**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA**

**April 10, 2018**

 I. ROLL CALL: Aaron Sylvia, Christian Capalbo, Brendan Brosnihan, Nickalena Richards and Jakob Wymon Were absent. Simone LaPlant was excused.

 II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 03, 2018: Minutes were approved.

 III. PUBLIC REMARKS:

1. Haley Bergs, MassPIRG: We are the first official Bee Friendly Campus.
2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Brendan McKee**
	1. I just want to point out that Tom Raffensperger will not be able to make it to SGA tonight. I’ll be reaching out to him to see if next week works, as I think it would be beneficial for us all to hear about news from his department as well as any printing information he may have.
	2. I’d like to introduce our first group of speakers tonight. Please welcome Early College Access and Education Recruitment Coordinator Ryan Meersman, Student Success Coordinator Melissa Trinks and Veterans and Military Services Coordinator Lisa Ducharme.
3. Ryan Meersman: Update on Recruitment in continuing education presentation.
4. **Maddy Scott**: How do we create a community with the graduate students as those numbers are increasing?
5. **Ryan Meersman**: That’s actually something we wanted to talk to you about, how can our part-time students be more of a part of the community here? We try to do some events and programming within continuing education to try to make them really feel like members of WSU.
6. The Westfield Promise has a new webpage. If you haven’t heard what the Westfield Promise is it is a an early college program that allows for high school students at five partnering high schools: Westfield High, Westfield Technical Academy, Holyoke High School, High School of Commerce in Springfield, and Putnam Vocational Academy in Springfield. We have a total of 90 juniors who are currently taking college classes as part of their day at their high school; for example they are all taking English Composition 1. They go to their regular high school class, they have their high school teacher, but there is also a university professor that goes to the high school a few days a week and co teaches with that high school teacher. This stretches out the transition from high school to college.
7. This program has been built to really go at the challenges that students who are underrepresented in higher education face. So a significant portion of the students in the program are either first generation, low income, students of color, students who usually don’t complete a degree within four to six years after graduating high school. So we hope to ease in that transition and help those students see themselves at college. During their senior year these students will come on campus and take a couple classes during the day as the next step in their transition and can earn up to 12 credits while still in high school. We hope that they make a connection with WSU and matriculate here and be successful in their degree.
8. **Thomas Howard**: I was just curious if you were looking to expand the program?
9. **Ryan Meersman**: I hope so in the future. It’s really resource heavy, but it’s a really exciting initiative. I hope that when we get our footing with the program we can go to other schools and are able to offer this.
10. **Sammantha Dorazio**: Where is the funding coming from for this program?
11. **Ryan Meersman**: Every summer I apply to this grant and every year it has been awarded to us. The students pay a small participation fee, but they are not paying for these classes. This is not a program the University will ever make money on. Last year we applied for a performance incentive grant and that gave us $80,000 to cover anything we had to spend money on. We received another one this year for a little over $60,000. We are now in the phase of waiting to hear on another grant that may help fund the program for another 18 months.
12. **Courtney Smith**: How are students selected for this program?
13. **Ryan Meersman**: It’s open to any 10th grade student to apply. Then what we do is take a look at students who are interested and who are in the 2.3-2.3 gpa range, not taking AP classes, not involved. Those students are looked at and we talk to them and their families and give info sessions. If they are interested then they apply and we accept up to 25 students at each high school. The school, since they know the students best, they take a look at the students and make sure they have a decent attendance record and minimal or clean discipline record. If we get a lot of applicants then we do a lottery so it’s not as selective.
14. **Melissa Trinks**: I am the Student Success Coordinator in the College of Graduate and Continuing Education and I’m relatively new to campus, starting in August. My role is primarily to support student success from admittance to degree completion. So part of that is tracking retention, which is year to year, and persistence, which is term to term.
15. I serve as the in-house advisor. Students in CGCE have faculty advisors, but if they have something that comes up last minute they are able to walk into our office and meet with me and I can kind of generally advise on all programs.
16. We do an online and in person orientation for our students as well as tutorials on our website, which will be updated this summer. We also do webinars and events. A lot of our students, because of their schedules, are looking for an online component so we’ve really increased our online webinars for students this year. So we’ve partnered with the career center and we’ve partnered with academic skills and we’ve held workshops for students that way.
17. I do a lot of data collecting as well. I primarily work with CGCE students on a daily basis, but I also work with day students, especially around winter and summer registration with assisting them with registering for their classes.
