**Student Government Association Minutes**

February 21, 2012

1. ROLL CALL: Meaghan MacDonald, David Getchell, Nicholas Villante, Emily Baker, Katie Morrissey, Peter Sepe, Steven Evans, Alex Santamaria, Matthew Richardson, Courtney Keddy were absent. Danielle Morin was excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 14, 2012: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Hello everyone. I hope you all had a restful long weekend. Our speaker tonight is Professor Vanessa Holford-Diana, chair of All College Committee.
   * + 1. **Vanessa Holford-Diana**: Thank you Lou, and SGA for having me tonight. I am really here to express words of appreciation, to all of you, for your service on our many governance committees on campus. I encourage you Underclassmen to consider joining the All College Committee next year. The fact that you are all willing to spend your time weighing in on very difficult and meaningful campus decisions is much appreciated, and your voices are very important. I encourage you all to speak up when you wish, or have an opinion, because it is very valued. Please keep up the good work, and let us know whatever you need from us. I have a few things I want to talk about tonight. Right now we have a committee focused on the online teaching policy. This semester, you, as students, will be asked to weigh in on policies regarding online classes. On Tuesday, March 6th, the commissioner of the Board of Higher Education will be at the University. We have the opportunity to ask him questions about, all things regarding higher education. There will be an open forum that day at 2:00 pm. This will be a great opportunity, for you all, to get out your concerns. I also wanted to share some good news with you, as the Assistant Director of the Honors Program, I am proud to announce we are sending one hundred students to the Undergraduate Research Conference. This is a huge deal, and I am very impressed. Thank you all, for all of the work you do, you guys are amazing.
       2. **Stephanie Close**: How was the feedback after the Executive Board went to the open forum last semester?
       3. **Venessa Holford-Diana**: The feedback was very good, a lot of the faculty thought it was very educational. I personally did not know what all of your Executive Board members do, so I was very impressed. I think there is a general goal on campus, to improve communication, and this was a good way to do that.
       4. **Ryan Meersman**: What would you like to see in the next strategic plan?
       5. **Venessa Holford-Diana**: Good question, Ryan. Ryan and I both were at the strategic planning meeting today, and we were charged with several things. The committee is currently working on re-drafting the Universities Mission Statement and Values Statement. You all will be asked for feedback on those. We also have drafted many goals regarding enrollment management, curriculum experience, communication, and much more. I would love to know what your goals would be, because you will be asked for feedback when we draft them.
3. Thank you very much Professor Holford-Diana:
4. I move to accept Elizabeth Cauley as Representative at Large for the remainder of the academic year. Motion Passed.
5. There are two home basketball games tonight. First, the ladies are playing now against Worcester State. Their game started at 5:30 pm. The men will be playing at 7:30 pm, against Fitchburg State. Both games are at Woodward Center.
6. For my State of Campus Address, which I have been talking about ad nauseaum, so I apologize, there will be a Facebook event created soon.
7. Check out the Black History Month calendar outside of my office, there are plenty of good events left to happen this month.
8. Krysta Livingstone can’t be here tonight due to an illness. She just wanted me to remind everyone, that you can leave the report sheets with Amy Wing. She will take care of them. Also, Senate Banquet tickets are now on sale, at the Campus Center Window.
9. The final draft of the NEASC self-study document has been emailed to everyone. Please take the time to take a look at it.
10. One more time, here are the dates and times of the two SGA-sponsored theater productions.
    1. Musical Theatre Guild’s “ You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” will be at Juniper Park:
11. Wednesday February 22nd at 7:30 pm
12. Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm
13. Friday, February 24th at 7:30 pm
14. Saturday, February 25th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm
    1. Student Theatre Association’s “The Serpent” will be in the Black Box Theatre on the 2nd Floor of Ely.
15. Wednesday February 22nd at 7:30 pm
16. Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm
17. Friday, February 24th at 7:30 pm
18. Saturday, February 25th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm
19. We need a student for the Grants Advisory Committee. They meet on Tuesday’s at 3:30 pm.
20. After this meeting, we will be having pizza for the class of 2015. Please stick around. Get to know the Executive Council. Ryan Meersman has some great fishing stories he can tell you.
21. Items not listed on the agenda:
22. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
23. **Ryan Meersman**: I just wanted to remind you all about the March 8th lobby day. If you signed up, you should have gotten an email from me, on how to register. Make sure you do register, if you want to go. You will be receiving more information as we progress. I will send around the sign-up sheet one more time, and I hope many of you will be able to attend. We will have a van available, but Dr. Dobelle said he will get us a bus, if we need it. Also, March 20th, there will be a state wide Leadership Conference put on by the Student Advisory Council at Fitchburg State. I will have more information on that as it comes. At our last SAC meeting, the Secretary of Education was able to speak to us, which was really good.
