**Student Government Association Minutes**

November 15, 2011

1. ROLL CALL: David Getchell, Emily baker, Brittany Moniz, Dominick Farbo, Jim Robertson, Kaylen Vangos Kaitlin Moriarty, Hannah Persson, Anthony Oberg, Yadira Garcia, Prischilla Aguilar, Alicia Thomas, Brenda McCarthy, Steven Eveans, And Brian Lanciault were absent. Olivia Dumas and Ian Wilson sent alternates.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 08, 2011: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Hello everyone, our first speaker is Sue LaMontagne, Dean of Students, to talk about the upcoming NEASC meeting that will be occurring down here on November 29th.
   * + 1. **Sue LaMontagne:** Hello everyone, it is good to see you all. You may remember, about a month ago when I came down to talk about the NEASC accreditation study. We have finished our self–study draft, and we will have a team coming in April, to review our self-study, and to talk to various constituents, including students, to determine if they will continue to accredit our University. The good news is that it is highly unlikely that we will not be accredited. There are about 11 chapters in our self-study. I would like each of you to read an assigned chapter, by our November 29th meeting. On November 29th, there will be an open student forum, in the Student Government Association room during our SGA meeting, which all students will be invited to participate in. Students will be able to give feedback on whether or not they think our self-study reflects our institution. When you read the chapter, please keep in mind if you think your chapter is accurate, with regards to the University. Each chapter is very short. I will turn it back to Lou Cimaglia, to assign you all a chapter. I really appreciate you all doing this.
3. I have broken down the Senate into standards, and I will be emailing all of you the self-study draft in its entirety for you.
4. This Sunday, November 20th, we will be going to the Cancer House of Hope, for our annual fall clean-up, raking and things. We will be leaving around 10:30 from the Dickinson lot. I am passing around a signup sheet, if you are interested sign your name on the sheet and also indicate if you can drive or not.
   1. **Rich Darrach**: Where will we be meeting on Sunday?
   2. **Lou Cimaglia**: In the Dickinson Lot.
   3. **Barbara Hand**: Do we have a meeting next week?
   4. **Lou Cimaglia**: No we do not.
5. We accept the resignation of Nickolas Newsome as a Representative at Large.
6. I move to appoint Nickolas Newsome as the Commuter Council President for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic years. Motion Passed
7. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
8. I just wanted to announce, that we will soon have a big white board; we will have a list of all of the committees, and who sits on what committee, so it will be easier for everyone to know who is doing what.
9. All College Committee: Lou Cimaglia
   * + 1. Thank you to everyone who went to the forum today.
10. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
11. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
12. Alumni Report**: No Report**
13. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
14. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
15. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
16. Food Services Committee: Michelle Brown
    * + 1. Tomorrow Night, November 16th is the second discussion group and there are 2 female spots left. So sign up with Farina Lees, as soon as possible.
17. **Nikki Ferreira**: Where is her office?
18. **Michelle Brown**: Back by the old Tekoa room in the Dinning Commons.
19. **Amy Wing:** They are still serving things at the grill.
20. **Stephanie Close**: (POI) I spoke with Craig, they have a rotating menu, so what is served at the grill will dictate how it is being served. If you have any questions, Craig is willing to answer any question or comment.
21. **Michelle Brown**: Maria also wanted me to stress that you can ask for exactly what you want.
    * + 1. This Thursday, November 17th is the Thanksgiving Buffet. There will be lots of fun food including an array of delicious pies and a sundae bar.
22. Health Committee: Peter Sepe
    * + 1. The Health Committee met yesterday, to discuss the next blood drive, which is coming up November 30th. I need volunteers to sit, in the DC starting tomorrow, November 16th until Friday, November 18th and potentially Monday, November 28th and Tuesday, November 29th after Thanksgiving Break. I also need volunteers for the day of the blood drive; that is a unit opportunity. There are two sign-up sheets that I’m passing around. Please get those back to me at the end of the meeting.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 28th at 3:00 PM in the Counseling Center Conference Room.
