**Student Government Association Minutes**

April 26, 2016

1. ROLL CALL: Jon Kelland, Nickalena Richards, Maddie Dexter, and Rachel Dunphy were absent. Connor Glynn was excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 19, 2016: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Evelyn Dina*
2. I’m happy you are all here for our last meeting.
3. I move to accept the election results for the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries
4. I wanted to thank you all for such an incredible year. You’ve taught me what it means to be a great leader, but most importantly, a teammate. We’ve talked about some hard things this year and you’ve all blossomed into extremely respectful and responsible student leaders; for that I am incredibly proud. Thank you for sitting through the long MASSpirg debate, having questions for Representative Velis and Senator Humason, for supporting the new Veteran’s position and bring a friend to SGA day, and for supporting each other. I know it’s hard not to become lost in all of the work we have thrown at us every day, but to take, for some of you, what is your only free time and dedicating it to SGA means so much and certainly doesn’t go unnoticed.
5. I couldn’t have asked for a better executive board or group of senators. There are so many awesome things to come next year and I’m going to always be so proud of everything you accomplished. So again, thank you for showing so much dedication and enthusiasm, I love you guys.
6. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Justin Connolly*
2. It has been an absolute honor serving this student body and this University for the past four years. My involvement in Student Government completely transformed my collegiate experience. It didn’t just open doors to the many once in a lifetime opportunities, but it also opened the door to the lifelong mentorships and more importantly lifelong friendships. I want to wish the best of luck to those who will be seniors next year, especially the 2017 Class Council. Next year is the last year before the rest of your life.
3. All University Committee**: No Report**
4. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Matthew Carlin*
2. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
3. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
4. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
5. Health Committee: **No Report**
6. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
7. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
8. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
9. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Jon Cubetus*
2. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
3. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
4. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
5. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
6. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
7. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
8. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Haley Batchelder*
9. Programming update**: Haley Batchelder**
10. In case you forgot Springfest is this weekend. We are super excited and can guarantee a weekend filled with fun and exhilaration. I hope you all choose to come to at least some of the events we have planned. Here’s a quick recap of the schedule: Friday is the zoo on the Go, a delicious dinner in the DC, Bingo at 10:00pm and late night pancakes at 11:30pm. On Saturday the green will be poppin’ from 2:00pm to 6:00pm with a zip line, caricature-artists, snap back hats, lots of food, just to name a few. Then at 8:00pm in Woodward Girl Code comedians Matthew Broussard and Andrew Schultz. Everything is free.
11. Our shirts are in. I will need volunteers for help on the green on Saturday, so if you volunteer, you’ll get one of these shirts. Your help will be greatly appreciated, even if it’s just for one shift.
12. This position has been the greatest part of my college career and has made me find my one regret at WSU; not joining SGA sooner. Congratulations to Maddie Dexter, next year’s VP of Programming. I have high hopes that CAB will be in good hands next year.
13. CAB’s final meeting is tomorrow, April 27 at 5:00pm in the Owl’s Nest.
14. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Brandon Trafford*
15. Finance Report: **No Report**
16. Foundation Report: **No Report**
17. SERETARY’S REPORT: Brendan McKee*/Jacob Lotter*
18. Executive Secretary Report: **Brendan McKee**
19. We do have our last Senator of the Week this week. This senator went above and beyond this week. When help was needed with the postcards being sent to the State House, she stepped right up and hand wrote the return address on almost all of them. It was a big help and did not go unnoticed. She was also a huge help on Saturday night during Mr. Westfield when the micropones being used were dying and needed new batteries, she ran all the way to Ely and back to help the Classes of 2019 and 2017 out. So thank you Maddie Dexter for going the extra mile and being out Senator of the Week**.**
20. Legislative Secretary Report: **Jacob Lotter**
21. Hi everyone. I want to begin today by awarding the final Big Unit Award of the year. This senator submitted 12 units making her the winner by one unit, that senator is Marissa Cremin. Congratulations Marissa. The Unit Lotto winner is Samantha Chan, congratulations Sammie.

1. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: *Ryan Losco*

Rules and Regulations Committee: No Report.

