**Student Government Association Minutes**

January 31, 2012

1. ROLL CALL: Caitlin Turner,Kevin Gallant, and Dominick Farbo were absent. Elizabeth Cauley sent an alternate
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 24, 2012: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Good evening everyone, we will not be having a speaker tonight. We do have a little housekeeping tonight.
3. I accept the resignation of Alicia Thomas as Multicultural Representative.
4. We are going to need one more person for the Rules and Regulations committee.
5. As Sue LaMontagne promised last week, here are the times for the future emergency management meetings. They are as follows:
6. February 24th at 11:00 AM at a location to be announced.
7. March 23rd at 11:00 AM in Ely room 112
8. April 26th at 1:00 PM walk through campus
9. May 11th at 11:00 AM in Ely room 112
10. If you were one of the people who signed up for the bookstore committee, please see me after the meeting. I will just need to verify a final list with your emails and then I will coordinate with Eric Nelson from the bookstore tomorrow, February, 1st.
11. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
12. Hi everyone. Last Thursday, January 26th, I traveled to Worcester for the monthly Student Advisory Council (SAC) meeting. This body is made up of the Student Trustees and Student Government Association Presidents from the 28 State Campuses in order to help advice the Board of Higher Education. Last weeks meeting was pretty interesting because the Governor had just given the “State of the State” address and had just released his budget to the legislature. There is a lot to go through, before it is approved and finalized, but his draft, right now, is not favorable to the Community College system and all three systems by association. As student leaders, we feel that the new measures, that could be taking place, would be taking the voice of the students out of the process. What the Governor said was that he would consolidate the Community College system, the way the UMASS system is consolidated, so it takes the power of the Community Colleges Board of Trustee and student voices out of the decision making process. That is just a short summary of what is going on. We want to take action, to lobby for Public Higher Education systems in our state together, rather than each dealing with this issue in our own way. I hope you are all familiar with State House Day, which is put on by the State University Council of Presidents and I coordinate students from Westfield State University to go. Students from each State University go to the State House and lobby to our legislature in terms of Public Higher Education. SAC would like to do something similar, with all three systems and include the UMASS and Community College system as well. I will not personally be able to attend, but I will coordinate the effort for students from our campus to go. At this time I would like to get your feedback and see who would be interested in doing both days.
    * + 1. **Meaghan MacDonald**: When will these days be?
        2. **Ryan Meersman**: This is TBD. SAC wanted to do this event on March 8th, but I recently received an email, saying the other State House Day is in March. I will have more information. I just wanted to see if students would be interested in doing one day, or both days. Do you all think we would be able to get a good amount of students to go?
        3. **Ross Beck**: The general consensus is yes.
        4. **Ryan Meersman**: Thank you; please speak with me if you have any more questions on either of these days. Other than that, the Board of Trustees meets next Thursday, February 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Presidents Board room. You are all encouraged to attend, especially if you are interested in this position next year.
13. All College Committee: **No Report**
14. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
15. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
16. Alumni Report**: No Report**
17. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
18. Hi everyone! Just a few things coming up, that I wanted to make you aware about. This Friday, February 3rd, is National Wear Red Day to raise awareness of women’s heart disease. It is the number one killer of women. Also, in honor of this, there will be blood pressure screening in the Dinning Common on February 22nd from 12:00 PM until 1:45 PM. Our EMS and Nursing students will be conducting these screenings.
19. The blood drive is coming up this month as well. It will be Wednesday, February 5th from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the Parenzo Gym. Sign-ups will be in the dinning Commons next week, so I need some volunteers to sit in the Dinning Common for me. Next week, I will be looking for some volunteers for the day of the blood drive, so keep that on your radar.
20. The American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Days is also coming up. I have order forms in my office if you would like one, but there will also be an email sent out to students shortly. If you would like to send a bouquet of daffodils to someone on campus, there is an option for that. Deliveries will be the week of March 19th.
21. If anyone is interested in joining the Heath Committee, please see me. Please be reading Student Health 101.
22. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
23. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
24. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
25. Health Committee: **No Report**
26. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
27. Sustainability Committee**: No Report**
28. Student Athletic Advisory Board: Ian Wilson
    * + 1. Secret Santa collected money for families in need and bought over 50 gifts for 17 children.
