**Student Government Association Minutes**

November 08, 2011

1. ROLL CALL: Dominick Farbo, Sarah Hegarty, Kevin Gallant, Joyniqua Hall, Steven Evens, Katie Moriarty, Yadira Garcia, and Stephanie Souers were absent. Ian Wilson sent an alternate. Meaghan MacDonald and Kristen Brunell were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 25, 2011: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Hello everyone, good to see you all back after our little break. Our speaker tonight is Thomas Raffensperger, Director of the Library, to tell us a little bit about the upcoming plans for the library.
   * + 1. **Mr. Raffensperger**: Hello everyone, as Lou said my name is Tom Raffensperger. I am pretty new to Westfield State; I got here about six months ago from Portland, Oregon, and moved right into a pretty big project upstairs. We will be undergoing renovations to the library. I think you all know the Library at this point is pretty worn out. My idea of a library is that it is where knowledge lives. I believe the library is a place for people, not just for books. This is why I want to redesign the library to be more accommodating to student needs. We see faculty in the library, but not very often, it is very much a student place. I have noticed a lot of people working together, in this library, and would like to bring in some new technology. I used a certain piece of technology, in Portland, that I would like to bring here, where students can share a big screen and plug in their laptops to it. While many like to do group work, the library is also a place where people like to study on their own, and I have gotten a lot of requests for a quiet study space. One thing we want to do in the library is create spaces where students can either work individually or in groups. In the quiet study areas, we want to create pods, rather than just rows of computers, so people have more privacy and more room to work. We have found that our paper resources are being used less and less, but a lot of students are there using the computers and databases. Essentially, we want the library to be a nicer place for students to work. There are two phases to this project. The first phase will involve group study rooms with the technology that I mentioned earlier. We will also be moving the Educational Resource Center, to the lower level. We will also be putting in new power outlets. Phase two will include new carpeting, new paint, new computers, and much more. Part of our plan is to do phase one, and see what students think of it all, which is why this two phase process is good. I will be coming back to you guys, for more feedback, as we go on. Our main idea is to have more active areas. All in all, we will have six group study rooms, and the classroom upstairs will also be expanded.
       2. **Amy Wing:** I really like the idea of the study. When you spoke about taking away the rows of computers to put in lager pods, does that mean we will be losing computers?
       3. **Mr. Raffensperger:** We will actually be gaining three computers. We also have the laptops now, to lend out, and more outlets for laptops.
       4. **Stephanie Close:** Will the study group rooms be able to block noises, so quiet areas don’t hear the noise?
       5. **Mr. Raffensperger**: They will be closed rooms. They will not be sound proof, but they will not let in a lot of noise.
       6. **Prischilla Aquilar:** Will groups be able to sign out a study room in advance?
       7. **Mr. Raffensperger:** How I did it, in the past, was the keys to the rooms would be at the circulation desk, and you could essentially take them out on loan and bring them back. This worked really well at other institutions. I think, we will try this method out first, but if it does not work we can think of a reservations system.
       8. **Rich Darrach:** will there be projectors in the study rooms?
       9. **Mr. Raffensperger**: We don’t have plans for that right now, which is mainly a budgetary restriction. There have been studies done, at other institutions, as to which technology students use the most, and it was found to be white boards. Also, with the two phase project, we can always change plans for phase two if we find that students really want something else.
       10. **Nick Newsome**: Back to the number of computers. I am in the library frequently, and the computers are always packed. With the new residence hall coming in, I am assuming enrollment would increase, so I don’t know if only adding three computers would be enough.
       11. **Stephanie Close**: (POI) Enrollment is not supposed to increase, with the new residence hall.
       12. **Mr. Raffensperger**: I agree that we need more computers on campus. I do believe this is a campus wide problem, however, and the library may not be able to be the only place to fix that problem. We are trying to get as many computers as possible. We brought in ten new laptops, that students can use, and have the capacity to have ten more. We are trying to push it as much as we can.
       13. **Victoria Downs**: I think this looks great, I can tell things will be a lot better.
       14. **Mr. Raffensperger**: Thank you. What I will ask you all to do, is to keep the library in mind, and give me some feedback, as the renovations go on.
