**Student Government Association Minutes**

April 09, 2013

1. ROLL CALL: Lindsey Poulin, Samantha Dacey, Jackie Green, Steve Evans, Nicole Primeau, Matt Demikat, Emily Marcella, Bryanna Wetherell were absent. Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo, Diane Lego and Jonathan Delvalle sent alternates and Anna Dilorenzo, Olivia Dumas and Tom Durkee were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 02, 2013: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Stephanie Close*
4. Hi everyone, I hope you’ve been enjoying the weather the past few days.
5. Tonight we have Steven Malloux from Residence Hall Association to speak about a community service project they are doing.
   * + 1. Steven Mailloux: Hello, for those of you who don’t know me, I’m Steven Mailloux, and I am the SGA Liaison for the Residence Hall Association.
6. I’m here to talk about a community service project that we will be working on this Monday, April 15th Patriots Day. I had the idea that we could give back to the community, and I view Stanley Park as an extension of the Westfield community. I’m sure many of you had the opportunity to go over to Stanley Park on a nice day like today. Basically, we’re doing a clean-up day on Monday, April 15th and there are no classes. We’ll meet in front of Scanlon Hall at 9:45 am and start at 10:00 am. We’re hoping to get a large variety of people from various organizations around campus, whether it is SGA, Hall Councils, some clubs, and so on. We want to show that as a whole campus, we can come together and collaborate to do something together to give back to the community. So, I’m hoping that I can get your support, maybe some volunteers if you’re available Monday, and want to get some units. I’m going to send around a paper if you want to give me your name and email for more information.
7. **Barbara Hand**: What are you going to be doing at Stanley Park? What type of clean up?
8. **Steve Mailloux**: I was talking with the Executive Director yesterday and what they are mostly looking for is things like raking and picking up branches. That’s their biggest challenge with their variety of space at the beginning of the spring.
9. I’m sending something around on behalf of Sarah Hegarty for the end of the year banquet, if you could fill in things like your t-shirt size and food allergies because we are having dinner.
10. I received and update for Dick Lenfest on our questions about that raise in GPA after athletes got earlier registration. The source of this stat is from one of our sister school, Salem State, and their athlete GPA rose by 1.3%.
11. Spring weekend concert tickets are on sale now. You’ve all received instructions in your email. Don’t forget to get your guest packets as well by April 17th. Guest packets are really limited. Commuters have unlimited guest packets are really limited. Commuters have unlimited guest packets and concert tickets are limited. Commuters have unlimited guest packets and concert tickets are limited due to the capacity of Woodward.
12. Signature papers are due this Friday, April 12th by 4:00 pm, if you have any questions about the positions, feel free to talk to me. Elections will be on Collegiate Link starting Tuesday, April 16th at 9:00 am until Wednesday, April 17th at 11:59 pm. Please encourage others to vote, we’d like to get a good amount of voters. Seniors are eligible to vote. There will also be laptops set up for voting in the DC, Wilson and Ely. Also, no campaigning before Friday, April 12th at 4:00 pm and all posters need to be stamped by Residential Life to go up in a Residence Hall. All posters need to be taken down within 24 hours after voting.
13. There is also an election coming up in Massachusetts that affects the State as a whole. This special election was called after Senator John Kerry was elected the Secretary of State in January. The primary election is April 30th; the deadline to register to vote is tomorrow, April 10th. If you’re registered to vote for a certain party, and you want to vote for another party, you have to change your status. The actual final election is June 25th and you need to register to vote for that by June 5th. I hope you’re all already registered though.
14. Next week, April 16th we have two guests coming down. Milton Santiago, the Vice President of Administration and Finance, who you all met last week, to present about the Pouring rights and the pros and cons of Pepsi vs. Coke and the way that revenue making process works. Also, we have State Representative Don Humason, who spoke at the Rededication, will be addressing us, so this will be a dress code meeting. Please have questions prepared for both guests since they are taking their time to come here.
15. The following Tuesday is also a dress code meeting. State Senator Mike Knapik is coming to speak to us. Please have questions ready for him as well, these are busy people coming all the way out here to speak with us so let’s make it worth their time.
16. **Kevin Soucie**: So you do not need stamps of approval for posting election flyers in academic halls?
17. **Stephanie Close**: No, academic halls do not need a stamp. There are restrictions for where you can put signs, please stick to bulletin boards. Also, no things in the window of doors.
18. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 16th at 5:30 pm.
19. Items not on the agenda:
20. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Stone Koury*
21. Every year there are three members on the Board of Higher Education, one from Community College, one from UMass and one from State University’s and the selection process is coming up. It’s a big commitment but fulfilling and you will meet a lot of interesting individuals and gain a very powerful understanding of how higher education functions in the commonwealth. If you are interested please let me know and I will give you every detail I can get you and help you in the process.
22. The Trustees will meet this Thursday, April 11th we will be seeing the drug policy and the emergency response plan. So, if you are interested at all, please come by.
23. All University Committee**: No Report**
24. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
25. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Taylor Fote*
26. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
27. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
28. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
29. Health Committee: **No Report**
30. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
31. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
32. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
33. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Jordon James-Blocker**
34. We have the Blood Drive coming up so please see me or come by our table in the DC and sign up. We have a lot of time slots open, so please sign up to donate blood.

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Rebecca DiVico*
2. First year students your advising week is this week and your register for classes on Friday, April 12th. Remember Parenzo isn’t open until 8:30 am.
3. If anyone is interested in the position of VP of Academic Life feel free to come talk to me or anyone on the Executive Council.
4. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
5. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
6. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
7. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
8. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
9. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
10. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
11. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Michelle Hanney*
12. Programming update: Michelle Hanney
    * + 1. I hope you are able to get outside and enjoy the weather. I have a couple of things for you all tonight.
13. As you all know, tickets for the Spring Weekend concert are on sale online until next Wednesday, April 17th. Once you purchase your ticket, make sure you bring your printed confirmation to the Ely Campus Center service window to receive your ticket..
14. Guest packets are also on sale right now and are going fast. The cost for the packet is $15.00 not including the concert ticket.
15. For meals in the Dinning Commons, this year, you will be able to use your swipes if you have a meal plan. Also, if you have a guest and enough swipes for them you will be able to swipe them in as well. However, if you do not have enough swipes for your guest or you don’t have a meal plan you can pay cash at the Dinning Commons.
16. Today is Tuesday, so if you want a chance to meet Timeflies go to the CAB Facebook or twitter and post your favorite video of them and you will be entered to win. Or you can sign up for the scavenger hunt that will take place next Thursday, April 18th. I’ll have more details on that next week.
17. This Thursday, April 11th at 8:00 pm in the Owls nest will be Balloon Freak John Cassidy. He is hilarious Balloon Artist that holds the Guinness world record for most balloon animals made in one hour. I believe it’s 654. So come out and see the show.
18. **Kevin Soucie**: Is there a maximum number for spring weekend?
19. **Michelle Hanney**: It’s 1500. We were close to selling out last year, so make sure you get your tickets.
20. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Joshua Frank*
21. Finance Report: **No Report**
22. Foundation Report**: No Report**
23. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Alexis Wagner*/*Sarah Hegarty*
24. Executive Secretary Report: **Alexis Wagner**
25. Hello, huge thank you to all who attended the Owl Ball this past Friday, April 5th, everyone had a great time**.**
26. I wanted to remind you that if you or any of your friends what to run for a position on SGA Executive Council, Class Councils, Representatives at Large, Community Relations/Fundraising, etc…, the signature papers are available on the table near Kim Hosmer’s desk. There is one stack for class councils and one for the other positions.
27. Voting will be starting Tuesday, April 16th from 9:00 am until Wednesday, April 17th at 11:59 pm. Make sure you vote and remind your friends, because I’m sure you all know how important these positions are to represent our student voice. Thank you.
28. **Brandon Burr**: Can we give Lexi Wagner and the Owl Ball committee a round of applause for all their hard work?
29. Legislative Secretary Report: **Sarah Hegarty**
30. Four units are due for April. The April calendars are out. To clarify the spring weekend events held by CAB do count towards units, but the Timeflies concert does not count.
31. As mentioned last week, I would appreciate if you all could submit pictures for the slideshow. To entice you, I have decided that if you submit three campus related and appropriate pictures it will count as one unit.
32. Blue Key committee needs to meet briefly after this meeting to get your packets.
33. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: Isaac Matson
34. Rules and Regulations Committee: No Report
35. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
36. Commuter Council: Luis Arzola
37. The WSU end of the year picnic is scheduled for May 1st from 2:30 pm until 6:00 pm. There will be food and entertainment. Free food until supplies last; so, be early. This event is open to the whole community.
