**Student Government Association Minutes**

February 05, 2013

1. ROLL CALL: Nick Villante was absent. Stan Costa sent an alternate, Caitlyn Greenleaf was excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 22, 2013 and January 29, 2013: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Stephanie Close*
4. Hi Everyone, Thank you for joining us todayfor the rededication.
5. I move to appoint Jordan James-Blocker to the position of Community Relations and Fundraising for the remainder of 2012-2013 academic year.
6. I had a student approach me about a volunteer opportunity for our students at Westfield. He is a senior Communication major here and is heavily involved with Bay State Children’s Hospital. They will be having a radio-thon in March over a weekend; I have some time slots here if anyone is interested in working the phone banks. I think it would be a great opportunity to have Westfield State students volunteering at this radio-thon, especially since a student and his family is so heavily involved in it. It’s the weekend going into our Spring Break, so if any students live locally, or will be around for an internship or sports, please see me or shoot me an email if you’d like to know more.
7. Tomorrow, February 6th is the Suicide Prevention workshop in this room with CAB. If you didn’t sign up and you’d like to come, please just come, there will be plenty of seats. If you did sign up and you can’t make it, please let me know.
8. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 12th at 5:30 pm in this room.
9. Items not listed on Agenda.
10. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Stone Koury*
11. Hello everyone, Senators and guests alike. I just have a couple quick but very important things.
    * + 1. Please keep an eye on your email as you will be getting one about an interest meeting for the Massachusetts Public Higher Education Leadership Conference and the State house Advocacy Day.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 13th.
12. All University Committee: Jennifer McDiarmid
13. Hi everyone, Last week the AUC voted to recommend the proposed changes to the Spring Semester calendar to accommodate commencement. This change eliminates the reading day and changes the last day of finals from Monday, May 13th to Friday, May 10th.
14. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 6th at 4:30 pm in the Parenzo Boardroom.
15. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
16. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Taylor Fote*
17. Thank you so much for all that attended the State of the Campus Address earlier and I hope you all got something out of it.
    * + 1. I’m here again, to talk blood drive. It’s next Wednesday, February 13th from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the Parenzo Gym. I would like some more volunteers so here is the signup sheet, if you could put your cell phone number down that would be great. Also if you sign up to volunteer please follow that commitment. I get it you’re busy, believe me I understand being buys. But taking an hour isn’t a huge deal. Even sitting in the DC is a big deal for the blood drive. So again, if you sign up to help out please make sure you honor it. I thank you if you have honored this I know and appreciate everyone who helps out.
        2. If I could get the sheet at the end of the meeting that would be great.
        3. Can I see Jordan James-Blocker after the meeting?
18. Health Committee: **No Report**
19. Parking Control Board: **Tim Egan**
20. Hello everyone, in my last report I mentioned we were going to do a test run for ordering decals online. That test was conducted over winter break with just main lot applicants. It went well and positive feedback was received therefore next fall, students applying for DGCE decals will be implemented in this online process. Our goal is to have all decal groups available online by Fall 2014.
21. Student Athletic Advisory Board: Steve Evans
22. Stephanie Close it means a lot to the athletic department that we were mentioned in your speech, the Athletic Director was very pleased.
23. On Thursday, February 07th in is Pink in the Rink. We are selling jerseys for $150.00.
24. **Josh Clark**: Are you going to be able to order the jerseys with custom name and number?
25. **Steve Evans**: I’m really not sure, but I can get that information to you if you’d like.
26. **Tom Durkee**: What time is the Pink in the Rink game?
27. **Steve Evans:** 7:30 pm
28. The Men’s and Womens basketball teams have made it to Resionals.
29. There is a swim meet and Track and Field event.
30. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
31. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Rebecca DiVico*
2. I just want to remind you all that next Wednesday, February 13th at 3:30 pm George Mehaffy, the Vice President of Academic Leadership and Change at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities will be speaking in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. He will be talking about the future of public higher education and the pressures that come along with it. I am urging you all to go if you can make it, like I’ve said Academic Affairs is really reaching out to those who sit on SGA to attend as it can really educate us, and all students on what is going on whit higher education.
