

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

March 7, 1995

- I. ROLL CALL: Eric Kester was absent.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 1995: The Minutes were accepted with the motion for removal of Jay Dilisio from SGA due to excessive absences being null and void.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Steve Pratt
- A. Steve Pratt recognized Hal Gibson, Director of the Library, to discuss the operating hours in which the Library currently uses: *The following dialogue is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.*
1. *Hal Gibson* - The general consideration about determining what the Library hours are is as follows:
    - a. What is the known demand?
    - b. Is demand increasing or decreasing?
    - c. What times does it increase or decrease?
    - d. What data is available on the use of the Library?
    - e. How should that available data be interpreted?

We have kept fairly detailed data on various aspects of use of the Library for the last three years. We have a fairly specific idea on what time of day use takes place, what day of the week it takes place and what kind of use takes place.

    - f. What is available staff?
    - g. What are the limitations and considerations for staff work schedules?
    - h. What is the relative staffing level needed at different times of the day, day of week and times of the year?
    - i. What are the priorities to the staffing level at these times?
    - j. What is the minimum staffing level needed at any given moment?
    - k. What are the priority of open hours relative to other kinds of Library services?

Compared to other four year regular colleges in the Commonwealth, we have the smallest Library Staff and the second longest operating hours. The last time I looked and compared our Library hours to those of other four year colleges across the United States and Canada (which was about a year ago), we were in the 71st percentile of regular hours open and 73rd percentile of total hours we are open in a given day.
  2. *Alex Kennedy* - How come you close early on Fridays now? You should keep it open until 8:00 p.m. like it was a couple of years ago. Do you think you could do that? We are paying for the Library?  
*Hal Gibson* - I think it is more a matter of the allocation of what the total resources are and what the levels of use are likely to be. Friday has the lowest level of use. The probability of use on Friday evenings is at the very bottom of the scale. If we open at that time, it will mean that we have to take man power from some other period of time in which the use would be considerably greater. That's why we

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aren't open on Fridays.

3. *Ted Christ* - Last year you were down here discussing the Library hours. One of the complaints was that there weren't too many other quiet places on campus where students could go and study. You mentioned that you were going to start looking into other areas on campus that you were considering opening up for students. You mentioned possibly the Mezzanine on the second floor.

*Hal Gibson* - When I suggested that, I was unaware at that time that the Wellness Center would be built this year which took up a considerable amount of space. The Mezzanine doesn't work because it can't be completely closed off. Some previous experiences of having the Mezzanine open when the main floor wasn't didn't work out too well. People would jump over the sides to the main floor. I haven't found anything as of yet.

*Ted Christ* - Are you still looking for another area on campus?

*Hal Gibson* - It seems to be possible to look at some other place simply for the purpose of studying; not directly Library related.

4. *Mike Donahue* - When you compare how long the Library is open on a national level, do you have a comparison of how long it is open on a state level?

*Hal Gibson* - Yes. There is only one other four year state college in the Commonwealth who has longer hours than we do.

5. *Brian Daoust* - You mentioned that on Friday the Library is closed because of lack of use. I think that even if only ten people need to use the Library, it is worthwhile. It's our education. There are databases in there that people need to use.

*Hal Gibson* - I'll take your comments into consideration.

6. *Chris Sault* - Regarding a quiet place to study. Could you keep the stacks open and close the main part of the Library?

*Hal Gibson* - There is never any given moment in a day in which all of the Library Staff is there. We are open 92 hours a week. Even for us to do that, it makes extreme problems for staffing at other times. It's difficult to say what would be the value at hours later than we are currently open.

*Chris Sault* - You could cut the staff down to a quarter of the staff you normally have on just to keep the stacks open. Perhaps just have one student security person guarding the Library door.

*Hal Gibson* - It's kind of misuse of resources to keep the Library open for the purpose simply of studying without some relation to the Library materials. To keep the Library open as a study hall is a very expensive way to create a study hall. Is that what you feel is needed; a place to study?

*Angie Nydam* - If people are looking for a study hall, why not use the SGA Room? A lot of times I will come down here and the room will be empty.

*Steve Pratt* - This year I have tried to open this room up to

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clubs and organizations for their meetings. I'd be more than willing to offer this room to anybody that wants to study.

*Lori Potter* - I think that we should think more about the message we are sending to people. When the educational part of the college closes early on a Friday or Saturday night, that sends a poor message. You don't have to go out on a Friday or Saturday night. If money is the problem, I am confident that we can find the money somewhere. I think we should start sending a positive message that it is all right to stay in on a Friday or Saturday night and exercise your right to study. That is, after all, our first priority. I'm really concerned when you say it's a matter of money.

