**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**December 12, 2017**

1. ROLL CALL: Katelyn Nardi, Owen MacDonald, Christian Capalbo, and Nicholas Kooyomijan were absent, Sammanthat Dorazio was excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: December 5, 2017
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Brendan McKee**
4. Tonight we have two speakers. Please welcome Vice President of Administration and Finance, Steve Taksar and Director of Facilities and Operations, Kevin Cochran.
5. **Steve Taksar**: Thanks for inviting me here today. I just have a quick little update, but before I get started, I know Kevin Cochran has been here before about the camera system, but I’d like to formally introduce him today just so you know who he is. A little bit about his background, Kevin Cochran is the Director of Facilities and Operations here at Westfield State University. He began here on August 1, so he’s fairly new. I’m really pleased that he came to Westfield State; he comes to us with 25 years of experience in facilities management, construction, and capital planning, and helping institutions like ours with deferred maintenance on campus. He’s also been involved in campus master planning, which is when you try to anticipate what your future needs are and how you’re going to get there, strategic planning, and some long-range planning. He most recently comes to us from Elms College and prior to that he was at St. Josephs in West Hartford among other places before that so that’s Kevin’s story.
6. You already know that we are working on installing a camera and video system on campus as a safety measure and this is quite a large investment for the University. I think that there was a good discussion last week on the process and policy. I’m going to defer to Kevin if you have specific questions on that today.
7. The other thing I’d like to mention is that we are planning to renovate Parenzo Hall. It’s not a guarantee, but we are submitting a proposal to the State. The State is allocating some capital funding to state institutions, it’s a competitive process. We’ve been working on this for several months now. We’re fairly optimistic, but there’s no guarantee. This would still be a few years away before it could actually happen. We will know in May or June whether we are approved to proceed and then we’ll need to develop a plan on what we are going to do with the building based on what our current anticipated needs are. We don’t have any details sorted out; we’re just proposing that this is our number 1 project on campus that we need to really resolve.
8. **Marcus DiBacco**: With the renovation of Parenzo I just wanted to keep saying that we are all big fans of the Parenzo Gym. It helps us to establish and maintain a strong community, so I just wanted to make sure that that opinion is voiced whenever this conversation comes up.
9. **Steve Taksar**: Duly noted, but to be honest let me tell you how this will work. We have not made any decisions about Parenzo or the gym, the only thing that we’ve done is we’ve come up with a ballpark estimate of what everything will cost. If we are approved for the project there will be a very organized and structured design process using architects to come in and talk to a lot of people on campus to help figure out what’s the highest and best use of that space on the campus for Parenzo Hall. And rest assured the Director of Athletics has also voiced his concern to keep the Parenzo Gym. I don’t know where that’s going to go, but it’s important to keep talking about it.
10. **Emmett Witherspoon**: Once Parenzo gets renovated what will happen to the Banacos Center and other student support services in there?
11. **Steve Taksar**: I honestly can’t answer that question, I don’t know. I would tell you if I knew, but I would say this, we have to enhance all of our support services for students so at a minimum they would stay intact. Maybe stay where they are, don’t know. Maybe they might be moved to other student support services right next door so that we have more of a one stop shopping concept where all the things multiple students might need are easier to find and easier to receive services from. So those are some of the ideas that will come out in the actual design process of who goes where that sort of thing, but it’s not going anywhere per say. If anything it will be improved.
12. I also wanted to mention that in our dining program we started our second year of self-operation, which was a big deal about a year ago. I think it’s going pretty well, we are in the middle right now of trying to evaluate how we can improve some of the meal plan options and so we don’t have anything to share yet, but I believe Andrew Mankus is working on that now, trying to develop other ways that you can effectively use the program. So, stay tuned for that, more to follow later on.
13. We have also received approval to replace the athletic turf field, which will happen the day after commencement. The Board of Trustees approved a two million dollar investment to replace that turf field. It’s about at the end of its useful life. I guess the interesting thing about this particular project is that we’re installing a pad underneath the actual turf, which should help reduce injuries and concussions, that sort of thing. It’s the best practice in the industry and we are pleased that we are able to incorporate that into this particular project. It’ll start right after commencement and it should be done before the fall semester. So we’re really happy about that project.
14. **Maddy Scott**: Would a re-turf of the field also be a resurfacing of the track or no?