24. All College Committee: **No Report**
25. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
26. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
27. Alumni Report**: No Report**
28. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
29. Hi everyone. Just a reminder that your $200.00 room reservation deposit is due March 1st by 5:00 pm. You can pay by check, cash or money order. Please remind your friends.
    * + 1. Everyone should have received the Housing Gazette today, and if not your Resident Assistant has it and should be stopping by tonight. There are a few changes to the sign-up process.
30. First Apartment rosters, with all Junior and Senior students, will be given priority, followed by rosters with at least 50% Juniors and Seniors.
31. Also, you will have more time to fill out a 6 person apartment roster, if you do not get a 4 person apartment.
32. The other big change, that I saw, is the ability to voluntarily create overcapacity rooms in the Apartment Complex, Lammers, Landsdowne New Hall, and Scanlon. So if you want 25% off your housing and have an extra friend, you can make your double a triple or your triple a quad.
    * + 1. If you have any questions about the process please feel free to contact me.
33. On a different note, the Blood Drive was a success. We collected about 160 pints of blood, so we met our goal. Thank you to everyone who helped out.
34. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
35. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
36. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
37. Health Committee: **No Report**
38. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
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, advising and registration is fast approaching
    1. Banacos/Honors Early Registration Online March 23rd at 7:00 am
    2. Advising for Senior class is March 26th through March 29th with registration on March 30th.
    3. Advising for Junior class is April 26 through April 5th with registration on April 6th.
44. Advising for Sophomore and First-Year is April 9th – April 12th with registration on April 13th.
45. A PDF version of the course offering booklet is available on the registrar’s page, on the school website. The printed booklets should be available by late this week or early next week.
46. New this registration season, students who are in the honors program or approved members of the Banacos Academic Center, can register online on Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 am. If you are in the Honors program, there will be 2 priority registration information sessions: February 27th at 5:45 pm and February 28th, at 12:45 pm both in the Honors Center.
47. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
48. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
49. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
50. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
51. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
52. Assessment Committee: **No Report**
53. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
54. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
55. Learning Communities**: No Report**
56. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
57. Programming update: Brandon Burr
    * + 1. So first off, we have BINGO this Friday, February 24th at 11:00 pm, it’s going to be great so check it out.
        2. Also, just letting everyone know, I will not be here next Tuesday, February 28th, because I will be in Charlotte, North Carolina for NACA Nationals. Hopefully we will be bringing back great stuff for the Campus Activities Board.
        3. Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, February 22nd at 5:00 pm in the Student Government Association.
58. Neighborhood Association Committee: **No Report**
59. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
60. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
61. Finance Report: **No Report**
62. Foundation Report**: No Report**
63. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
64. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
65. Legislative Secretary Report: Amy Wing
    1. I would like to nominate Stone Koury to the Blue Key Committee. Motion passed.
    2. The Blue Key nomination papers are out.
    3. The drawing for the December winner of the Walmart gift Card is Ryan Dolan.
    4. Units are due at the end of February.
66. PARLIMENTARIAN REPORTS:
67. Rules and Regulations Committee: No Report
68. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
69. Commuter Council: **No Report**
70. Senior Class: **No Report**
71. Junior Class: **No Report**
72. Sophomore Class: Taylor Fote
    * + 1. I would like to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Labak for the 2012 semester.
        2. I would like to move to accept Jon Mercurio for the rest of the 2012 academic year. Motion passed.
        3. Our contestants have started fund raising for the make-a-wish Foundation. If you’ve got a friend, or see someone, or just want to support your Hall or Class please donate. Every penny counts.
        4. Our next scheduled meeting will be on February 27th at 5:00 pm in the Student Government Conference Room.
73. Freshman Class: **No Report**
74. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
75. Courtney Hall**: No report**
76. Davis Hall: **No Report**
77. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
78. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
79. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
80. New Hall: **No Report**
81. Scanlon Hall: Priscilla Aguilar
    1. We are hosting our first event this semester, on Tuesday February 28th. We are celebrating National Tortilla Day. We are giving out chips and salsa, when you first walk into the building. But it is a first come first serve type of deal.
    2. Also, we are going to have a new President by the end of the week.
    3. Lastly, our council has created a twitter account.
    4. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm in the basement of Scanlon Hall.
82. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None**
83. NEW BUSINESS: **None**
84. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
85. **Victoria Downs**: The Pancakes with the President is on April 11th.
86. **Brittany Kinhart**: 88 days until commencement.
87. ROLL CALL: Meaghan MacDonald, Danielle Morin, David Getchell, Nicholas Villante, Emily Baker, Katie Morrissey, Peter Sepe, Stephen Evans, Alex Santamaria, Matthew Richardson, and Courtney Keddy were absent.
88. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:05