**Student Government Association Minutes**

April 28, 2015

1. ROLL CALL: Megan Doerle, Katelyn Saucier and Raymond Konde were absent. Marisa Russo sent an alternate.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 21, 2015: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Rebecca DiVico*
4. I move to accept the election results for the 2015-2015 academic year. Motion carries.
5. Unfortunately our advisor, Drew Dalesandro, lost his father this past weekend. I will be sending around a card, please sign your name. The calling hours will be on Thursday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Firtion Adams funeral parlor in Westfield. If you need a ride, please let me know.
6. This is my last report ever. If you had asked me at the beginning of my freshman year if I would care so much about this organization, I probably would have laughed. I enjoyed SGA but it took me a little bit to fully understand my purpose here. Words cannot describe how thankful and happy I feel and will continue to feel that I had the opportunity to serve all of you as President. We all laugh that I am obsessed about SGA and such, and that’s one hundred percent okay because I am. I love this university, I love the organization, I love Tuesdays at 5:30 pm when I get to be with all of you, and most importantly, I love all of you. Each and every one of you has impacted me and has made me proud and I hope that I have served you well this year. You are truly the greatest legislature I have seen in my four years. Although I am so, so very sad to have to replace my Tuesdays with grad school and a job, I cannot wait to see how you all continue to lead this school. You are all truly amazing individuals and I am beyond honored to have worked with you.
7. I just want to thank the Executive Board as well, you’ve dealt with me and that’s something in itself. Thank you for all of your hard work this year.
8. I would like to shout out to Evelyn Dina who is going to kill it next year and be such an amazing president. I know you are all in good, if not better hands.
9. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Joshua Frank*
2. The Presidential Search Committee met this morning and we discussed a number of things.
3. We discussed the role of the Board of Higher Education and our committee.
4. We reviewed the Job Description and advertising and the final description should be ready at the end of this week.
5. The Board of Trustees meeting is on June 25 at 3:00 pm in the President’s Board room.
6. If anyone is looking for a job this summer and lives in Western Mass please see me after the meeting.
7. It’s very surreal feeling that this is my last report. For seven semesters I have spent Tuesdays at 5:30 pm with SGA and joining this organization was by far the best decision I ever made. I’ve made so many friends down here and it’s really all of the students that make SGA at Westfield such a unique and welcoming place. I want to thank you all for making me a better leader. There are not many SGAs out there that are as strong as ours so never take any experience for granted. A special thank you to the advisors. Barbara Hand you’ve kept me sane these last four years. Also, thank you to Sue LaMontagne and Carlton Pickron for being such supportive mentors. Lastly, good luck to everyone next year, especially my successor Justin Connolly, who I know will do great thing on the Board of Trustees.
8. All University Committee**: No Report**
9. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
10. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Joshua Clark*
11. Being your Vice President of Student Life throughout this year has been an interesting but rewarding experience.
12. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
13. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
14. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
15. Health Committee: **No Report**
16. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
17. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
18. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
19. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Justin Connolly**
20. In total we have collected $821.91 from the Hall councils and the academic buildings. The winner of the pizza party is the Class of 2017 with $175.00.
21. Thank you so much for all that you guys could have done during these five days. I know it was hard but we really appreciate it.
22. We will send out a Campus wide email with the complete total. Thank you for all your efforts.
23. The raffle winners are:
24. $50.00 in Owl Bucks – Carly Camossi
25. Barnes and Noble Gift card - Diane Prusank
26. Westfield State Hoodie - Dan Price
27. Westfield State Hoodie – Tim Parshal
28. Regalia – Beth Teague, Richard Darrach and Jonathan Terlaga
29. Fall Semester Parking Decal – Sara Thomas
30. IPad Mini – Meghan Lussier
31. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Olivia Dumas*
32. SGA is such a great group of people to be a part of and I am so lucky to have been able to grow and mature surrounded by such strong leaders, and more importantly friends. To all my fellow seniors, thank you for letting me share this experience with you. To the underclassmen enjoy your next years here and make every moment count and stay in SGA. It was the best decision I made at Westfield, I wish you all the best of luck, especially Jon Cubetus in filling the Vice President of Academic Life position. You will do great things.