7. *Steve Dailey* - Are we experiencing a cut back in hours because of lack of use or lack of money?

*Hal Gibson* - Yes it is a significant cost factor. We aren't cutting hours. These hours have been the same for the last 18 months. These hours are comparatively long. It's quite rare for a college library other than a university to be open on a Friday night. Only one of the four year state colleges is open past five on a Friday. This isn't unusual.

8. *Christina Meriano* - Just because everybody else does it doesn't mean that we have to go along with that. Obviously there has been expressed concern that we would like the hours extended. How do you determine whether the Library should be closed on long weekends or not? Have you taken into consideration that there are commuting students and students who don't go home on those long weekends?

*Hal Gibson* - Yes I have considered it based on what I think the relative demand would be. Resources are always limited. If we look at extending those in a period of low use, then we have to take those resources away from some other period of times that the Library is open. It's more reasonable to provide the manpower at the times that there is more use.

9. *Mike Young* - How many workers are usually on total on the weekdays?

*Hal Gibson* - The regular staffing level is usually thirteen.

*Mike Young* - Did you justify the closing the last holiday weekend based on past statistics that said there were not enough students on campus during a holiday weekend?

*Hal Gibson* - In general, yes. As we know from past experience of having tried to be open on Sunday immediately before a Monday holiday, the utilization is extremely low.

*Mike Young* - How many years did you go back to check these statistics?

*Hal Gibson* - We have pretty good data from about three years.

*Mike Young* - I came back on a Monday and had talked to about ten people who wanted to use the Library. Even if just ten people want to use the Library, it should be open. If you have statistics to say that less people go, then cut the staff back. I just don't see the reasoning to keep it closed on a

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Sunday or Monday.

*Hal Gibson* - There isn't that much staff to do that.

10. *Jim Joyce* - When we go home on a long weekend, a lot of people do come back because they have tests and want to use the Library to study. Opening the Library on a Monday night on a holiday weekend would help out a lot.

*Hal Gibson* - I can do it but it is extremely difficult. The Library Staff work under a contract. They have rights to have holidays off. Every professional librarian on the staff works up compensatory overtime during the academic session and takes it off during the summer. That's the only way we maintain the hours that we do.

11. *Owen Johnson* - How much of that decision is yours? If you are not the person to talk too, who should we talk to about getting the hours extended or maybe getting some more staff hired?

*Hal Gibson* - I make those decisions. I make recommendations to the administration about the budget and the staffing level. A few of the new recent improvements we've made and things we are working on is the staffing. In general, it has been increased this year. We have two new full time positions on the Library Staff. We now have a least one regular staff member on duty during our late hours which we previously did not have. We've recently added a new CD rom land for databases. This is an eight work station land. It allows eight people to simultaneously look at the various databases. We've fairly increased the number of databases in the Library and will continue to do so. Those same work stations will be available for student use for internet access. We have over the last twelve months doubled the staff time which we devoted to direct assistance to students.

12. *Lori Potter* - Students aren't on contracts. Why not put them on the weekends and holidays? I'm sure many of them would love the work.

*Hal Gibson* - That doesn't solve the question about what's an adequate staffing level and security considerations. There must be regular staff members on duty when we are open.

*Lori Potter* - In the past you have had an all student staff in the evenings. Can this be done again?

*Hal Gibson* - That is true in the past. It will no longer be true in the future. It's not a reasonable situation, especially for security purposes to only have students on duty in the Library. Some of the things we are working on and expect to have completed before the end of the academic year is an online catalog, some databases available on the campus wide network and we will have open periodical stacks. It's difficult to say when they will be completed but hopefully it will be by the end of the calendar year.

13. *Joanne Avery* - A lot of periodicals already have pages missing. Don't you think opening the periodical stack will

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increase theft.

*Hal Gibson* - It may or may not. We have certain security considerations remaining in tact.

14. *Christina Meriano* - President Applbaum, since you have heard our concerns, I was wondering if you had any extra pockets for money if this were a possibility to extend library hours?  
*Dr. Applbaum* - All Librarians under the state contract are classified as Faculty. What is going to happen shortly is the supervisors will make a request for faculty. I don't know what is being requested. The problem is that there are more requests for positions than we have money for. When I get the requests, I will make the decisions. I don't know if the request in the Library is more in demand than a request in another department. It is a possibility but I can't tell you for sure.
15. *Hal Gibson* - I'll be glad to discuss the Library hours with any of you individually.  
*Lori Potter* - I just want to make sure that the requests for staff are made. They are very much in demand.  
*Steve Pratt* - There have been many positive changes since Mr. Gibson has been here. There has been additional staff and services added. I want to thank him for doing this thank him for coming down this evening.