15. **Steve Taksar**: Yes, it will. The track is still in pretty good shape where we don’t have to pull up the whole track, we can just put another layer on top of the track. It’ll just be a new surface. We’re also going to spend a little bit of money on the inside of Woodward to repair some of the flooring in there at the same time.
16. We’re also beginning our budget planning for fiscal year 19, which starts on July 1. We’re in the middle right now viewing some projections based on enrollment. You may or may not know that overall enrollment is on the down side a little bit, and the reason for that is we had larger classes coming through the college a few years ago and the size of the current classes are not the same as the size of the graduated previous classes. So that differential really has a multi-year effect on our budget. That being said though we have a lot of good strategies moving forward to increase our class enrollment going forward. That’s going pretty well. No word on fees yet, we are working on that it’s part of the budget process. I hope you’ll invite me back again in the early spring and we can talk about that in detail.
17. **Mika Lapre**: You mentioned strategies to improve enrollment, could you give us a little more detail on that?
18. **Steve Taksar**: Sure, good question. The first thing that has happened in the last 12 to 18 months is the installation of an enhanced communication program. It’s called a CRN program and most large organizations and colleges are using this now. What it does is it allows us to communicate in a more personal nature in an organized way to all the prospective students that might be interested in Westfield State. Perhaps instead of getting a generic letter from an individual member on campus welcoming you to attend Westfield State, you might get a targeted letter from a Dean or Faculty member based on your areas of interest or expertise and that will be followed up multiple times by some electronic communication. That also helps us with tracking. This is all to say that it helps us to communicate more often, more frequently, and more cost effectively with all of the students that have an interest. Keep in mind when it comes down to it the entering class is around 1300 or 1400 students, but will start with a prospect pool of probably 30,000. These are students who just might make a call or interest and then that boils down to an application and at each level requires a different set of communication. We believe that’s going to really help us. We’re also working on trying to enhance merit aid scholarships for students, primarily out of state students because we’re charging them more. We’re trying to think of creative ways to enhance the attractiveness of coming to Westfield State. I guess lastly I would just say that there is a significant effort to retool how we’re recruiting students relative to college visits, the on campus visit, and a whole host of other things. We think a combination of those things will help us in the short term and have to keep moving along and continuing to make improvements.
19. I would just say we’ve been working on strategies to improve technology in the Residence Halls. There are a couple places where we know that there are problems, primarily in the construction of the building and some of the equipment is at the end of its line. Prior to investing in the video camera system, we were going to be a bit more aggressive on the Wi-Fi system network. We are still going to be doing some things and I believe there will be some recommendations coming forward soon that will help us determine what we’re going to do. We recognize there are issues and we will try to resolve them as timely as we can.
20. Thank you both for coming down.
21. I accept the resignation of Saraiz O’Farrill as Apartment Complex President.
22. I move to appoint Kyle Nolan as Apartment Complex President for the remainder of the academic year. Motion carries.
23. A reminder that the Stuff a Cruiser event took place today from 10:00am until 2:00pm but Public Safety will be taking donations at the White House until December 18. If you have gifts for women or toys for children that you’re looking to donate, please do!
24. Our first meeting when we get back will be January 23. Sue LaMontagne and Carlton Pickron are projected to be our speakers for the meeting, but more information will come over break about speakers.
25. Thank you all very much, do very well on your finals, and I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved vacation
26. Items not listed on Agenda:

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Cameron Swan**
   1. The Board of Trustees met last Thursday, December 7. Here are the major take a ways:
2. They accepted proposed changes to a demonstrative and picketing policy.
3. They passed the camera policy I reviewed last week.
4. They granted faculty emeritus status to four professors and staff emeritus status to three individuals.
5. They also approved the uniform guidance report.
6. The next scheduled meeting is February 15.
   1. All University Committee**: No Report**
   2. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**
   3. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
   4. Student Advisory Council**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Arielyss Santiago**
   1. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
   2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **Mika Lapre**
   3. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
   4. Parking Control Board: **Danielle LoGuidice**
2. Yesterday, December 11 we had our final Parking Control Board meeting for the year. We voted to send a proposal for GPS on the shuttles on campus. If approved we can track the shuttles in real time on a free app.
3. We were supposed to vote on a student proposal about commuter students getting warnings for parking in wrong spots but decided to find our more logistics before we voted.