	1. Please welcome Lisa Ducharme, Veterans and Miltary Services Coordinator.
18. **Lisa Ducharme**: I am the Veterans and Military Services Coordinator here at Westfield State University and one of the things I do is I focus on our military connected students. This includes somebody who is active military, guard, reserves, veteran, and or family member, meaning the spouse and the child. You do not have to be using benefits.
19. I assist with everything, we are very lucky in Veterans and Military Services because we are one of the very few people on campus who actually merge our undergrad and graduate students. We try to find a way to integrate them. I’ve actually found that the one thing all of you need is resources. If my students come in and need advising assistance, they can come see me. If they are having trouble getting into a class, they can come see me. I may not always be able to get them in, but we can make a phone call and find out what needs to be done. Any assistance that they need regarding their personal lives, we have resources for that as well. My job in Veterans and Military Services is to make sure we can provide as much resources that we possibly have to all of our military connected students.
20. We host events that are opened up to the community. De-stresser week is coming up, April 30 to May 4. We will be open 8:00am-8:00pm Monday through Thursday that week and 8:00am-4:00pm on Friday. Flyers will be going out soon. We also have our screening of Almost Sunrise and we are also doing a book mobile.
	1. Thank you Lisa, next we have Tricia Oliver the Director of Campus Communications. I’d like to acknowledge the issues that had arisen regarding Urinetown and the Rachel Maddow/Elizabeth Warren town hall that was scheduled to come to campus. We’ve invited Director of Campus Communications Tricia Oliver down to SGA tonight to speak on this topic and answer any questions you may have. Welcome Tricia Oliver.
21. **Trisha Oliver**: Most people are familiar with the events that transpired last week, but for those of you that aren’t familiar, MSNBC approached us with the opportunity to host a live broadcast featuring Rachel Maddow and Senator Elizabeth Warren. Pretty rare opportunity that we were interested in, but also at the same time that it was an opportunity for us, it presented a challenge and that challenge was that if it were to take place on Dever Stage there would be a conflict with three technical rehearsals involved with the spring production of Urinetown. So rather than look at it as an either or situation we looked at it as how can we pull off both. That’s what we were working with last week, however understandably the students and others spoke very clearly that they were disappointed and definitely voiced their passionate opposition to what this would mean
22. As you saw from the message we sent out last week, MSNBC has decided to respectfully bow out of the opportunity to have things happen here on the 13 and now there presides no conflict. Urinetown can take place as planned on Dever Stage and now obviously we will continue to support the students and the production and seeing that through to success
23. Here is the timeline of what happened last week:
* Monday: We got a call from the MSNBC producers saying they are potentially looking at WSU as one of a handful of Western Mass venues to host this live telecast.
* Tuesday: MSNBC did a scouting visit, looking at venues such as Dever and Woodward. In terms of what they were looking for, those were the two most feasible, most attractive venues for them to host something of this stature. At this time it was discovered that Dever would be the preferred location to have this so then we began to talk to the faculty most involved with the spring musical.
* Wednesday: We had further conversations, working through potential solutions to accommodate both events.
* Thursday: We finally received word that they would like to come to WSU to host this event and then those conversations that we began on Tuesday with the faculty went into a bigger conversation starting things in motion. At that point the people closely related to the production thought it would be beneficial to move the production to the Black Box theater for two reasons: time and to preserve the artistic integrity of the production. That night we were informed that the students involved in the production were going to be told and it was not well received by the students understandably. We started seeing things posted on social media.
* Friday: We had a logistical meeting on how we can still make things happen and then as you saw the dialogue on social media continued and MSNBC ultimately decided to bow out of this opportunity.
1. **Joseph Newlin**: Was the school going to receive money from having this event?
2. **Tricia Oliver**: We weren’t, but what we were going to gain was experience for our students, especially those in theater, communication, and political science, to see how a live broadcast would go on.
3. **Sammantha Dorazio**: I know that the students in Urinetown are receiving credits for this production so I was just wondering why students’ education was not prioritized over a Senator’s visit?
4. **Tricia Oliver**: It wasn’t looked at as an either or, it was how can we keep both intact, how can we make sure this happens and happens well, how can we turn our back on this great opportunity as well. I don’t think the dialogue was either or, but how can we accommodate more.
5. **Sammantha Dorazio**: I’ve worked with Elizabeth Warren before and know that she’s laid back and easygoing I was wondering why there weren’t talks of other places?
6. **Tricia Oliver**: I never talked to Elizabeth Warren’s people, I only talked to MSNBC. This was being orchestrated by MSNBC, obviously it was featuring Elizabeth Warren, but it was definitely MSNBC’s show. In terms of other locations, we looked at Scanlon, but there were conflicts everywhere, they didn’t like Woodward because the field house aspect, they liked the more intimate setting of Dever.