3. Thank you Mr. Raffensperger. I had a couple things; I wanted to bring up to everyone here tonight. First, there is the hope, to establish a Bookstore Advisory Board with some students from Student Government Association. I know there are a few new senators, who still might be looking for committees. If you wouldn’t mind seeing Carlton Pickron, after this meeting, I believe there are a couple of Executive members who are also willing to sit on this committee.
4. Also, I am just looking for a straw poll here. I had mentioned a few weeks back that we were planning an SGA bowling trip, later this month. With the obvious circumstances, there is a bit more of a time crunch now. Would a bowling outing, most likely on a Sunday this month, be something everyone would still want? Or is this something better suited for the spring?
5. It was decided that we will wait until the spring semester to have the bowling event.
6. The date for the parking forum was changed to next Monday, November 14th, in Wilson Hall. I think this is something that students, particularly commuters, will be very interested in attending.
7. Next week, November 15th, Enrique Morales-Diaz and Sue LaMontagne from the NEASC Steering Committee will be down to brief everyone on what they are expecting for the November 29th meeting. Next week, I will have a breakdown of all of the standards. You will all be selected to read one standard of the draft and be ready to comment on it on November 29th.
8. The All College Committee open forum is next Tuesday, November 15th. Jim Robertson will be speaking more to it, but I can’t stress enough how important it is for students to attend this meeting.
9. Finally, I know everyone is excited to have this Friday off, but hopefully everyone does recognize that it is Veterans Day. If you get a chance, thank a Veteran attend the local parade that is at 10:00 AM on Friday November 11th. We are fortunate enough to have a Veteran on Senate with us, Nick Newsome.
10. Thank you everyone, our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30 in the Student Government Association Office.
11. **Emily Hammel**: Will we be having a meeting the Tuesday before Thanksgiving?
12. **Lou Cimaglia**: We will not.
13. **Carlton Pickron**: Did you happen to make mention of the moc room in Dickinson?
14. **Lou Cimaglia**: Thank you, for the reminder. After this meeting, and through the rest of the week, there will be a moc room of what will be in University Hall, in the Dickinson Commons Room, please try and go see it and give some feedback.
15. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
16. All College Committee: Jim Robertson
    * + 1. Over the last couple weeks, we have been focusing a lot of attention on LEAP and Vision Project. There are a lot of opinions on these topics. Mainly the discussion is whether or not to make Westfield a LEAP school. Simply put LEAP is a structured way of teaching the curriculum. Any questions, fee free to ask myself, Lou Cimaglia or Michelle Hanney.
        2. The other main thing, I wanted to talk about is the school wide forum we had. All of the main groups and committees got to speak and answer questions. A topic that was discussed was having a frequent, open meeting time; we are one of the few states not doing it.
17. **Lou Cimaglia**: (POI) That forum is at 4:00 PM in the Scanlon Banquet hall
18. **Amy Wing**: I will give units for going.
    * + 1. Our next open forum is next Tuesday, November 15th at 4:00 PM. There was a low count of students present at the last forum, so I highly recommend all Student Government be there. The Executive Board will be speaking.
19. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
20. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
21. Alumni Report**: No Report**
22. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
23. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
24. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
25. Food Services Committee: Michelle Brown
    * + 1. Sodexo is holding 2 forums next week, on Monday, November 14th and Wednesday, November 16th at 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM. If you would like to participate, you can sign up with Farina Lees in her office, the old Tekoa Room. They need 10 males and 10 female for each day and all participates will get 20 Sedexo bucks.
26. **Amy Wing**: When did the grill line go back to non-self-serve?
27. **Michelle Brown**: I was not aware of that. As far as I know, they were putting burgers on plates.
28. **Brandon Burr**: They were serving them at lunch today.
29. **Michelle Brown**: I will bring it up at the next meeting.
30. **Nicky Ferreira**: Where do you sign up for the forum?
31. **Michelle Brown**: It is back near the old Tekoa Room.
32. **Rich Darrach**: I would like to see more themed days like apple fest.
