**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**December 03, 2019**

1. ROLL CALL: Lindsey Dalrymple, Daniel McElhiney, Seldine Chambers-Sutton, Ariana Torres, Grace Boland, Paige Pressey, Audrey Therriault, Lyric Lamagdelaine, Joseph DeMeo, Jason Phillips, Mitchell McKittrick and Alexa Sullivan were absent.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 19, 2019: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ***Kaytlyn Mekal***
4. Hello, I hope everyone enjoyed their extended Thanksgiving Break. To kick this meeting off, I would like to welcome Dr. Jerrid P. Freeman, Vice President of Student Affairs and an Adjunct professor at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Dr. Freeman, I hope you’ve been enjoying our wonderful New England weather so far, we’re all very happy to have you here.
5. For speakers we were supposed to have Pat Berube from Health Services to give us some updates, but she is unfortunately sick today. If anyone has any specific questions for her regarding the department, I would be more than happy to pass those along. First up tonight, we have Dr. Diane Prusank here to get some feedback on advising. Please welcome Dr. Prusank.
6. Dr. Prusank: Good evening everyone. Thank you so much for letting me come speak with you tonight. I understand that you all are very interested in issues related to academic advising, and of course you know we are as well, in Academic Affairs. The faculty and the staff are really curious about how advising works for you and how we can improve our services.
7. I wanted to let you know about some work we’re doing on academic advising. I’m going to start with differentiating between two different areas of academic advising that we have at Westfield State University. You all, if you have declared a major, will have a faculty member who is your academic advisor within your major. When you come into the institution whether you have declared a major or not, you are always able to have access to our advising center. We have a professional advising center with advising staff. They work closely with some departments and loosely with others; so for example, larger academic departments will oftentimes ask the academic advising center to maybe see all first-year students because there may be a lot of students who come in, and they need some help balancing that. Sometimes smaller departments would say no we want all the students to come to us right away in those academic departments. The use of the academic advising center varies across the campus.
8. In addition to those two places where you get academic advising, some of you may have academic advising through special services on campus or offices like the Urban Education program, the Banacos Center, TRIO, and a variety of other places on campus as well. So, we have advising in many pockets on our campus. We’re interested this year in taking a look at academic advising, kind of surveying the field of how students are using advising, what’s working, what’s not working. We’re also talking to faculty about what’s working for them or not working in advising, talking to our staff for advising asking about what’s working and what’s not working for them as well. I wanted to come tonight just to speak to you specifically about the advising survey that goes out to students actually every semester; you may or may not be familiar with it. Last year with the new college structure, we had Deans in the colleges helping to promote students’ participation in that survey, and that did help bump up the participation a little bit but not enough.
9. That’s why I’m here tonight. We’re getting ready to launch the advising survey that, again, we have every semester out there for students. I’m hoping that if we give a big push to it this semester with your help, we might get a lot of really good data. We want to use that data to sit down and have more conversations with you, have follow up conversations about what you’re seeing and experiencing, have follow up conversations with faculty, and with staff who are doing advising. I am hoping to use this as kind of a launching pad for that. I will pass out a few copies of this- this is a survey that is included in the faculty contract/bargaining agreement from the Union, so it’s a form that’s negotiated and given to us. That is the one survey that we can use when we’re trying to get a sense of how advising is going when you go to see your faculty advisor in your major. So, that’s pre-scripted for us. It’s a nice survey. It has a lot of really good points of information. It doesn’t ask you to point out a particular faculty member. It does ask you to identify a lot of things, like your year in school, your department, how frequently you saw your advisor, and what your experience was like. So, that’s launched automatically. We’re hoping this semester as well to ask you some more questions and get different feedback from you also about your experience with advising and some of the centers you might go to on campus as well. We’ll use something similar to this form in that launch.
10. I also want to come back next semester and ask you for some ideas about different ways to get feedback from students. Once we get some of that data, I’d like to share it with you and chat with you about ways to follow up with students. I’m here tonight because I want to show you that survey, I want to explain to you how it works, and I want to enlist your support. Generally, the way it works is: it is distributed to students through the portal at the end of the semester. The theory is that towards the end of the semester you go into the portal to find your grades. Whenever you go into the portal during this time period, a pop up comes up to tell you a survey is available for you to complete. I need your help getting your peers to use that as well. I’m here to ask for support and for any ideas you might have about how we launch this better. The anticipated launch date this semester will be December 13, and the survey is open through January 10. We’ll send out a notification to students through email, we’ll be on social media, we’ll have the Deans do this work; but I am also really curious as to ways you think you might be able to help us to get your peers to participate in the survey for this semester. We can get some really good data then come back and follow up on that. You can share ideas now, or send me an email, or contact Sam Tsongalis.
