**Student Government Association Minutes**

October 25, 2011

1. ROLL CALL: Danielle Morin, Brittany Moniz, Caitlin Turner, Emily Tobin, Kaitlin Moriarty, Peter Sepe, Rebecca DiVico, Brenda McCarthy, and Abigail McMahon were absent.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 18, 2011: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Lou Cimaglia*
2. Hello everyone, good to see you all, our first speaker tonight is Josh Hettrick to talk about the community response plan in the Residence Halls.
   * + 1. **Josh Hettrick**: Hi everyone, I wanted to come down tonight to follow up on the community response plan that Residential Life put into place at the beginning of the semester, and what has happened in terms of trends of the semester. So far, we have a lot of encouraging data. As of right now, the total damages for the semester add up to about eight thousand dollars less than this time last semester. This is a tremendous difference in numbers, and is exactly what Residential Life was hoping for when we implemented this plan. The largest differences are in New Hall and Courtney Hall. The numbers in Davis Hall are a concern, however. The first two weeks, before we implemented the community response plan, the numbers were pretty close to last year. Once the plan was implemented and sent out to students, we saw a drastic change in numbers. For the most part, we have seen, very good statistics, on a week to week basis. Numbers two weeks ago were a little concerning, but we notified the halls of what was going on, and some of the implications that could happen if damages continued, and then the numbers dropped again. We have a couple of buildings, right now, that we have some concerns with, those being Lansdowne and Davis. Davis is currently at nine dollars per person. We have had section meetings with residents, and have done many other things to try and work with the Hall. The Lansdowne damage numbers is easily explained by front door damage a couple of weeks ago. Overall, the campus is around $4.50 a person for damages. So far, we have seen a lot of success in the other halls, and things are going well. In many buildings, students have been amazing, and have taken damages seriously. Courtney Hall is currently on level three, and will be going onto 24 hour quiet hours, as well as Scanlon. We tried to give students time to come forward, but we received nothing back. Lansdowne is at level 4, and is restricted to WSU guests only. We are trying to work with these buildings. We are at lever 5 with Davis Hall. These students will have 24 hour quiet hours with no guests, as well as increased staffing. We are doing our best, to try and work with students in Davis. A lot of the charges in Davis are not malicious. It is simply personal trash in the bathrooms, and vomit in the bathrooms. We tried to get as much information as possible and to try and have people come forward, before enacting this, but we didn’t receive anything. Are there any questions so far?
       2. **Rich Darraach**: I live in Davis, has there been any talk about being more disciplinary with the towers, who are causing the most charges?
       3. **Josh Hettrick**: Yes, that has been talked about, and relates to the next question I was going to pose to all of you. There are definitely differences, between floors and sections. You can certainly pinpoint where the majority of damages are coming from. The question I was going to pose to you all is whether to have all building charges, or sectional charges? The survey, I sent out last week, currently has a majority preferring sectional charges. Several years ago, we decided to go with all building charges, because any student can walk through a building that is not their own and cause damages, and it wouldn’t be fair to that section. Some sections are definitely worse than others, which is why, I think students prefer sectional charges. The problem with that is, all of our policies are build around the buildings as a community, and students taking responsibility for their residence hall as a whole. Eventually, we may look at changing some things, but right now our approach is to charge the entire building. I would love to get feedback from you all about this, however.
       4. **Meaghan MacDonald:** In my section this year and last year, I had people from all different buildings, so I don’t think sectional charges are good in terms of that. I don’t think some buildings would work better within than others.
       5. **Josh Hettrick:** That is certainly true.
       6. **Rich Darrach:** The idea got thrown out that charges could be to the entire building to a point. For instance, after damages reach a certain amount per person, it would then turn to sectional charges.
       7. **Josh Hettrick:** That is certainly something we can explore.
       8. **Dominick Farbo:** In my section from previous years, there were a lot of students who didn’t live in my section coming through my halls and bathrooms. So I think sectional would not work, because sections could be wrongfully charged.
       9. **Victoria Downs:** I think that if you moved to sectional charges, students would feel more responsible for their sections, because the charges would be divided among less people.
       10. **Josh Hettrick**: that is a very good point. I know from personal experience as an undergrad, my section took a lot of responsibility for our section because we knew it would directly affect us. But there is also the point that if people from other sections are still causing damages, it would not be fair to charge the wrong sections.