**B. Steve Pratt recognized Amy Szlachetka, Director of the Wellness Center:**

*The following dialogue is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.*

1. *Amy Szlachetka* - Based on the number of people that have come through those doors since January, I can say I think you people are enjoying the Wellness Center to some extent. There have been over 10,000 people who have come through for an exercise program. I've had about 814 during February alone to participate in Aerobic Dance Classes. I hired a part time exercise specialist for twenty hours a week to assist in managing the facility. I think things are running fairly smoothly. I haven't had any major complaints. We have been actively involved in conducting individual fitness assessments. We've had many tours coming through. I have more and more students coming down who are physically challenged. I've had the opportunity to work with them in setting up a program. There is going to be a change in the aerobics program. When you get back from break, there will be a revised aerobics program. Part of my focus is to get the guys to participate in the aerobic programs. I have talked to a lot of guys and they are very interested in participating in step classes. What I'm doing is having a guys only class on Sunday night. The other change is to add an abdominal workout class for the guys around the supper hour. I think that I'm going to have a lot of people who want to participate in that class and if I do, I'm going to create more classes.

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2. *Lori Potter* - I was wondering if you were going to add some more aerobics classes in general because I've heard from a lot of people that they are hard to get into.  
*Amy Szlachetka* - No I'm not going to be adding any more aerobic classes. What I've been doing is keeping count of how many people take the classes. I offer 28 classes per week. I'm changing the MWF aerobics class from noon until 12:30 p.m. so if you have a class at 11:30, you can still make it. On Tuesday and Thursdays, I'm changing the noon class to accommodate your schedules. As far as getting into the classes, there are a lot of people interested in getting into the classes. Usually 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. are the peak times. However, I offer classes up through 7:30 p.m. There are plenty of classes to choose from.
3. *Alex Kennedy* - Are there any water aerobics classes?  
*Amy Szlachetka* - Not at this time. It is something I will consider, though, in the fall. I've had a few people approach me about it.
4. *Alex Kennedy* - Have you found your weights yet?  
*Amy Szlachetka* - I haven't yet but I'm not giving up hope.
5. *Joanne Avery* - Have you thought about doing some programs on health and nutrition or other health aspects?  
*Amy Szlachetka* - Absolutely. That is one of my goals for the Wellness Center; to offer more programs. I think that this semester that has been so much to start up. Whether or not that will occur this semester, I'm not sure but you can be sure that by the fall semester we will have some programs.
- C. *Barry Murphy*, Director of MIS, has approached me regarding a new Committee he is forming. The Committee will be dealing with Internet issues on campus. Specifically Gopher and Home Page, two ways WSC would have presence on the Internet. The Committee is made up of three administrators, Larry Griffith from Computer Science and Jeanne Julian from Public Affairs. He is looking for some computer science students or any student who is interested in these issues. If anyone is interested, please see me.
- D. *Catherine Ryan*, Acting Director of Financial Aid, needs four student representatives for the Scholarship Committee. In order to avoid a conflict of interest, she is asking that the students not be scholarship applicants. If anyone is interested in helping out with this process, please see me.
- E. President *Applbaum* is looking for two Seniors to serve on the Senior Survey Committee. This Committee will help develop a survey to be administered to the Class of 1995. The Committee is interested in finding out what students thought about the quality of their education at WSC. The survey will be repeated one, five and ten years after the class graduates to see if their opinions have changed. The Committee will meet on March 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parenzo Board Room. If any Seniors are interested, please see me.
- F. Professor *Brad Art* from the Faculty Union is planning an open meeting with the student body. This will be a question and answer

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session concerning union issues. We both feel that students have a lot of questions and some fears about what has happened and what may happen in the future. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 27 at 2:30 p.m.

- G. Maureen McCartney, Director of Career Services, feels that it may be beneficial to SGA to make the Career Services Newsletter available in the SGA Office. I feel that it would be great to have this in our SGA mailboxes.
- H. Blue Key nominations close of March 8 at 5:00 p.m. Get those nominations in!

The President's report was accepted.