11. **Cameron Kelleher**: I think maybe a good way to create incentive to do it would be making it mandatory for students to fill out to receive their PIN for the next semester. Without doing it, they won’t be able to get their PIN even if they go to advising. Set a deadline, after they register for classes this semester, then they’d have to do it in order to get their PIN for next semester.
12. **Dr. Diane Prusank**: That is a really interesting idea. Thank you.
13. **Kaytlyn Mekal**: I have a feeling this works when housing does it, but incentivizing students by a raffle or a chance to win Owl bucks is something students really like.
14. **Dr. Diane Prusank**: It always works, doesn’t it? That incentive gets you going.
15. **Matthew Michalik**: Something that you could do is have departments talk about it or even take two advisors and have them tell the students about the portal. Kind of like what Cam said, but have the advisors push it more too.
16. **Dr. Diane Prusank**: I think that’s a great idea. We can do more of that for next semester when people are coming back for their PINs, so I think it is really good to think about it in that way. Anything you guys think you might be able to do to help us out for this semester- contact that you have with constituents: do you think it would be best to put it on the board that you guys have, are posters more useful? Should we have it on the campus electronic boards? Is it better if we ask you to send an email? Is that possible? What do you think might be some of the strategies you might be able to help us with?
17. **Thalita Neves***:* I don’t know how open faculty would be to this, but I think it would be a good idea to have it during classroom time, taking time- 10 or 15 minutes- to do it during classroom time because I know I would do it then, at the beginning of the semester or whatever time is best to do it. I know I would actually do it if I had time allotted to do it in class, and it wouldn’t just be brought up then forgotten about over winter break.
18. **Kaytlyn Mekal**: Bouncing off of what Thalita was just saying, have professors do it when we have to do class evaluations at the end of the semester.
19. **Dr. Diane Prusank**: I would love to do that. I’m afraid they would think that was too much time in one class.
20. **Ethan Goodfellow**: One thing you could do is put flyers out or talk to dining services and see if you can get a piece of paper that goes in the napkin holder with a QR code on that. That way all students have to do is scan with their camera, and it brings them directly to the survey. You could also incentivize them with Owl Bucks.
21. **Dr. Diane Prusank**: Great, thank you. If you think of anything else, please just shoot me an email or let Sam know. I am happy to take whatever ideas you have. I appreciate your brainstorming. I do hope that you will mention this to your friends and peers. Let them know that the advising survey is coming. As I said, I heard that this is an important issue for you all, and I really appreciate you taking the time to think about it and brainstorm it with me. I am going to leave copies of the survey up here for you. Thank you.
22. Thank you Dr. Prusank. Next we have Alan Blair from Information Technology Services to give us some insight on the campus Wi-Fi. Please welcome Alan.
23. **Alan Blair**: Thank you Kaytlyn. And thank you Kelson Burke for coming to meet with me. I am just going to talk about some of the concerns that the campus has regarding wireless data. Show of hands: who has had a problem in the residence hall with wireless? Okay, I don’t see everyone’s hands up so that’s good. Two biggest complaints we have about wireless is that it’s unreliable and it’s slow. At the beginning of the semester, we throw all the statistics out the window. We’re not worried about beginning of the semester until probably about the end of week three. Some people pre-register their devices before they come here. Others wait until the last minute. Others need help doing it. People are having connectivity issues: it could be user issues, it could be overload issues. This year during registration when everyone was moving in, the server crashed. It was a bug in the software. We had tested it and tested it, and we can’t test it with 15,000 devices trying to connect at one time. So, that was causing some of the problems with registration that caused frustration.