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: *Daniel Chamberlain*
41. Programming update**: Daniel Chamberlain**
42. I want to say thank you so much to everyone who volunteered their time this weekend to help us with Spring Weekend, we could not have done it without your help. Both days were really successful and I am so happy with the turnout.
43. The comedian, Brown Bag Bingo and late night pancakes filled Scanlon Banquet Hall and were our most popular events of the weekend.
44. The novelties and food trucks on the green were also very popular and I heard nothing but great things about it.
45. The Concert went great and everyone who attended had positive feedback about it.
46. CAB is holding our elections for next year’s Executive Board tomorrow at 5:00 pm in the Owls Nest and it will be our last meeting of the year.
47. I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped me with the transition into Vice President of Programming this semester, especially the SGA Executive Board. Taking on this position in January had its challenges but you all helped to make it a lot easier.
48. Congratulations to Haley Batchelder on being elected the Vice President of Programming for next year, she is going to be a great CAB president and will do great things.
49. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 29 at 5:00 pm in the Owls Nest.
50. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Matthew Carlin*
51. I would like to thank every Senator who has served on Finance Committee this year, it was a great committee.
52. I would also like to thank everyone who has spent the last academic year sitting in this room with me. It has been a privilege to work alongside every single one of you.
53. I would like to say thank you to the outgoing Executive Board members who over the last year, I have had the unique opportunity to work with and develop friendships.
54. I am anxious to return to these seats next year as the Vice President of Student Life and get working on filling the big shoes that I have to fill.
55. Finance Report: **No Report**
56. Foundation Report: **No Report**
57. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Andrew Morin/Evelyn Dina*
58. Executive Secretary Report: **Andrew Morin**
59. I want to thank you all for helping me out with elections. With the effort we all put in, we had 664 students vote, which is a voting percentage of 14.7%. I am so happy with this turn out. Congratulations to everyone who won their election.
60. I want to say thank you to SGA for being amazing this year. I came into this position later than everyone else and while it was kind of a whimsical decision, I wouldn’t change it for the world.
61. The Cotillion was certainly a high light of my year so I want to thank the Cotillion Committee for all of your hard work. It was nice getting to work with you guys and putting on such an amazing event.
62. Brendan McKee, I know you will be an amazing Executive Secretary.
63. To the Class of 2017 council, I cannot thank you all enough for putting up with the troubles we faced this year and maintaining a positive attitude. We worked so hard this year and accomplished so much and I am truly proud of every single one of you. I could not take more pride or joy in saying that I will be your President next year.
64. To the wonderful Executive council and advisors, I cannot thank you enough for bearing with me this year and being some of the best friends I have ever had. I am truly going to miss our long meetings and the fun times we shared this year. It’s crazy to think that this is actually the end.
65. **Ashley Deleon**: As a member of the Class of 2017, I know I speak for a lot of us when I say that we are happy that you are stepping up to President. We have gone through four presidents in the last two years and I cannot tell you how excited I am to see you filling the seat next. I really hope that we stick with you. You’re a great guy and I know you are going to do a great job in this seat. I’m really excited to have you and I hope we get to see you speak at Commencement. I wish you all of the luck.
66. **Andrew Morin**: Thank you.
67. Legislative Secretary Report: **Evelyn Dina**
68. Units for the year are over. Thank you to everyone who sent them in.
69. The big unit winners for the month of April are Ashley Deleon and Jacob lotter who tied. The Unit Lotto winner is Sara Palis.
70. Please send me pictures by this Friday, May 1 at the latest please, so I can piece together the award ceremony banquet slide show. I need at least one picture of you all in there.
71. I just wanted to thank you all for doing such great things and for having an amazing year and I am so excited and eager to see you all in September already.
72. To the seniors, thank you for all you’ve done and we’ll miss you.
73. I hope to see everyone at the SGA Awards Ceremony next Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30 pm in Scanlon Banquet Hall.
74. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: *Sara Palis*

