**Student Government Association Minutes**

September 20, 2011

1. ROLL CALL: Meaghan MacDonald, Lauren Avery, and Alex Keefe were absent. Kristen Brunell was excused; Nico Helems sent and alternate.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2011: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Good evening everybody, glad to see you all here. We have a tandem presentation tonight from our own Dominic Farbo and Ryan Meersman on the University Hall plans and Ely Renovations.
3. I accept the resignation of Alex Keefe as Representative at Large.

**1. Ryan Meersman**: I hope everyone is doing well, Dominick and I will be showing you the plans for the Ely renovations, and the plans for University Hall. We will begin with the plans for the Ely renovations.

* 1. Dominick and Ryan gave a presentation on the updates for the Ely Renovation.
     1. **Jim Robertson**: I like what the front of the old bookstore will look like.
     2. **Ryan Meersmasn**: There were questions about drainage in that area, but I am sure they will figure it out.
     3. **Ross Beck:** How will this affect the renovations that were just done to Ely?
     4. **Dominick Farbo:** I believe they will be working around the new parts on Ely?
     5. **Ryan Meersman**: The area where the ticket window, and Amy and Jess’s Offices are will be moved.
     6. **Amy Szlachetka**: One of the other things they are doing is the offices on the north side, where student conduct and Daryl Hendry’s office is will be moved downstairs, or somewhere else in the building.
     7. **Ryan Meersman**: Now we will move on to the plans for University Hall.
  2. Dominick and Ryan gave a presentation on University Hall.
     1. **Sue LaMontagne**: Will the students in University Hall need to be on a meal plan?
     2. **Josh Hettrick**: As far as I know, students in University Hall will be on a meal plan. Also, the majority of the suites will be set up in the three doubles style.
     3. **Tim Egan**: Will this be brought back again with a full senate?
     4. **Dominick Farbo**: This needs to get presented at the Board of Trustees meeting in three weeks, and it is courtesy to give the Board of Trustees items for the agenda three weeks in advance, so we need to do this tonight.
     5. **Sue LaMontagne**: With a smaller group, it is really important for you guys to express your opinions on what you love, hate, and want to change.
     6. **Ryan Meersman**: You guys for the most part were all here last year, so you know what’s going on with this, so please don’t hold back with your opinions.
     7. **Katie Turner**: Personally, I think this is great; it gives students an opportunity to live in something in between new hall and a regular residence hall. I really like the history walk as well.
     8. **Emily Tobin**: Will this be something students sign up for, like the apartments, with a roster, or will students sign up like in the individual rooms in resident halls?
     9. **Josh Hettrick:** We are still trying to figure that out now, and we will certainly be coming to you guys to talk about it. We still have over a year to figure that stuff out, so we have some time.
     10. **Brandon Burr:** Will this be only for upperclassmen, or will first years be in the building as well?
     11. **Josh Hettrick:** With the amount of upperclassmen housing we already offer with the Apartment Complex, New Hall and now Lansdowne, I am not sure it will be possible to leave first years out of the new building, if it doesn’t fill up with upperclassmen first.
     12. **Dominick Farbo:** I also just want to point out that we are aware that parking will be lost, we are looking to relocate the spots we will be losing possibly in front of Scanlon, and we are thinking of expanding the Dickinson lot. The fire pit is not in the plans anymore. They also want to put a tree house back in the woods behind the building.
     13. **Amy Wing:** (POI)I think the tree house was a conceptual idea.
     14. **Tony Iozzo:** I believe they wanted to just put something there.
     15. **Dominick Farbo:** They just want students to be able to stand outside of Dickinson, and see something in the distance, back in the woods.
     16. **Sue LaMontagne:** I don’t think ultimately there will be anything there.
     17. **Ryan Meersman:** So overall, I am getting the sense that you guys all think that these plans look pretty good.
     18. **Dominick Farbo:** Are we for a full serve Dunkin Donuts in Ely, or no?
     19. **Ryan Meersman:** There is still a lot of time to discuss what will go there.
     20. **Sue LaMontagne:** They will not be approving the specific restaurant for a while.
     21. **Brandon Burr:** I think instead of Dunkin Donuts, a nice pizza place would be a good fit.
     22. **Jim Robertson**: Is there a lot of options we are allowed to have?
     23. **Sue LaMontagne**: That is how Subway came to campus, Sodexho gave us a list of chains that they were contracted with, and we had the students vote on which one they would like best.
     24. **Amy Wing**: I also think it would be a good idea to have a full size Dunkin Donuts, and put something else where the Dunkin Donuts now is.
     25. **Tony Iozzo**: Did you talk to the committee about adding a separate entrance to the Wellness Center?
     26. **Dominick Farbo**: Yes, and that is something we will be talking more about on Thursday, September 22nd.
     27. **Amy Szlachetka**: I like the idea of a new entrance for the Wellness Center, so students going in and out do not interfere with programming, I also put forth this idea to the committee, of having the lounge closed off, since there is so much traffic between Subway and what will be the new Wellness Center entrance.