       11. **Stephanie Close**: Right now, people in sections are being wrongly charged for things they are not doing. Also, for Dickinson and Davis, there common rooms are wide open to everyone, and I feel like it is unfair to charge one building for damages in a room that the entire campus has access to.
       12. **Josh Hettrick**: That is an excellent point. I believe that the charges to the common rooms in Dickinson and Davis are minimal as of now. You are certainly right though, and it is something we need to pay attention to.
       13. **Tammy Adams**: is there a way to change the charges to gender? Because girls are getting charged for things in the boys bathrooms, and vice versa.
       14. **Josh Hettrick**: That is an excellent point, especially for buildings with teched bathrooms, which the opposite gender cannot access. It is more difficult in Dickinson and Davis where the bathrooms are open. This certainly warrants discussion.
       15. **Meaghan MacDonald**: Is there a correlation with the amount of guests signed into a building, and the amount of damages?
       16. **Josh Hettrick**: I would have to look at the guest logs. I do think this is something we can look at in terms of trends.
       17. **Jen McDiarmid**: I know a lot of the charges in Scanlon were in the Men’s bathrooms, and girls in Scanlon think it is unfair that it is being billed to them as well. So this kind of goes off of what Tammy was saying about billing by gender.
       18. **Josh Hettrick**: Again, I think this is warrant for discussion.
       19. **Amy Wing**: Is there a trend with first floor foot traffic?
       20. **Josh Hettrick**: The majority of damages are actually not taking place on the first floor.
       21. **Kristen Brunell**: Is there a thought to putting in cameras?
       22. **Josh Hettrick**: The problem is that it costs a fortune, and there are also privacy issues. It will always be a discussion, but it can’t happen anytime soon.
       23. **Rich Darrach**: to clarify, when you talk about the common rooms in Dickinson and Davis, are you talking about the main common rooms, or the smaller ones in the building?
       24. **Josh Hettrick:** Yes, it is the main common rooms. The study lounges in the building have seen minimal damages. The charges have mainly been in the bathrooms.
       25. **Allison McLaughlin:** I am wondering why off campus guest are taken away before on campus guests?
       26. **Josh Hettrick**: Our goal is not to take away where residents can’t go visit their friends in other buildings. I want to be able to give students as many rights as possible.
       27. **Dave Getchell**: I know damages are high because of vomit, and I think the charge for that is really expensive.
       28. **Josh Hettrick**: First, it is the maintainer’s responsibility to clean up. If students get so out of control that they cannot aim at a toilet, they need to take responsibility for that. The charge is a reflection of the amount of time a maintainer has to spend cleaning.
       29. **Sarah Hegarty**: I am really for sectional charges, because students are being punished for things in other sections.
       30. **Brenda McCarthy**: I just wanted to make a point that the charges here for cleaning up vomit are much less on campus than public intoxication laws off campus.
       31. **Josh Hettrick**: That is a good point. To wrap up, this has been a positive change on campus. Damages have decreased overall. A really quick point. If students would throw their garbage in the dumpsters, charges would drop tremendously. It is also important to note that this all resets in January.
       32. **Stephanie Close:** Living in New Hall, recycling is difficult, because the bins outside are outside only, and the bins inside are always full or gone.
       33. **Josh Hettrick:** I know this has been a concern for New Hall. The inside bins are gone a lot because it got to the point where they were not being utilized the right way, and the maintainers could not keep up with them. I think we try to keep the bins inside as much as possible. We try to make students aware of this.
       34. **Stephanie Close**: I know we do a lot of separating, could we have co-mingled recycling?
       35. **Josh Hettrick**: That is a good question; I will direct you to facilities for that.
       36. **Rich Darrach**: I know personal trash is an issue in Davis, how is it in the other Halls?
       37. **Josh Hettrich**: Some halls have had issues, others have not.
       38. **Jen McDiarmid**: Is there a way to do a comment box, so students don’t feel uncomfortable going forward to Resident Directors with information on other students?
       39. **Josh Hettrick**: That would not give us proper information: we need students to come forward to guarantee that the comments in the box are true.
       40. **Brandon Burr**: I move to close the speakers list. Motion Passed.
3. We have a few big campus issues that I would like to bring up tonight. Ryan and I met with Sue Lamontagne, Dr. Carlton Pickron and Curt Robie last week. They are looking for feedback on some of the dining services on campus. I ask that before I say my piece and open the floor to comments, let’s please try to stay brief and realistic. I am aware that it is very difficult to make everybody happy, but Curt Robie is just looking for some basic feedback here.
