**Student Government Association Minutes**

April 01, 2014

1. ROLL CALL: Molly Miller, Brooke Laroche, Jonathan Dileo, Michael Janchuk, Katie Wilga, Robby Finocchiaro, Justin Doss were absent. Dana Kilby, Victoria Landry, Brenna Closius and Gina Mannarino were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 25, 2014: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Taylor Fote*
4. Good evening. Tonight we have Dr. Marsha Marotta: Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dr. Andrew Bonacci: Dean of Undergraduate Studies to check in with us.
5. **Dr. Marotta**: I’m Marsha Marotta, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and this is Dr. Andy Bonacci, who is Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies. I spoke with Andy McCormack and he gave me an idea of what you guys would like to hear about, and then Dr. Bonacci will jump in.
6. I’d first like to talk a little bit about our civic engagement initiative, especially civic engagement courses and the possibility of having a civic engagement designation, so that when you choose a course, you know that it’s civic engagement and the possibility of having it as a graduation requirement. That would not be an additional course required, that would be a core course, in your major, that would have the civic engagement designation. It’s not something we are necessarily pushing, to be a requirement, but we definitely want to encourage students, to take civic engagement courses and to be labeled a civic engagement course, there has to be some pedagogy in that course. Community service is wonderful but that’s one level of civic engagement, but when you’re getting academic credit for civic engagement, it’s at another level where you’re working with your classes. It’s sort of the difference between having a summer job and having a summer internship, where you’re checking in regularly and being guided by a faculty member, and writing reports and research papers and so on. It takes civic engagement to another level. To see the amount of you who would be interested in taking these courses is encouraging. We aren’t trying to constrain people in terms of graduation requirements, and if we could get most students taking civic engagement courses without requiring it, all the better, and that’s where we’re starting out, as well as working with Dean Sue LaMontagne to plan some civic engagement activities. What do you guys think?
7. **Steve Mailloux**: If we were to require this for graduation, how long of a time line would you be looking at? Would that have to go through Academic Planning Committee and Curriculum Committee, or would it not qualify as that?
8. **Dr. Marotta**: If we are to propose this, it would have to go through governance. So, it would go to the All University Committee and then Academic Policies Committee and it could even go to the Curriculum Committee because there would be some requirements for being designated as a civic engagement course. So, if it goes through all that and is passed, it would go into effect for the next incoming class. So, it would start for the students who start in September of that year, and it would not be required for other students who started before this. We would like to make sure we have enough classes for this, and some classes already have a lot of civic engagement involved in it, you might not realize it because it is not yet designated as a civic engagement course.
9. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: If this is something that goes into effect as a requirement, would it be part of the common core or specific to each major?
10. **Dr. Marotta**: The way we’ve been looking at, is that you could fulfill either in a core course, because we have several core courses core courses right now that are already civic engagement based. You could fulfill it either way. Some majors are easier than other majors to fulfill it in the major, but about half our majors have a civic engagement course already. So, you could do it either way, and maybe twice.
11. **Lauren Grams**: Would “Schools of America Culture” count as civic engagement?
12. **Dr. Marotta**: I would have to know more about what you do out at the schools in that course.
13. **Jennifer McDiarid**: Point of Information: I don’t believe so because that’s something you have to do in order to get your licensure as a teacher, so when you’re doing that for other specific requirements and it’s mostly observation based, so I don’t think it would.
14. **Dr. Marotta**: So, if you’re just observing, you’re correct, that would not count. If you have other activities going on, it might count as civic engagement, even if it fulfills another requirement. I would have to know more about what it is you do when you’re going to the schools.
15. **Tom Durkee**: so, I think the idea of civic engagement is important and I like this. I like the idea of it going to departments because you can take what you’re passionate about and learning about and connect to something outside of the University. Do you see faculty support from various departments? I’m assuming that some instruction would take place off campus or on different sites, so do you see faculty supporting that idea of going off campus with the students or just having students go and then meeting back with them on campus?
16. **Dr. Marotta**: That’s a really good question. There’s not a single model, there’s many models. Sometimes a student wouldn’t want to go off campus, sometimes some students will and some won’t even in the same class, everyone will sometimes, with professors, or maybe on their own. So all of those might qualify as civic engagement courses, depending on the course. A lot of faculty is embracing this. There’s such a thing as the scholarship of civic engagement and we have a lot of faculty on campus that are doing their own research on civic engagement and kinds of projects. There is a lot of interest. Is every department 100% in? No, not at this time. We’re trying to get as many people involved as we can.