7. **Samuel Tsongalis**: I heard a lot of backlash from the students about the email that the President sent back. They felt as though the President was saying it was there fault and the departments putting on the show were being swept under the rug. Is the President going to say anything about that?
8. **Tricia Oliver**: I’m sorry they felt that way; it certainly wasn’t the intent of the message. Obviously President Torrecilha supports all areas of student life; of academia here at WSU and obviously that was the intent of the message to let people know what was going on. We sell out every spring for the show. It’s popular and in addition to that, students put in a lot of time and energy and they are also getting credit. I don’t think during this whole process that was ever dismissed. We always knew that was first and foremost I think that’s why so much effort went into how we can accommodate both. I think we would have done a disservice too if we turned our backs to unforeseen opportunity, if we could have pulled off both that would have been a win win.
9. **Marcus DiBacco**: We were informed that the University could provide labor that would take the set down and put it back up for the spring show, what’s the truth or the longer story behind that?
10. **Tricia Oliver**: That’s the truth. We would have provided help to help with that. One of the things that MSNBC was willing to do because they would have been here Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, they could have rebuilt it for us and pulled it back onto the stage for us. This was part of the discussions on Thursday.
11. **Scotty Howe**: Why was moving the spring show to the Black Box an unpopular idea, why were the students so upset by the change in location?
12. **Presley Mahanna**: There were a lot of things that were upsetting. This is the first musical we have done in Dever in 2 years so to go from having a space that could sell 600 seats to a space that sells 99 seats would be a huge loss of not only funds for the departments involved, but the students seeing the production and seeing our work. It was that and also the fact that students had put hundreds of hours into the set, into the blocking, choreography, and that would have all had to have been redone into a smaller space. And if we had moved it to the Black Box we couldn’t use most of the set that we had already built because the space is that much smaller. Mostly we felt that the student work wasn’t being appreciated in a smaller space.
13. **Sammantha Dorazio**: If the University wanted to have both and knows Dever to Black Box is that significantly less seats, I was just wondering why the University would consider that still accommodating when you’re taking a lot of funds away from them.
14. **Tricia Oliver**: We were told that on Thurdsay, that was part of the conversation I wasn’t a part of, as those most intimately involved in the production. They said that because time and they felt with those three days lost of technical rehearsals in Dever, they felt like they could gain that with moving it to the Black Box and moving it from a three day production to potentially a five day if they could get the royalties.
15. **Christian Capalbo**: This all sounds very disappointing to me. I just feel like there’s no excuse. When it comes down to education, compared to a PR event, to me there’s not better PR or promotion incentive than putting all this effort into education and seeing it thrive and to me it’s just no excuse. Parents heard about this, parents were upset. Education comes first, it’s plain and simple.
16. **Tricia Oliver**: For those involved in the production, you must be pleased that it’s staying in Dever and that it won’t be interrupted so that’s a good thing. Hopefully it’ll raise awareness, just trying to look at the positive side of this.
17. **Nickalena Richards**: With all due respect to the Theater Department, I think what MSNBC was trying to do was help us rather than hurt us in terms of providing an experience for Political Science, Communication, and Theater majors, and so what my concern is why was so much portrayed over social media. Why did students have to take it there than keep this a University issue and facilitate a compromise here on campus?
18. **Tricia Oliver**: I don’t know. I’m not sure, maybe you can ask your peers.
19. **Madeline Dexter**: Point of information the President was actually in Texas while all of this was happening; he wasn’t actually on campus so that’s something important to know. I do think it’s important to recognize as a student body that when MSNBC came to look at the space, they looked at different spaces, not just Dever stage and MSNBC chose Dever stage as the best option for them and their event. I also think it’s important to recognize that if this event had been chosen to be in Woodward then sports teams would have been displaced, academics would have also been displaced because some Movement Science classes do their labs down in the Woodward Center. So I know that this was a frustrating experience for theater students, but I also think it’s important to realize that this wasn’t a direct target on them and this University really was trying to compromise with all the details that Tricia has given us on how to better Higher Education and continue the production of Urinetown.
20. **Maddy Scott:** I know that a lot of this played out over social media and there were a lot of conflicting things being said, but I didn’t see anything that WSU was putting out to kind of put those rumors to facts. Is there maybe something that could be done differently next time to address some of those issues so we aren’t having misinformation?
21. **Tricia Oliver**: Sometimes there’s a lot of misinformation so you don’t want to engage wholeheartedly on social media. Anything that you could say at that point, the dialogue kind of erupted in a way that I don’t think anything you could have said would have clarified or helped the situation.