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: **Ryan Losco**
4. For seniors, commencement tickets are now available for pick up at the campus center window. If you checked your email, you will have noticed that anyone who asked for additional tickets received one extra ticket.
5. Senior Fest is in the final planning stages, and participants should be getting an email soon regarding details.
6. Commencement rehearsal is May 6 at 5:00pm in the Woodward Center.
7. Junior Class: **Andrew Morin**
8. I am very happy to announce the Class of 2017 and 2019 councils pulled off a very successful Mr. Westfield program this past Saturday.
9. I’d like to give you all a brief history of Mr. Westfield and Westfield State’s relationship with Make-A-Wish. In 2011, former SGA President and Class of 2014 Treasurer, Taylor Fote, along with other student leaders proposed the idea of Mr. Westfield pageant to raise money for Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island. WSU had participated in other fundraisers for Make-A-Wish, but these students wanted to try a new approach.
10. Since then, excluding this past Saturday, the Mr. Westfield program had raised over $28,000.00 fir Make-A-Wish and the University had raised over $62,000.00.
11. Our goal this year was to raise $7,500.00, which is how much it costs to grant one wish. I am very happy to report that Mr. Westfield 2016 has already brought in over $11,000.00. We are still collecting donations online until May 23. If you haven’t made a donation yet, I really encourage you to.
12. I’d like to give a special shout out to our winners. Mr. Fundraiser was awarded to Mr. Commuter, Adam Borden for raising the most funds on his own. Mr. Congeniality was awarded to Mr. Davis Hall, Marcus Dibacco for his endless enthusiasm and great reputation with his fellow contestants. Mr. Fan Favorite was awarded to Mr. New Hall, Brandon Trafford for his amazing efforts in the show, his creativity and his large amount of fundraising. Congratulations.
13. I’d also like to thank our seven contestants: Mr. 2016, Al Fava, Mr. 2017. Dan Pendenza, Mr. 2018, Alex Veeber, Mr. 2019, Abduallah Shafique, Mr. University Hall, Tyler Normandin, Mr. Apartment Complex, Kevin Urban, and Mr. Courtney Hall, Christian Capalbo. These boys put in so much work into the dance, into their talents, into their costume choices, and most importantly, into fundraising. This show would have never taken off the way it did if we were not blessed with such amazing contestants.
14. I’d also like to say a special thank you to all of our judges: Barbara Hand, Evelyn Dina, Sue LaMontagne, Maria Lees, Brittany Moniz and Dan Fullham, as well as our lovely hosts, Justin Connolly and Haley Batchelder.
15. Finally to the Classes of 2017 and 2019 councils: Thank you. This event is not easy to coordinate, and I tried very hard to take a theatrical approach to the organization, and I think it went well. Thank you for dealing with my constant forgetfulness, my increased stress level, my inability to get dates right in my SGA reports and my weird quirks. You all have made this an amazing process and we did it. We granted a wish, be proud of yourselves.
16. On other notes besides Mr. Westfield, our class council is in the process of analyzing the survey results from the Make our Mark survey and working with Alumni Affairs and Facilities and Operations to decide upon a feasible and memorable class gift. While I do not have an answer today, we are looking to make a decision in the next two weeks, so please look out for that. We will more than likely be sending out an email as well as publicizing our decision through social media.
17. We have two positions on our council, Community Relations & Fundraising Coordinator and Publicity Coordinator. Any matriculating senior interested in these positions should e-mail me and set up an interview for Wednesday, May 4. Decisions will be sent out that night.
18. Our next scheduled meeting is April 27 at 5:30pm in Ely 003.
19. Sophomore Class**: Maddie Creamer**
20. Our next scheduled meeting is May 2 at 7:00pm in the SGA Club Room E021.
21. First Year Class: **No Report**
22. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
23. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
24. Davis Hall: **No Report**
25. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
26. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
27. Lansdowne Hall**: No Report**
28. New Hall**: No Report**
29. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
30. University Hall**: No Report**
31. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. **Justin Connolly:** I move to open New Business: Motion Carries.
3. **Justin Connolly:** I move to go into Executive Session. Motion Carries.
4. **Justin Connolly:** I move to leave executive session. Motion carries.
5. **Justin Connolly:** I move to close new business. Motion Carries.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
7. **Michael Janchuk**: 25 days until commencement.
8. ROLL CALL: Jon Kelland was absent and Connor Glynn was excused.
9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.