17. **Brittany Moniz:** I had heard that in the future that there would be a central office for civic engagement and community service. Are we still heading in that direction? And if so, how far out would we see that coming?
18. **Dr. Marotta:** Another really good question. It is a goal of ours, to have a sort of umbrella organization, not to centralize the work that’s done, but to centralize the information, so that people can find out if anyone else is working on a certain project, for potential collaboration. We are working on that, and the first step is the website. When the new University website is launched, it will include a civic engagement website that is beginning to compile that information. An office with staff and so on might be a little further out.
19. **Olivia Dumas**: I know we have some service-learning courses, like I went to Nicaragua, would those count as civic engagement classes?
20. **Dr. Marotta**: Yes. I can’t say that every service-learning course would count, but that one specifically, I know would.
21. **Joshua Clark**: In International Programs Committee, we had a conversation about how when we review short-term courses and service-learning projects, if they should be granted, being a civic engagement course, because part of it is the diversity that you learn and take part in, on these trips, and that’s part of civic engagement. So, if you go to some foreign country, no matter what you’re doing, whether you’re there for biology or helping with schools in Nicaragua, there’s a civic engagement heart to it, so, we’re starting to have this discussion and we’ll see what happens.
22. **Dr. Marotta**: So, I guess my answer would be that we’re working on a list of quality courses that would have to have to be considered a civic engagement course. I think part of that the International courses would have to use the same rubric and the biggest part of that would be the pedagogical piece. But, it wouldn’t be automatic, but you raise a good question about the diversity piece, because it’s not even automatic, that students get diversity credit for international travel courses. I think they’re working on that as well. It’s a governance application process to be considered a diversity course.
23. I’m really excited to see the students involved and interested in this. I can also tell you about the new science building. We’re getting really close to deciding on an architectural drawing, and that includes the changing of space in the existing Wilson building. We’ll have more details for you soon and it’s going to be a beautiful building.
24. **Kevin Soucie**: Do you know when they will break ground and when that will be done and if that conflicts with schedules for schooling?
25. **Dr. Marotta**: So, I don’t have all the answers but we’ll be breaking ground in the fall of 2014, and it will be completed and open in the fall of 2016. We are looking at what kind of disruptions there might be from this work, but during construction we will be able to take over all of Juniper Park School and we can probably move some classes if there will be disruption. We haven’t yet gotten all of the information, but we’re working on it.
26. Another thing you might be interested in is something called “Liquid Galaxy”, which is seven huge computer screens lined up in a 270 degree arch that will be going in the library on the mezzanine. It’s great for Google Earth and Google Sky; it’s really about putting the latest technology in the hands of students. If you’re taking an art class and want to take a virtual tour of the museum, you can actually feel like you’re walking down the halls of the museum. Or say you’re going to travel to Paris; you can put that up on the screen and walk down the streets of Paris. It’s scheduled to be completed on April 23 and that’s the same day that Josh Simpson, the glass artist, and his wife, Katie Coleman, who is a NASA astronaut, will be on campus doing a presentation. It’s all really exciting, so talk with your professors about trying to use it for a course.
27. **Joshua Clark**: I’ve been getting the vibe that is kink of a temporary feature, is it here just for a little while or is it permanent?
28. **Dr. Marotta**: It will be permanent. It’s going to be great. I’m going to hand this over the Andy Bonacci, but I’m happy to answer more questions after.
29. **Dr. Bonacci**: Hello everyone, thank you for the invitation to be down here. I don’t have anything cool to share with you like that, but I do have a few updates on things that are going on in my office. I had a few months to transition from Faculty to Dean and I’m starting to get the hang of it. So, first off, senior registration seemed to go pretty well. Something that was interesting to me was that by 7:03 AM, 650 seniors were registered. So juniors, sophomores, freshman, get on there right at 7:00, get your classes. There were about 1,000 students registered by the end of the day.
30. Something else I wanted to make sure everyone knows about: the Permission to Enroll forms, if you need to get permission from the instructor or looking to get a pre-requisite waived, are now being accepted by the registrar before you register, so if you did that the week before, you can register for those courses that you need permission for on the registration day instead of having to wait.