3. I’d also like to congratulate Stephanie Close for the wonderful speech that she delivered; you really did a great job.
4. Academic Policies Committee: Rebecca DiVico
5. Our first meeting of the semester was last Thursday, January 31st. We elected a new secretary, who is Heidi Bohler who is from the Movement Science Department.
6. We looked over nine course action requests, and of the nine, six were passed and the other three were tabled while we wait for the departments to return with answers to the questions we had about them.
7. We also asked to make a small change to the CAR forms by AUC. The change is just too correct pieces of the form that say ‘ACC’ to ‘AUC’.
8. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 14th, in Wilson 319.
9. Curriculum Committee:
10. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
11. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
12. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
13. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
14. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
15. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Michelle Hanney*
16. Programming update: Michelle Hanney
17. I hope everyone is having a great start to the week. I have a couple of things tonight.
18. Tomorrow night, February 6th at 8:00 pm in the Owls Nest, CAB will welcome comedian Spank. Who has recently been on tour with Kevin Hart, so I hope to see you there, it will be a great show.
19. Next week, we have trivia at 8:00 pm in the Owls Nest and as always there will be free pizza, so get a team together and come and play.
20. On February 21st, in Dever Stage, starting at 7:30 pm will be something CAB is starting this year and it is WSU’s got talent. So if you or you know anyone with a talent send them our way. Signups will take place through either messaging the CAB facebook or you can find us in the DC starting later this week. The grand prize for this event will be four tickets to a Bruins game with a limousine ride to and from Boston.

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Joshua Frank*
2. Finance Report: Joshua Frank
3. I have two finance proposals tonight.
4. The art Club is looking for funds to attend the Guggenheim Art Museum in New York City. They are asking for funds to provide 54 tickets. I move to allocate $648.00 to the Art Club to attend the Guggenheim Art Museum. Motion passed.
5. The Movement Science Club is looking for funds to attend the AAHPERD National Convention in Charlotte North Carolina. They are requesting funds to cover registration fees for eight students, and half of the hotel room cost. With this I move to allocate #1,349.75 to the Movement Science Club. Motion passed.
6. Foundation Report**: No Report**
7. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Alexis Wagner*/*Sarah Hegarty*
8. Executive Secretary Report: Alexis Wagner
9. Hello, we’re very excited to announce that we had our first Owl Ball Committee meeting yesterday, February 4th. For those of you joining us today for the rededication, we have rebranded the semi-formal event previously known as Senate Banquet for a greater campus-wide appeal, and it is now called the Owl Ball.
10. At our meeting, we made a lot of important decisions impacting the event such as the menu and designs we want to move forward with. After we get ARB approval, we’re hoping to get some advertisements around campus, in the Westfield Voice, and on Westfield State’s radio station WSKB.
11. I expect to see you all at Chez Josef, on Friday, April 5th.
12. Legislative Secretary Report: Sarah Hegarty
13. I want to congratulate Stephanie Close on her fabulous State of the Campus Address.
14. We have the Unit Lotto. Congratulations to Olivia Dumas.
15. Our Big Unit winner, we like to acknowledge any Senator or Senators that go above and beyond the required amount and for the month of January, I would like to Congratulate Brandon Burr and Amanda McCarthy. Thank you to all who completed their units.
16. Just a reminder, if you are a member of the council organization holding the event, you cannot use them as units. Four units are due for February to the [legsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:legsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu) email by the end of February.
17. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: Isaac Matson
18. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
19. Commuter Council: **Luis Arzola**
20. We are extremely excited; many things are starting to fall into place; it’s been only two weeks since the beginning of the semester and the Commuter Council is beginning to have a presence on campus as well as growing in numbers. Thanks to all of you who referred your friends to us and the ones who assisted the meetings. We are proud to announce we already have an official Vice President: Muneeb Moon Manmood and a Director of Publicity: Becca Rebezzin. They will be appointed in an interest meeting tomorrow, February 6th at 11:30 am in the Tekoa room.
21. We had great news from Sue LaMontagne regarding the bus pass upgrade. We will elaborate on that once all details are finalized. We are still having the interest table in Ely on February 13th from 12:30 pm until 1:30 pm. We will be giving away candy and valentine cards as well as selling carnations for $2.00. The proceeds will be donated to the 2014 and 2016 classes. They have several initiatives they could invest the money in such as the Make a Wish foundation.