22. **Joseph Joyal**: I’m a little bit confused. Was it the rehearsal being moved or the actual show being moved?
23. **Tricia Oliver**: In order for MSNBC to pull off a live televised event they come and strike the venue and set up to make it happen because so much set design of their own goes into it. Essentially they would have been here Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Urinetown debuts April 18, that following Wednesday so they would have had the live event on the 13. The conflict was that MSNBC would have been in Dever in conflict for when they would have been doing technical rehearsals for the spring show. So that’s what the conflict would have been.
24. **Jacob Lotter**: Point of information I think what Tricia was trying to say is that it would interfere with the technical rehearsals so as a solution they were going to entirely move the show to the Black Box. So because it was going to take away from the rehearsals instead of doing rehearsals in the Black Box and going back to Dever they decided to just entirely move the show.
25. **Christian Capalbo**: Was there another date that MSNBC could have done?
26. **Tricia Oliver**: It’s a live telecast and when MSNBC called us they asked if we were available on Friday, April 13.
27. **Thalita Neves**: I’m just wondering how much thought was put into student input on this decision.
28. **Tricia Oliver**: I think initially I wanted to involve the people in those early conversations who were responsible for making it happen and so at that point we had to have conversations with those folks and once we heard the actual word we would have conversations with students.
	1. Thank you Trisha. Our speakers for next week will be Dean of Education Cheryl Stanley and Dean of Undergraduate Studies Christina Swaidan.
	2. A reminder that tonight after SGA, we are hosting Ahmad Abojaradeh, the founder and Executive Director of Life in My Days. I again ask that all male senators stay after the meeting tonight to participate in the conversation.
	3. Another reminder that WSU is offering five Dining Scholarships for the upcoming academic year, with each scholarship covering the cost of the new unlimited dining plan. This scholarship is open to all matriculating students with our without a current meal plan. Applications are due at the Student Affairs Office by April 20. Selection for the scholarship will be announced on May 9. Be sure to apply and spread the word, nothing makes college students happier than free food.
	4. Items not listed on the agenda.
29. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Cameron Swan**
	1. All University Committee: **Marcus DiBacco**
30. At last week’s meeting of AUC, We further discussed the issue of how departments should communicate on courses which involve multiple disciplines**.**
31. AUC felt that conversations between departments should be held in the University Curriculum Committee per the bylaws listed in Article VII, Section D, and sub-section 1.c.i.
32. After coming to this conclusion, the committee continued by approving a multitude of curriculum changes in the nursing major and one in CJ. We ended the meeting after sending two English proposals to TEC.
33. The next scheduled meeting will be April 20 from 1:40pm to 2:55pm in the Parenzo Board Room.

 B. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**

 C. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**

 D. Student Advisory Council: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Arielyss Santiago**
	1. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
	2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **Giana Dean**
2. There will be another Safe Zone Training for the LGBTQIA on Monday, April 23, from 1:00pm-4:00pm in the multi-purpose-room in University Hall. Please contact Charlotte Capogna-Amias at ccapogna@westfield.ma.edu or Hillary Sackett at hsackett@westfield.ma.edu to register for the training**.**
3. Come join the Black Student Union in their showcase, the Melanin Magic Showcase on Saturday, April 21 starting at 6:00pm on Dever Stage. The tickets are $5.00 for students and $7.00 for outside guests.
4. Come join LAFE, BSU and MSA in their 2nd annual Triple Threat party. The event starts at 10:00 pm on April 21 and goes until 2:00am. No one is allowed in after 12:00am. The theme of the party is an all-white theme. Pre-sale tickets are currently on sale online for $5.00 for students. At the door, the tickets are $7.00 for students and $10.00 for outside guests, who must have a valid ID with them on that night. The event will have music by DJ Boogy**.**
5. Sign up to ride the fan bus to the Top Flight Step Team’s competition on Sunday, April 22. The fan bus will be leaving at 2:30pm from Scanlon Hall. Sign up for the bus in Ely 208. The tickets are $10.00 but you don’t have to pay until the day of, at the bus.