33. Health Committee: **No Report**
34. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
35. Sustainability Committee**: No Report**
36. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
37. Substance Advisory committee: **No Report**
38. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
39. I hope everyone had a great fall break. Just some updates, I’m sure you all got the emails; Junior class advising started yesterday, November 7th, with registration occurring on Monday, November 14th. Sophomore advising is from Tuesday, November 15th to Friday, November 18th with registration on Monday, November 21st and first years have advising from Monday, November 28th thru Thursday, December 1st with registration on Friday, December 2nd.
40. Tomorrow, November 9th, there will be a workshop on “What makes Good Academic Writing” in the honors center in Mod Hall at 3:15 PM, facilitated by Professor Catherine Savini: You do not need to be in the Honors Program to attend.
41. Also tomorrow, November 9th there will be a “How to get into Law School Seminar” from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in Ely room 220. Honorable Michael Mulcahy, a judge from Springfield will be the special guest.
42. The Honors Program will be bringing a group of students to the annual conference of the Northeast Regional Honors Council in Baltimore, Maryland on April 12th thru April 15, 2012. The theme for the conference this year is “competing Claims: Division and Coalitions” and students can present on a wide range of topics. The original deadline for proposal submission was November 15th, but we have received an extension due to the surprise break.
43. On Monday, November 14th at 6:30 PM in Bates Hall Room 3, the computer lab, in the lower level of Bates, Professor Brewster and Professor Diana, will be holding a workshop to describe the conference, the kinds of work appropriate for presentation, and to help students with the application process.
44. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
45. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
46. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
47. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
48. International Programs Committee: Rebecca DiVico
    1. Today, November 8th was our first meeting, at 3:45 PM in the Mod Hall Conference room. Dr. Robert Hayes of the Psychology Department was voted in as the chair of the committee. The meeting did not have a structured agenda. We talked about the description of our committee. We talked about spreading the word, of the programs, to get the full attention of the students on campus.
    2. Our next scheduled meeting is December 6th at 3:45 PM in the Mod Hall Conference room.
49. Institutional Assessment Committee: **No Report**
50. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
51. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
52. Learning Communities**: No Report**
53. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
54. So that was a crazy past week for everyone, hopefully everyone is settling back in.
55. Programming update: Brandon Burr
56. We postponed the two events we had scheduled for last week. Say What Karaoke has been moved to next Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30 PM in Devers Stage and Auditorium, so come check it out. Rosemary, the comedian, has been postponed to next semester.
57. 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.
58. Along with the Say What Karaoke next week, Brown Bag Bingo is next Friday, November 19th. At 11:00 PM in Ely Main Lounge.
59. Some exciting news, the Campus Activities Board officially booked Moufy for a welcome back concert on February 4th at 8:00 PM in the Scanlon Banquet Hall, if you haven’t heard of him check him out on *youtube.com*, a lot of students are really excited so it should be a good show.
    * 1. **Katie Turner**: I know we got tweeted about Barstool Sports that we are trying to do something big, what was that?
      2. **Brandon Burr**: It was about booking Moufy.
60. Neighborhood Association Committee: Brandon Burr
    * + 1. We have our first meeting tonight, November 8th in the Student Government Association Conference Room, immediately following the Student Government Association meeting. If you did not sign up and are interested in joining come to the meeting tonight.
        2. We are beginning the Turkey Drive later this week, going into next week, so if people come around collecting money for it please donate any extra change you might have laying around. Any money will help. All the money goes to buying turkeys, for needy families in Westfield, who might not be able to afford a nice turkey dinner.
    1. **Barbara Hand**: How many turkeys did you purchase last year?
    2. **Brandon Burr**: 65, we are trying to raise that this year.
    3. **Tammy Adams**: Speaking of the neighborhood, the Circle K Club will be doing ‘Snowtober’ cleanup this Friday, November 11th. Please see me or Krysta Livingstone if you are interested in participating.
61. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
62. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
63. Finance Report: Stone Koury
64. We have two finance proposals to go over.
65. I move to allocate $909.25 to the Business Club for their annual Banquet on November 16th, 2011. Motion approved.
66. I move to allocate $3059.25 to the Athletic Training Club for the Eastern Athletic Trainers Conference in Boston on January 6th thru January 9th, 2012. Motion approved.
