**Student Government Association Minutes**

May 01, 2012

1. ROLL CALL:
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 24, 2012: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Hello everyone. Please let me introduce the Direcor of Residential Life, Dr. Jon Conlogue.
   * + 1. **Dr. Conlogue**: Hi everyone, I have brought some policy changes to the handbook for next year. If you could look at them, and I will field any questions, you may have. You will see a lot of changes are clarificcations of existing policies, and things like that. Some other changes are costs of damages. The biggest change policy wise is the inclusion of section charges, if that building should so chose. Other changes are related to changing over from tech keys to a swipe card system.
       2. **Amy Wing**: How will the voting of secion vs. building charges go to ensure that all students will understand the differences, the pros and cons, and actually vote in their building?
       3. **Dr. Conlogue**: The process and policies would be made very clear at section meetings, at the beginning of the year. We are still working all of that out. Students will definitely be educated on both options.
       4. **Matt Durrant**: Will there be any other fee changes that are not damage fees, such as leaving housing early?
       5. **Dr. Conlogue**: The cancellation fee was changed this year because we want to discourage students from leaving mid-year, other fees did not change.
       6. **Krysta Livingstone**: How has the community response plan been working, since it is being included in the handbook?
       7. **Dr. Conlogue**: It has been working very well, and we were seeing some of the outcomes that we hoped we would see. There will be some tweaking, for future years, but for a first year, it went extremely well. We are happy with it.
       8. **Olivia Dumas**: How would the plan be enacted. if a building should switch to section charges?
       9. **Dr. Conlogue**: Good question. It will require some work to have it all work smoothly. There will always be whole building charges, but we will work to include secions charges in the response plan.
       10. **Stephanie Close**: I know you were talking about tweaking the response plan. I would feel comfortable having a definite response plan in the handbook to give to students. I also feel like there needs to be a lot of thought on how to include section charges if a building choses that route.
       11. **Dr. Conlogue**: We will provide students with as much information as we can. We will be doing a detailed review this summer, and nail down a lot more specifics this summer.
       12. **Brandon Burr**: Will the access cards, be in all resident Halls, in the fall?
       13. **Dr**. **Conlogue:** That is the plan,
       14. **Tori Landry**: Will the ballot for secion vs. building charges be on collegiate link?
       15. **Dr. Conlogue**: That is most likely the route we will take, but we have not talked about that yet.
       16. **Aerin Andre**: Will everyone be getting new ID’s with the new system?
       17. **Dr**. **Conlogue**: Yes you will.
       18. **Meaghan MacDonald**: Will it cost more, to replace the new ID’s?
       19. **Dr**. **Conlogue**: I don’t know yet, my guess is the price will go up. The good thing is if you lose your ID, you can get it deactivated immediately.
       20. **Matt Durant**: So, will there be no more tech keys at all?
       21. **Dr**. **Conlogue**: We are thinking of keeping tech keys for some of the academic building areas that are tech keyed now, but we don’t know that. They will not be used in residence halls.
       22. **Rich Darrach**: Will we have to pay for the new ID’s?
       23. **Dr**. **Conlogue**: No, you will not, not that I know of.
       24. **Stephanie Close**: Will this affect the managemyid.com program?
       25. **Dr. Conlogue**: No, it will not.
       26. **Brandon Burr**: Will Apartment Complex students need a new ID since we don’t use tech keys?
       27. **Dr**. **Conlogue**: I am not completely sure on that one.
3. Thank you Dr. Conlogue:
4. As you all know, this is our last meeting, and the last meeting ever in this room. I just have a few words before I hand the gavel over. Three years ago, I sat back there in Ryan Meersman’s office. I was scared, and not because Ryan looks like he is 40. It was because I didn’t know what I was doing here. I didn’t know what I was doing at Westfield. I did a couple little things here and there, but I had no conviction, and that is what scared me the most. Freshmen year came and went, and it was October of Sophomore year. So for the remainder of the year, I was a Representative at Large. I got involved in NEASC, and I eventually ran for Vice President of Finance, and now I’m here.
5. I know SGA isn’t for everyone. That is fine, but for the people out there who don’t make SGA their priority, consider this: for some of us this is the accomplishment we are most proud of in life so far. I can only speak for myself, but the work we have done down here is something I will never forget.
6. To Stephanie Close, my successor, I wish you the best of luck. You will do a tremendous job.
7. I have racked my brain for days thinking of some profound words I could dispense to everyone that perfectly capture this year and what Student Government means to me. And the best I can come up with is “Thank you”.
8. Thank you to Student Government for defining the better part of my college career. Thank you to our advisors who have been there for us all year, Barbara Hand, David Smailes, Mike Mazeika and Aurelio Sanchez. Thank you to Sue LaMontagne and Carlton Pickron, who have been so helpful this year as well. Thank you to my executive board for challenging me, for supporting me and for supporting what we do down here every single day. Most importantly, thank you to all of you for letting me serve. Being able to represent students across this campus has been a humbling and truly fulfilling experience.
9. Items not listed on the agenda:
10. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
11. All College Committee: **No Report**
12. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
13. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
14. Alumni Report**: No Report**
15. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
16. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
17. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
18. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
19. Health Committee: **No Report**
20. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
21. Sustainability Committee**: No Report**
22. Student Athletic Advisory Board: Ian Wilson
    * + 1. We had our last SAAB meeting, last night. We talked about the year in Athletics and our awards banquet, next Monday May, 7th at 5:30 pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. The banquet is for senior athletes and award winners. There are still a couple games left that I encourage you to go to. Tomorrow night, May 2nd at 6:00 pm there is a women’s lacrosse game at Alumni Field. Also on Thursday, May 3rd the baseball team plays at 3:00 pm.
23. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
24. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
25. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
26. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
27. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
28. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
29. International Programs Committee: Rebecca DiVico
    1. We discussed the short-term proposal from out last meeting. The new approved trips are:
       1. Spring 2013 – France – Art 0107/0399
       2. Spring 2013 - Cuba – CRJU 034X
       3. Spring 2013 – Ireland – CRJU 0335
       4. Spring 2014 – Costa Rica – CRJU 0335
    2. There are several repeat trips that will be offered also.
    3. We also heard the Annual Report, which was just a review from Cynthia Sielar.
30. Institutional Assessment Committee: **No Report**
31. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
32. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
33. Learning Communities**: No Report**
34. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
35. Programming update: Brandon Burr
36. Neighborhood Association Committee: **No Report**
37. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
38. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
39. Finance Report: No Report
40. Foundation Report**: No Report**
41. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
42. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
43. Legislative Secretary Report: **No Report**

