**Student Government Association Minutes**

April 10, 2012

1. ROLL CALL: Ross Beck, Tim Egan, Caitlin Turner, Hannah Persson, Anthony Oberg, Olivia Dumas, Steven Evans, Brian Lanciault, Aerin Andre, Joyniqua Hall, and Courtney Keddy were absent. Danielle Morin, Caitlyn Greenleaf and Allie McLaughlin sent alternates. Nick Villante was excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 03, 2012: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Hello everyone. We have two presentations tonight. First, we have Curt Robie to talk about the updates on the Campus Center Renovations plan.
   * + 1. **Curt Robie**: What you have in front of you will be sent out, to students probably tomorrow, April 11th. As you all know, we are doing major renovations to the Ely Campus Center. This is a very aggressive project. It will be a tight schedule. We will actually, only be able to finish the campus center side of the building, in the fall semester. In order to be able to complete the campus center side on time, we need to start before the semester ends. I have been working with many staff and faculty members, to close the campus center a little early, to being the projects. It is a huge project, especially in the Wellness Center. We will also be making improvements to the pool, the Campus Center, and the Basement. Most importantly, to you all, we will be adding a full service Dunkin Donuts. I have given you all a schedule of events that will be going out to students, feel free to ask any questions on that. As far as University Hall goes, we are underway. We are one month ahead of schedule. By the time students return in the fall, the structure of the building should be almost done. We will be opening the building in the fall of 2013. We will have an extremely busy schedule this summer, but it will all be worth it. Feel free to come to me with any questions. We also are making updates to the dugouts on the baseball and softball fields.
3. Second, we have Kathi Bradford and Nanci Salvidio to talk about ta new program from the Alumni Office.
   * + 1. **Nanci Salvidio**: Thank you for having us. We are here to present a unique new opportunity called the “Lifetime Owls”. We have presented it to Dr. Dobelle, and some of your leaders in this room. I will turn it over to Kathi Bradford.
       2. **Kathi Bradford:** Basically, the Lifetime Owls program will come from a fee, on your bill, that you can opt into. The student fee is discounted from the parent fee, and is a lifetime membership, to the alumni program. This will give many offices, additional dollars, to do with as they please. The Alumni office, will give a portion of the fees collected to various offices. such as athletics, and SGA/CAB. This means, the money coming in will go right back out. This also gives us a chance to interact with students, on a more regular basis. If you look at the page with the numbers on it, you will see the significance.
       3. **Nanci Salvidio:** Since we are giving other organizations a portion of the fees collected, you will see the true results of what you are paying into. You will see that even if only 5% of students pay into the fee, organizations such as your SGA and CAB will receive a significant amount of no strings attached money. You guys can increase programming, your travel budget, or anything else you want.
       4. **Kathi Bradford:** When you look in the brochure, and you see the scholarships, t-shirts, and other programs in the programming, that portion comes completely out of the alumni portion of the program, not from the budget given to you all. The best part is that you also benefit from the parent program. We investigated that no other school does this, so we will be brand new and cutting edge. They have a mandatory fee for a similar program at the University of Colorado, but we felt it was important to give the option.
       5. **Nanci Salvidio:** One part of the program, I like, is the travel voucher that you can get, in year two of the program.
       6. **Kathi Bradford:** Based on the number of students, who pay the waivable fees, on your bill already, this program, will be successful. I also want to point out; we are not locked into this name, if anyone else has any ideas.
       7. **Stephanie Close:** I think it looks great. I was just curious if it would be a waivable or an opt-in fee?
       8. **Nanci Salvidio:** It will be an opt-in fee.
       9. **Amy Wing:** I really like this. I would suggest that part of the program, would be, that you would be able to keep your Westfield e-mail, to stay in touch with the University after graduation.
       10. **Kathi Bradford:** I like that suggestion.
       11. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: So, I am a sophomore, if this is implemented next year, would I get to take advantage of the benefits that we can get for all the years?
       12. **Nanci Salvidio**: You would not, because the program is really built to join their first year. You could still get the advantages for the level you are at.
