**Student Government Association Minutes**

April 24, 2012

1. ROLL CALL: Ross Beck, Ian Wilson, Andrew Alcombright, Anthony Oberg, Christian White, and Jon Mecurio were absent. Danielle Morin, Allison McLaughlin, and Olivia Dumas were excused. Alex Roche sent an alternate.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 17, 2012: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Hello everyone. Mayor Daniel Knapik will speak for a few minutes about some of the things happening downtown and some developments from the Mayor’s office.
   * + 1. **Mayor Daniel Knapik**: Hello everyone, thank you so much for having me down. I am really just here tonight to field your questions, so I would love to hear them. First, I would like to address the students who live at Lansdowne. I hope you are all enjoying your time there. I will have you know we are paving all of those roads through there, and it will be nice and smooth. We will also be making a connection from Lansdowne to the bkie trail, which I think will be nice. Now, I would love to hear from you all.
3. **Amy Wing**: First off, I heard you on the radio the other day. I thought you did a great job speaking to the domestic violence incident that occurred.
4. **Mayor Daniel Knapik**: Thank you. These domestic violence situations are scary. Our patrolmen are great at dealing with these issues, and I cannot thank them enough for what they do for the city. Please remember when you are out in the city that they are doing their best to protect you, and please always be careful.
5. **Amy Wing**: I also know that the lighting is an issue at Lansdowne, is there anything we can do about that?
6. **Mayor Daniel Knapik**: If you guys can tell me where the lighting issue is, we can certainly work on that. We have been working on the lighting extensively. We are hoping one of the buildings will be coming down near Lansdowne soon, which will help tremendously with the lighting. We will work on it and be as proactive as we can. We have also added a patrolman on Elm Street for the day shift, and are looking to add additional patrolmen in the evening. We are working to keep you all as safe as possible.
7. **Matt Durant**: Is there any plans to tear the old bridge down on the way in from the Mass Pike?
8. **Mayor Daniel Knapik**: You are speaking of the railroad crossing? That is actually part of the bike trail, and we will be receiving money in 2014 to rehabilitate that. We are hoping to have it done in the 2014 construction season.
9. **Tori Landry**: How has the community responded to having students at Lansdowne?
10. **Mayor Daniel Knapik**: I love having kids downtown. I am the last generation who remembers what downtown was like back in the 70’s and 80’s, and I love what you guys bring to the city. Your University is the game changer for the downtown area in terms of economy. Dr. Dobelle has really embraced the idea of expanding downtown. I am one hundred percent behind it. I think if you talk to almost any city member, they will say you guys make a huge difference downtown.
11. **Tori Landry**: How has the community responded to having students at Lansdowne?
12. **Mayor Daniel Knapik:** Within the next couple of months there will be a neighborhood meeting to give updates. The project will be about four miles long, starting around the hospital, coming down to Juniper Park. There are issues on trying to make the road wider at commuter lot. After the meeting, the project will go silent for about a year, and then when it comes back with more updates, there will be another public hearing. After that you will see some construction.
13. **Lindsey Howe:** Are the students from Juniper elementary going to be moving to Highland, or another school?
14. **Mayor Daniel Knapik:** The schools right now are poorly balanced. The districting needs to be reworked. My thought is that kids from Juniper will go to Highland, and kids from Highland will go to another school. That is all still in the works though.
15. **Lou Cimaglia:** I was curious about how some of those “town in gown” initiatives have been working?
16. **Mayor Daniel Knapik:** I think the best thing this University has done for the city is the shelter you ran during the October Storm. Also, many will agree that you all bring great culture to the city. I will also say since the October storm, the Dinning Commons is a huge hit with the city.
17. **Stan Costa:** I was just curious how long the paving of route 20 is going to take?
18. **Mayor Daniel Knapik:** I was told the week of May 7th.
19. Thank you very much Mayor Knapik.
20. I promised I would bring back some information on the academic space. We need to have a student opinion. The All College Committee wants us to consider three guiding questions. The first question is on the location of the new academic, and which departments should be in it. If you remember from last week, we had two possible locations, one behind Wilson, and one in front of Juniper Park.
    * + 1. **Stone Koury:** I think Juniper Park space is better, I think the Wilson space would make things too cluttered.
        2. **Brandon Burr**: I think the Juniper Park space is better as well.