Rules and Regulations Committee: Sara Palis

1. An amendment has been submitted to the Rules and Regulations Committee, which has been signed by five senators and the sponsor, Justin Connolly. The amendment, if passed, will be added to Article VII, Section 3 of the Student Government Association constitution under the new title “General Legislative Positions.” The text reads as Follows,

“*SGA REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE*

1. *One seat represents at most five hundred (500) full-time day students.*
2. *Serve on at least two (2) campus-wide governance committees.*
3. *Serves on other committees as appointed by the SGA President, Vice President of Academic Life, and Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.*
4. *Report directly to the Vice President of Academic Life and the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.”*
5. I move to approve the amendment. Motion carries.
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“*SGA COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND FUNDRASING REPRESENTATIVE*

1. *Point person for SGA related fundraising, charity or community related programs.*
2. *In charge of the coordination of the Blood Drives throughout the academic year.*
3. *Serve as Chair to the Neighborhood Advisory Board, or shall appoint an alternate.*
4. *Serve as liaison to Health Services and Counseling Services.*
5. *Works in conjunction with SGA Executive Council to plan and implement the Annual Turkey Drive.*
6. *Serve as Chair to the Community Relations and Fundraising Committee.”*
7. I move to approve the amendment. Motion carries.
8. The Rules and Regulations Committee has also approved the Dance Company, Autism Community Club, Westfield Student to Student, and the Account club constitutions pending changes.
9. I just wanted to thank the Rules and Regulations Committee for all their hard work this year. I couldn’t have done it without you guys. To the graduating seniors, I wish you all the best of luck and I can’t wait to hear all your successes that are to come. Thank you to the entire Executive Board, especially Matt Carlin, Joshua Clark and Rebecca DiVico to be there anytime I had questions or needed suggestions when it came to clubs. Your support throughout this year has made my job as Parliamentarian much easier.

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: **Richard Darrach**
4. This week we are filming for the Commencement video. We will b down here in SGA from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and the last chance to be filmed will be Commencement rehearsal.
5. We are still accepting photos for the Senior Slide show. Please submit them to [WSU2015ClassCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:WSU2015ClassCouncil@gmail.com) or on social media using #100owldays.
6. Reminder commencement rehearsal is May 8 at 5:00 pm in the Woodward Center.
7. Thank you all for a great four years; it’s been a privilege and an honor.
8. Our next scheduled meeting is April 28 at 4:00 pm in the SGA conference room 020.
9. Junior Class: **Ryan Losco**
10. I just wanted to remind all seniors to take the Senior Year survey that is in your email and the Facebook page. The survey will be used to help us make some decisions for senior year programing.
11. I also wanted to take a moment to thank all the graduating senators for their work this year. They have all done an amazing job and it has been a pleasure to sit in this room with you for the past three years. I have had the pleasure of becoming friends with some of you and it is no doubt that you will be missed. I wish you all the best of luck.
12. Sophomore Class**: Maddie Spillers**
13. The Class of 2017 will be holding our “Dorm Storm” today, April 28 through Wednesday, April 29. So, if you hear a knock on your door and it’s one of us we would like a canned good.
14. I also wanted to say thank you to all of you for being so welcoming and helpful to me. It means so much.
15. Our next scheduled meeting is April 30at 3:45 pm in conference room E003.
16. First Year Class: **No Report**
17. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
18. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
19. Davis Hall: **No Report**
20. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
21. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
22. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
23. New Hall**: Albert Fava**
24. On Friday, May 1, multiple halls are coming together to hold an end of the year event. There will be a bounce house, bungee run, adrenaline rush obstacle course, wax hands, photo booth and many other things for a fun day. Plus Nester and a fried dough truck. So, be there from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm.
25. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
26. University Hall**: No Report**
27. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

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1. NEW BUSINESS: Joshua Clark: I move to open New Business. Motion carries.
2. **Joshua Clark**: I move to enter Executive Session. Motion carries.
3. Joshua Clark: I move to suspend Robert’s Rules of Order.
4. Motion carries.
5. **Joshua Clark**: I move to reinstate Robert’s Rules of Order. Motion carries.
6. **Joshua Clark**: I move to close Executive Session. Motion carries.
7. **Joshua Clark:** I move to close New Business. Motion carries.
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
9. **Victoria Landry**: Pizza Social with NAB is this Wednesday, April 29. At 6:00 pm.
10. Courtney Keddy: Andrew Manchino was appointed the Food Committee Chair for 2015-2016 Academic Year.
11. Evelyn Dina: Can I see next year’s exec by the couches after this meeting?
12. Olivia Dumas: The acaOwlettes have their show this Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 pm.
13. **Courtney Keddy:** 18 days until commencement.
14. ROLL CALL:Megan Doerle, Katelyn Saucier, Raymond Konde, and Rose Feraro were absent. Marisa Russo sent an alternate.
15. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.