6. Sankofa graduation ceremony is on April 26 in Scanlon Banquet Hall.
	1. Food Services Committee: **Shayna Arnott**
7. I hope you are all having a great week. Just a reminder that the Dining Services is holding several Meal Plan Information Sessions to address any questions that students may have about the redesigned meal plans. Again I encourage you all to attend one of the sessions and encourage your constituents to as well. The dates are as follows in the Dining Commons:
8. Wednesday, April 11 from 4:30pm until 6:00pm.
9. Tuesday, April 17 from 11:30am until 1:00pm
10. Wednesday, April 18 from 4:30pm until 6:00pm
11. Monday, April 23 from 11:00am until 1:00pm
12. Wednesday, April 25 from 4:30pm until 6:00pm
13. The following are in the Wilson Café:
14. Friday, April 20 from 11:30am until 1:00pm
15. Friday, April 27 from 11:30am until 1:00pm
16. I have two clarifications from Andrew Mankus regarding the redesigned meal plans.
17. First Year students are not going to be required to have the unlimited plans.
18. The on-the-go plan does not have guest swipes but students who have this plan can still use meal exchanges and dining dollars for guests.
19. There will be another “Westfield After Dark” event in the Dining commons on May 3 with a breakfast food theme and I will have the time for you next week.
20. The International awareness lunch that will feature the cuisine of Nepal has been moved from tomorrow to Wednesday, April 18.
21. **Nickalena Richards**: Are the new meal plans coming into effect for the students staying on campus during the summer?
22. **Shayna Arnott**: I can ask and get back to you next week.
23. **Sammantha Dorazio**: What do you mean by meal exchange?
24. **Shayna Arnott**: When you go to different retail locations you can get food there for a meal plan and combine different food options to make the $9.50.
25. **Marisa Russo**: Are they ever going to have different flavors of frozen yogurt?
26. **Shayna Arnott**: Yeah they always look for new flavors, last week they had blueberry
27. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 17 at 4:00pm in the Tekoa Room.
	1. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
	2. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **Delaney Gembis**
28. Here is what is going on in Athletics and SAAC.
29. First don’t forget to save the date for the Corn Hole Tournament Friday, April 20. Time is to be determined but come with a group of four and signup at the door for your chance to be the ultimate Corn Hole champion**.**
30. Today, April 10, Women’s Lacrosse plays Home vs. Johnson and Wales at 7:00pm.
31. Wednesday, April 11 Baseball is at Western New England at 3:30pm and 5:30pm.
32. Thursday, April 12 Softball is Home vs Western New England at 3:30pm and 5:30pm
33. Friday, April 13 Women’s Lacrosse is at Mass Maritime at 7:00pm.
34. Saturday, April 14 Softball is home vs Salem State at 1:00pm and 3:00pm, Women’s Golf is at Johnson and Wales at 1:00pm, Women’s Lacrosse is home vs MIT at 7:00pm and Men’s and Women’s Track are at the Jerry Gravel Classic.
	1. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
	2. Veteran’s Affairs Report: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Jacob Lotter**
	1. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
	2. Curriculum Committee: **Maddy Scott**
2. Last week the Curriculum Committee met to discuss course description changes to the courses within the History and Math Departments, along with the idea to create a new concentration within the math major. The need for new course descriptions is to more accurately portray what the course curriculum actually achieves as the current descriptions do not portray that. The new Math concentration is in Actuarial Sciences, as this is a growing professional field and necessity. All of the above passed smoothly.
	1. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
	2. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
	3. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
	4. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
	5. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
3. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Marcus DiBacco**
	1. Finance Committee: **Marcus DiBacco**
4. We have on finance proposal, potentially my last. I now so sad. The proposal, submitted by Triple Threat, requests funding for a police detail.
5. Triple Threat is a dance party event put on by the Latino Association for Empowerment, the Black Student Union, and the Multicultural Student Association every year. This event combines students from Westfield State and numerous other schools for a night of community and cultural development. In addition to helping sponsor these two themes, Triple Threat also works toward building collaboration between clubs, SGA, and departments of campus like Diversity and Inclusion as well as Public Safety.
6. We have decided to allocate $900.00 because the amount matches the allocation given to Relay for Life for police details this year: $250.00 for Bank Night and $650.00 for the Relay for Life Event itself.
7. **Arielyss Santiago**: Obviously I’m in the Vice President of Student Life role, but I’m going to be speaking as the representative here for these clubs and we originally requested $2,000. This is based off of the recommendation Captain Foyle gave us because we are required to have five police officers and potentially one of those five is going to be a supervisor. A Captain gets paid more than a regular police officer would and then Captain Foyle also recommended we get the funds to pay for five to seven student security. That totals up to about $2,000 so that’s the reason we requested that much. Relay for Life requested $900 based off of their recommendation to Captain Foyle so I know keeping in mind of our budget, but I know Marcus said this could be our last Finance Proposal for the semester so I move to amend the amount to $1,500. Motion carries.
8. **Bryan Pimentel**: If the proposal was for $2,000 was Finance Committee’s only reasoning for making it $900 because of Relay for Life?