31. Commencement preparation is all on track. A week from today, seniors will be able to go online and register for Commencement and request your tickets. We do anticipate that we will have a second round of tickets requests after a couple of weeks. Keep your eye on the website for that. If you have any ideas or concerns you want brought to the Commencement Committee, I’m open for that and you can also talk with Brittany Moniz, who is the student on the committee.
32. **Britany Walters**: Do you know when exactly the second round of ticket requests will be?
33. **Dr. Bonacci**: I don’t have that date, the first round is April 7th through April 11th, and then we will announce the next round after everyone’s picked up their tickets.
34. **Brittany Walters**: Readdress: Will it be shortly after the 11th?
35. **Dr. Bonacci**: No, it will be shortly after the last day to pick up your tickets. After the 11th there will be some time for people to be able to pick up their tickets first, so as soon as that ends we will announce the next round.
36. **Kevin Soucie**: How many tickets would someone expect to get if they were to go for the second round?
37. **Dr. Bonacci**: It really will depend on how many were picked up in the first round, where you will be able to have up to four, and then we will look at how many tickets are remaining and that will determine how many tickets you can pick up in the second round.
38. **Steve Mailloux**: So, just to clarify, what information do you need to register your guests?
39. **Dr. Bonacci**: You don’t need any information about your guests, you just ask for the number of tickets.
40. Finally, just an update on International Programs, we’re soon to print the short-term course booklet. We have some repeats of the popular courses, like Ireland, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Guatemala, and some new courses in Spain, Morocco, Poland, and China. So, be on the lookout for the updated edition for those.
41. Thank you very much Dr. Marotta and Dr. Bonacci. Next, we have Rob Schultz, an intern at Noble Hospital to talk about the 5K coming up.
42. **Rob Schultz**: Hello, I’m Rob Schultz, I’m a senior here at Westfield and I am interning at Noble Hospital and we’re working on an event, a 5k: “Run for a Noble Cause”. Originally tickets were $35 but we got Shenanigans to sponsor us, so students can run for only $15. All proceeds go to renovating the oncology department and that is where cancer patients go to receive chemotherapy for about five to six hours at a time. It’s actually really run down, the paint on the wall is chipped, the beds are not comfortable, the TVs are small, and the floors are a mess and the list kind of goes on. We could really use any renovations, we can because patients walk there thinking “this is the place I’m going to die”, because that’s what it kind of looks like.
43. I’m going around Westfield trying to get as many students to run as possible. Its $15 a student and it takes place Saturday, April 26 at 9 AM, and I know that it is Spring Weekend, but I’ve already found out for you that it does not interfere or overlap with the Spring Weekend schedule of events. It’s also a unit opportunity if you volunteer at the run; it would be two units per hour that you help. I think this is a great opportunity to show to the community, that we do care and it is for a great cause. It’s a great thing for Westfield State, and the Westfield community, and it can be a great thing for the oncology department.
44. **Emily Baker**: I think this is great, when do you have to register by?
45. **Rob Schultz**: You can register up until the day. It’s $20.00 if you register that day, but you can register online, or you can also grab one of these sponsor sheets, if you want to collect funds from your friends and family and then find me at the Dining Commons to register.
46. **Brittany Moniz**: If we’re interested in volunteering, how do we go about that?
47. **Rob Schultz**: There’s an email on the information sheet I handed out, shoot them an email and they can help you with that.
48. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: Is it the same course that has been the past few years? That goes out around the back of Stanley Park.
49. **Rob Schultz**: Yes, it’s the same course. It’s pretty flat, it’s a good run, but you can of course walk it too, it’s not a big competitive race.
50. **Tom Durkee**: As an RA, who will be exhausted Spring Weekend, can we just donate money instead of doing it?
51. **Rob Schultz**: Of course, any donations are great. You can mail in donations, I’m not sure if you can donate online, but you can find me in the Dining Commons from April 14th through April 25th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm and I can take any registrations or donations there as well, and you can pick your t-shirts and bibs up there too.
52. **Andrew Morin**: Is the $15.00 only for Westfield State Students?
53. **Rob Schultz**: That’s kind of more lenient. We understand that’s all college students, but it is mostly directed towards Westfield State.
54. **Sarah Hegarty**: Just a reminder that the units are only for volunteering, not participating.
55. As most of you saw we are in the midst of Accepted Students Day: Please remember to be respectful around students and parents you are the Face of Westfield.
56. Constitution Review will be coming to SGA next week. Tonight I will be bringing it to Rules and Regulation Committee.
