mass Maritime's was $400.00.
3. *Bill Dunbar* - Are the apartments the only residence hall going up?
   Orlando Lassalle - Yes. It will actually only be $5.00 or $10.00 more than what it costs to live in Courtney Hall.

The Board of Trustees' Report was closed.

IX. <u>BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT</u>: *Shalimar Colon*

A. It was moved by Shalimar Colon and seconded to accept Bobb Burgess as the Representative to SGA from the Board of Governors. The motion was accepted.

B. On March 3, we will have the "Big Meeting." It will focus specifically on student apathy, campus programming, program

funding and campus publicity. We will look at ways to enlighten the student experience at WSC. This meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Third World Room. All are welcome to attend.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Report

XI. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:

A. Commuter Council: *Paul Jorczak*

1. The Commuter Council held elections today and Jenn Nichols was elected Vice President, Jason Laferriere was elected Treasurer and Colleen Fromm was elected Secretary.
2. We discussed the possibility of having a pool party for commuters. The tentative date is May 2.
3. Our next Pizza Giveaway is March 31 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
4. Our Spring Barbecue will be held on April 21 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the Bates Walkway.
5. The Commuter Council meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in Ely 147.

B. Senior Class: *John Rooney*

1. Senior Week has been approved. All graduating Seniors will get notice in the mail about exactly when and where they can buy their Senior Packets. Hopefully, Senior Week Packets will go on sale at the Service Window next week.
2. The Class of 1999 will meet on March 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the SGA Room.

C. Junior Class: *Tim Trull*

1. The Compatibility Forms are in. The Residence Hall Presidents all have the forms. They are $1.00. The Compatibility Forms are going to be available for SGA at the March 9 SGA Meeting. These are $2.00 each. I will then be able to tell SGA the results . . .
2. The Class of 2000 will meet on March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

D. Sophomore Class: *Brian Anthony*

1. The Class of 2001 will be sponsoring a trip to go Disco Bowling on Friday, March 5 at 7:45 p.m. The Van will be leaving from in front of Scanlon Hall. You can get tickets at the Teller Window.
2. We have ordered shirts for our Spring Weekend fund raiser. Anyone who has ideas for the T-Shirt design can see me or Kerri Paris.
3. The Class of 2001 will be holding interviews for our Class Treasurer position at our next meeting which will be held on March 8 at 5:30 p.m. in E130.

E. Freshman Class: *Meghan Canning*

1. I have catalogs for the Yankee Candle fund raiser. We are working hard on this fund raiser so support the Class of 2002. The deadline to place your order is March 10.

2. If anyone would like to come chaperone a dance at the Southwick Boy's and Girl's Club on March 5, we will be leaving at 6:15 p.m. from the back of Lammers Hall and we should be getting back by 10:45 p.m. Please see me if you would like to attend.

F. Apartment Complex: *Dave Draleaus*

1. Just a reminder that Residential Life will be available to answer questions concerning the new alcohol regulations in the apartments next year. There will be a meeting about this tonight at 9:00 p.m. in the Dickinson Commons Room.
2. The Dickinson/Apartment Complex will meet on March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dickinson Commons Room.

G. Courtney Hall: *Danielle Rios*

1. On March 1, we held our annual Mr. Courtney contest. About 300 people attended and we raised $150.00 for charity.

H. Davis Hall: No Report

I. Dickinson Hall: *Jon Elwell*

1. *Erik Bristow* - How do Dickinson residents feel about all these people walking around the building?
   Jon Elwell - They seem to be fine with it as long as they don't knock on anyone's door.
   Lisa Neary - We appreciate that they are doing it and we stay up with them.

J. Lammers Hall: *Ryan Schmitt*

1. Hall Council and the RA's in Lammers are planning a trip for the hall to go bowling or rollerblading.
2. We have the roommate game scheduled for March 8.
3. We would like to sell boxer shorts as a fund raiser for the hall.
4. Lammers Hall will have a pool tournament for the hall on March 15.
5. Lammers Hall Council will meet on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lammers Lounge.