   1. First we spoke about the Perch area, and why it is so underutilized. They serve pub-style food on Friday and Saturday nights which can be eaten by over 21 aged students. The Pandini’s area is open at that time, and Pandini’s food can be eaten by students of all ages.
   2. The first question, would it be worth it to remove the beer and wine from the perch so all students could eat the pub food?
4. **Ross Beck**: I believe it would be best to do a straw poll on this. The majority of the students raised their hands to be in favor of removing the alcohol at The Perch.
5. **Anthony Oberg**: I guess I am confused. Why can’t they ID for the alcohol and sell the pub food to all students?
6. **Carlton Pickron**: When the University decided to open The Perch, the decision was made to not let underage students in. We have started some conversations regarding this. An idea of wrist bands has been talked about. It is a work in progress, but it is on the table.
   1. Would anyone be opposed to the idea of Pandini’s being removed altogether? We could look into a full size pizza service or a pizza by the slice concept.
   2. In the new Ely Basement design, the tentative plan is for a full service Dunkin’ donuts to be place there. There may be one year of overlay with two functioning Dunkin donuts on campus. Two part question: is a full service Dunkin Donuts something students want, and also what would be a suitable replacement for the existing Dunkin donuts? And a side note, a convenience store has been attempted, but due to high prices, it did not work.
7. **Ross Beck**: the slight majority were in favor of a full serve Dunkin Donuts
8. **Lou Cimaglia**: Does anyone have any suggestions on what can go in place of the existing Dunkin Donuts?
9. **Victoria Downs**: I would suggest a frozen yogurt type place.
10. **Jim Robertson:** Can we have a list of options from Sodexo?
11. **Lou Cimaglia: We are working on getting that.**
12. **Amy Wing:** I agree with Victoria. I think having an ice cream place as opposed to another smoothie place is good.
13. **Nikki Ferreira:** I think a pizza by the slice is a good idea, and something open late on weekends, such as at University of New Hampshire.
14. **Jim Robertson:** The full pizzas at Pandinis are really good, and I would like having those.
15. **Lou Cimaglia:** Thank you for all of the suggestions everyone.
16. The All College Committee open forum on Friday, October 21 went very well; I got a chance to speak on behalf of students briefly. The next forum on November 15th will be more student focused. The Executive Board will be featured and have a chance to field questions and talk about some student perspectives on issues around campus.
17. Next week, November 1st we will have the Library Director Dr. Thomas Raffensperger.
18. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
19. All College Committee: **No Report**
20. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
21. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
22. Alumni Report**:** CaitlynnGreenleaf
    * + 1. As you know homecoming is this Saturday, October 29th. It is free admission, starting with tailgating from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Then at 2:00 PM there is the Football Ball game, then time to enjoy the “fair” food, such as Kettle corn, candy apples, fried dough, grinders, chicken fingers and much more. Also, for those of you that are 21, there will be Sodexo beer and wine and one of the sponsor’s is Don Q Rum.
        2. Also if anyone would like to volunteer on Saturday, October 29th any time from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM, Please see me and I can give you the e-mail of the person to contact his name is Ken Margarian his e-mail address is kmagarian@westfield.ma.edu.
23. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Stephanie Close*
24. All of you that live on campus should have received an e-mail f room Residential Life with a link to a survey about your Resident Advisor. Please take the time to fill this out. Also, the other Residential Life Survey I told you about last week is still running. You have until Friday to participate.
25. Can I please meet with the Hall Council Presidents on the couches after this?
26. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
27. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
28. Food Services Committee: Michelle Brown
    * + 1. Tomorrow night October 26th is Apple Fest, some of the dishes will include: apple pumpkin soup, grilled 3 cheese and apple sandwich, roast pork with apple jack sauce, apple cranberry stuffing, apple crisp, apple cider and lots more
        2. Monday October 31st will be Spooky Halloween Dinner.
        3. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st at 4:15 PM in the Dinning Commons.
29. Health Committee: **No Report**
30. Parking Control Board: Tim Egan
    * + 1. At our last meeting the board decided to hold a Parking Forum which will be open to all. It will be On Monday, November 7th at 5:30 PM in Scanlon Banquet Hall. If anything changes this week, I’ll let you know.
31. **Amy Wing**: Will there be an email sent out about this?
32. **Tim Egan**: Yes, once everything is finalized.
    * + 1. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 25th at 8:00 AM in Ely 210.