IV. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: *Kim Shea*

A. Student Life Committee: *Kim Shea*

- 1. The Student Life Committee will meet on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the SGA Room.

B. Parking Control Board: No Report

C. Alcohol Review Board: *Mark Trainor*

- 1. ARB will meet on March 8 at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

D. Health Committee: *Sarah Anderson*

- 1. Health Services will offer two lectures which are open to all students:

March 13

"Eating Disorders and Nutrition"

6:30 p.m. in Courtney Hall

April 4

"CPR and Heimlich Maneuvar Demonstrations"

6:30 p.m. in Courtney Hall

- 2. The Health Survey that we have been talking about was written and will hopefully be distributed soon.

- 3. The Health Committee will meet on April 4 at 4:00 p.m.

E. Food Services Committee: *Kerri McQueston*

- 1. Parts are being ordered for the Frozen Yogurt Machine. Another machine of comparable or a larger size is being ordered. The original machine couldn't handle the capacity of use. Expect yogurt after the break and until then, they will order hard frozen yogurt.

- 2. There is a problem with roaches in the Dining Commons. They spray ever two weeks and will be bombing again during break.

- 3. Morrisons is looking for more feedback on changes in the menu.

- 4. Sandwich makers are being considered to accommodate grilled cheese requests.

- 5. Food Services will meet on March 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the Private Dining Room.

F. Neighborhood Association Committee: *Chrissy O'Loughlin*

- 1. NAC will meet briefly after Senate.

G. Student Affairs Committee: No Report

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

**V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--PROGRAMMING: Christina Meriano**

- A. At 8:00 p.m. tonight in Dever Auditorium Allan "Mac" McHale & The Old Time Radio Gang will be performing. This is a FREE program.
- B. On March 15 there will be a Coffeehouse/Open Mic Night along with a "Taste of China." FREE gourmet coffee and FREE americanized Chinese cuisine will be offered. This will take place at 8:00 p.m. in the Ely Lounge.
- C. CAB finalized a list of bands to bid on for Spring Weekend. (We have not placed any bids yet.)
- D. CAB will meet on March 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

The Vice President's Report--Programming was accepted.

**VI. FINANCE REPORT: Kim Harper/Emily Wilson**

**A. Finance Committee: Kim Harper**

1. Kim Harper moved that SGA allocate \$302.40 to the Latino Association for Empowerment for a dinner banquet on March 29:  
The following dialogue is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.
  - a. Ted Christ - What type of advertising are you planning on doing for this?  
George Ramirez - Posters and Flyers throughout campus.
  - b. Leah Orsini - Who is invited and how many people can go?  
George Ramirez - Everyone can go. It's \$5.00 per person and \$7.00 per couple.
  - c. Steve Dailey - How come you are asking for money for food and then charging the people to attend?  
George Ramirez - Because the money is going to go for our jackets. It's a fund raiser.
  - d. Ted Christ - I thought it was customary for us to give a loan for fund raising?  
Kim Harper - We are giving them this money for the dinner. We aren't giving it to them for their jackets.
  - e. Stephanie Hunter - I recommend that you stress that it is open to the entire campus.  
George Ramirez - It is. We have made posters to advertise it.
  - f. Stacey Proscio - Where is the other half of the money coming from?  
George Ramirez - Ticket Sales  
Chris Sault - (Point of Information) Every time that you fund raise, you have projected ticket sales.
  - g. Jen Lejman - They are preparing the food themselves. I think we should support them.
  - h. Kerri McQueston - How did Finance vote?  
Kim Harper - nine in favor, one abstention.

The Motion was accepted with six abstentions (Ted Christ, Stephanie Hunter, Kara Martin, Leah Orsini, Emily Wilson



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and Lori Potter).

2. The Finance Committee meets on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.
- B. You all have copies of the 1995/96 Student Senate Trust Fund Budget in your mailboxes. Please look them over and bring any questions to the next SGA Meeting.

The Finance Committee Report was accepted.

**VII. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Cindy Pucillo/Denise Gould**

**A. Publicity Committee: Cindy Pucillo**

1. The Publicity Committee will meet on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

**B. Senate Banquet Committee: No Report**

- C. Attendance is posted. If you have three absences, please see Denise by the end of the week.

The Secretary's Report was accepted.

**VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: Lori Potter**

**A. All College Committee: No Report**

**B. Academic Policies Committee: No Report**

**C. Curriculum Committee: No Report**

**D. Long Range Planning Committee: No Report**

- E. Action items on the agenda for the March 6 Board of Trustees Meeting were accepted. In addition, Professor Evelyn Gilbert from Criminal Justice resigned (effective May 31, 1995). Miles Woodhouse from Minority Affairs retired effective March 11, 1995. At the meeting, Dr. Martin gave us copies of an Alumni Survey. Dr. Martin and other members of the Committee want to keep track of alumni progress. It will be done ever five, ten and fifteen years. There will also be a survey for Seniors just prior to graduation. President Applbaum announced the Graduation Speaker. It is Judge Eduardo Robreno who is the first Cuban/American lawyer elevated to the bench. He is a 1967 graduate of Westfield State College.

- F. On March 10 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a House Ways and Means Meeting on the fiscal 1996 Budget and House I Budget. The Council of Presidents will oppose House I because it calls for a significant reduction in funding for higher education institutions. The Council of Presidents will support the budget approved by HECC for Fiscal 96 because it calls for an increase of 8% in funding.

- G. Steve Pratt and I will be going to an SAC Meeting at Worcester State on March 9. Chancellor of Higher Education, Stanley Koplik, will be attending.

The Board of Trustees' Report was accepted.

**IX. BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT: Jim Joyce**

- A. We may have to look into raising the check cashing fee for payroll checks.

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- B. There will be new flooring, lighting and furniture in the Ely Lounge. There will not be coming from the Student Union Trust Fund.

*The following dialogue is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.*

1. Christina Meriano - Where is the money coming from?  
President Applbaum - Part of the money is coming from the Morrison's Contract. The rest will come from interest generated from accounts that we have.

The Board of Governors' Report was accepted.

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Rules and Regulations Committee: Ted Christ**

1. The Attendance Bylaws were just accepted through Rules and Regulations.

*The following dialogue is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.*

- a. Steve Dailey - What is in the Constitution now about how excuses are given and what excuses are valid for attendance?  
Ted Christ - The Constitution shouldn't be that specific. When we wrote the Constitution last year, we deliberately didn't put things like that in so they can be included in the bylaws.

- b. Steve Dailey - How do we run it right now?  
Denise Gould - It's at my discretion. That's how I'm handling it this semester.

- c. Matt Odell - Perhaps we should add in the bylaws that the form of the excuse is up to the discretion of the Secretary.

Ted Christ - Section 2B3. A form of an excuse being written or verbal shall be decided by the Legislative Secretary at the beginning of each academic year.

Steve Pratt - Maybe it should add that it be made known to the Legislature at the beginning of the year.

- d. Denise Gould - I don't think it is right that someone who is reinstated begins with zero absences. If they miss meetings, they shouldn't start from zero. Maybe cut it in half but I don't think it is fair.

Ted Christ - I understand but disagree. The reason I put it at zero is because a Senator has to come down and petition SGA for an appeal and they have to receive a three-fourths vote to be reinstated. That's far more than majority. It's really difficult to achieve a three-fourths vote. If you're reinstating someone, it is because of legitimate excuses why the person missed the meetings. That's the only reason why SGA should be reinstating anyone. To start someone off at two absences and to hold them accountable for things that they have previously done would really be defeating the purpose

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as to why SGA would be reinstating them to begin with.

- e. *Mike Donahue* - There is nothing in the Hall Constitutions that says how a person can get reappointed. A person can get reappointed by the Hall Council and the Hall would never know about the absences they incurred on Senate or the fact that they were removed.

*Ted Christ* - That is up to your Constitution. That is not specified in the SGA Constitution. How people are elected or appointed in your Hall Council is different from SGA. We can't say how Scanlon or any other Hall is going to nominate, elect or appoint somebody to a position. If you want to correct the situation, the place to go would be your own Hall Council.

Ted Christ moved that SGA accept the Constitutional Amendment.

- f. *Owen Johnson* - How long does the Secretary have to notify the Senator prior to removal?

*Ted Christ* - I added "for informational purposes only." The time factor does not matter. If that's unclear, I will add it.

- g. *Steve Dailey* - Is there any way that we could add in that the Secretary should inform the Legislature?

*Ted Christ* - Section C will state that the Legislative Secretary shall notify the Legislature of respective removals.

The motion was accepted. Ted Christ moved to accept the Attendance Bylaws. The Motion was accepted. Ted Christ moved to accept the Legislative Accountability Bylaws.

- h. *Owen Johnson* - In Section 2, I move to amend that it include all members and to not include numbers one, two and three.