K. Scanlon Hall: *Maggie Smith*

1. T-shirts are supposed to be in tomorrow. All Hall Council members will be selling them.
2. This week we will be pricing vacuum cleaners.
3. We are looking into a community can drive for March 27. We will be putting an ad in the local newspaper so local residents will be aware that we are doing this. If this is successful, we hope to have a fozzball table for early April.
4. Scanlon Hall also came up with the idea of "Section Skits." Every section would put together a skit and we would give away prizes for the top three skits.
5. The Scanlon Hall Council will meet on March 3 at 8:00 p.m. in Scanlon Hall.

The Commuter Council, Class and Hall Reports were accepted.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Unfinished Business

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. It was moved and seconded to open New Business. The motion was accepted. Jocelyn Gregory explained the process for purchasing tickets for the SGA Banquet and how Senators can reserve tables.

B. Laura Domach from the Apartment Complex said that her apartment was going to clean up Lloyd's Hill on Saturday, March 6. If anyone is interested in helping out with this, please let her know. It was moved and seconded to close New Business. The motion was accepted.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. *Shalimar Colon* - Disco Bowling is Friday night at 8:00 p.m. Buy tickets at the Service Window.

B. *Amanda Perrin* - The Student Affairs Committee will meet on March 3 at 4:00 p.m. in Ely 130.

C. Melissa Abdelnour - I need to see NAC after SGA.

D. *Liz Patonay* - I need to see Hall Council Presidents and Gavin Bailey after SGA.

E. *Orlando Lassalle* - I need feedback for the affirmative action article from last week and don't forget about the Open House at Stanhome on March 8 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

F. *Alison Leary* - I need two Seniors to sit on a Scholarship Committee for the SGA Scholarships. Please see me if you are interested.

XV. ROLL CALL: Chris Renaud was absent. James Byrnes, Stacie Kilroy, Nathan Desjardins and Andrea Poitrast were excused.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Gregory,
Executive Secretary

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cc: Peter Mazza
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Daryl Hendery
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Paul Scannell
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Jacqueline Sheehan
Third World Organization