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: Meaghan MacDonald
   1. Wow, this is my last SGA Report. First off the events coming up are:
      1. Saturday, May 5th Cinco De Mayo on the Front Patio of the Dinning Commons at 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm with nacho’s. There will be another e-mail sent out on Thursday, May 3rd.
      2. Friday, May 11th will be Commencement Rehearsal from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm. It is not mandatory however it is strongly recommended that you attend.
      3. Friday, May 11th will also be Senior Send off from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm you will need to RSVP for this event. We are getting many responses. We have received almost 200 over the weekend.
      4. I want to first give a congratulations to our sister class; they really stepped up with Mr. Westfield.
      5. I want to thank Barbara Hand, Dr. David Smailes and Kim Hosmer for always being there for us, our advisor Amy Szlachetka she is amazing and Ross Beck and Ryan Meersman. I would also like to thank my class council. They have been amazing and even though I am the President, I would have never been able to do it without them.
      6. Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, May 3rd at 5:15 pm, in the SGA conference room.
4. Junior Class: Lyndsey Howe
   * + 1. Our goal for the fall is to really implement and follow through with programs. We have some ideas for Zumba, dodge ball, a walk, helping at the soup kitchen and many others.
       2. Aslo, our Westfield Calendar will be coming out the first weeks in September with pictures of different clubs and teams.
       3. The Class survey about Senior Week should be coming out this week and open until June 1st so fill that out if you will be a senior next year.
       4. Lastly, Senior convocation is planned for September 20th and our first senior night will be September 21st.
5. Sophomore Class: Taylor Fote
6. I would like to start off my report by saying thank you to everyone, who helped us out, to put on our show this weekend. I want to thank Brandon Burr, for hosting the show, Dr. Smailes and Carlton Pickron for judging the show, and Barbara Hand for being an amazing advisor and for helping with everything. I want to thank Stan Costa, who was an awesome Mr. 2013, and the rest of our contestants. But finally I want to thank you guys for whoever donated or came to the show. Because of that, we were able to raise $3,585.38. I hope you all enjoyed the show, and again all I can say is, “thank you”. I wish Brittany Moniz the best of luck next year and I’m sure we can make it even better.
7. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, May 7th at 5:00 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
8. Freshman Class: **No Report**
9. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
10. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
11. Davis Hall: Matt Durrant
12. The Davis and New Hall event went over very well. A lot of people showed up and had a really great time. The EMTs had a great time taking over our cotton candy machine and I learned firsthand what it feels like to go into a dunk tank in decently cold weather. On behalf of all of Davis hall I’d like to thank the New Hall council for all of their assistance and unprecedented support.
13. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
14. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
15. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
16. New Hall: **No Report**
17. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
18. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**: None**
19. NEW BUSINESS:
20. **Krysta Livingstone**; I move to open new business. Motion passed.
21. **Stephanie Close**: I move to suspend parliamentary procedures to discuss VP of Student Affairs candidates. Motion passed.
22. Amy Wing: I move to close new business. Motion passed.
23. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
24. **Meaghan MacDonald**: 18 days until commencement.
25. ROLL CALL: need roll call from last meeting.
26. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at pm.