*Kerri McQueston* - I disagree. I think during your third and fourth year you become more involved in SGA and you do a lot more. I don't think they should have to do a half hour.

*Owen Johnson* - I'm a first year Senator and I have a lot to do also. If I can make it down here for my half hour, so can everyone else.

Garrett Ford moved to refer the Legislative Accountability Bylaws back to Committee. The Motion was accepted.

2. On March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the SGA Room, Rule and Regulations will meet. It will be an open meeting and anyone can come to discuss this issue. If anyone can't make this meeting but has questions, please leave a note in my box and I will get back to you.

B. Exchange Committee: No Report

C. Athletic Council: No Report

The Rules and Regulations Committee Report was accepted.

**XI. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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**G. Substance Advisory Committee: Emily Wilson**

1. SAC reorganized our agenda. Our next focus will be on review of the current alcohol and drug policies.
2. The Substance Advisory Committee will meet on March 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parenzo Board Room.

The Substance Advisory Committee Report was accepted.

**XII. COMMUTER COUNCIL, THIRD WORLD, HALL AND CLASS REPORTS:**

**A. Commuter Council: Owen Johnson**

1. Susan Basque addressed the Council concerning the Commuter Handbook and offered a section in next years Student Handbook solely for Commuters. The Council voted to accept this offer and have started to discuss the project.
2. Iris Anderson has resigned from SGA due to time constraints. She will still serve on Commuter Council and on the ad hoc Commuter Study Committee.
3. Commuter Council meets on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the SGA Room.

**B. Third World Organization: George Ramirez**

1. Third World would like to recognize the following students for their new positions:  
Sophia Mattis - President  
Michele Campbell - Vice President  
Sandra Kabrew - Parliamentarian  
Latoya Wilson - Public Relations  
George Ramirez - Representative to Senate
2. The Third World Organization will meet on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Third World Room.

**C. Senior Class: No Report**

**D. Junior Class: Janice Murphy**

1. The Class of 1996 officers sent out a letter last week requesting another Advisor to help us out. We received a response from Father Dean and he will be our new Advisor. We hopefully will be hearing from some others as well.
2. On March 13 at 4:00 p.m. the Class of 1996 will meet with members of the Campus Center Staff to discuss the Student Union Trust Fund Budget and its annual allocation to the incoming Senior Class as well as the Class of 1996 budget for next year.
3. On March 7 I met with Daryl Hendery, Andy Johnson, Christina Meriano and Kevin Joslyn to discuss an outstanding bill from the Winter White Stag. I would like to thank all who attended the meeting. The decision of the three parties involved was to split the bill evenly.
4. The Class is beginning preparations for Convocation.
5. The Class of 1996 will meet on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

**E. Sophomore Class: Corey Brackett**

1. Corey Brackett moved that SGA accept the appointment of

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Kelly Orgera as a Representative to SGA from the Class of 1997:

*The following dialogue is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.*

a. Leah Orsini - Why was she removed and how was she reinstated?

Corey Brackett - She was removed because she missed too many half hours and she was reinstated at our meeting this afternoon. The Class Officers from the Class of 1997 voted to reinstate her.

b. Steve Dailey - How many absences will she start out with if she is reinstated?

Steve Pratt - She will start out with zero just like a new Representative would.

c. Leah Orsini - How was the position advertised to your Class?

Corey Brackett - We didn't advertise it. She was elected at the beginning of the year by the Class so we decided that it wasn't necessary.

d. Cindy Pucillo - Has she been attending Class Meetings regularly?

Corey Brackett - Yes.

The Motion was accepted with two abstentions (Kristen Legor and Dan Tambascia).

2. The Class of 1997 will meet on March 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

**F. Freshman Class: Garrett Ford**

1. Garrett Ford moved that SGA accept the nomination of Tony Chiuchiolo as President of the Class of 1998:

*The following dialogue is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.*

a. Jen Legor - You didn't open this up to the campus. How can you justify Tony as being the best person?

Garrett Ford - We had an open door meeting and no one came.

Sarah Anderson - (Point of Information) It was in the Minutes that Tony was removed from Senate and that we were looking for a new President.

b. Megan McPartland - Did you ever consider having the Vice President take over? Also, I know that no one in Davis knew about this so you weren't even leaving people an option to come down to the meeting and offer their opinion.

c. Kim Harper - I don't care how long is left in the semester. The opportunity was not given.

Kerri McQuestion moved to call the Question. The motion to Call the Question was accepted. The motion was accepted with seven abstentions (Denise Gould, Dan Tambascia, Kelly Orgera, Leah Orsini, Janice Murphy, Jen Lejman and Mike Donahue).