57. Registered voters for Westfield polls are open until 8:00 pm to fill Donald Humasons position.
58. Congratulations to Jessika Murphy who is now Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Student Activities.
59. Can I see Alex Doming after the meeting?
60. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Stone Koury*
2. The Board of Higher Education is looking for its student member for next year. This year the vote lies with the State Universities. If is a huge responsibility. There is a bit of a leaving curve and it will require entire Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings every month. I have interviewed and worked with this position for the past two years, so come to me if you have some questions.
3. Our second trip to the State House will be April 28th, it is a Monday. This trip represents just the State Universities commitment to furthering higher education. Please let me know if you have any interest and expect an email from me soon.
4. The next scheduled board meeting is April 10th at 6:00 pm in the Horace Mann Center.
5. All University Committee**: No Report**
6. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
7. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Rebecca DiVico*
8. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
9. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
10. Food Services Committee**: Tom Durkee**
11. Yet another productive meeting. We have answered a ton of new comment card so look for those on our newly redesigned bulletin board in the Dining Commons. Thanks to our retail Vice Chair Olivia Dumas and Mikayla Culley for revamping that board for us.
12. Our “Dish on the DC” program is coming. Please join us next Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest. Where we will be connecting students with Sodexo mangers and chefs to answer questions and address concerns that you may have. Refreshments will be provided by Dunkin Donuts and you should see advertisements around campus soon.
13. Looking forward a bit, Thursday, April 17th from 2:00 pm until 4:30 pm in the Dining Commons, we will feature our next pop-up restaurant style feature called “Bodacious Burgers”. This event will be a swipe plus an additional few dollars. I will have more details in the coming weeks.
14. Finally, the April Sodexo calendar is out and should be in your WSU inbox very soon.
15. Our next scheduled meeting is April 8th at 4:00 pm in the Tekoa Room.
16. Health Committee: **No Report**
17. Parking Control Board: **Alexis Wagner**
18. Starting this year, all parking decals will be only sold online and will no longer be through Public Safety.
19. There will only be two types of student decals: Resident or Commuter.
20. You must do it online over the summer, and then it will be mailed to your home address before the fall semester begins, and you can purchase your decal starting mid-June.
21. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 03rd at 11:15 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
22. **Tom Durkee**: I’ve heard rumors that there will be no Main Lot next year to accommodate the spots lost during construction. Is this true or just rumored.
23. **Alexis Wagner**: It’s being c considered, but we’re still waiting on the construction plan to be decided, so we know how many spots will be lost.
24. **Steve Mailloux**: Point of Information: Curt Robie has said that he will have an estimate of those spots at this Thursday’s meeting, April 03rd, so we will know soon.
25. **Brittany Walters**: So, if it’s just Resident or Commuter, will there even be a Main Lot decal?
26. **Alexis Wagner**: If Main Lot continues, you would have to pay for the Resident decal, and then you apply to be able to park in Main Lot separately, which would override your South Lot decal for that semester. But you can’t order a Main Lot decal online.
27. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
28. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
29. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Kevin Soucie**
30. It’s time that the final Blood Drive is here on April 16th from 1:00 am until 7:00 pm in the Parenzo Gym. This will hopefully be the best one yet**.** I will even be giving blood this time, so you know it will be an amazing time. Volunteers are always wanted.
31. Finally if anyone is looking to be Community Relations & Fundraising member of Student Government feel free to ask me anything about it**.**
32. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Andrew McCormack*
33. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
34. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
35. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
36. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
37. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
38. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
39. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
40. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Steve Kligerman*
41. Programming update**: Steve Kligerman**
42. We have comedian Eric O’Shea coming on Friday at 7:30 pm in Dever.
43. Sunday, we are co-sponsoring an event with Student Activities called Bongo Ball Mania. This will be from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm on the green or in the parking lot behind Dickinson if the grass is too muddy and wet. There will also be a food truck with steak and cheese subs and letter art.
44. Reminder, tickets and guest packets go on sale Monday at 8:00 am, online. Emails will be sent over the next few days.
45. I would also like to update you on the Schedule for Spring Weekend.
46. On Friday, April 25th from 4:30 pm until 8:00 pm is the themed dinner at the Dining Commons with all your favorites. At night starting at 9:00 p min Scanlon we have comedian Dustin Ybarra. Then at 10:00 pm we have Brown Bag Bingo and finally late night pancakes at 11:00 pm
47. On Saturday, April 26th from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm on the Green, we have a mechanical bull, a euro bungee, tie dye, make your own bumper sticker, antique photos, smoothies, a wild west shoot out game, two caricature artists, tailgating games, fried dough truck, ice cream truck, D.J., giveaways, and classes and organizations. There will also be a Barbecue dinner in the Dining Commons from 3:00 pm until 7:30 pm.