        2. In the Fall MASCAC all academic team had 102 athletes from Westfield State University.
        3. Our next scheduled meeting will be on February 6th at 8:00 PM at the Woodward Center.
29. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
30. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
31. Hey guys, I hope you had a great weekend.
32. There are still some open spaces left in J-term classes this semester. The Europe MGMT 0338 International Business class is looking for 4 more students, and the Ireland SLTS 0201 Service Learning Travel Seminar has one seat open.
33. Today, January 31st, at 3:30 PM there was a workshop on, ”What Makes Good Academic Writing” in Mod Hall room 103D in the Honors center. If you missed it there is another one tomorrow, February 1st at 4:30 PM in the same location.
34. The Composition Committee would like to solicit book ideas from departments and constituents across campus, to assist them in selecting a book they ask first-year students to read, the summer before they attend Westfield State University. They are asking that the text be: nonfiction, multi-disciplinary, contains a researched component, address issues of equity, diversity and/or social justice and have contemporary relevance. Texts like: *The Warmth of Other suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great migration* by Isabel Wilerson*,* or *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lack* by Rebecca Skloot They would like us to vote as a group and submit one text by February 14th.
35. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
36. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
37. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
38. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
39. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
40. Assessment Committee: **No Report**
41. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
42. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
43. Learning Communities**: No Report**
44. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
45. Programming update: Brandon Burr
    * + 1. Hello everyone, this past weekend’s events went really well. Brown Bag Bingo had a very good turnout and so did Rosemary. I hope all the folks who went had fun.
        2. This weekend, we have a huge event. The Moufy concert is this Saturday, February 4th and the tickets actually sold out this afternoon, January 31st. If you didn’t get one, talk to your friends and see if anyone got two and can give you one. Also, if you are going to the Boston Bruins on Thursday, February 2nd, please be outside of Scanlon Hall by 3:45 PM. If you’re not going and your friends are, please let them know that information.
        3. Some spring weekend updates, we are moving on a few items and will hopefully have some great news for you next week. Were moving with it and it is looking good so far.
46. Neighborhood Association Committee: **No Report**
47. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
48. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
49. Finance Report: Stone Koury
50. I move to allocate $2,500.00 to the Musical Theatre Guild for the Spring Play. Motion passed.
51. I move to allocate $3,100.00 to the Movement Science Club for the National Conference in Boston. Motion passed.
52. **Ryan Meersman**: It looks like we still have over half of our yearly budget left, and this club has already put $900.00 of their own funds towards this trip, and it would be difficult for them to pay their hotel fee in a timely manner, if we do not subsidize it for them. Therefore, I hereby move to amend the motion to allocate and additional $758.79 to the Movement Science Club, for their national conference. Motion Passed.
53. **Ross Beck**: It has now been moved to allocate in total $3,858.79 to the Movement Science Club for their national conference. Motion passed.
54. I need a lot of people for the Finance Committee, because we have lost a bunch, so come to me after this meeting please.
55. Foundation Report**: No Report**
56. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
57. Executive Secretary Report: No Report
58. Legislative Secretary Report: Amy Wing
    1. I need to form the Blue Key Committee. Blue Key is an award given, to students nominated by their peers, for their achievements and dedication to the University. I need two members, from each class. You must be nominated. Is there anyone who wishes to nominate someone for this committee?
    2. **Meagan MacDonald**: I nominate Tony Iozzo.
    3. **Tony Iozzo**: I accept. I also nominate Brian Lanciault.
    4. **Brian Lanciault**: I accept.
    5. **Amy Wing**: The Blue Key committee members for the 2012 Class are Tony Iozzo and Brian Lanciault.
    6. **Caitlynn Greenleaf**: I nominate Emily Tobin
    7. **Emily Tobin**: I accept.
    8. **David Getchell**: I nominate Tim Egan.
    9. **Tim Egan**: I accept.
    10. **Amy Wing**: The Blue Key committee members for 2013 are Emily Tobin and Tim Egan.
    11. **Emily Baker**: I nominate Liz Labak
    12. **Liz Labak**: I accept.
    13. **Taylor Fote**: I nominate Tom Durkee.
    14. **Tom Durkee**: I accept.
    15. **Amy Wing**: the Blue Key committee members for 2014 are Liz Labak and Tom Durkee.
    16. **Matt Durant**: I nominate Rich Darrach.