24. After that three-week period, that’s when we really start paying attention to what’s going on. Not that anything done before that isn’t important, but we usually get through those things as a pain period, when you guys are frustrated by the wireless system. Once we start paying attention to that, we start looking at what’s causing the problems, is it isolated to one area? Is it dorm-wide? Most of the time when you’re dealing with something that’s slow, it’s because our bandwidth is being totally consumed. Who has seen the movie Field of Dreams? In that movie, they always say “if you build it, they will come.” It’s the same with ban-width. If I give you 100,000 GB, you will consume every ounce of it. 55% of the planet’s bandwidth is consumed by Netflix. Here at Westfield State we don’t happen to have that kind of thing, but in 2008 we had 25 MEG (.0025 gigs). Today, we have 2.5 gig of bandwidth. It is going to get congested. As it’s gotten bigger, traffic goes better. Now, just because we have 2.5 gig doesn’t mean you guys get all 2.5 gig. 65% of the bandwidth during the day (Monday-Friday from 7:00am-6:00pm) is from the academic and administrative side of the house. At night, that switches over. You guys get 80% and we keep 20%. On the weekends, it goes to 90/10, you guys get 90% of it in the dorms. All we need is a little bit to do some backups and a few administrative tasks. Here’s the problem: every time we give it to you guys, you consume it. We can literally see when you guys are awake. We’ll see us get to 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6. Our ISP is the University of Massachusetts. We get our bandwidth from them. They are really good at allowing us to oversubscribe for a little while without being charged. They let us go up to 6, and then they have to throttle us back. That’s when things really start to slow down. The only way to solve that problem is to provide more bandwidth. More bandwidth means increased cost. That’s what we’re trying not to do. We’re trying to find more effective ways to utilize that bandwidth.
25. During the first three weeks of class, we officially receive 14 complaints about the wireless. Sometimes we don’t know there’s a problem. We know there’s a problem when something goes down, when we start getting phone calls or people are running around complaining, and we hear them. We don’t get alerted on everything because people don’t report things. I’m not saying run out to the support desk right now and flood them, but we need to know when there’s problems. If you’re experiencing something that is unsatisfactory to you, we want to know about it. We’re here to provide a quality service to you. We can’t do that sometimes if we don’t know it’s broken.
26. Some things that are unreliable: staying connected. Resnet is only visible and usable in the dorms. It bleeds over, but the one thing to understand about the resnet is that network is completely segregated from the rest of the campus. In other words, it has no physical connection in any way shape or form over there. If you guys get infected with a virus over there, you can connect to the rest of the campus on this side of the house. While you’re over there, resnet: 1. Double check your privacy settings. Some of the newer smart devices that are out there have this little privacy setting under privacy that is checked off. It basically is about changing your Mac address. If you register your phone and your gaming device with our server, and it says this Mac address is now tied to your username and password. When you login, it recognizes that Mac address. To save your privacy and protect you, it changes it every once in a while. So, you log in to get onto resnet and may not be logged in because the privacy setting changed, so that both your username and password and your Mac address are changed. I would check those.
27. As far as eduroam goes: 1. You have to register, and you have to have an edu email address to get it. The great thing about that is if you go to UMass, you can connect to it up there with your username and password. If you go to any school anywhere in the world that’s using eduroam, you can login. There is that and wsc, and guest. Guest is different, but that and wsc both have a timeout on it. If you’re inactively not using the screen for 15 minutes, it will disconnect you. That is for security reasons and performance reasons. If you’re not using it, you don’t need to be connected. Now, guest is for guests. We limit the speeds up and down, so someone can’t come in and upload some kind of massive payload causing a problem in our campus which we just happened to have the other night. I looked over at the bandwidth draft, and it spiked to 6 gigs within 15 minutes. We went from 2.2 gig to 6. That doesn’t happen without something else happening. That told us something else was going on, and we were under attack. We got the IP address and added it in and the bandwidth went back down.
28. What are we doing about making all of this better? Since 2011, we have been on a massive capital campaign to upgrade and replace all of the equipment in the dorms. When we first designed the wireless system at Westfield State, it was in 2008. We were the first one to use a specific top of the line equipment at the time and get everything in place. What happened in 2010? “i-everything” came out. The smart devices that nobody saw coming. All of a sudden, we got all of these devices, and we thought we were great. We were scalable for 5-7 years, and I thought this thing is obsolete in 2 hours because they just sold 50,000 iPhones. And they want to all connect to my network now. Great. Now when we go into a dorm- we recently went into New Hall- we replace every single access point in the building, and then added 35% more. Now, not only do you have more access points, you have more accessibility to those access points. We were finding that people were connecting and disconnecting to different ones because they were a little bit out of range. We put one in basically every room and a few in the hallways. Then we replace all the network gear. Then each building has what we call its edge runner. That is basically what gets it from there to connect to the rest of the campus to get you to the outside world and back again. That’ll cost money.