33. Sustainability Committee**: No Report**
34. Student Athletic Advisory Board: Ian Wilson
    * + 1. Team Updates:
35. Men’s:
    * 1. Soccer: Final home game this Saturday, October 29th at 11:00 AM
      2. Cross Country: MASCAC Championships this weekend October 29th thru October 30th at the University of Mass Dartmouth.
      3. Football: final home game is this Saturday, October 29th at 2:00 PM.
    1. Women’s:
36. Soccer: Tied for first place with a chance to host playoff games
37. Cross Country: MASCAC Championships this weekend October 29th thru October 30th at University of Mass Dartmouth, trying to win their 7th championship in a row.
38. Volleyball: in 1st place, they have a game on Wednesday, October 26th.
    * + 1. Midnight Madness: Date and time to be announced
        2. Other committees are welcome, Help and support are needed please see me if you are interested.
39. Substance Advisory committee: **No Report**
40. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
41. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
42. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
43. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
44. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
45. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
46. Institutional Assessment Committee: **No Report**
47. Academic Strategic Planning Committee**: No Report**
48. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
49. Learning Communities**: No Report**
50. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
51. Programming update: Brandon Burr
52. So we have Say What Karaoke on Wednesday, October 26th. We officially have 12 teams for tomorrow and it will be great.
53. Next Wednesday, November 2nd is the finals and the Night Owls and the Competitive Dance Team have officially accepted the invitation to perform at the event. The event begins at 7:30 PM in Dever Stage Auditorium. Remember that it is free, so tell everyone, but you need a ticket for counting attendance.
54. Brown bag Bingo is this Friday, October 28th at 11:00 PM it is going to be great. The grand prize is a Digital Camera and we have some other great prizes. So check it out.
55. New York City bus trip tickets will be on sale November 15th.
56. Rosemary Returns the comedy show is on November 4th at 7:30 PM in Dever Stage Auditorium.
57. Neighborhood Association Committee: **No Report**
58. Neighborhood Advisory Board**:** Brandon Burr
    * + 1. We met on Wednesday, October 19th, I am the chairman, and we elected a co-chair, Michael Roncolato along with a Secretary, Matthew Durant.
        2. We talked about a neighborhood newsletter that went out to the neighbors.
        3. The Neighborhood Association Committee will be having and event on November 15th at 6:30 PM. We will be going to The Wind Symphony and having a small reception after.
        4. We talked about all the trash on the roads. Please do not throw anything out the window of your car. The neighbors do not want our trash in their yards.
        5. We also talked about the emptying of the dumpsters, not only does it wake up the students but the neighbors also. We put this aside for now to be discussed at a future date.
        6. Our next meeting will be held sometime in January.
59. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Stone Koury*
60. Finance Report: Stone Koury
61. Student Organization Council is this Thursday, October 27th in the Student Government Association Office. Please make sure your Club or Organization is represented.
62. We are going to have 3 speakers, Jessica Hufnagle will discuss Colligate link, Kim Hosmer will discuss the new finance guidelines, and Ernie Iannaccone will discuss how to use Dever Stage Auditorium as a resource.
63. Could I see the Finance committee after this meeting?
64. Foundation Report**:** Stone Koury
    * + 1. The Foundation had its annual dinner and first real meeting. They’ve got new leadership and it has really been improving since the economy went under.
        2. Over 20% in returns over this past year.
        3. There has been an overhaul in the foundation, with an elaborate plan going into 2015.
        4. The Phone-a-thon is very exciting. Thirty Students will be employed for 20 weeks, getting paid $10.00 per hour. They are using students instead of using outside people.
        5. The Washington Street Project had 76 bids; it will be sold to a company by November 15th, and will be renovated for open market housing.
        6. The foundation has $100,000 in Scholarships with 70 students receiving them.
65. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Amy Wing*
66. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
67. Legislative Secretary Report: Amy Wing
68. As a review, send your October Units to [Legsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:Legsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu) by October 31st.
69. I am passing around the petition relating to the incident we were emailed about. Please sign to show your solidarity and reassure the Student Government Association is a safe place.
70. **Nicholas Newsome**: I got this email too, and was concerned. This is a very serious situation which has been passed around lightly, and I think maybe as an SGA we should do something else about this issue, because it is a very serious issue.
71. **Amy Wing:** I think this is something we can discuss and at executive board to come up with more ideas, but I think this is a good way to start
72. **Lou Cimaglia:** Next week once exec has met a couple of more times, we can bring something else to the table.