4. We also discussed making it easier for students to get one overnight visitor pass if there is a special case, because it is impossible for freshman to get one and sometimes it is necessary they receive one.
   1. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
   2. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
   3. Veteran’s Affairs Report: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Jacob Lotter**
   1. Hello everybody! It’s crazy to believe we are at the end of another semester but here we are. I have some updates for you.
2. The Library will be open twenty-four hours through 9:00pm on Friday, December 15, and there will be extended hours on Saturday, December 16 from 10:00am to 10:00pm and Sunday, December 16 from 10:00am to midnight, so be sure to take advantage of that while you can.
3. I met with the Dean of Academic Technology who also serves as the Library Director, Tom Raffensperger last week and I have just one main update from him. He wanted us to know that he did hear complaints from students about the way lockdowns are handled when you are in the library because there is no good place for the over 100 people in the library at a given time during the day to hide. He hopes to work with Captain Foyle and Public Safety to remedy that problem to avoid anyone feeling unsafe in the library during an emergency.
4. I also met with the Registrar, John Ohotnicky, who let me know that about 90% of the current students eligible to register for next semester did so, which hopefully will correlate with our overall retention rate between Fall 2017 and Spring 2018.
5. I met with Dr. Cheryl Stanley the Dean of Education today and she had a couple updates. Her office is currently in the recruitment stage for the Reach to Teach program which brings students from the Springfield high schools to Westfield State with a guarantee of a job in the Springfield Public Schools upon graduation and proper licensure by the state. Dr. Stanley also shared that all of our Education programs were recently reaccredited in March; however the process has begun to prepare the programs for reaccreditation on the National level. We are also awaiting a new public school common core curriculum release from the Massachusetts Department of Education and Secondary Education which will mean changes to our Preschool through 12 grade education classes to match the new common core standards. Those changes will need to happen before July 2019.
6. I will be meeting with Dr. Christina Swaidan the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Dr. Susan Leggett the Dean of Faculty this week if anybody wants to see me after the meeting with things I should bring up with either of them.
   1. Academic Policies Committee: **Joey Joyal**
7. The Academic Policy Committee met on Friday, December 1, 2017. During the meeting we approved the Academic Calendars for 2019-2020, 2020-2021m 2021-2022.
   1. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
   2. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
   3. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
   4. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
   5. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
   6. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
8. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Marcus DiBacco**
9. Finance Report: **Marcus DiBacco**
10. This Finance Proposal was submitted by the WHIP Comedy Improv group to attend a conference. Unfortunately, the Finance Committee recommends that we reject the proposal. This recommendation was made because we felt that there was no direct academic benefit to attending this conference. As you all know, we sometimes make exceptions to this rule for charitable or professional development events. However, as WHIP is only asking for $247.00 and their club budget is $2,314.37 we believe that the club can attend this conference on their own budget. That being said the group was cooperative in reducing the price as they opted to pay for all of the registration themselves. If you wish to overturn the recommendation of the finance committee and approve the funding please vote yes on the motion. If you wish to reject this proposal then vote no.
11. **Aaron Sylvia**: I know last week we approved KCACTF, so my only question is; is this setting a bad precedent as we approved that one and we disapprove this one just because they have the funds in their account?
12. **Marcus DiBacco**: The thing is that one was approved because there was academic and professional benefits to going to KCACTF, where most of the people in WHIP are science majors, there was no direct academic benefit to them. We did go into detail about what the workshops entail and they didn’t really give us much to go on.
13. **Jake O’Kane**: What goes on at this conference?
14. **Marcus DiBacco**: It’s the Boston College Comedy Festival so they see comedians perform, they have workshops. One of the workshops they brought to our attention talked about public speaking things like that. Again they didn’t give us much to work with and I did invite them down today, but.
15. I move to allocate $247.00 to WHIP Comedy Improv. Motion fails.
16. Our next Finance Committee meeting is yet to be scheduled.
17. Foundation Report: **No Report**
18. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
19. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Madeline Dexter**
20. Campus Activities Board: **No Report**
21. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
22. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: **No Report**
23. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Karina Sallaway/Derek Estrella**
24. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
25. Legislative Secretary Report: **No Report**
26. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Tyler Cameron**
27. Last week Rules and Regulations Committee reviewed the constitutions for the Acafellas Acapella Club and the International and Intercultural Club. Both were sent back to the club with changes and will be reviewed again by Rules and Regs once the changes are made.