       13. **Meaghan MacDonald**: Is the Alumni Mentor Program mentioned here, different from the other program that already exists?
       14. **Kathi Bradford:** With this new program it will be exclusive to those in the program, and the mentoring network nights will still be open to all students. We will differentiate between the two.
       15. **Tom Durkee:** I would suggest pulling from somewhere else on the student side, and making the SGA/CAB percentage larger, just so the money current students are paying affects them more.
       16. **Nanci Salvidio:** That would be tough because then we would have to pull from somewhere else, but it is something to consider. Also keep in mind you guys get money from the parent fees too.
       17. **Brandon Burr:** Will you guys put on the programs mentioned in the benefits?
       18. **Kathi Bradford:** It would be out of the Alumni Budget, but we may ask CAB for help to put it on. It would not come out of the SGA/CAB funds though.
       19. **Ryan Meersman:** Based on the straw poll, everyone is in favor of the program.
4. First, I want to give some information on something coming to us next week. The All College Committee is currently in discussions in regarding the new academic space. They are deliberating right now on various ways to aggregate campus opinion. Next week, I will be presenting some of the various options that have been proposed. What I would like to do is leave that meeting with an official SGA recommendation.
5. Tomorrow night, starting at 10:00 am in the Dinning Commons, there will be Pancakes with the President. All are welcomed to attend.
6. Finally, and Krysta Livingstone will speak more to this, please encourage your friends to vote. We have a couple contested races and we had a record turnout last year, let’s see that continue to trend upward. Thank you to everyone who ran for positions.
7. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 5:30 pm.
8. Items not listed on the agenda:
9. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
10. Next Tuesday, April 17th, the Strategic Planning Committee will be down to discuss the plan for the University for the next five years, so please come with questions. Look for an email from Lou Cimaglia or myself, with what they will be bringing down. I also want to really applaud you all on the MASSPIRG discussion last week. I hope the good discussion will continue. I enjoy hearing healthy discussion and having everyone speak their mind. What we say and do is taken seriously, and it is important to give our feedback. Right now, I have to say I am not a fan of the new mission statement the Strategic Planning Committee has come up with, so please pay special attention to that to see how you feel about it. Also pay attention to the Values Statement to see if you would lmake any changes. I know the committee really wants to hear our feedback. The trustees meet on Thursday, I encourage you to come and see what is going on.
11. There will be another State House Day on April 23rd, please let me know if you wish to attend. This is a great opportunity, so I really want you all to consider it. We will be able to take one van full.
    * + 1. **Lindsey Howe**: I know MASSPIRG has been doing a lot of campaigning to vote yes, is it within our rights to encourage students to do otherwise?
        2. **Ryan Meersman**: I don’t think I would be interested in doing that. I think our purpose, was to set the question to be on the ballot. SGA could make a motion to say how we feel about the question. I don’t personally want to say yes or no to another organization that gives student opportunities.
12. All College Committee: **No Report**
13. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
14. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
15. Alumni Report**: No Report**
16. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
17. Hi everyone, as I said, last week, the last Blood Drive of the year is coming up. I’m going to pass the sign-up sheet around for volunteers for that day. Please just get this back to me by the end of the meeting.
18. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
19. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
20. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
21. Health Committee: **No Report**
22. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
23. Sustainability Committee**: No Report**
24. Student Athletic Advisory Board: Ian Wilson
    * + 1. NCAA D-III week is underway. We opened up yesterday with 10 athletes doing to Franklin Avenue School. We spoke to 4th and 5th graders about sportsmanship and the importance of working together within a team.
        2. Tomorrow, April 11, 2012 there is an academic meeting for returning athletes, to educate them on the academic side of D-111 athletics.
        3. Thursday, April 12th there is a softball game at 3:00 pm, a women’s lacrosse game at 7:00 pm, wear pink. At the game they will be honoring accomplished athletes.