48. The concert doors open at 6:30 pm were Sam Hunt, Craig Campbell and David Nail will perform. Also in the back of the concert there will be a photo booth and a slow motion photo booth. There will be a late night food truck sponsored by Sodexo on Saturday night. They will accept owl bucks this year.
49. On Sunday, April 27th the Rugged Owl will take place, make sure to sign up your team beforehand to get a free t-shirt.
50. Sunday night, student activities will host a Movie night.
51. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: If you live in an apartment and you don’t have a meal plan, do you still have to get a guest packet? Or can you just get them a concert ticket if they aren’t planning on eating?
52. **Steve Kligerman**: If you have a guest, you have to buy a guest packet. The guest packet is not for food, it’s for the stuff on the green because that person did not pay the Student Activities Fee.
53. **Cleston Flemming**: They took the movies off the movie channels the other day, and I wanted to watch Captain Phillips. Are there going to be new movies on there soon?
54. **Steve Kligerman**: If it’s not up today, it should be working tomorrow. I have a list in my office for new movies, so I can announce that next week.
55. **Tom Durkee**: It sounds like a thrilling schedule. When can we expect to see this posted?
56. **Steve Kligerman**: You’ll be getting an email of the official schedule tomorrow and I’ll be sending another email out with Spring Weekend information, and posters and Facebook stuff will be rolling out this week.
57. **Tom Durkee**: Readdress: Another question, if I live in a residence hall and I don’t want to participate in Spring Weekend, and I don’t want to do any of that stuff, can I have guests up that are unregistered?
58. **Steve Kligerman**: No you cannot. If you have guests, even if they aren’t going to the concert or participating on the green, you have to register your guest or they will not be allowed in the Residence Halls.
59. **Richard Darrach**: So, I saw on Facebook an event that Regis Philbin was coming to campus. I don’t know if it was CAB or Student Activities, but is that an April fool’s prank or is it real?
60. **Steve Kligerman**: I heard that rumor, but it’s not CAB.
61. **Jessika Murphy**: It’s not Student Activities either.
62. **Olivia Dumas**: Point of Interest: That was on of our friends and it’s a joke.
63. **Kevin Soucie**: Would the guest packet policy apply to the Apartment Complex as well, since there is no front desk to check in at?
64. **Steve Kligerman**: Yes, all guests need guest packets.
65. **Rebecca DiVico**: Point of Information: I know a lot of people don’t, but you’re actually supposed to sign your guests into the Apartment Complex. You’re supposed to go to the RA Desk and sign them in.
66. **Steve Kligerman**: If you’re caught with an unregistered guest, there are consequences and that is considered trespassing.
67. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 2nd at 5:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest.
68. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Joshua Frank*
69. Finance Report: **Joshua Frank**
70. I have one finance proposal to present tonight. The Finance Committee met with the Biology Club who are looking for funds to attend the Mystic Aquarium. The club will be going to the aquarium to build up their knowledge of marine biology. They are asking for funds to cover half the mileage and a quarter of admission cost for 15 students.
71. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to reject this proposal. The committees concerns were that the club can afford the cost and those students would only have to pay a small amount to cover these costs.
72. Even if the Finance Committee rejects or approves a proposal, I am still responsible to present it to you guys. We have more than enough money within our budget to cover this proposal.
73. I move to allocate $103.00 to the Biology Club. Moved and seconded.
74. **Richard Darrach**: Do we know how good their club account is?
75. **Joshua Frank**: There’s about $400.00 in their account, but the total amount to go would leave them with a little under $100.00 in their account.
76. **Joshua Clark**: The Finance Committee went over a lot of the expenses they have coming up and paying for this trip entirely would be feasible, but they would not have much left in their account after.
77. **Kevin Soucie**: Are they fundraising? How much did they raise and how?
78. **Joshua Frank**: Yes, and they are still fundraising now so I can’t speak to how much they’ve raised.
79. **Mikayla Culley**: Point of Information: I’m in the biology club. This year we did a fundraiser at Applebee’s and a bake sale.