28. My only other point I have tonight is to go over etiquette during SGA meetings. Brendan McKee spoke last week about not getting up while someone is speaking; I also wanted to add a couple of other things. Please refrain from using your cell phones during the meeting unless there is an emergency, we should be providing our speakers our undivided attention. Also please try to refrain from having side conversations or moving all your stuff around until after the meeting, as it can be very disruptive, especially when Derek Estrella is trying to do Roll Call.
29. Just make sure you’re raising your hands high and readdressing properly when you have questions, comments or concerns for the speaker. I’m going to be a little les lenient next semester solely to try to keep the meetings running smoothly, but if you have any questions about procedures and etiquette, please see me after the meeting.
30. Our next scheduled meeting is right after the meeting tonight.
31. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
32. Constitutional Review Committee**: No Report**

1. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
2. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No Report**
3. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No Report**
4. Advisory Committee on the CURCA: **No Report**
5. Advisory Committee on Budget and Planning**: No Report**
6. College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Search: **No Report**
7. College of Mathematics and Science Search Committee: **No Report**
8. College of Education Health and Human Services Search**: No Report**
9. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
10. Commuter Council: **Michael Reid, Jr.**
11. The Commuter Council this year is made up of a full Executive Board, one Representative to Senate, and four regular members. We are responsible for representing and planning free events for Commuter students as well as helping them with any issues they may have relating to commuting.
12. One of our main initiatives this semester was to establish social media accounts on all major platforms including Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook, which we successfully did.
13. Some of our takeaway events for the semester included Bi-weekly Commuter luncheons which were co-sponsored with Student Activities in the Tekoa Room with each luncheon receiving between 120-135 students, a First year Commuter Reception, Apple Cider Day in Wilson Café, Musical Chairs, as well as a successful 235 person turnout Gingerbread house decorating event to name a few.
14. The Council meets on Tuesdays at 4:00pm in the Ely Club Room and we are always accepting new members.
15. Senior Class: **No Report**
16. Junior Class: **Abdullah Shafique**
17. Yesterday, December 11, the Class of 2019 and Class of 2021 held our first Mr. Westfield meeting where we named six contestants for the show. The contestants we chose are Darian Gonzalez as Mr. Lammers, Andrew Mokler as Mr. Dickinson, Luvron Brice as Mr. 2021, Matt Howe as Mr. 2019, Bryan Pimentel as Mr. 2020, and Ardazan Dennis as Mr. Scanlon. We are still looking for contestants from University Hall, Davis Hall, New Hall, Class of 2018 and a Commuter. If you know anyone that is interested, please contact anyone from the 2019 council. Once again the show is scheduled for May 4, so make sure you have it all marked on your calendars.
18. Sophomore Class: **Bryan Pimentel**
19. I accept the resignation of Owen MacDonald as Class of 2020 Representative to Senate.
20. First Year Class: **Joey Joyal**
21. Last night the Class of 2021 had our Town Hall “Cookies and Conversation”. WE had a total of five people come throughout the event. We ate some cookies, and had some conversations.
22. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
23. Courtney Hall: **Ethan Goodfellow**
24. Courtney Hall has had a decent semester this fall. We as a council had a late start and did not get an active council until early October. We had a Thanksgiving dessert event on November 16. We were set up in Courtney Hall lobby and it was well received by the residents.
25. On December 6 we had our Town Hall meeting. Seventeen people attended after we offered pizza but they did not stay for the entire hour. We as a council answered questions about the cameras being put in around campus.
26. Tomorrow, December 13 we are having a relaxation night where residents can come y get massages, play holiday themed trivia and win prizes from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the first floor lounges.
27. Our last meeting of the semester is scheduled for tomorrow, December 13 at 5:00pm in the Hall Council room.
28. Davis Hall: Simone LaPlant
29. Davis has been doing great since the biased events that occurred a month ago. Hall council has had two events since then.