2. The Class of 1998 will meet on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the

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Scanlon Mailroom.

G. Apartment Complex: No Report

H. Courtney Hall: Brian Daoust

1. The Mr. Courtney Contest will be held on April 6. We have twelve contestants. I will update you as plans continue.
2. We will be having a pizza party on March 13 at 9:00 p.m. in the Main Lounge. We will be getting the pizza from Liquori's Pizza and this is open to all residents.
3. We are also discussing the possibility of a barbeque in the spring as well as selling T-Shirts.

I. Davis Hall: No Report

J. Dickinson Hall: No Report

K. Lammers Hall: Christine O'Loughlin

1. We will be having our STD Information Night on March 8 in the Lammers Activities Room. The movie is entitled, "Can I get AIDS?" Along with that we have a guest speaker who works with disadvantaged youths in this area. This event is open to the entire campus community.
2. The Lammers Hall Council will meet on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lammers Activities Room.

L. Scanlon Hall: Jen Legor

1. Hall Council is planning a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Banquet Hall.
2. Hall Council met with Bill Ouval for a Diversity Training Meeting from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Davis Commons Room.
3. Scanlon Hall Council will meet on March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Scanlon Mailroom.

The Commuter Council, Third World, Class and Hall Reports were accepted.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Motion to open New Business. Erin Griffith recognized Angie Nydam who was removed from SGA due to excessive absences:

*The following dialogue is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.*

1. Angie Nydam - I was removed from Senate because of having four absences which were all Meetings. Some of my absences should have been excused. When I registered my excuses, they were rejected. Because of this I am removed from Senate. On November 15 I asked to be excused for a memorial service. I asked to be excused for an entire meeting. Someone who also attended the Service returned to Senate after the Service. I had obligations after the Memorial Service to attend too. I was marked absent for the second roll call, which I think is wrong. On November 22, the meeting before Thanksgiving, a lot of Senators missed the meeting. Denise decided on November 29 that there would be no absences for that meeting even if

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you had registered an excuse, which I had. I was informed that I had two and one half absences at the end of last semester. When I came back this semester, I was told that I had four but could still stay on because you had to exceed four absences. So I have been on Senate with four absences since December 6. To me I feel that Denise has acted inconsistently.

2. *Erin Griffith* - I also called on November 22. I thought I was excused but I wasn't.

*Erin Griffith* moved to reinstate *Angie Nydam* to SGA.

3. *Denise Gould* - *Angela Nydam* has been removed from SGA as a result of violating the Attendance Policy. She had missed four meetings; therefore, she can not make up these absences. All of the absences were accumulated within a short period of time. She also received two excused roll calls by *Cindy*. She received written notice of her status every absence after her third absence. She had only approached me once to dispute an absence. I feel I have been fair in my decision. I feel I have done the job required by the SGA Constitution. I have evaluated the situation and feel my reasons for making the decisions are valid and I stand by them.

4. *Janice Murphy* - Have you ever sent an alternate?

*Angie Nydam* - No. I've asked people to go for me but they wouldn't go.

*Corey Brackett* moved to Call the Question. The motion to Call the Question was accepted. The Motion fails.

- B. *Kim Harper* recognized *Christina Obar* who was removed from Senate due to excessive absences:

*The following dialogue is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.*

1. *Christina Obar* - I was removed from Senate. My argument is that you are allowed four, not up to four. Last weeks meeting put me over the top. I tried to send an alternate but neither one of my Hall Council members could go. I was under the assumption that only Hall Council members could go.

*Kim Shea* moved to reinstate *Christina Obar* as President of Dickinson Hall. The Motion fails. Motion to Close New Business.

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. *Ted Christ* - Rules and Regulations will meet on March 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. *Lori Potter* - I contacted *Mike Knapik* to come down to Senate. There might be a chance that he will come after break.
- C. *Christine O'Loughlin* - The event in Lammers is open to the entire campus.

**XVI. ROLL CALL:** *Eric Kester* and *Sean Kelley* were absent

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XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia R. Pucillo  
Executive Secretary

Denise M. Gould  
Secretary of the Legislature

CRP/DMG/bh

cc: Peter Mazza  
Paul Mei  
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George Sicaras  
Jon Conlogue  
Joan Fuller  
Daryl Hendery  
Adrene Adams  
Paul Bogan  
Maureen McCartney  
Dorothy Phelps  
Amy Szlachetka  
Pat Rix  
Kathi Bradford  
Tom Stewart  
Andy Johnson  
Edna Wilander  
Sue Basque



Date: March 3, 1995

To: Campus Community

From: Amy Szlachetka *AS*  
Manager, Wellness Center

Subject: The Disappearance of Two 20-lb. Dumbbell Weights from the Fitness Area of the Wellness Center.