    17. **Rich Darrach**: I accept. I nominate Matt Durrant.
    18. **Matt Durant**: I decline.
    19. **Tori Landry**: I nominate Kylie Nelson.
    20. **Kyle Nelson**: I accept.
    21. **Amy Wing**: The Blue Key committee members for 2015 class are Tori Landry and Kylie Nelson.
59. We will meet 1 or 2 times after spring break.
60. I apologize to those of you who didn’t get new name tags.
61. Thank you, for those of you who have already passed in units and I expect to hear from the rest of you tonight.
62. PARLIMENTARIAN REPORTS:
63. Rules and Regulations Committee: Ross Beck
    1. **Ross Beck**: I need a member of the class of 2015 to fill rules and regulations committee. Basically we look at club constitutions and keep track of new clubs submitting constitutions to become a club. I will now take nominations.
    2. **Rich Darrach**: I nominate Stephen Evans
    3. **Steven Evans**: I accept.
    4. **Ross Beck**: Stephen Evans is the 2015 Representative for Rules and Regulations committee.
64. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
65. Commuter Council: **No Report**
66. Senior Class: Meaghan MacDonald
    * + 1. Hello all, emails went out to the senior class about senior fleeces. These are the fleeces. It will be staying down here, so tell your friends to come feel it. It’s wicked soft. The sizes are extra small thru double extra large. The double extra large is $3.00 extra. It will say Westfield State University with Class of 2012 in the middle. The back will have an owl on the back in the middle. Also included in the price, you are able to embroider your name on the sleeve. The price is $40.00. If you got this in the bookstore, it would be a lot more money.
        2. More details to follow on senior fest, next week, February 7th. I am doing the last minute things to make it successful.
        3. Our next scheduled meeting is February 1st at 5:00 PM in the Tekoa Room.
67. Junior Class: **No Report**
68. Sophomore Class: Taylor Fote
    * + 1. Hello everyone. Well, Mr. Westfield is officially underway; we have our interest meetings Wednesday, February 1st and Thursday, February 2nd here in the Student Government Room. I hope to see everyone who was nominated there. Even if you weren’t nominated and are interested please come. Also, we now have a full council and look forward to working together.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting is February 6th at 5:00 PM in the Student Government conference room.
69. Freshman Class: Richard Darrach
70. We are interviewing for our Representative to Senate and Class Advisor next week at a time and date to be announced.
71. Our next scheduled meeting is February 2nd at 6:45 PM in the Student Government conference room.
72. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
73. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
74. Davis Hall: **No Report**
75. Dickinson Hall: Aerin Andre
    * + 1. I move to appoint Julie Ryan as a Dickinson Hall Representative to senate for the spring semester. Motion passed.
76. Lammers Hall: Hannah Persson
    * + 1. I announce the resignation of Brenda McCarthy as Representative to Senate for Lammers Hall.
        2. We are still looking for another Representative.
        3. Our first meeting of the semester is January 31st at 9:00 pm in the Lammers lobby.
77. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
78. New Hall: Anthony Oberg
    * + 1. I move to appoint Peter Sepe as a New Hall Representative to Senate for the remainder of the year. Motion passed.
79. Scanlon Hall: Priscilla Aguilar
80. I accept the resignation of Peter Sepe as Scanlon Hall President. We are currently opening the position of President to the hall. Some residents have already shown some interest, we will be interviewing them soon.
81. **David Getchell**: Do you know when Scanlon Hall is getting off restrictions?
82. **Priscilla Aguilar:** Jon has not talked about it yet, but we did rack up some charges this weekend, so we will probably be on it for a while.
83. **Stephanie Close:** See me if you have any more question on that.
84. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None**
85. NEW BUSINESS: **None**
86. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
87. Stephanie Close: Can I see all Hall Presidents?
88. Ryan Meersman: Please make sure you make contact with your committees.
89. Amy Wing: Make sure you are on a committee.
90. Brandon Burr: Can I see Matt Durant?
91. Stone Koury: Join the Finance Committee.
92. Louis Cimaglia: See me for the Bookstore Committee.
93. Tony Iozzo: I need a student for Grade Appeals Committee.
94. Meaghan MacDonald: 109 Days until commencement.
95. ROLL CALL: Caitlin Turner, Kevin Gallant, and Dominck Farbo were absent. Elizabeth Cauley sent and alternate.
96. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.