67. Foundation Report**: No Report**
68. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
69. Executive Secretary Report: Krysta Livingstone
    * + 1. Circle K club is organizing what they are calling the “Snowtober cleanup,” this Friday, November 11th and is looking to Student Government Association for volunteers. Students will be sent off campus, in two waves on Friday, November 11, 2011 from 9:00 AM until about 12:30 PM, and the second wave would be from 1:00 PM until about 4:30 PM, to help clean up some of the yards in Westfield. The vans will be leaving Ely campus center. If anyone is interested I will send around a signup sheet, just make sure it gets back to me, at the end of the meeting
70. Legislative Secretary Report: Amy Wing
71. I hope you all enjoyed the nice weather today. I, unfortunately, am very disappointed with the unit participation last month. I accepted late units, but about half of you did not take responsibility and didn’t submit units or just didn’t do them. I have already awarded those students with a half absence. It is a senator’s responsibility to complete the allotted units monthly. Saying that, I have reduced the amount of required units for November, due to the week of school being cancelled. I have the calendar up and there are unit opportunities on it. A special thank you, to the big unit winner Victoria Landry with 8 Units. A special recognition, to Christian White who didn’t have to do units but still completed them.
72. **Rich Darrach**: Could you send a confirmation email, that you got them in your email.
73. **Amy Wing**: Yes, I can do that.
74. The Wal-mart Drawing winner was Ryan Dolan
75. PARLIMENTARIAN REPORTS:
76. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
77. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
78. Commuter Council: **No Report**
79. Senior Class: **Ross Beck**
    1. The date auction is now going to be held on December 6th at 7:30 PM. Look out for more e-mails to come.
    2. Council is starting to work on Senior Week, with hopes that the packages will be out before winter break.
80. Junior Class: **Allie McLaughlin**
    * + 1. We have begun our cookie dough fundraiser. We are selling 10 flavors for $14.00 per tub, from now until November 28th. See any 2013 class council member, to place your order.
    1. Our next scheduled meeting will be next Monday, November 14th at 8:00 PM in the Student Government Association Conference Room
81. Sophomore Class**: Taylor Fote**
    * + 1. Our Wiffle Stock event scheduled for today, November 8th is postponed due to no sign ups, because of our week off. It has been rescheduled to November 29th from 8:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Signups will be next week.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting will be on November 10th at 5:15 PM in the Student Government Association clubs room.
82. Freshman Class: **No Report**
83. Apartment Complex: **Christian White**
    * + 1. The Apartment Complex will be having its first event in the Dickinson Common Room, Wednesday, November 9th starting at 7:30.
84. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
85. Davis Hall: **Matthew Durant**
86. Regarding our Pumpkin Carving Contest, I am happy to say it was a huge success. I’d like to acknowledge the hard work, enthusiasm and passion of my amazing Hall Council.
87. Regarding the issues with the charges accumulating within Davis Hall, I’m happy to point out that since entering level 5, our amount of charges have decreased, though regrettably have yet to cease. Tomorrow, November 9th at 8:30 PM, Hall Council and I shall be holding a meeting with any and all residents of Davis to discuss and analyze the charging plan and how we, as a hall, can best proceed, before the snowstorm we were met by the representative of Residential Life, as well as some members of the Student Government Association. They provided us with very constructive advice, guidance, information and clarity regarding the sanctions, charges, and how we can best reflect the hall. I am hopeful and faithful that we can” clean up our act” and get ready for a “fresh” start.
88. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
89. Econo Lodge Housing: **No Report**
90. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
91. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
92. New Hall: Anthony Oberg
    * + 1. New Hall council will be doing a reverse trick or treating event, this Sunday, October 30th.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, October 27th at 4:00 PM in the New Hall Conference room.
93. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
94. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None**
95. NEW BUSINESS: **None**
96. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
97. **Brandon Burr**: See me after if you are interested in the Turkey Drive
98. **Stephanie Close**: All Hall Council presidents please meet on the couches.
99. **Danielle Morin**: 193 Days until commencement.
100. ROLL CALL: Dominick Farbo, Sarah Hegarty, Kevin Gallant, Joyniqua Hall, Steven Evans, Katie Moriarty, and Kaylen Vagos were absent. Ian Wilson sent an alternate. Meaghan Macdonald and Kristen Brunell were excused.
101. ADJOURNMENT: adjourned at 6:27 PM.