        3. **Torie Downs:** I think it should be on the Juniper end of Campus, I think it would also bring South Lot to campus.
        4. **Meaghan MacDonald**: I would just think about logistics. I think Wilson would still be a good option. I think people like that academic buildings are in one area.
        5. **Josh Frank**: If it is not in the Wilson location, will the science departments still get the labs they need?
        6. **Lou Cimaglia**: Yes, a huge part of all of this is more lab space. They are going to make sure that will be accommodated.
        7. **Stephanie Close**: I know we brought someone in to do a study on which departments need more space; I thnk we should wait for those. I think where the building goes will have a huge impact of what goes in it. It would not make sense to have science departments in the Juniper Park space.
        8. **Lou Cimaglia**: Where the building goes will not determine what goes in it. I was under that same impression until more discussion got started. It is two separate discussions.
        9. **Aaron Astley**: (POI) We have been poking around at ACC of bringing Criminal Justice back to campus.
        10. **Amy Wing**: I think cost efficiency should be considered, and what makes the most sense cost wise.
        11. **Tori Landry**: If it is put in the Wilson space, how will commuter lot and Mod Hall be affected?
        12. **Lou Cimaglia**: Mod Hall will still remain as long as it was intended to. As far as commuter lot, I think we would lose a row, but that is the fac/staff row.
        13. **Ryan Meersman**: the overwhelming majority support the Juniper Park location.
        14. **Lou Cimaglia**: The second guiding question is asking what we think would happen to Juniper Park when we gain it back.
        15. **Lindsey Howe**: I think having some form of children based program there would be good for the large amount of education majors.
        16. **Amy Wing**: I think a before school care or after school care system would be good.
        17. **Brandon Burr**: I like the idea of a daycare.
        18. **Meaghan MacDonald**: If it is a care system for children, just consider the logistics of staffing.
        19. **Lou Cimaglia**: The last question is what departments make the most sense to put together.
        20. **Rebecca DiVico**: Art and Music should stay together.
        21. **Meaghan MacDonald**: Business, Math and Computer Science.
        22. **Stephanie Close**: Political Science and Criminal Justice.
        23. **Katie Morrisey**: Biology, Nursing, and General Science.
        24. **Amy Wing**: Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work.
        25. **Stan Costa**: I would just like to move Criminal Justice back to campus.
        26. **Tim Egan**: I agree to move Criminal Justice back to campus.
21. Finally, next Monday at 4:30, we will be having a Vice Presidential candidate down here to speak to us for just a half an hour. I am asking that everyone who can, please attend that meeting. It is imperative that we give all four candidates an even chance to be heard.
    * + 1. **Stephanie Close**: For the VP of Student Affairs candidate on Monday, it is really important that if you do not have class or work that you come down here to hear what they have to say. It is not fair to this candidate that two others got to speak in front of the entirety of senate, so please try and make it, if you can
22. I will be presenting this feedback to the ACC open forum tomorrow, April 25th in the Scanlon banquet hall at 3:30 pm.
23. Our next meeting will be on May 1st at 5:30 pm in the SGA room.
24. Items not listed on the agenda:
25. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
26. This is the last time I will ever be giving a report. I want to thank Andrew Alcombright, Priscilla Agulair and Stephanie Close for attending Statehouse Day. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. I also want to congratulate Stone Koury on becoming my successor. I also want to say I was very impressed with the efforts on Spring Weekend, so congratulations to CAB on a great success. Lastly, if you have any more comments on the Strategic Plan, please get those to me by the end of the week.
27. It has been an huge honor to have held this position for the last three years, and thank you everyone for making it a great year.
28. All College Committee: **No Report**
29. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
30. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
31. Alumni Report**: No Report**
32. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
33. On April 30th, there is another meeting with the Vice President of Student Affairs candidate at 3:15 pm if you could make an efforet to attend.
34. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
35. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
36. Food Services Committee: Victoria Downs
    * + 1. Throughout the semester at Food Committee meetings we have been discussing the fact that we would like to see the school change from Pepsi products to Coke products. With the help of Ryan Meersman, I have found out that the Pepsi contract is up Mid-2013. I plan to email Chris Raymond for further information/input but I wanted to also, to see what your opinion was first. Before we do a straw poll, I want to explain to you guys some of the reason why we are discussing this.