73. PARLIMENTARIAN REPORTS:
74. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
75. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
76. Commuter Council: **No Report**
77. Senior Class: Meaghan MacDonald
78. Next Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30 PM is the annual make-a-wish date auction. We sent out our emails. If you’ve been nominated, please join us. You and a friend ge auctioned off together. The Night Owls, Step Team and the Competitive Dance Team will be auctioned off as well. Plus the opportunity to have dinner with President Dobelle.
79. We have a survey that will be on MyWestfield for Senior week. We’ve had 400 students respond so far, with really good feedback.
80. From the survey 65% of the students said they would buy a fleece zip up for seniors, so we are going to move forward with that, further details to follow.
81. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th at 4:30 PM in the Student Government Association Clubs room.
82. Junior Class: Taylor Fote
    * + 1. We are having a Wiffle Stock Tournament on Tuesday, November 8th from 8:00 PM until 10:00 PM in the Parenzo Gym. We will be having sign ups in the Dinning Commons this week and next week. The official rules will be at the sign up table. Teams are 3 to 5 people and it is $5.00 per team. First place winners will receive trophies and Owl Bucks’.
        2. We are holding interviews for our Alumni Representatives on Thursday October 27th at 5:15 PM in the Student Government Association Clubs Room.
        3. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 27th at 5:15 PM in the Student Government Association Clubs Room.
83. Sophomore Class**: No Report**
84. Freshman Class: **No Report**
85. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
86. Courtney Hall**: Victoria Downs**
    * + 1. We had an awesome event yesterday, October 24th. Fall fest was a success with about 50 people in attendance. Everyone painted pumpkins and we chose 3 winners, 1st place was a Kerig, second place was a college pack basket valued at $50.00. And third prize was a $25.00 gift certificate to Applebee’s. We also had Mrs. Murphy’s donuts and apple cider. It was a great time and all the pumpkins are being donated to the Residential Life haunted house.
        2. Keep a look out for more events to come and if you haven’t liked our Facebook page yet or followed us on twitter, do it.
        3. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 31st at 5:00 PM in the Courtney Hall Main Lounge.
87. Davis Hall: Matthew Durant
88. Tomorrow, October 26th at 9:00 PM Davis Hall will be holding a pumpkin carving contest in our common room. Fifteen pumpkins will be given to teams of no more than four people. We supply carving tools but not gloves. If you bring your own pumpkin, you can use that. First prize is $80 which you can use towards, Wal-Mart, Owl Bucks or gas.
89. **Brenda McCarthy**: How can other students have access to the pumpkin contest in Davis is going to be on Level 5?
90. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: The common room is open to everyone.
91. All day on Friday, October 28th Davis Hall will be sponsoring a day of Breast Cancer Awareness. During this time we encourage all students to wear pink clothing. If you come to the front desk of Davis hall during 9:00 PM and 1:00 AM, our Resident assistants on duty will give you a lollipop for showing your spirit. You get candy, take part in a worldwide movement of hope, and you get to wear pink without fear of judgment (for guys), so it’s really a cool thing.
92. Our hall will be holding several section meetings to attempt to stop the charges from accumulating. It is an insult to our maintenance staff, and more so the entire University, and on behalf of Davis Hall, I apologize.
93. Dickinson Hall: Aerin Andre
94. On October 30th at 8:00 PM we will be showing a movie Case 39 we will supply food, drinks and have a popcorn machine.
95. We will be holding a competition for designing the Dickinson T-shirt, which will start today, October 25th. The first prize will be $60 in Owl Bucks.
96. We are also looking for on Representative to the Student Government Association. We will be holding interviews in the future.
97. Econo Lodge Housing: **No Report**
98. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
99. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
100. 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.
101. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
102. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None**
103. NEW BUSINESS: **None**
104. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
105. **Tony Iozzo**: Seniors, remember course registration is Friday, October 29th.
106. **Mike Mazeika**: It is really important to attend the all College Council forum that Lou Cimaglia mentioned if you can.
107. **Stephanie Close**: Can I see all the Hall Presidents?
108. **Meaghan MacDonald**: The annual haunted house is Tomorrow night, October 26th. It cost $2.00. 207 Days until commencement.
109. ROLL CALL: Caitlin Turner, Emily Tobin, Kaitlin Moriarty, Olivia Dumas, Rebecca DiVico, Alicia Thomas, Alex Roche, Jessica McKinnon and Abbie Mchahon were absent
110. ADJOURNMENT: adjourned at 6:41 PM.