On Thursday, March 2, 1995 between 2:30 PM and 9:00 PM two 20-lb. dumbbell weights were stolen from the Fitness Area of the Wellness Center. These dumbbell weights were stored on the weight rack near the men's entrance/exit to the Fitness Area. **I expect the person or persons who took the dumbbells to return them to the weight rack in the Fitness Area where they belong so no further action will have to be taken!**

This incident has discouraged me from purchasing additional dumbbell weights ranging from 55-100 lbs. that have been requested by many students, faculty, and staff. I want those two 20-lb. dumbbell weights returned to the Fitness Area weight rack so I can justify ordering additional equipment.

If you know the person or persons who took these two 20-lb. dumbbells, please point them in the direction of the Wellness Center. Thank you in advance for your attention and support in this matter.

The Latino Association For Empowerment, plans to have a dinner Banquet, to celebrate our approval by S. G. A.. The dinner will be held in Scamlon Banquet Hall, Wednesday March 29, 19. In order to have the Spanish food prepared properly, the food will be cooked by the L. A. F. E. members.

The L. A. F. E. organization, would like to ask S. G. A.'s Finance committee for \$450.<sup>00</sup> for the purchase of the food. And L. A. F. E. would like to ask for an additional \$77.40, for the use of the silverware, plates etc. by Mansons food service. All totals out to, \$527.40 cents.

George Ramirez  
President

## **ATTENDANCE BYLAWS**

### **SECTION 1 - REMOVAL**

- A. An excess of four (4) unexcused absences shall result in removal.

### **SECTION 2 - ABSENCES**

- A. The following shall constitute a half absence:

Missing a Roll Call  
Missing a Committee Meeting  
Missing an Office Half Hour

- B. An excused half absence regarding:

1. Roll call, a committee meeting or office time may be granted by the Secretary of the Legislature or the SGA President.
2. A committee meeting may also be granted by the Chair of the respective committee.

- C. A member of the Legislature may appeal to the Rules and Regulations Committee to reverse a decision in reference to an excused or unexcused absence so long as the complaint is registered in writing to the Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee within two (2) SGA Meetings. A reversal shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

- D. All other absences shall be considered unexcused except if specified differently in Section 2, Subsection B.

- E. Making up an absence:

1. Absences due to missed roll calls may not be made up.
2. Absences due to a committee meeting or office half hours may be made up at the discretion of the Secretary of the Legislature or the President.

### **SECTION 3 - REINSTATEMENT**

- A. Any Senator, once removed, may petition the Legislature to be reinstated:

1. This shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote by the Legislature for the petitioner to be reinstated.
2. This vote may not be vetoed or reconsidered (refer to Article V Section 2 Subsection K).

- B. Provisions:

1. All absences previously accumulated must be made up within five (5) class days.
2. How to make up the absences shall be specified in the Motion to reinstate the Senator. These specifications may include:
  - a. Four (4) hours of SGA related work in the SGA Office.
  - b. Assist in a specific project or program.
  - c. Work for the betterment of the college community.
3. The petitioner, if reinstated, begins again with zero (0) absences.
4. If any Senator violates the attendance policy a second time, he/she may not be reinstated.

**NOTE:** Any constituency has the democratic right to reappoint/reelect any representative so as to best represent their interests. Said election/appointment must receive approval by a majority vote of the Legislature.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

### **SECTION 4 - REPRESENTATIVE REMOVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

- A. A representative will be removed from the SGA if he/she violates the Attendance Bylaws.
- B. It will be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Legislature of the SGA to notify the Senator prior to removal for informational purposes only.

## **LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY BYLAWS**

### **SECTION 1**

All members of the Legislature shall be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) SGA recognized committee (refer to Committee Bylaws).

### **SECTION 2**

All first and second year members of the SGA shall be required to spend a minimum of one scheduled half hour in the SGA Office.

1. This shall help new members of SGA become more familiar with its workings and the structure of SGA.
2. This shall provide the SGA office with assistance in day to day operations.
3. This shall allow more experienced Senators to take on special projects and Chair Committees by limiting time commitments.