23. Parking Control Board: Tim Egan
    * + 1. Hello everyone, our parking forum was last night, Monday, November 14th over in Wilson. Unfortunately, there were not many in attendance. We were especially concerned in the lack of faculty/staff present because they are the ones who send the most complaints before the board. Thank you, to those here tonight who attended, I hope some valuable information was attained. Your feedback will be useful at our next meeting.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting is December 2nd at 8:00 AM in Ely 210.
24. Sustainability Committee**: No Report**
25. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
26. Substance Advisory committee: **No Report**
27. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
28. Hey guys, just a few Academic updates. Last week, the SMARTS GRANTS committee approved grants to 2 groups of students for off campus, academic seminars. For those of you that don’t know what SMARTS GRANTS is, it is a committee out of Academic Affairs that grants money to qualified students for off campus scholarships and academic ventures.
29. There will be 2 opportunities, for you to voice your opinions. There will be a focus group, next Monday, November 21st. from 3:30 PM until 4:30 PM in the Scanlon Living Room and another one, on Wednesday, November 30th from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM in either Davis or Dickinson Hall. I’ll get back to you on that.
30. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
31. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
32. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
33. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
34. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
35. Institutional Assessment Committee: **No Report**
36. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
37. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
38. Learning Communities**: No Report**
39. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
40. Programming update: Brandon Burr
41. So the New York City Tickets went on sale this morning Tuesday, November 15th and it worked out well, all 150 tickets were sold.
42. Also, we have Say What Karaoke finals, November 16th at 7:30 PM in Devers Stage and Auditorium, so come check out the New England Regional Karaoke Champion perform, also the Competitive Dance Team and the Night Owls.
43. The Campus Activities Board will be attending NACA this weekend we are leaving Thursday, November 17th and returning on Sunday, November 20th. While we are gone check out Brown Bag Bingo, Friday at 11:00 PM in the Ely Campus Center. The grand prize is a Kerig Coffee maker.
44. Some of the Campus Activities Board members are going to a conference next weekend in Hartford, Ct. and hopefully, we will get some good programs, to bring back to campus.
45. Along with the Say What Karaoke next week, Brown Bag Bingo is next Friday, November 19th. At 11:00 PM in Ely Main Lounge.
46. Neighborhood Association Committee: Brandon Burr
    * + 1. See me after the meeting if you are helping with the Turkey Drive.
47. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
48. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
49. Finance Report: **No Report**
50. Foundation Report**: No Report**
51. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
52. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
53. Legislative Secretary Report: Amy Wing
    * + 1. Units are due by November 30th. Thank you to those who have submitted units.
        2. There were questions about absences. There are 2 roll calls, if you aren’t there for 1 it counts as a ½ absence.
54. **Nick Newsome**: Does the forum tonight count for a unit?
55. **Amy Wing**: Yes it does.
56. PARLIMENTARIAN REPORTS:
57. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
58. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
59. Commuter Council: Nicholas Newsome
    1. The Executive Board did a wonderful job presenting about the Student over Government Association at the All College Council forum today.
    2. The career center will be organizing a toast masters group on campus, the contact is Giselle Abed if you are interested.
    3. The Council will be having a pancake breakfast in the commuter café tomorrow morning for our first event.

