**Student Government Association Minutes**

December 06, 2011

1. ROLL CALL: Tim Egan, Dominick Farbo, Jim Robertson, Jen McDiarmid, Stephanie Souers, Olivia Dumas, Alicia Thomas, Brenda McCarthy, Steven Evans, Kylie Nelson, Joyniqua Hall, and Sarah Alicia were absent. Meaghan MacDonald, Eric Thompson and Danielle Morin were excused. Jessica McKinnon sent an alternate.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 29, 2011: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Hello everyone, we have one speaker tonight, Eric Nelson, the director of the Bookstore would like to say a few words.
   * + 1. **Mr. Eric Nelson**: Hello everyone, my name id Eric Nelson and I am the manager of the campus Bookstore. I am here tonight because I am here tonight because I am looking to set up a bookstore advisory group. This will be an attempt to bring the bookstore closer together with the student population. We offer a lot of different products and programs to students that we would like to get some feedback on so we can use it to modify our programs accordingly. Another thing we are looking to do is offer more products that student often need but have to go off campus to buy. We are also looking to find different ways to reach out to students and find out how we are doing. I am hoping to have a group of about 8-10 students, and we will meet about 3–6 times a year. This will probably start up in February after.
       2. **Amy Wing**: Are all Barnes and Nobel college bookstores the same? I have been to others, and they have different merchandise.
       3. **Mr. Eric Nelson**: They are the same; it will depend on a lot. The products can depend on location number of students on location, number of students on campus, and a lot else. We work with and are in contact with about 700 other institutions.
       4. **Aerin Andre:** How do we sign up for the group?
       5. **Mr. Eric Nelson:** Come see me or Lou Cimaglia.
3. Thank you Mr. Nelson. First of all a big thank you to all of senate for last week, November 29th. You provided great feedback for the NEASC self study draft, I was very impressed with you all.
4. Next, a big congratulations to Ryan Meersman and Ian Wilson for being awarded the President’s award for Leadership on Friday Night, December 2nd, which they both highly deserve.
5. To look ahead at next semester, we need to tidy up a few things. First and the executive board are as much responsible, we need to tighten up our following of Robert’s Rules. We have gotten a little lax this semester, but please remember to stand up when you speak, be respectful. We will go over all of the rules again at the beginning of next semester.
6. Also, we need to boost up committee reports. If your committee meets, please make a report. We don’t want to keep going down the list and hearing nothing but no report.
7. Great job everyone, on collecting for the Stuff a Cruiser” drive. We collected a grand total of $850.00. Tori Landry, Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo, Matt Durant, Madeline Escobar, Brian Lanciualt, Christian White, Ryan Meersman, Amy Wing, Tony Iozzo, Brandon Burr, and Stephanie Close you are all signed up, please see me after the meeting so we can organize tand be efficient tonight when we head to Wal-mart.
   * + 1. **Rich Darrach**: Is this our last meeting before break?
       2. **Lou Cimaglia**: Yes, it is.
       3. **Carlton Pickron**: I would like to echo the work that the Student Government has done this semester, you have all done a great job this semester, please keep up the good work. Also, there is a survey out on food service, please take it when you have a chance.
       4. **Tammy Adams**: Is the meeting with Dr. Dobelle a dress code meeting?
       5. **Lou Cimaglia:** Yes, it will be.
8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
9. All College Committee: **No Report**
10. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
11. Strategic Planning Committee: Ryan Meersman
    * + 1. The Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting on a consistent basis this semester. Through the University wide planning conference in September, previous surveys, campus forums and other forms of input, the committee has set out to draft a new mission statement and values statement for the University this semester. Next semester, after these items have been approved the committee will use these to create a list of goals for the University’s next 5-year plan. Hopefully you all took the items from your mailboxes that include the draft of the mission and values statements. Tomorrow the committee will be presenting these documents for feedback at the ACC forum, so I wanted to give you the opportunity here to do so and I can bring that back to the forum and the committee.
12. **Rich Darrach**: This looks good; I would personally add more about the aspects outside of academics.
13. **Victoria Downs**: I like the last part about being an inclusive community. As for the values, I think there should be more emphasis on gong to class and getting an education.
14. **David Getchell**: Do you like this?
15. **Ryan Meersman**: Yes I do, it has been tough to really get the wording down, but I think the majority of people will stand behind this. I am happy with it.
    * + 1. Our next scheduled meeting will be December 15th at 12:30 PM in Mod Hall.