9. **Marcus DiBacco**: It was largely for that reason.
10. **John Coulombe**: Is this event still open to all of campus even though you have to pay to attend?
11. **Marcus DiBacco**: It is still open to all of campus yes
12. I move to allocate $1,500.00 to Triple Threat for police detail at the event. Motion carries.
	1. Foundation Report: **No Report**
	2. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
13. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Madeline Dexter**
14. Many people have asked me about Owl Bash details. Tomorrow, April 11 Matt Dellea will be attending the Directors Meeting to present all of the details to the directors. After they verify everything, the events will be publicized to the campus community. The dates for the weekend are April 19 through April 22. I will say that there will not be a spring concert or musical guest on campus this year, as CAB does not have the budget to afford a large-scale artist. When the details do come out, the Owl Bash Committee members and I would love it if you could share the post so that it reaches more people. Normally CAB asks SGA members to volunteer for Owl Bash Weekend but because it is a campus wide collaborative effort, we don’t need as many volunteers this year! We still hope to see you at our events though.
15. Tomorrow, April 11 we have beautiful day! In the afternoon from 1:00pm-5:00pm there will be a photo booth and carnations available. Please stop by at any time! At 7:00pm in the Art Gallery upstairs there will be a spoken work artist, Ashlee Haze. She is really amazing and talks a lot about positive self-image.
16. Tomorrow night at 8:00pm is WSKB’s battle of the bands will be in the Owl’s Nest. If you can, stop on by. I didn’t get a chance to go last semester but I saw videos online and had major FOMO.
17. Thursday night, April 12 will be glow in the dark capture the flag on the green at 9:00pm, hosted by Student Activities.
18. It is a long weekend so there is no programming on campus but if you are going to Mohegan with the Senior Class I wish you safe travel and good luck to your bank account.
19. CAB will be meeting tomorrow at 5:00pm right here in SGA if you want to come talk with us about CAB stuff.
20. Campus Activities Board: **No Report**
21. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
22. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: **Maddy Scott**
23. Tomorrow, April 11 is the last Blood Drive of the year and so far we are low on sign ups. I will be sending around a sign up for anyone interested n donating, as this is very needed right now seeing as though our last drive was cancelled due to snow. Please consider donating, we will be around from 1:00pm until 7:00pm and walk-ins are welcome. With that said, I still need more volunteers especially around the 2:00pm time. This will count as an office hour so make sure to sign up.
24. The prom dress drive will be ending next week after our extension through Patriots Day, so again please spread the word to your friends for that.
25. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Karina Sallaway/Victoria Lind**
	1. Executive Secretary Report: **Karina Sallaway**
26. Signature papers were due last Friday at 5:00pm. We have 47 people running for positions, which is great. In case you all forgot, elections are next Tuesday and Wednesday on myWestfield**.**
27. Pizza with the Candidates will be Thursday, April 12 from 4:00pm until 5:00pm down here in the SGA room. I left you all a flyer to hang on your doors and please spread the word. Everyone who attends is entered to win $25.00 in Owl Bucks, plus there is free pizza. At this event is where I will be announcing all of the candidates running for what position so if you really want to know, attend the event.
28. Our LifeSaver of the Week this week has worked tirelessly to put together a movie screening event exclusively just for our senators. This wasn’t required of him, and his initiative of wanting to bring together Veteran’s Affairs and the rest of campus does not go unnoticed. So, everyone give a round of applause to Sean Manion for being this week’s LifeSaver.
	1. Legislative Secretary Report: **Victoria Lind**
29. Just a little update from me Blue Key will be meeting for the first time tomorrow at 5:00pm in the SGA room.
30. I’m sending around the form if you could please put what size you are thanks.
31. **Angel Ortiz:** When is the banquet?
32. **Victoria Lind**: May 1 at 5:30. Please dress nicely.
33. **Sammantha Dorazio**: Can the Blood Drive count as a make-up for a missed Office Hour?
34. **Victoria Lind**: Yes.
35. **Joseph Newlin**: Did volunteering for Fresh Check Day count as an Office Hour?
36. **Victoria Lind**: No.
37. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Jacob O’Kane**
38. Rules and Regulations Committee: **Jacob O’Kane**
39. Last week we looked over three constitutions, we approved two pending changes and sent another on back for more changes.
40. On the agenda for tonight we only have one constitution to look at. If you know of anyone who needs help with their club constitution send them my way.