a. **Aerin Andre**: What kind of Panckakes?

b. **Nick Newsome:** Probably just plain.

1. Senior Class: Meaghan MacDonald
2. I wanted to let you all know we are working to get senior week packets out for the holiday break, so talk it up at home.
3. Anyone involved in the date auction, look out for an email from us. We are going to try to coordinate a rehearsal the night before the date auction which is on December 3rd at 7:30 PM in Dever Hall and Auditorium.
4. When we return from break, we will be making an album on our facebook group to display the people being auctioned off. Last year, we raised $3,000.00, we are hoping to do as well this year, to complete the wish, which is $6,000.00
5. Have a wonderful holiday break, and see you after Thanksgiving.
6. Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, November 16th at 4:30 PM in Ely 210.
7. Junior Class: **No Report**
8. Sophomore Class**: Taylor Fote**
   * + 1. Just a reminder that our Wiffle Stock event is Tuesday, November 29th in the Parenzo Gym. Signups are going on this week.
       2. For our next big event, we are having a Mr. Westfield competition. It will be in Dever Auditorium on February 22nd. We are looking for a student to represent each class and hall. There will be nomination boxes in all the halls and we will be in the commuter café in the coming weeks. The contestants will participate in question and answer, formal wear, talent and outfit of choice. All of the proceeds and funds raised will go to Make-a-wish foundation. More details will be coming as we proceed with the process. Please nominate your friends.
       3. Our next scheduled meeting will be on November 17th at 5:30 PM in the Student Government Association clubs room.
9. Freshman Class: Richard Darraach
   * + 1. The Freshman Class is holding our first fundraiser. On Monday, November 21st we will be selling hand turkeys for a dollar and to be entered into a 50/50 raffle. We will be doing this in the Dinning Commons. The time will be announced sometime November 16th.
       2. In December, we will be hosting brown bag bingo, a holiday party and we are going to attend a Class Yankee Swap, details to follow.
       3. We are hoping to send out two troop care packages, as a council, in December as well.
       4. Things are finally picking up for us. Everyone have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy another long weekend.
       5. Our next scheduled meeting is on November 17th at 5:30 PM in the Student Government Conference Room.
10. Apartment Complex: Kevin Gallant
11. Great turnout for our Wings Event last Wednesday, November 9th. 63 people attended and the wings were gone in 20 minutes.
12. Our next scheduled meeting is on November 15th at 10:30 PM in the Residents Directors’ office of the Apartment Complex.
13. Courtney Hall**:** Victoria Downs
    * + 1. We are having a blanket event with Circle K, Making fleece blankets for the KPTI Hospital, in The Courtney Lobby at 5:30 PM with snacks and drinks.
        2. We’re also figuring out a Toy Drive for December.
        3. We are also putting up posters, promoting respect and community, to get the damage fees down inour hall**.**
        4. Our next scheduled meeting is on November 21st at 5:00 PM in the Courtney Main Lounge.
14. Davis Hall: Matthew Durant
15. I’d like to announce that tomorrow, November 16th between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM, Davis Hall will be having a mandatory meeting, with each section of residents (categorized by the Resident Assistant) in order to vote, on a possible alternate system of charges/sanctions, or vote, to leave the system as is. These meetings are the fruits of last Wednesdays meeting, November 9th, of concerned Davis Hall residents, as well as residents of other halls, namely Stephanie Close, whom I would especially like to thank for her input, intuition, advice and experience. The meeting went very well and through much discussion and brainstorming, we have arrived at the decision, to hold tomorrow’s mandatory meetings. The options are 1. Gender –wide sanctions, 2. Gender wide sanctions and building charges or 3.leaving the plan and hall wide sanctions and charges as is. I’d like to acknowledge that the guest restrictions have been lifted from Davis Hall and I’d like to acknowledge the incredible hard work of my Hall Council during these recent times, Particularly my two Representatives Maddy Escobar and Elizabeth Cauley
16. Dickinson Hall: Aerin Andre
17. I move to appoint Sarah Alicia as a Student Government Association Representative for Dickinson Hall for the remainder of the academic years 2011-2012. Motion Passed.
18. We will be having a social on November 21st from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with food and music.
19. We have chosen our t-shirt design winner
20. Our next scheduled meeting is on November 16th in Ely.
21. Econo Lodge Housing: **No Report**
22. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
23. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
24. New Hall: **No Report**
25. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
26. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None**
27. NEW BUSINESS: **None**
28. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
29. **Stephanie Close**: Can I please see all Hall Council Presidents?
30. **Brandon Burr**: Can I see the Neighborhood Association Committee?
31. **Amy Wing**: remember to do your units this month.
32. **Meaghan MacDonald**: 186 days until Commencement
33. ROLL CALL:Jim Robertson, Kaylen Vangos, Kaitlin Moriarty, Alicia Thomas, Steven Evans were absent. Ian Wilson and Olivia Dumas sent alternates
34. ADJOURNMENT: adjourned at 6:12 PM.