1999/2000 State College Residence Hall Rent Schedule
March 1, 1999

College & Bldg.	Design Occ.	Occupancy 1997/8	1998/99 Rent	Exist College Rent	Exist MSCBA Rent	Rcmd. 1999/00 Rent	Semester Increase/ Decrease	Annual Increase	New College Annual	New MSCBA Annual	Percent Change
BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE											
Miles-Dinardo	399	414	$2,570	$1,030	$1,540	$2,750	$90	$180	$1,080	$1,670	7.0%
Great Hill	192	200	$2,520	$1,180	$1,340	$2,820	$150	$300	$1,230	$1,590	11.9%
Shea/Durgin	620	684	$2,360	$1,490	$870	$2,360	$0	$0	$1,490	$870	0.0%
Pope	160	165	$2,360	$1,490	$870	$2,360	$0	$0	$1,490	$870	0.0%
Scott	143	155	$2,360	$1,490	$870	$2,360	$0	$0	$1,490	$870	0.0%
Woodward	246	244	$2,360	$1,490	$870	$2,360	$0	$0	$1,490	$870	0.0%
No. Beds	1,760	1,862									
FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE											
Mara	328	247	$2,340	$800	$1,540	$2,435	$48	$95	$850	$1,585	4.1%
Apartments	192	182	$2,340	$1,000	$1,340	$2,485	$73	$145	$1,050	$1,435	6.2%
Russell	405	313	$2,340	$1,370	$970	$2,340	$0	$0	$1,370	$970	0.0%
Aubuchon	380	168	$2,340	$1,470	$870	$2,340	$0	$0	$1,470	$870	0.0%
Herlihy	144	112	$2,340	$1,470	$870	$2,340	$0	$0	$1,470	$870	0.0%
No. Beds	1,449	1,022									
FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE											
Foster	24	15	$2,320	$980	$1,340	$2,598	$139	$278	$1,258	$1,340	12.0%
Corinne	437	401	$2,240	$1,270	$970	$2,240	$0	$0	$1,270	$970	0.0%
Linsley	177	83	$2,240	$1,270	$970	$2,240	$0	$0	$1,270	$970	0.0%
Larned	345	294	$2,240	$1,370	$870	$2,240	$0	$0	$1,370	$870	0.0%
O'Connor	240	199	$2,240	$1,370	$870	$2,240	$0	$0	$1,370	$870	0.0%
Horace Mann	109	104	$2,240	$1,370	$870	$2,240	$0	$0	$1,370	$870	0.0%
Pierce	119	111	$2,240	$1,370	$870	$2,240	$0	$0	$1,370	$870	0.0%
No. Beds	1,451	1,207									
MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS											
Flagg Townhouses	508	316	$2,410	$1,070	$1,340	$2,575	$83	$165	$1,120	$1,455	6.8%
Berkshire	320	233	$2,310	$1,340	$970	$2,310	$0	$0	$1,340	$970	0.0%
Hoosac	216	108	$2,310	$1,440	$870	$2,310	$0	$0	$1,440	$870	0.0%
No. Beds	1,044	657									
SALEM STATE COLLEGE											
Bates	354	340	$2,410	$870	$1,540	$2,690	$140	$280	$940	$1,750	11.6%
Bowditch	276	288	$2,310	$1,440	$870	$2,310	$0	$0	$1,440	$870	0.0%
Peabody	322	332	$2,310	$1,440	$870	$2,310	$0	$0	$1,440	$870	0.0%
No. Beds	952	960									
Increased:	354										
WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE											
Courtney	441	454	$2,860	$1,320	$1,540	$2,810	$0	$0	$1,320	$1,540	0.0%
Apartments	288	277	$2,610	$1,270	$1,340	$2,855	$123	$245	$1,370	$1,485	9.4%
Lammers	294	292	$2,440	$1,470	$970	$2,440	$0	$0	$1,470	$970	0.0%
Scanlon	285	275	$2,440	$1,570	$870	$2,440	$0	$0	$1,570	$870	0.0%
Davis	306	254	$2,440	$1,570	$870	$2,440	$0	$0	$1,570	$870	0.0%
Dickinson	306	290	$2,440	$1,570	$870	$2,440	$0	$0	$1,570	$870	0.0%
No. Beds	1,920	1,842									
WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE											
Dowden	213	191	$2,810	$1,270	$1,540	$2,810	$0	$0	$1,270	$1,540	0.0%
Chandler 1	475	288	$2,810	$1,470	$1,340	$2,985	$88	$175	$1,520	$1,465	6.2%
Chandler 2	inc. abov	146	$2,810	$1,470	$1,340	$2,850	$20	$40	$1,470	$1,360	1.4%
No. Beds	688	625									
MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART											
Smith	112	116	$3,710	$2,370	$1,340	$4,145	$218	$435	$2,495	$1,650	11.7%
Increased:	112										
MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY											
Company 1	137	105	$2,060	$1,060	$1,000	$2,215	$77	$155	$1,085	$1,130	7.5%
Company 2	137	105	$2,060	$1,060	$1,000	$2,215	$77	$155	$1,085	$1,130	7.5%
Company 3	137	105	$2,060	$1,060	$1,000	$2,215	$77	$155	$1,085	$1,130	7.5%
Company 4	137	105	$2,060	$1,060	$1,000	$2,215	$77	$155	$1,085	$1,130	7.5%
Company 5	166	128	$2,060	$1,060	$1,000	$2,215	$77	$155	$1,085	$1,130	7.5%
Company 6	166	128	$2,060	$1,060	$1,000	$2,215	$77	$155	$1,085	$1,130	7.5%
No. Beds	880	676									

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Cellucci eyes replacing Silber as state ed czar

By JOE BATTENFELD and DARRELL S. PRESSLEY

Gov. Paul Cellucci is considering replacing controversial Board of Education Chairman John Silber as part of a compromise deal to install a new education commissioner, sources said.