29. So, I have also come up with a 10-year capital plan to make sure this stays in a revolving cycle. The equipment is warrantied for 10 years, so we like to take these things to end of life and beyond for cost effectiveness. We don’t want to raise fees, we don’t want to take away from other things we are trying to do, we don’t want to put the burden on the back of the students, we don’t want to do anything more than we are right now. It’s really hard sometimes because one year you have to replace all this equipment. Then the next year you don’t have to replace anything at all. So, I came up with a plan, so when the cabinet has to sit down and make decisions on what we’re going to do from a technology perspective, I can almost give them a fixed cost. I was just informed we are going to be able to get the funds to update the last building in its antiquated state which is Dickinson.
30. What can you do? Most people don’t know those access points you are connected to in the ceiling can only move data as fast as the slowest device connected to it. And the slowest device connected to it is cell phones. The processors and all those things compared to what’s in these laptops and computers you have in here is not very good. The wireless antennas in them aren’t very good at all either. When your phone is connected to that, everything else is trying to connect at the same time, and you can only move that fast. That’s why we tried to put in more access points. If you’re not actively using your phone, just disconnect it and reconnect when needed.
31. Gaming systems: If you’re not using a gaming system, shut it down. We have people who use all 5 of their registered devices at one time, and they’re all gaming systems. If you want to watch a movie, if you have the ability to download it first, do it that way. You will have a better experience. This is all talking using the wireless system. The A answer is plug it into the wall. You plug it into the wall, you won’t have a problem unless we hit bandwidth consumption. We are looking at different ways to slice and dice that, so we’re only going to allow certain applications to do this. Every year I come in here and say: the last thing we want to ask you guys to do is let us rate limit each one of you individually to a certain amount of data. What does that mean? This username can only use 5 mega bandwidth. The answer I usually get- we allow you guys to govern yourselves obviously- is nope. Let them fight for it.
32. Please let us know when there’s a problem. I did a search with about 18 different keywords, and I only found 14 tickets. For the resnet one from the first week of school, there’s like 14,000.
33. **Samuel Tsongalis**: If you don’t mind me asking, how does one fill out a ticket?
34. **Alan Blair**: That’s a great question. First thing you do is pick up the phone. If you’re on campus and have a campus phone to use, the number is 4357. It spells help. If you’re off campus, try (413)572-4357. You get a live voice. If you don’t, you can just leave a voicemail. The easiest way is to email supportdesk@westfield.ma.edu. Put in the subject what the problem is. Give them your name and any information you think will be viable. The more information you give, the faster your issue will get taken care of. As soon as you send that email, you will automatically get a response that will give you your ticket number. You’ll just have to follow up.
35. **Samuel Tsongalis**: One of the other things you recommended was turning off my wifi on my phone to get a better bandwidth for my laptop. However, if I turn the wifi off on my phone, my phone has extended one bar from Sprint. It’s awful, and I can’t use my phone in my room; and the wifi doesn’t work. Therefore, I can’t send an email, so what exactly should I do?
36. **Alan Blair**: So, your phone is on. It’s connected to the wifi, and your laptop is connected to the wifi. You turn your phone off, and you are still experiencing the lag with the laptop itself. I would get a data cable if you need one- we can get you one- just to test it out to make sure it works. We’re not going to hand out 55,000 data cables, but plug one in. Plug it into the wall, and that should absolutely solve your problem. One thing people forget to do is if you do plug it into the back of your laptop and then plug it into the wall, remember you’re already connected to wireless. Turn your wireless receiver off. Otherwise, it’s going to continue to use wifi.
37. **Thalita Neves**: If you go on myHousing, students can file maintenance reports under myHousing. I was just wondering if you could do the same thing with technology, and there could be an online form on myWestfield. It would be just a one-stop-shop kind of thing with just filling out a form and it going straight to you.
38. **Alan Blair**: I know exactly what you’re saying. On our side of the house, we use something similar for electrical work and those kinds of things. Our current system that we utilize doesn’t have that capability, but we are trying to work towards more of an app related environment. Anytime you’re having problems with IPTV for example, other than us troubleshooting our equipment down here, Comcast, etc. want you to contact them directly because they want to solve the problem very quickly. They have an app, so we are looking at app development and moving in that direction.