16. Alumni Report**: No Report**
17. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
18. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
19. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
20. Food Services Committee: Michelle Brown
    * + 1. The Holiday dinner is Wednesday, December 15th.
        2. Please take the survey on myWestfield about Dunkin Donuts moving and the Perch.
    1. **Stephanie Close**: I think with the Perch question on the survey, there should be an option included that includes using wristbands, for over 21 students, so there could be alcohol and everyone can eat the food. I just think there was a lack of choice.
21. Health Committee: Stephanie Close
    * + 1. The blood drive went well last week. Thank you, to everyone who helped out. We collected 144 pints of blood and had 173 presenters.
22. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
23. Sustainability Committee**: No Report**
24. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
25. Substance Advisory Committee: Stephanie Close
    1. Substance Advisory board met last Friday, December 2nd. I was asked to talk to senate about our drug policy. This is going to be a limited discussion. Currently our drug policy for marijuana is loss of housing. What the board is discussing is making our drug policy line up with our alcohol policy. So I would just like to open it up to you for comments and questions.
26. **Amy Wing**: You are referring to the decriminalized amount, right?
27. **Stephanie Close**: Yes.
28. **Emily Tobin**: Maybe there could be a difference between finding paraphernalia and actually being caught smoking?
29. **Ryan Meersman:** Is someone getting caught smoking in their room going to be different?
30. **Stephanie Close:** We haven’t talked about it but I would assume so.
31. **Rich Darrach:** I do feel that it should be in line with the alcohol policy.
32. **Lieutenant St. George**: From a legal perspective, in talking about paraphernalia, the pipe would only be paraphernalia if there was residue of marijuana in the pipe.
33. **Nick Newsome**: Who determines if it is paraphernalia? I think that it is important to know.
34. **Christain White**: I would to point out that getting caught with alcohol underage off campus is more of a penalty than getting caught with marijuana, so I think the policies should be in line.
    1. Our next scheduled meeting is Friday, December 9th at 1:30 PM in the career Center Conference Room.
35. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
36. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
37. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
38. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
39. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
40. International Programs Committee: Rebecca DiVico
    1. Today, December 6th was our 2nd meeting. A new application for faculty who are interested in setting up a course abroad was passed. It is now an easier 2 step approval process. We also decided to eliminate 2 of our 3 subcommittees.
41. Institutional Assessment Committee: **No Report**
42. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
43. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
44. Learning Communities**: No Report**
45. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
46. Programming update: **No Report**
47. Neighborhood Association Committee: **No Report**
48. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
49. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
50. Nothing for finance but there has been a couple fundraisers that have been approved.
    1. The Class of 2012 has a 50/50 raffle tonight December 6th at the Date auction at 7:30 PM.
    2. The Outing Club has been selling Candy Canes December 5th and 6th in the Dinning Commons.
    3. The Dance Company is having a Valentine’s Day bake sale on February 13th and February 14th at Quixote’s Café.
51. Finance Report: **No Report**
52. Foundation Report**:** Stone Koury
53. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday December 8th at 12:00 PM at the Tavern Restaurant.
54. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
55. Executive Secretary Report: Krysta Livingstone
    * + 1. We have another senator of the week awards tonight. This senator went above and beyond helping out at the blood drive last week and Stayed later than the shift she signed up for. She showed a great example of enthusiasm and dedication for other senators which is why Abbie McMahon receives a senator of the week award.
56. Legislative Secretary Report: Amy Wing
    * + 1. Thank you, for those of you who did units. I responded to those of you who completed the units and I really appreciate those of you who completed the units.
        2. December units are due on Tuesday, December 20th and I will send out an E-mail reminder.
        3. Jim Robertson is the Wal-Mart card winner.
        4. Kylie Nelson, Abbie Mchanon and Jocelyn Herra-Lazo are the Big Unit winners for November.
        5. I have another issue to bring to your attention and that is attendance. You all have mailboxes in the Student Government Association Office, in those mailboxes are binders with copies of the constitution. Constitutionally, you are allowed 4 absences and many of you are in danger of being kicked off of senate. I want to make you aware that it doesn’t matter what your status is on Student Government, rules are rules.
57. **Victoria Downs**: Is it four absences for the semester or the year?
58. **Amy Wing**: For the year.
59. **Emily Tobin**: If you have class through a committee meeting, do you get an absences?
60. **Amy Wing**: That would be excused.
61. **Ross Beck**: Also keep in mind; we took away the ability to make up absences.