41. Constitutional Review Committee: **No Report**
42. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
	1. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No Report**
	2. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No Report**
	3. Advisory Committee on the CURCA: **No Report**
	4. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **Marcus DiBacco**
43. Last week in Budget and Planning Andrew Mankus and Jon Conlogue gave reports similar to the ones discussed in SGA. In terms of dinning plans it was decided to round the prices up to the nearest dollar instead of fifty cents, which is ever so slightly annoying.
44. For new information, money that was originally part of technology fee which did not go to technology has been taken out of this fee and instead placed in the general fee. So, we’re still paying the same amount at the end of the day. Sorry.
45. Finally, Vice President Taksar will be holding Campus Budget Forums on April 24 at 1:00pm in the Loughman Livingroom and April 27 at 11:00am in Banquet Hall A. Please attend these.
	1. Advisory Committee for Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Affirmative Action: **No Report**
	2. College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Search: **Jacob Lotter**
46. The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Founding Dean Search had their first on campus candidate visit on campus candidate visit yesterday. I hope some of you had the chance to either meet or read about Dr. Nicola Foots. If you can, please fill out the survey to help us better with our recommendation to the Provost. Our on campus visit for today with Dr. Brian Sommers was cancelled due to an emergency at his current campus, the reschedule date is TBD.
47. Our next visit is Thursday, April 11 with Dr. Kenneth Gould and the student open forum will be at 11:00am right here in the SGA room. I hope to see you all there**.**
	1. College of Mathematics and Sciences Search Committee: **Cameron Swan**
48. As you know our candidates for the founding Dean of the College of Mathematics and Sciences fell through, so we are starting over with an internal search.
49. Our next meeting will be April 20 to discuss preliminary candidates**.**
50. **Shayna Arnott:** I’m sorry to hear that, do you know what will happen if this internal search doesn’t work?
51. **Cameron Swan**: I don’t think we have a plan c at this moment.
52. **Christian Capalbo**: Are there any reasons why this happened that you can share with us?
53. **Cameron Swan**: None that were shared with the committee**.**
	1. College of Education, Health and Human Services Search: **Maddie Dexter**
54. Brendan McKee and I finished up our final search committee meeting last Thursday, April 5 at 3:00pm. As a committee we talked about the pros and cons of each candidate and made a list to present to the Provost. The list was unranked, meaning it will be up to the Provost to take the input of the committee and offer the position to one candidate. Thank you to the students who provided insight about their interactions with the three candidates that came to campus**.**
55. **Shayna Arnott:** Do you know when the Provost will make his decision?
56. **Madeline Dexter**: No I do not.
57. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
58. Commuter Council: **Michael Reid Jr**.
59. The Commuter Council held a successful cotton candy event two weeks ago in Wilson Café and it was so popular that we had to close the event down an hour early. Members of the Commuter Council will be helping out by volunteering at the Boston Marathon this upcoming Monday, April 16.
60. Just some point of information, our next Commuter Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 18 from 11:30am until 1:00pm in the Tekoa Room. At this luncheon we will have a rock-decorating event meant to bring about peace and kindness.
61. The Commuter Council will also be planning an end of the year Commuter Party that will include pizza, refreshments, raffles and games. This will be held the first week of May, but no confirmation on an exact date yet.
62. The Commuter Council is in the stages of planning a pot-decorating event at our last luncheon of the semester on May 2.
63. Our next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, April 17 in conference room E003 next to Dunkin Donuts.
64. Senior Class: **Maddie Creamer**
	* 1. Just a reminder for seniors, tomorrow is the last day to register for Commencement Tickets. You can do so by going to the Westfield homepage and clicking on the Commencement tab, where you’ll see the option to request tickets for the ceremony. Seniors are able to register for four tickets and be placed in a lottery for an additional ticket. If you’re looking for more than the allotted tickets, your best bet is to ask around in class and/or on the Class of 2018 Facebook page.
		2. Seniors who qualify for Wisdom and Merit are due tomorrow.
		3. At our meeting last Friday, we discussed possible class gifts and our cap decorating event. Our Class gift is still in the works but I hope to have more information for you soon.
		4. As for our Grad Cap Decorating event, we’re planning on having it on Wednesday, April 25 from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. We’re still figuring out a location for the event, but I will have more information regarding that next week.
		5. Coming up this weekend, the Class of 2018 Council is holding our Mohegan Sun overnight trip on Friday into Saturday. We will be meeting in Scanlon Banquet Hall at 3:45pm on Friday and will depart for Mohegan at 4:00pm.
65. Junior Class: **No Report**
66. I just wanted to remind you that the 2019 Council will be hosting their town hall meeting this Thursday, April 5 at 6:00pm right here in the SGA room. This is an opportunity to discuss senior events, commencement speakers and anything else. Pizza will be provided, and I highly encourage all class members to attend.