38. For those of you who are looking for things to do in the summer: Mass PIRG is looking for canvassers for the summer 2013 season, this is a paid position for more information pass by the Mass PIRG/Commuter Council office or contact Lindsay Jakows at [Lindsay@masspirgstudents.org](mailto:Lindsay@masspirgstudents.org).
39. We had the privilege to be in St. Louis this weekend, for the Clinton Global Initiative University, and would like to share information about internships in the Clinton Foundation. I will pass the sheet with the information. Don’t miss the chance to be part of this prestigious organization.
40. We also meet this great group AAUW empowering women since 1881; this is a women organization. I met many of these promising young ladies and I know many of you young ladies will be interested in the organization, so I will pass the sheet around as well.
41. Our next scheduled meeting is April 10th at 1:30 pm in the SGA conference room.
42. Senior Class: **Brandon Burr**
43. So the sweatshirts should be in the end of this week and you will know as soon as possible.
44. Our walk was a great success so thank you to everyone who attended and donated.
45. As of this afternoon, we have raised $4,088.00 that will be donated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Our goal was $1,000.00.
46. We will begin discussing the last few things we have to do before graduation, so more updates next week for more information.
47. Just a reminder that tomorrow, April 10th is the day you need to reserve your tickets. Please go on the main page of the Westfield State University website for more information.
48. Please send senior pictures to [Classof2013@westfield.ma.ed](mailto:Classof2013@westfield.ma.ed).
49. **Carlton Pickron**: Seniors will have from April 10th until April 17th to reserve their tickets for Commencement.
50. Junior Class: **Brittany Moniz**
51. Just a reminder to get your Mr. Westfield tickets at the Campus Center Window for $2.00.
52. Members of the 2014 class council will be volunteering at the Boston marathon next Monday, April 15th.
53. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 11th at 4:00 pm in the SGA conference room.
54. **Courtney Keddy**: Will tickets to Mr. Westfield be sold at the door?
55. **Brittany Moniz**: Yes, those will be sold at the door too.
56. Sophomore Class: **No Report**
57. Freshman Class: **No Report**
58. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
59. Courtney Hall**: Lindsey Keating**
60. I move to accept the resignation of Melissa Zeitlin as a Representative to Senate for Courtney Hall.
61. We have an upcoming Tie dye event on April 18th from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm in the Courtney Courtyard.
62. We have moved the date of our brunch to Sunday, May 5th at 11:00 am in the Courtney kitchen. We will be also giving our study bags.
63. The Owl was a lot of fun, props to Owl Ball Committee; all around the night was a blast.
64. Our next scheduled meeting is on April 11th at 6:00 pm in the Courtney RD’s office.
65. Davis Hall: **No Report**
66. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
67. Lammers Hall: **Priscilla Aguilar**
68. We are working on our final touches for our end of the year event. It’s going to be called The Lammers Luau. It’s going to be on Friday, April 26th from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.
69. We are also trying to plan a wing Wednesday for our hall with RHA.
70. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm in the main lobby.
71. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
72. New Hall: **No Report**
73. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
74. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**
75. NEW BUSINESS:
76. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
77. **Sarah Hegarty**: Blue Key will be meeting after this.
78. **David Getchell**: We’re going to have a Wounded Warriors Club event, in Wilson Auditiorium on Patriots Day, April 15th. We’re going to be showing the movie “The Patriot”. We’re trying to get some wings and pizza, and we’re asking for a $1.00 donation. Can I see Nick Villante and Tim Egan after the meetin?
79. **Joshua Frank**: Can I see Joshua Clark after the meeting?
80. **Isaac Matson**: Rules and Regulations is meeting after this.
81. **Stephanie Close**: Can I see Dave Getchelle after the meeting?
82. **Brandon Burr**: 37 days until Commencement.
83. ROLL CALL: Kylie Nelson, Jackie Green, Steve Evans, Nicole Primeau, Matt Demikat, Emily Marcella, Bryanna Wetherell were absent. Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo, Diane Lego and Jonathan Delvalle sent alternates and Anna Dilorenzo, Olivia Dumas and Tom Durkee were excused.
84. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.