30. The Davis Healing Event on November 27 with over 130 in attendance. This was also our Town Hall. This event was planned to help residents come together as a community and heal after the biased incidents that happened especially in our hall. Two affinity groups attended. The Jewish Student Organization and Vagina Monologues. We had a coloring station where people could color signs stating things like “Black Lives Matter” and “Love is Love” we also had music and a letter writing station, a hot chocolate bar, great food and masseuses. It was fun and awesome.
31. The Davis Holiday Event which happened just last night, December 11. This event consisted of similar activities accompanied with ornament decorating, gingerbread house making using graham crackers, and we watched the Pats game after.
32. We also planned some great parties.
33. Dickinson Hall: **Mitchell McKittrick**
34. The Dickinson Hall Council will be hosting our first event on Thursday, December 14 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. The event is the Hall Council Winter extravaganza, where we will have cookie decorating, Christmas Karaoke, and a showing of Polar Express. We will also be having a suggested donation to Toys for Tots, and a suggestion box for future events in the hall.
35. Our last meeting was on December 8. At this meeting we brainstormed events for next semester, one of which is a superbowl party that has already been booked.
36. Lammers Hall: **Darian Gonzalez**
37. During this semester, Lammers Hall has hosted a booth at the OkSOBERfest that reminded students of the fun they could have without implementing alcohol into their lives. We had planned to do events for our hall; however, with the hate led events that occurred on campus, they were ultimately either canceled or forgotten about.
38. The Lammers Hall Council is constantly reminding the students in our hall, whether it is in passing or in conversation or emails back and forth, that they are important, that they’re welcomed on our campus with open arms, and that, most importantly, they are loved.
39. Lammers Hall plans on holding a “Final Feels Good Event” as students of our hall are preparing for finals. We intend to display “Take Me” Sticky Notes that send positive messages to students. We will post these throughout the several common areas, along with on dorm doors and in bathrooms. We also plan on integrating making stress-balls in hopes to relieve some of the upcoming “finals stress”. Our goal, as a Hall Council, is to remind all of the students, not only that live in our hall, but that enter into our building, that no matter what sexual identity/gender, what ethnicity/race, or their socioeconomic background, that they matter, and that we’re here to support and stand with them.
40. Lansdowne Place: **Brendan Brosnihan**
41. I accept the resignation of Nicholas Kooyomijan as president of Lansdowne hall council.
42. Our council has held three events this semester involving pizza, ice cream and wings. So, we are having a pretty good time in Lansdowne. These events are planned very casually at our weekly meetings and are usually planned and held later that week. It is my belief that this casual style of Hall Council is the best fit for Lansdowne, because it is generally a pretty laid back place. All our events have had a good turnout and no food has ever been leftover or thrown out. I expect this style of Hall Council to continue in the next semester with more events to come. Although Lansdowne deals with typical vandalism and damages of a college hall, I am proud to report that Lansdowne has remained hate/racist incident free. We have had a zero racist incidents reported this semester and that is something I am very proud of.
43. Lansdowne is unique from other halls due to the fact that it is located in downtown Westfield. Lands residents live in daily contact with the Community of Westfield and the locals that live in the area. Although this often presents challenges, I believe the pros outweigh the cons, as I am certain the majority of our residents in Lansdowne give the Westfield Community a positive image of our University. Lansdowne students are frequent patrons of the local businesses. Many are also employed by businesses in the area and thus continue to build on the connection and the relationship between our University and the Community of Westfield.
44. Next semester Lansdowne Hall council is considering a long term project to further these ends, continuing to foster a good relationship between Westfield State students and the Community of Westfield. For those of you who know where Lansdowne is, you’ll know that it neighbors a homeless shelter called the Good Samaritan Inn across the street. My hope is next semester Lansdowne hall council and the Samaritan Inn can form a sort of partnership where students have the opportunity to help the less fortunate. It is often the case in governments around the world that the downtrodden, homeless and the destitute are overlooked by their governments. There is no reason that this Student Govrnment has to fit that status quo which is why I’d like to open up the discussion to the entire SGA. I believe as students participating in a higher education institution we have advantages that some of these people never had. As Student Government Representatives, we are in a unique position to be able to affect change and help these people who have fallen through the cracks. I’d like this opportunity to request the Executive Council, Community Relations Committee and SGA as a whole to get involved and help me with this initiative next semester, it is our responsibility.
45. **Emmett Witherspoon**: What kind of duties does this giving back include?