67. Sophomore Class: **Bryan Pimentel**
68. The Class of 2020 held their Town Hall meeting yesterday, Monday, April 9 at 4:30pm. This town hall was Donuts with the Delegates, which was a bigger success than our town meeting last semester. We had more people attend this year and discuss things. The thing that the attendees wanted to know the most was who we were and our majors. Another topic that came up during the Town hall was the Commuters’ email chain. Overall, this was a good experience of meeting our constituents and having people come.
69. Our next scheduled meeting is April 23 at 4:30pm in the Tekoa Room.
70. First Year Class: **Joseph Joyal**
71. The Class of 2021 will be hosting an event where students can play Fortnite, eat pizza and win Owl Bucks for victories. It will take place on Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 pm in the SGA room.
72. **Angel Ortiz**: Do we have to bring our own system and computer?
73. **Joseph Joyal**: You can, but we will have some set up here
74. Our next scheduled meeting is on April 23 at 4:45pm in the SGA Club room E021.
75. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
76. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
77. Davis Hall: **No Report**
78. Dickinson Hall: **Mitchell McKittrick**
79. The Hall Council will be holding a Parks and Recreation marathon on Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00pm in the Dickinson Common Room, where we will watch five episodes of the show based on audience request.
80. The Hall Council is hosting a Jumanji double feature, where we will be showing the original Jumanji and Jumanji: Into the Jungle back to back. This will take place April 18 at 5:30pm in the Dickinson Common Room, we will show Jumanji at 5:30pm and the sequel at 7:05pm, where we will have free pizza.
81. The spa day will also be happening on April 25 at 6:03pm in the Common Room, and a BBQ on April 30.
82. In addition, I have created flyers that the MassPIRG election question and I will be distributing a sample of this flyer that I will hang up on every door in Dickinson Hall. In this packet I give the opinions of members of the student body as well as information regarding the organization and the ballot question itself. I will be hanging up all the flyers after the meeting and if anyone will be in Dickinson and would like to assist me please speak to me after the meeting.
83. Our next scheduled meeting is April 12 at 6:15pm in the Dickinson Hall Common Room.
84. Lammers Hall**: Kaytlyn Mekal**
85. Lammers Hall will be hosting our Lammers Hall Trivia Night tomorrow at 7:30pm in the Lobby. Lammer’s residents can come down to enjoy a fun night of cool trivia questions, awesome snacks, and to try to win a fun Movie night basket. We are limiting this event to Lammers Hall residents only to build a sense of community among the students in our hall, by bringing them together in a fun, team building event**.**
86. We are also in the midst of planning a clean-up event for our hall. Our plan is to get residents together to clean up our campus. The first 30 residents that show will get a free t-shirt for participating, and everyone who helps out will be able to get to make your own sundae, do some fun and relaxing yoga, and put together a cute plant, using recycled water bottles as your pot. Our tentative date for this is April 19. We are aiming to schedule this for the end of the semester in order to get our residents moving from studying for finals**.**
87. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
88. New Hall**: No Report**
89. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
90. University Hall: **Courtney Smith**
91. University Hall hosted “Interactive game night” just before spring break. The event was a huge success in 50 plus residents in attendance. We played rounds of, “Do You Really Know Your Roommate”, “Westfield State Trivia” and others. This past week University hall hosted “Owl Hunt” in which we hid eggs around the building. They were to return the raffle tickets inside, the prizes awarded were a wings party for the winner’s suite, and different amounts of Owl Bucks’
92. Our Next Scheduled meeting is April 11 at 5:30pm in the Conference Room A in University Hall.
93. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
94. NEW BUSINESS: (requires majority vote to be opened)
95. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
	1. **Maddy Scott**: Can I have both sign-up sheets please?
	2. **Brendan McKee**: All men please stay after the meeting.
	3. **Sean Manion**: I just wanted to thank everyone who came to the special screening last Thursday.
	4. **Jake O’Kane**: Rules and Regs later.
	5. **John Coulombe**: Come get carnations tomorrow for Beautiful Day!
	6. **Joseph Newlin**: I want to encourage you all to go see the other screening of Almost Sunrise on April 25 in Dever if you missed the first one.
	7. **Mitchell McKittrick**: Can I get my sheet back?
	8. **Marissa Cremin:** Last Blood Drive Tomorrow April 11 so please try to get there**. 39** days until Commencement.
96. ROLL CALL: Luke Morrison, Brendan Brosnihan, Jacob Wymon and Kyle Nolan were absent. Simone LaPlant and Samual Tsongalis were excused.
97. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

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