39. Thank you very much, I will leave the surveys from Dr. Prusank over by the mailboxes. As far as regular business goes, I have some updates for you all. As some of you are aware, our visit to MCLA yesterday had to be postponed due to weather conditions. We will be trying to go next semester, so if anyone is still interested, let me know and I will try to work out a date that works for all of us.
40. As a reminder, we will be having Dean of Students candidate forums on Thursday, December 5 at 4:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest. Friday, December 6 at 4:00 pm here in the SGA Room, Tuesday, December 10 at 4:00 pm in the SGA Room and Thursday, December 12 at 4:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest. I urge all of you to attend, and bring some friends to meet potential candidates.
41. Tomorrow will be Public Safety’s 19 annual Stuff a Cruiser event. If anyone would like to participate, they will be outside Ely from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm tomorrow, but you can drop off any donations to the Public Safety building until December 20. The toys should not be wrapped, and any type of necessity for the cold weather would be much appreciated. These things might include hats, scarves, gloves, and various types of toiletries. Also at this event, SAIL ha sponsored a Stuff-an-Animal event, where students can stuff either a bear or a penguin and choose to donate the plushy or take it home for $10.00. These donations will be given to the YWCA to help women’s shelters in our region. If you can give anything this holiday season, please do.
42. Items not listed on Agenda:
43. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: ***Thalita Neves***
44. I hope I hope you all had a fantastic Thanksgiving Break and are ready for all the finals that are coming your way. I hope none of you were too upset the Board of Trustee's meeting was canceled today because I know I was. But, don't worry, it has just been rescheduled for next Wednesday, December 11. The meeting schedule is as follows:

* 8:30am-9:30am Advancement and Enrollment Management
* 9:30am-11:00am Academic and Student Affairs
* 11:00am-12:30pm Finance and Capital Assets
* 1:00pm-2:00pm Governance and Nomination
* 2:45pm-4:15pm Full Board

1. If you’re interested in finding out more about any of these topics and want to see what I do or what it's like at a Board meeting, definitely pop your head into the President's Board room in Horace Mann on December 11. You can come and go as you please so don't hesitate to stop by. I have also taken on the project of evaluating campus culture and reporting about it to the Board. So, if anybody has any ideas on how to improve campus culture, WSU spirit or anything in between, please see me after the meeting.
2. All University Committee: **No Report**
3. Student Advisory Council: **No report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE:**Gift Madu**
   * 1. Student Affairs Committee: **No report**
     2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **Michael Buckley**
2. This Friday, December 6 we’re holding an event called the Xpression Café at 8:00 pm in the Ely Lounge in front of Dunkin.
3. This event is geared towards the affinity groups on our campus and is an Open Mic Night to celebrate the diversity that we have her on campus. A large amount of sticky notes on our white board in front of Dunkin were diversity related, and they talked about not having any real exposure to diversity events on campus. This event will help connect different groups and is meant to show people familiar and safe faces on camps, as it can be scary being a minority group on campus.
4. We’re still working on getting the actual committee together so for this event we collaborated with the Diversity and Inclusion chair in CAB. However if anyone would still like to be a part of the committee for sure contact me, my information will be in the minutes and I can hang around for a little after the meeting. Email [mbuckley6123@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:mbuckley6123@westfield.ma.edu)
5. **Kaytlyn Mekal**: When and where is the event?
6. **Michael Buckley**: Friday, December 6 from 8:00 am-10:00 am in front of Dunkin in the Ely lobby.
   * 1. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
     2. Parking Control Board**: No Report**
     3. Student Athletic AdvisoryBoard**: No Report**
     4. Substance Advisory Committee**: No Report**
     5. Veteran’s Affairs Report**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Samuel Tsongalis**
   1. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
   2. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
   3. Enrollment Management Committee: **Samuel Tsongalis**
2. Enrollment Management Committee last met on November 20. There we discussed the use of the SGA Sticky Note Board and they loved it. Throughout the rest of the meeting the overall theme was that Westfield State needs some sort of tradition.
3. Then, on November 22, the committee held an open discussion between the university and some students on student retention. From there the ideas were collected and will be brought back to the committee to look through and see what we can do.
4. The entire committee will be down for the third meeting next semester to continue a conversation about student retention.