62. **Stephanie Close**: Also please let us know if you can’t make a meeting for a reason so we can excuse it.
63. **Rich Darrach**: What’s the policy with sporting events?
64. **Amy Wing**: You should find an alternate.
65. PARLIMENTARIAN REPORTS:
66. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
67. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
68. Commuter Council: Nicholas Newsome
    1. There will be a Coat Drive on Monday, December 12th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Ely Campus Center. There may be a giveaway raffle for donating a coat.
    2. We have elected a Hannah Newel as Vice President, Michelle Tompkins as treasurer and Anna Gover as Secretary.
    3. Good Luck on you finals.
    4. Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, December 7th at 1:00 PM in the Commuter Council Office.
69. Senior Class: Brittany Kinhart
    * + 1. Just a reminder that the date auction in tonight, December 7th at 7:30 PM in Dever Hall and Stage. The Step Team and the Night Owls will be performing, so come on over after the Student Government Association meeting.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting is on December 7th at 4:30 PM in the Student Government Association Club Room.
70. Junior Class: No Report
71. Sophomore Class: Taylor Fote
    * + 1. Please nominate all your friends for Mr. Westfield. We are in the dinning commons on Thursday, December 8th and Monday, December 12th. We already have a lot of nominations, but we’d love to see some more. Next Monday, December 12th is the last day the boxes are out so nominate your friends. The nominee’s will be notified shortly after. Hope everyone has a great break and see you next semester.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 8th at 5:00 PM in the Student Government Office.
72. Freshman Class: Richard Darrach
73. Just a reminder we’re hosting our Winter Wonderland Party this Thursday, December 8th at 8:00 PM in the Campus Center. There will be cookie decorating, letters to soldiers, a ginger bread house competition and other fun festive activities.
74. For all the freshman representatives we’re doing a Freshman Yankee Swap called “Switch a Gift”. Flyers are up along with a Facebook page, but I need help with personal invitations, so please talk to your friends and your hall mates.
75. Brown bag Bingo will be this Friday, December 9th will be hosted by the freshman class council. The grand prize is a 19” TV.
76. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
77. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
78. Davis Hall: Matthew Durant
    * + 1. As you may remember Davis Hall took a vote of all the residents a few weeks ago. After tallying the results, I must report that the results were far too close to identify one choice as the overall decision of the hall’s sanction/charging system. For this reason Davis Hall council has decided to deem the result of the voting: inconclusive, and therefore we shall make no moves to change the current system. During the next semester we are likely to begin the “positive Reinforcement Policy to combat the issues of vandalism, debauchery and general uncleanliness. Hall council will discuss this action further and decide how it can best serve the hall and its residents when it is initiated. Charges are not as bad as they were, but regrettably they are continuing.
79. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
80. Econo Lodge Housing: **No Report**
81. Lammers Hall: Hannah Persson
82. Our blanket making event was a success. We made all 30 blankets in about 2 hours and had a great turnout.
83. Our holiday party is tomorrow night, December 7th from 8:00 PM until 10:00 PM in the Lammers lobby. We will have pizza, cookies, soda, a snowflake making contest and holiday movies.
84. Our next scheduled meeting is on December 12th at 9:00 PM in the Lammers Lobby.
85. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
86. New Hall: **No Report**
87. Scanlon Hall: Peter Sepe
88. This week we raised $116.00 for “Stuff a Cruiser”. We also had a pie eating contest. The first place prize was $100.00 with your choice of OWL bucks, a Wal-mart gift card or a gas card. The second place prize was $50.00 in OWL bucks, and the third place prize was $25.00 in OWL bucks.
89. We also made 14 blankets for Circle K.
90. Our next scheduled meeting is on December 8th at 6:30 PM in the Scanlon Basement.
91. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None**
92. NEW BUSINESS: **None**
93. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
94. **Stephanie Close**: Can I see Rich Darrach after the meeting?
95. Brittany Kinhart: 165 Days until commencement.
96. ROLL CALL: Tim Egan, Jim Robertson, Jen McDiarmid, Stephanie Souers, Olivia Dumas, Alicia Thomas, Brenda McCarthy, Steven Evans, Kylie Nelson, Joyniqua Hall, Katie Turner, Aerin Andre, and Sarah Alicia were absent. Meaghan MacDonald, Erik Thompson, and Danielle Mrin were excused. Jessica McKinnon sent an alternate.
97. ADJOURNMENT: adjourned at 6:25 PM.