80. **Steve Mailloux**: I’m curious why you can tell us their account balance when I recall that there was a Dance Company proposal, that you said you could not comment on their fundraising account. I’m just curious about the procedure and why that’s different.
81. **Joshua Frank**: Because this is so close in information and we’re out of the initial club budget, more information is going to give a more informed vote today. The numbers are so close that it’s important to know.
82. **Joshua Clark**: Point of Information: We were able to ask the Biology Club representative how much money was in their fundraising account and they were able to tell us, whereas when we met with the Dance Club, I don’t recall them telling us their account balance, so they might not have been aware enough to share. But that was a separate proposal.
83. **Joshua Frank**: The Dance Company proposal was also cut by about $4,000.00, so this is quite a different matter.
84. **Brittany Moniz**: How many students are looking to go to on this trip? The admission fee doesn’t look that high.
85. **Joshua Frank**: Fifteen Students will be going on the trip.
86. **Richard Darrach**: Do they have any educational tour set up or are they just going on this trip.
87. **Joshua Frank**: They didn’t mention it to us, but a lot of them are taking a Marine Biology Class so they will be doing a lot to make connection to their classwork at the aquarium.
88. **Olivia Dumas**: Point of Information: If you divide what they’re asking for by 15 students, they would only have to pay $7.00 each to go on this tripo, whereas if this is funded by SGA, they won’t be paying anything.
89. **Andrew Morin**: If this proposal is rejected, will they still be able to go?
90. **Joshua Frank**: I can’t directly answer that. I didn’t ask the club president for that information, but I assume it would be possible.
91. The motion to allocate $103.00 to the Biology club for a trip to Mystic Aquarium carries.
92. Finance Report: **Joshua Frank**
    1. The past weekend was the Gala and it was a huge success. Through this event we were able to raise over $125,000.00.
    2. I also want to thank any students that presented or attended the Gala. You all represented Westfield greatly.
    3. I’ve gotten a lot of questions about the State University internship initiative, and I now have some more answers for you all. So, next week you will be emailed all the information about the application process. If you have any more questions after the email is sent out please direct them to Maureen McCarthy in the Academic Achievement office.
93. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Alexis Wagner*/*Sarah Hegarty*
94. Executive Secretary Report: **Alexis Wagner**
95. Signature papers are due a week from today, April 8th by 5:00 pm, and at that time you can then start campaigning, no sooner.
96. I really hope to see a good number of people at the Pizza with the Candidates on Tuesday, April 15th from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Candidates are required to be there, but even if you aren’t running, I ask you to attend so that you do make your best decision when voting. Get your friends to go too. It does count as a unit.
97. I’d also like to remind you guys that seniors can vote for the SGA Executive Board and Reps at Large.
98. We’re really hoping to increase the numbers of student that vote this year, so , I’m going to be asking for Class Councils and Hall Councils to help Exec get the word out when we get closer to voting, which is April 22nd and April 23rd.
99. **Kevin Soucie**: What would seniors be voting for?
100. **Alexis Wagner**: Seniors would vote for the Executive Council, Reps and Large, Multicultural, and Community Relations/Fundraising, taking into consideration the interest of the incoming first years.
101. Legislative Secretary Report: **Sarah Hegarty**
102. The Big Unit winner for March is Lauren Grams.
103. The Unit lotto winner was also Lauren Grams. The first council to finish their units first was Lammers.
104. There will be four units due for April. Unfortunately I was not able to get the unit calendar up, but it will be finished by the end of this week.
105. An update on the Blue Key committee: we need a member of the Class of 2015 for the Blue Key committee. We will be meeting Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 pm and Tuesday, April 15th after SGA. Priscilla Aguilar volunteered. I will need to meet with the Blue Key Committee after the meeting to give you packets.
106. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: Jennifer McDiarmid
107. Rules and Regulations Committee: **Jennifer McDiarmid**
108. The Rules and Regulations Committee has been hard at work in the past six months. We have approved constitutions for the following clubs: Convoy of Hope, acaOwlettes, Gaming Club, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Criminal Justice Club, The Westfield Voice, Whip Comedy Improve, Veterans Club, Queer Straight Alliance, Multicultural Student Association, Commuter Council, Circle K, Exercise Science, Movement Science , Sport and Leisure Studies Majors Club, Amateur Radio Club, Law Club, Psychology Club, Muslim Student Organization, Amicitia Club, Ambassadors for Christ History Club.