46. **Brendan Brosnihan**: I’ve only had basic talks with the person who runs the Samaritan Inn. Her name is Jen, she’s very nice. What they’ve told me is they want me to come up with a comprehensive plan on how we form this relationship and get back to them, which is why I brought this to you. Some ideas I have are volunteer programs, maybe we can go down and help in the kitchen, things like that. I’m just throwing around ideas right now, but I think it’s a really good initiative we should look into.
47. **Mika Lapre**: I live in Park Square Apartments, so in the past we have taken leftover meals that we’ve cooked and brought them over there. They are always welcoming to have food be brought in, so if that’s something that we could do with the Dining Commons that’s just an idea.
48. **Shayna Arnott**: I know that Dining Services has been working on a way to recycle food, but between the change from Sodexo, that’s kind of gotten lost in the cracks as well so I will definitely bring it up to Maria Lees I think she would be willing to partner with you on this.
49. **Brendan Brosnihan**: Awesome. The more committees we have involved in this, the stronger I think this initiative can be. I’m a true believer in helping those who have less.
50. **Maddy Scott**: Community Relations/Fundraising would definitely be interested in collaborating with you so maybe we could talk after the meeting.
51. **Brendan Brosnihan**: I’m open to hearing your thoughts. Anyone who is interested in this please feel free to email me or reach out to me.
52. New Hall: **Sarah Wade**
53. This semester New Hall has put on a few very successful events. The first event was a responsive event that we held in the beginning of the semester to ensure our hall that we weren’t going to tolerate the hate that was occurring within our building.
54. Following that event we had a Pumpkin Carving event and a Celtics event where we raffled off Celtics jerseys and two Celtics tickets in honor of Randi Lemenager.
55. Following this meeting we will be holding our Town Hall.
56. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
57. University Hall: **Courtney Smith**
58. University Hall Council had two events in the last week.
59. The first event was “ Stirring up the Holiday Season”, on December 6, which included Hot Chocolate Bar, Snowmen ornament making craft table, and a special showing of the Christmas classic, Elf.
60. Last night, December 11, University Hall hosted “Rotating Stress Relief Therapy”, each floor had a designated event, in which the residents could attend.
61. The first floor had, Essential Oil stress relief cotton balls, and bubble wrap popping.
62. The second and fourth floors had stress relief coloring books.
63. The third floor had a Mac and Cheese bar, with homemade baking goods by our own, Peter Lucy.
64. The fifth floor had a guided stress relief meditation session.
65. Both events were great successes, thanks for all who helped and attended.
66. At our “Stirring up the Holiday Season”, event we ran our Town Hall, for this we had the residents that attended fill out a general survey about the hall. One of the questions we asked was if people would be interested in joining hall council, over 35 residents of University hall said they were interested. With this information, Thalita Neves and I thought it would be an interesting idea to find a way to give these residents positions on our Hall Council, something that hasn’t been done before. We attended RHA’s Exec Board meeting this afternoon proposing to instate Resident Representative in our hall. RHA unanimously gave us permission to move forward with this idea. We have begun contacting these people for next semester, and are very excited for what this change will bring for our Hall Community and programming.
67. I accept the resignation of Danielle LoGuidice as Representative to SGA for University Hall.
68. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
69. NEW BUSINESS:
70. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
71. **Madeline Dexter**: The Dance Company is hosting their fall show this weekend, so please go out and support some talented individuals.
72. **Cam Swan**: As you might have guessed, the next Trustee meeting is in 2018, not 2017.
73. **Derek Estrella**: If you’d like to know how many absences you have for the semester come see me after the meeting.
74. **Jon Kelland**: I just wanted to update you SAAC’s Secret Santa event we did last week. Twenty nine children were able to get presents this year thanks to $1300.00 athletes were able to raise.
75. **Marisa Russo**: Hi everybody there are boxes around campus that say Holyoke Homeless Shelter on them, Convoy of Hopoe would really appreciate it if you could donate any type of clothing, food or school supplies so we can get those going by the end of the semester, thank you.
76. **John Coulombe**: Happy Hanukkah.
77. **Marissa Cremin**: 158 days until Commencement.
78. ROLL CALL:Katelyn Nardi, and Christian Capalbo were absent, Sammantha Dorazio was excused.
79. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm

*To ensure the courtesy of others,*

*Please turn off your cell phone before the meeting*