      1. One reason being the overall product being better in the Food Committees opinion.
      2. Also because of the negative feedback we have received from Maria in the Dinning Commons about the company’s overall service. She has informed us that Pepsi does not come out and clean as they are supposed to do i.e. the filters and lines, and when the machines need to be fixed or service it takes them ages to come out ant fix the machines and they are usually rude and unpleasant when doing so.
      3. When we tried to get a few extra coolers for Spring Weekend the company simply said they could not help us, but being a beverage company they should have things like this available for special events.
      4. With this information and keeping in mind that this is just to gage interest and there is still a lot to be done, before anything even potentially happens.
      5. What would you prefer: Stay with Pepsi or make moves to switch to Coke?
37. Health Committee: **No Report**
38. Parking Control Board: Tim Egan
    * + 1. Hello everyone, first off I would like to thank everyone for continuing to be patient with our current parking situation. As many of you know it is not a matter of having too few spaces for students or faculty but rather an issue of convenience (i.e. wanting the privilege to park as close to any given building as possible). That being stressed, the Parking Control board and members of Long Range Planning met yesterday with consultants that conducted a parking study this past month. Their findings showed a limited increase in the growth of faculty and staff members on campus and no growth in the amount of residential students within the next five years. This information helped them analyze the capacities of each lot and if each lot is reaching maximum capacity. The study used percentages to display how each lot was being used. If a lot was anywhere between 90-100% then it was considered full. Surprisingly South lot registered at 79%, even after an event day on campus was hosted, South lot can still provide spaces. The consultants also came up with possible sites for structural parking; this does not necessarily mean a parking garage. However a simple structure would cost somewhere between $35,000- $40,000 based on location. If a structure was to be built I can guarantee that there would b another change in decal prices to accommodate construction and maintenance. Of course Long Range Planning has ideas of a new academic building proposed in the Master Plan. With this building placed on campus it may be easier to configure new lots. However we may not see this building for another five years when most of us have moved on into the real world.
        2. Meaghan MacDonald: I just want to point out that when there is an open house or accepted student’s day, South Lot has reached overcapacity, and people have been parking on the grass in those circumstances.
        3. Our next scheduled meeting will be on April 30th at 3:15 pm in the Mod Hall conference room.
39. Sustainability Committee**: No Report**
40. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
41. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
42. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
43. Hey guys, last Friday, April 20th the 4 students attending the Summer Poland Study Abroad opportunity were chosen out of 30 applicants. Preference was given to returning students in the fall, who can come back ant share theire experience.
44. Starting in the middle of next week, the 3 finalists for the V.P. of Academic Affairs will be on campus. There will be an open forum for students to interact with each of them, and I will have to email you the dates and times of that.
45. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
46. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
47. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
48. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
49. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
50. Institutional Assessment Committee: **No Report**
51. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
52. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
53. Learning Communities**: No Report**
54. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
55. Programming update: Brandon Burr
56. Hello everyone, thank you to Michelle Hanney, Caitlyn Greenleaf and Josh Frank.
57. Spring weekend was fantastic, thank you to everyone who supported CAB and came out to all the events. It really was a great day. I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather.
58. Sadly CAB is over for the year after elections tomorrow, April 25, 2012, but I would like to congratulate Michelle Hanney for winning, and if you are coming back next year look out over the summer for events beginning in the fall.
59. Thanks for a great CAB year everyone.
60. Neighborhood Association Committee: **No Report**
61. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
62. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
63. Finance Report: Stone Koury
    1. The Finance Committee met again to review the EMS Club proposal. We looked through it and decided to cut one item, the KED, and accept the rest of the proposal at $2,920.35.
    2. I move to allocate $2,920.35 to the EMS club for their 2012 proposal. Motion passed.
       1. **Ryan Meersman**: Just a question for the EMS members, are you guys comfortable with this proposal?
       2. **Drew Silverman**: Yes, this is a big success. The Ked was a loss, but everything else we could potentially be receiving we are very grateful for. Just to clarify why we wanted the Ked, there has been an increased amount of car accidents on campus, and this would help immobilize victims. Some of this stuff is brand new, and other stuff is replenishing supplies.
       3. **Stephanie Close**: What is the folding backboard?
       4. **Drew Silverman**: It is another way to immobilize someone with a neck or spin injury. We would use this lot with sports injuries, especially rugby.