5. Our next scheduled meeting is on December 18 at 3:00 pm in the SGA Club Room E023.
   1. International Programs Committee: **No report**
   2. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No report**
6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: ***Kelson Burke***
7. Finance Committee: **No Report**
8. Foundation Report: **No report**
9. Student Organization Council: **No report**
10. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: ***Cameron Kelleher***
11. Campus Activities Board: **Cameron Kelleher**
12. Coming up for CAB this week we got a pretty awesome line up of events coming.
13. This Thursday, December 5 we will be hosting the annual Ginger Bread House contest at 8:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest. If you signed up, we will see you there.
14. On Friday, December 6 our Diversity Committee will be hosting its first event of the year which we are calling Xpression Café, formally informally known as café time with Cammy. That will be at 8:00 pm outside of Dunkin Donuts. Open mic style, Spoken word, performances etc…
15. Saturday, December 7 we will be taking the annual CAB NYC bus trip. The busses will be leaving in front of Scanlon at 7:00 am and departing NYC at 8:00 pm. come see me after the meeting if you have any questions.
16. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 3 at 5:15 in the SGA Room E017.
17. LEGISLATIVE SECRETARTY: **Elizabeth Ferrara**
18. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No report**
19. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: **No Report**
20. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: **Melanie Voss**
21. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Matthew Michalik**
22. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No report**
23. Constitutional Review Committee: **No report**
24. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
25. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **Thalita Neves**
26. So, the advisory committee on Facilities planning met on November 22 to discuss the Parenzo Hall Renovation project; the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Lounge going in Scanlon Hall and the classroom update project.
27. For Parenzo, Steve Taksar mentioned how the current project is over budget and how the project managers and architects are going back and figuring out what to cut back on in order to stay within the budget.
28. For Scanlon, we discussed the classroom, lounge, and conference room space being dedicated to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as well as the potential LLC for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion that will be located right next to that space.
29. Finally, we discussed how many classrooms across campus need to be updated and how people in Facilities will be going around rating the classrooms in Wilson, Bates and Ely in order to start with the worst classrooms and begin updating them.
30. That's all I have so I hope you all have a great rest of your week.
31. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **Samuel Tsongalis**
32. The Advisory Committee on Academic Planning met for the first time this year on November 21 at 2:30 pm. There the committee discussed what this committee was charged with. The committee has been charged with trying to reshape the common core to reflect the needs of the current climate of student’s needs.
33. If was from there that several MSVA members shifted the conversation to reflect that they: 1.) Want more union members to sit on the committee, and 2.) did everyone feel like it was the right time to reform the common core.
34. With all this being said it was also made known that if the committee were to shift in any size whatsoever, that it must reflect student representation. It was also made known that the Westfield State University common core is too hefty for the current trend of students. Academic departments continue to add things to their major requirements with the assumption that the core will shrink in size with it, however this trend has not followed.
35. **Thalita Neves**: I remember a couple years ago when Jacob Lotter was on Exec, he came down with a presentation about the possible ways that core-reform is going. I was just wondering if that was ever implemented, or if that was just tabled and never talked about again?
36. **Samuel Tsongalis**: From what I understand, it was tabled and then never talked about again because work to rule went into effect the entirety of last year. It was never put through, and it felt rushed. We did not unfortunately get past the charge.
37. From there the Advisory Committee dismissed until an unknown date. I will bring more information as it comes.
38. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **No report**
39. Advisory Committee on Affirmative Action: **No Report**
40. Advisory Committee on the Westfield State Experience: **No report**
41. Search Committee for Dean of Students**: No Report**
42. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS:
43. Commuter Council: **No Report**
44. Senior Class: **No Report**
45. Junior Class: **No Report**
46. Sophomore Class: **Katherine Pinney**
47. I just wanted to let you know that the Class of 2022 will be hosting our Therapy Dogs and PAWPcorn event this Thursday, December 5 from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the University Hall Multipurpose room.
48. Our next scheduled meeting is on December 8 at 6:00 pm in the SGA conference room E020.
49. First Year Class: **No Report**
50. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
51. NEW BUSINESS: (Requires majority vote to be opened)
52. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
53. Kelson Burke: Can I see finance Committee after the meetng?
54. **David Youngerman**: There are 164 days until commencement.
55. ROLL CALL: Lindsey Dalrymple, Daniel McElhiney, Ariana Torres, Grace Boland, Paige Pressey, Audrey Therriault, Lyric Lamagdelaine, Joseph DeMeo, Jason Phillips, Mitchell McKittrick and Alexa Sullivan were absent
56. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm

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*Please refrain from ANY cell phone use during the meeting.*

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