        4. To finish the week, on Friday, April 13th ice hockey players will skate with the YMCA Kids at Amelia Park.
        5. Our next meeting is on April 16th at 8:00 pm in the Woodward Center.
25. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
26. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
27. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
28. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
29. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
30. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
31. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
32. Institutional Assessment Committee: **No Report**
33. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
34. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
35. Learning Communities**: No Report**
36. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
37. Programming update: Hey everyone
    * + 1. So there are fewer than 200 tickets left for the concert, so if you still haven’t gotten yours make sure you do.
        2. We also have a scavenger hunt on April 11th starting at 7:00 pm upstairs. You have to sign your team up on CAB *facebook* on our *faceboo*k event page. Also, the grand prize is $200, $100 in Amex card and 4-$25.00 gift cards to various restaurants. Second prize is 4 - $25.00 gift cards to different restaurants.
38. Neighborhood Association Committee: **No Report**
39. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
40. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
41. Finance Report: **No Report**
42. Foundation Report**: No Report**
43. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
44. Executive Secretary Report: Krysta Livingstone
    * + 1. Signature papers for next year were due on Friday, So I hope you got yours in, if you plan to run for a position.
        2. Voting will take place on Tuesday, April 17th and 20th from 9:00 am on Tuesday until Wednesday April 18th at 11:59 pm. Please tell all your friends, roommates and residents to vote.
45. Legislative Secretary Report: Amy Wing
    1. State house day is awesome, please participate.
    2. No one passed in a t-shirt design so I am sure you all know what you are doing for April units.
    3. April units are due at the end of the month, I will be sending out an email with unit opportunities.
    4. Please submit pictures for the award banquet.
       1. **Ryan Meersman**: I just want to make sure everyone knows to set time aside for the banquet, it is a really nice night, and I hope you all attend to be recognized for the service that you have done.
46. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
47. Commuter Council: **No Report**
48. Senior Class: Meaghan MacDonald
    1. May 11th is the senior rehearsal at 5:00 pm. After the rehearsal, I’m happy to announce, we are having a senior sendoff buffet dinner. With a senior slide show and Comedy Central will be sending 3 acts, I don’t know who they are going to be, so it will be awesome.
    2. Please RSVP soon to the senior sendoff dinner. There will be another e-mail that goes out soon that will have senior updates, including senior night, senior salute, and senior send off. Senior salute will be held on April 18th from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm.
    3. Our next scheduled meeting is April 12th at 5:15 pm in the SGA office.
49. Junior Class: **No Report**
50. Sophomore Class: Taylor Fote
    * + 1. Tickets are on sale this week for Mr. Westfield and they are $2.00 for students. So please go and buy yourtickets. We will also be in the Dinning commons on Friday, April 13th from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm, so if you are there this week end come buy stars for any contestants you wish to support.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting will be on April 16th at 5:00 pm in the SGA conference room.
51. Freshman Class: Richard Darrach
    * + 1. We’ve sold over 75 t-shirts in just 3 days of setting up a table in Ely in Wilson and demand is big enough we just ordered more, they will be available at the service window and it can be paid for with owl bucks. We are projecting a lot of sales.
        2. The week of April 23rd the class reps with the Vice President will be going to the 4 dorms with freshman along with commuter café to promote SGA, Shirts and to get class input and feedback.
        3. On May 5th we’re hosting 15’s finest, at noon. There will be the freshman 100 dodge ball challenge, video games and trivia in Dickinson at 3:00 pm with more challenges to come.
52. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
53. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
54. Davis Hall: **No Report**
55. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
56. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
57. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
58. New Hall: **No Report**
59. Scanlon Hall: No Report
60. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**: None**
61. NEW BUSINESS:
62. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
63. **Tori Downs**: There will be a food committee survey coming out late this week.
64. **Ryan Meersman**: Can I have the statehouse day signups?
65. **Meaghan MacDonald**: 39 Days until commencement.
66. ROLL CALL: Ross Beck, Tim Egan, Caitlin Turner, Hannah Persson, Anthony Oberg, Olivia Dumas, Steven Evens, Aerin Andre, Joyniqua Hall, and Courtney Keddy were absent. Danielle Morin and Caitlynn Greenleaf sent alternates. Nick Villante was excused.
67. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.