The plan gained momentum yesterday after two Board of Education members, Abigail Thernstrom and Roberta Schaefer, flatly refused to change their votes and support Cellucci's pick for commissioner, James Peyser.

Silber himself offered to resign yesterday, and Cellucci declined.

But sources close to Cellucci confirmed that Silber may agree to leave his post in order to break the stalemate and convince board members to accept Peyser.

"Is that a scenario on the table? Yes," a source said. "We're trying to find a way to move the puzzle

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pieces around."

However, it's far from clear whether Silber's resignation would be acceptable to board members backing interim commissioner David P. Driscoll over Peyser.

One source said board members don't appear willing to back off from Driscoll even if Silber quits.

A meeting to resolve the dispute could come later this week.

Cellucci, after meeting with board members himself, yesterday hinted that Silber's tenure may be short-lived. Asked whether Silber was "his man" on education, Cellucci replied: "Well, he is right now. And I continue to work with him to see if we can get the six votes for one of the people I think would be a good commissioner."

The top choice to replace Silber is Charles Baker, a board member and Cellucci's former Secretary of Administration and Finance. Baker is viewed as an education reformer loyal to Cellucci but less acerbic than Silber.

The power struggle over the commissioner's post has been a major blow to Cellucci, who has vowed to make education his top issue. In an embarrassing vote last week, Driscoll received five of nine votes — just one shy of the two-thirds necessary. The other four members backed Peyser.

Silber yesterday offered his resignation but the symbolic move was not immediately accepted.

"I asked him if he wanted it and he said 'no,' " Silber said. "I assured the governor that he was the one who appointed me to the position and I would submit my resignation any time he wanted it."

tisfaction with Silber's reign, especially from top legislative leaders such as Senate President Thomas F. Birmingham, who yesterday called on Cellucci to end the stalemate.

"We can't have any more impasses," he said.

Driscoll has a 30-year record in education and is strongly backed by teachers, while Peyser supports reform measures such as school vouchers and charter schools.

But Cellucci believes Driscoll is not acceptable because he would be resistant to change, aides said.

"It's complicated and frustrating," an aide said of the battle. "Weld sort of let (the education board) do its own thing. We're trying to sort it out." Silber, during a radio interview yesterday, suggested Thernstrom and Schaefer quit if they won't support the governor. But Cellucci cannot remove them until their terms expire.

"The problem is some of these board members don't understand what loyalty is all about," a top Cellucci aide said.

In another possible compromise plan, Cellucci also is willing to accept the third candidate for commissioner, Richard Ekman, chief operating officer of the Andrew Mellon Foundation.

Ellen J. Silberman contributed to this story.

Sources stressed that no decision has been reached on a compromise, and Silber himself would have to agree to quit. "It will be a resolution he and Silber will have worked out together," the source said.

Sources said Cellucci is fed up with his own board's refusal to support Peyser, head of a conservative think tank, the Pioneer Institute.

The governor met with Thernstrom and Schaefer yesterday but was unable to persuade them to back Peyser during a testy meeting. Thernstrom and Schaefer were both appointed by Cellucci's predecessor, former GOP Gov. William F. Weld. "I'm not changing my mind," Thernstrom said before the meeting.

Schaefer declined to comment, other than to say, "We had a good conversation." Last night, a board member supporting Driscoll reiterated that the meeting had not been productive.

"There are five votes for Dave Driscoll. Those five votes aren't going anywhere," said the member, who asked not to be identified.

The battle over the commissioner post is Cellucci's first major test since shedding his "acting" governor title in January.

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