       5. **Meaghan MacDonald**: If you send someone to the hospital on the backboard, how would you get it back?
       6. **Laura Foley**: If you label your equipment, you can get it back, so someone would just have to get it back from the hospital.
       7. **Meaghan MacDonald:** How much do you use the stair chair we gave funds for last year? Just to show everyone you do use the equipment you purchase.
       8. **Laura Foley:** We use it very often, and with almost anyone who requires an ambulance rides, and it has been a great help to have.
       9. **Lidsey Howe:** How does your training work, and who can train?
       10. **Laura Foley:** I am the training officer, and we do training every Thursday in various intensives depending on experience. Anyone is welcome to join. Even if you have not taken CPR or and EMT class, we can get you trained. We have seen a big increase in membership this year, which we are happy with.
       11. **Tom Durkee:** I just want to say that I fully support what EMS does for the campus. Also, unlike MASSPIRG, this money would be coming back to students, so I really think we should bass this.
64. Foundation Report**: No Report**
65. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
66. Executive Secretary Report: Krysta Livingstone
    * + 1. I hope everyone had a fun spring weekend. I just wanted to thank everyone for voting, we had a pretty decent turnout. Congrats to all of next years elected officials and good luck.
67. Legislative Secretary Report: Amy Wing
    1. Just a reminder the awards banquet is coming up, please send in pictures.
    2. The t-shirt design is all set.

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: **No Report**
4. Junior Class: **No Report**
5. Sophomore Class: Taylor Fote
   * + 1. Hello everyone. So Mr. Westfield is this Saturday. I know your all really excited, and have your tickets but if you don’t we will be in the Dinning Commons this Thursday, April 26th and Friday, April 27th selling tickets, with some of our contestants. Also tickets will be sold at the door. It’s going to be a really fun time, so come and support the contestants; they’ve been working really hard. I know Brandon Burr is going to do a great job hosting and it all goes to a great cause. Hope to see you there.
       2. Our next scheduled meeting is on Monday, April 30th at 5:00 pm in the SGA conference Room.
6. Freshman Class: **No Report**
7. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
8. Courtney Hall**:** Victoria Downs
   * + 1. We met last night, April 23rd and we are in the midst of our end of the year event planning. Our end of the year event also known as the “Tri-Hall Bonanza” along with Scanlon Hall and Lammers Hall is on May 1st from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. There will be a dunk tank, henna tattoos and a photo booth. Along with popcorn, corndogs, pretzels, coolies and churro’s and much more. The Night Owls will be performing at our event as a preview to their show coming up on May 7th at 7:30 pm.
       2. We handed out our Hall Shirts to those that filled out the survey but we still have many left over and plan on handing out the rest at our end of the year event.
       3. Courtney Hall residents will receive a shirt for participating in “Ninja” at the End of the Year Event, so tell your friends, to be sure, to come out so they can get them.
       4. Our binder for the incoming hall council, next year, is coming along nicely and we are working on having a series of “finals food” for the residents. So definitely check that out.
       5. Hope to see you all at the end of the year event.
       6. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, April 30th at 5:00 pm in the Courtney Main Lounge.
9. Davis Hall: Matt Durrant
10. I just wanted to take the chance to once again invite all Davis Hall and New Hall residents to our end of the year event “On The Green, In Between”. It’s Thursday, April 26th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It’s going to have food, games, candy, prizes, a dunk tank and bouncy things. There’s no way you won’t have fun. We have posters being hung but words speak louder than written words, tell all Davis and New Hall residents, to come on down.
11. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
12. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
13. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
14. New Hall: **No Report**
15. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
16. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**: None**
17. NEW BUSINESS: **Lou Cimaglia**: I move to accept the election results for the 2012-2013 academic year. Motion passed
18. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
19. **Stephanie Close**: Please remember the VP-Student affairs forums.
20. **Lou Cimaglia**: Can I see the Executive Board in my office?
21. **Meaghan MacDonald**: 26 days until commencement.
22. ROLL CALL: Ross beck, Ian Wilson, Andrew Alcombright, Anthony Oberg, Christian White, Taylor Fote, Brittany Moniz, Priscilla Aguilar, and Stan Costa were absent. Danielle Morin, Allison McLaughlin, and Olivia Dumas were excused. Alex Roche sent an alternate.
23. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.