1. **Dominick Farbo**: Thank you for your input everyone, any further Questions please let me know.
2. Thank you gentlemen. First off, a quick congratulations to Stone Koury, for a very successful club fair this year. As is customary every time this year, we are looking to fill up our remaining committees with student representatives. I will run down the four committees we have left with open spaces. If you think you may be interested, please stop in my office after the meeting to get more information. For Sustainability Committee we are looking for four members, Campus Technology Committee we are looking for three members, by the way, this committee is going to dedicate itself to revamping the portal this year. International Programs Committee needs two, and Enrollment Management Committee needs one, and they are meeting tomorrow September 21st in the afternoon, so if anyone is interested in that please let me know.
3. Keeping in line with the portal revamp, start coming up with some ideas on how you may like to see the portal change. Soon, we hope to have Chris Hirtle come down and speak to Senate and he was looking for some ideas and feedback on how they can improve the portal. Next week, September 27th, I may ask for five concrete ideas from senate, which we can provide to Chris, so that he can come down and talk about them.
4. Westfield was also recognized in the **U.S. News & World** **Report’s 2012 “Best Colleges” edition**. “Westfield State University has remained the top-ranked regional university in the Massachusetts state education system since it first entered the top tier in 2009. Rankings of regional universities are split into four geographic categories, north, south, east and west. Westfield State was listed 118 among northern universities, specialized institutions, such as the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, were excluded from this list because they serve specific educational needs.”
5. Hall Council elections are happening right now through tomorrow night, as well as 2015 elections. Elections are happening through CollegiateLink, has anyone had any trouble accessing this?
6. Does anyone have any team building ideas?
7. Does anyone have any suggestions for weekend hours at Dunkin Donuts?
8. Family Day is Saturday, September 24th, which Bandon Burr will speak more about.
9. The Lip Dub informational meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday September 21st at 3:00 PM in Dever Auditorium.
10. Senior Convocation is Thursday, September 27th at 10:00 PM.
11. The Dunkin’ Donuts Dash is Thursday, October 6th, if you don’t know what that is, you run one mile, eat 6 donuts and then run one more mile.
12. Next meeting will be September 27, 2011 at 5:30 PM, in the SGA Room.
13. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
14. Can I see the representatives at large after the meeting?
15. All College Committee: **No Report**
16. Long Range Planning Committee: Dominick Farbo

1. If you have any more comments on the presentation, please let me know.

1. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
2. Alumni Report**: No Report**
3. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
4. Hi Everyone! I have posted a sign-up sheet outside my office for open committees; I am looking for a student to chair the Health Committee. If any of you are interested please let me know.
5. The first blood drive is October 5th from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please let me know. I will be sending around a signup sheet next week, Tuesday, September 27th, if I do not get enough volunteers. I hope you all have a good week.
6. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
7. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
8. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
9. Health Committee: **No Report**
10. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
11. Sustainability Committee: **No Report**
12. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
13. Substance Advisory committee: **No Report**
14. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
15. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
16. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
17. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
18. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
19. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
20. Institutional Assessment Committee: **No Report**
21. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
22. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
23. Learning Communities**: No Report**
24. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
25. Programming update:
26. The RAVE was a great success and I hope you all went and had a blast.
27. Our next event is Trivia night on Wednesday, September 21st. There will be a fifty dollar gift card given out to the winning team. You can come with a team of 5 or less. There will be free pizza, so I hope to see you there.
28. Bingo is coming up on Friday, September 30th at 11:00 PM. there are some great prizes and I hope to see you there.
29. Family day is Saturday, September 24th, your parents can register until Wednesday, September 21st.
    1. **Katie Turner**: If you want to go without your parents do you have to register?
    2. **Brandon Burr:** It is free to students**.**
30. Neighborhood Association Committee: **No Report**
31. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
32. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
33. Finance Report: **No Report**
34. Foundation Report**: No Report**
35. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
36. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
37. Legislative Secretary Report: Amy Wing
38. I just wanted to remind everyone that units are due by October 1st. Please send them to [legsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:legsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu). If you need to reference that email it is on my door.
39. **David Getchell**: do we have to email them or can we just write them down?
40. **Amy Wing**: It would be best to email them.
41. PARLIMENTARIAN REPORTS:
42. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
43. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
44. Commuter Council: **No Report**
45. Senior Class: Meaghan MacDonald
46. I hope you are all doing well. Senior Convocation will be taking place on Thursday, September 22nd at 5:00 PM in Dever Auditorium. Convocation is your formal welcome to your senior year. Students who live off campus should have already received our letters by mail. People who live on campus will be receiving them on campus tonight, Tuesday, September 20th. They will be hand delivered. Thanks to the Campus Center and Amy we were able to make this possible. Let your friends know and there will be treats and finger food afterward. Dress to impress. Marsha Marotta will be sending out an email soon.
47. Following this event, September 30th from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM, behind Ely, we will have our first senior night event. This is a twenty one plus event, beer and wine will be served along with nachos. The rain location will be at the Perch from 9:00 PM until 1:00 AM, but it won’t rain.
48. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 21st at 4:30 in the SGA Clubs Room.
49. Junior Class: **No Report**
50. Sophomore Class**:** Stone Koury
51. I move to appoint Taylor Fote as a permanent designee for Nico Helems, for the fall 2011 semester. Motion approved.
52. We will be announcing Wiffle Stock and the musical chairs event dates next week.
53. Freshman Class: **No Report**
54. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
55. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
56. Davis Hall: **No Report**
57. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
58. Econo Lodge Housing: **No Report**
59. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
60. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
61. New Hall: **No Report**
62. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
63. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None**
64. NEW BUSINESS:
65. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Meaghan MacDonald: Please go to Convocation, and 241 days until commencement.

XV. ROLL CALL: Lauren Avery, was absent, Kristen Brunell was excused.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: adjourned at 6:28 PM.