109. Thanks to the Committee for all their hard work, I’m very happy with the progress we’ve made.
110. Rules and Regulations will be meeting after SGA in the Conference Room.
111. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
112. Commuter Council: **Luis Arzola**
113. Senior Class: **Brittany Moniz**
114. The deadline to order Senior Fest packets has been extended to this Friday, April 4th. This is the last week to order your packet, here in SGA.
115. This past Saturday, We held the Mr. Westfield show with the 2015 Class council. I’m so proud to announce that we have raised enough money to grant our second wish for the Make-A-Wish foundation. I hope everyone who came out on Saturday, March 29th enjoyed the show. It was great to have the acaOwlettes for intermission. Thank you to the Class of 2015, I’m so glad to be passing the show onto your council.
116. I am so proud of the 2014 Class council for their hard work the past three years.
117. Registration for Commencement tickets online starting Monday, April 17th. Please check out the Commencement web page on the Westfield State homepage.
118. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 3rd at 4:30 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
119. Junior Class: **Richard Darrach**
120. The past couple of days, I’ve met with the Weston Massachusetts “Out of the Darkness” Coordinator and one of Kevin Friedland’s best friends. He is in contact with Kevin’s family and we are looking into dedicating this year’s walk and all feature walks in honor of Kevin.
121. Next week we’re starting a 175 Random Acts of Kindness Program. In the next few weeks we will be in the Dining Commons and in Ely asking for acts of kindness people have received. This is to celebrate 175 years of Westfield, but to also advertise “Out of the Darkness”. More details to follow for each different program every week.
122. For anyone interested in joining the “Out of the Darkness” planning committee, our first meeting is next Monday, April 7th at 5:00 pm in University Hall.
123. We sold about 70 shirts and the deadline has passed. In the fall, if there is more interest we will do a second order.
124. **Joshua Clark**: When is the “Out of the Darkness” event taking place? It just seems kind of late in the semester for planning an event.
125. **Richard Darrach**: This event has been in planning for about two months and the walk will take place Friday, May 2nd. Registration is at 5:00 pm and the walk starts at 6:00 pm and will be ending around 8:00 pm.
126. Our next scheduled meeting is April 2nd at 5:15 pm in the SGA conference room.
127. Sophomore Class**: Ryan Losco**
128. The Buzz Off is going well we just reached and went over our goal of $5,000.00.
129. The event is on April 13th at 1:00 pm come by to show your support.
130. Also, if you can help us find raise and go to academic buildings, it’s a unit.
131. Our next scheduled meeting is on April 8th at 6:30 pm in conference room E03.
132. Freshman Class: **No Report**
133. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
134. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
135. Davis Hall: **No Report**
136. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
137. Lammers Hall: **Ashley Deleon**
138. Lammers Hall Council has ordered hall shirts to be given away as Lammers Lottery Prizes, as well as end of the year event giveaways. They feature a clever slogan: “Stop. Lammers Time”. In addition, the hall just finished raising money for RHA’s “Pennies for Pencils”. We raised almost $100.00 and that ended up being the total amount the RHA raised.
139. We are currently planning an egg hunt for next week in which we will hide eggs during the night, so that the residents can wake up to surprises and treats.
140. We are also bringing back our ever popular Wing Wednesday for April 2nd, April 16th and April 30th, however this time we will also be ordering pizza.
141. Our next scheduled meeting is April 2nd at 5:30 pm in the 4th floor study room.
142. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
143. New Hall: **No Report**
144. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
145. University Hall**: No Report**
146. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Joshua Clark**: AUC is hosting an information session on Commencement from 2015 on, on April 9th at 4:30 pm in the Loughman Living room in Scanlon. AUC is meeting in the Parenzo Board Room at 4:30 pm.
4. **Sarah Hegarty**: Four Units are due for April, and can I see the Blue Key Committee?
5. **Kevin Soucie**: Can I get the Blood Drive sign ups back?
6. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: Rules and Regulations is meeting after this. If you’re interested in the Parliamentarian position and that process since it’s not on the ballot, come talk to me.
7. **Taylor Fote**: Can I see Alex Doming after the meeting?
8. **Tom Durkee**: 45 days until Commencement.
9. ROLL CALL: Ali Burns, Michael Janchuk, Katie Wilga, Robby Finocchiaro, Justin Doss were absent. Dana Kilby, Tori Landry, Brenne Closius and Gina Mannarino were excused.
10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.