22. The Commuter Council need to be aware of all the activities you guys are coming up with, that way, we will let the commuters know what’s going on. We will make it a prerogative to attend as many meetings as we can; to be able to share the information with the commuters. We attended the LAFE interest meeting yesterday, February 4th and there were several initiatives we will be partnering with them.
23. We are working the details to use the Commuter Café as the base to all communications between faculty, Staff, SGA, Clubs and the Commuters. We also want to see if we can start decorating the Commuter Café according to the season. Please email me your information, so I can see how we can collaborate. Also, please let your commuter friends know they can email me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I will make sure to direct them to the proper channels. [Larzola2366@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:Larzola2366@westfield.ma.edu).
24. **Tom Durkee**: Thank you for your work on the bus passes. And thank you for your kindness of contributing to our class council. One thing that was brought to my attention as an RA at an off campus residence hall, was that people would like the microwave that was out in the Commuter Café, to heat up food, to be returned because it was very helpful.
25. **Luiz Arzola**: I will talk to you, since you’re on the dining committee, about stuff like that. We’ll have to look into it.
26. **Josh Clark:** Congratulations on the progress with the bus pass. What was the demand of the commuters to have a bus pass? I was under the impression that commuters commute because they have a car and live close by. So how many people were using the bus to get home?
27. **Luiz Arzola:** I’m a PVTA commuter myself and I found myself talking to people on the bus so I found that we wanted it to be more cost effective to get to their homes after getting to Springfield.
28. Senior Class: **Brandon Burr**
    1. We have great news as a class our goal was to sell 55 sweatshirts and we ended up selling 131. As a council we are extremely excited and can’t wait to see all the seniors wearing their senior gear.
    2. We also have sold 63 Senior packets so far and are very happy about that.
    3. Also, we have some awesome news; our suicide prevention walk has been officially registered with the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention. Students can go on their website and register your teams to walk on Sunday, April 7th. I have just began conversations with local High School Principals about getting them involved and raising awareness, to the local community. We are very excited about this event and would like everyone in this room to sign up teams and join the walk to raise suicide prevention awareness.
29. **Josh Frank**: Where is the walk going to be?
30. **Brandon Burr**: It’s going to be in Woodward. But hopefully we’ll have nice weather that day, because we have the outside track booked as well.
31. **Matt Demikat**: With the walk, is there any aspect of it that will be memorializing those that have taken their lives?
32. **Brandon Burr**: Yes, there’s a whole plan for a talking ceremony as part of it and I know those in chardge of it have it all worked out, and an intern is coming to work on it tomorrow, February 6th. So I can get more details on that for you next week.
    1. We also want to remind everyone that this Thursday, February 7th, from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm Applebees will be donating 15% of their revenues from customers who present a flyer we have to their server. The flyers will be located down in SGA tomorrow, February 6th, so ask if you plan to go to Applebees Thursday night to please grab a flyer and bring it with you.
33. Junior Class: **Brittany Moniz**
34. First off, Stephanie Close did an amazing job with the Campus Address.
35. The four class councils have been collecting donations for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts in the residence halls and academic buildings. This is the last week we will be collecting, so if you still want to contribute, see a member of your class council.
36. Last Thursday, January 31st, we drew the winner of the Presidents parking space for February. Congratulations to Beverly Zeigler of the Geography and Regional Planning department.
37. Our Mr. Westfield contestants have begun fundraising for the Make-A-Wish foundation, so look out for those handsome gentlemen coming around this semester.
38. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 7th at 4:00 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
39. Sophomore Class: **Richard Darrach**
40. Just a reminder we’re doing our Owl Candy Grams next week, so be sure to send me lots of Hugs and Kisses.
41. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 6th at 4:30 pm in the SGA conference room.
42. Freshman Class: **Melvin Rivera**
43. February 11th at 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm in the Loughman Living room, first years will be hosting line dancing. The cost is $1.00 for entrance and water will be on sale.
44. **Rebecca DiVico**: What time is the line dancing at?
45. **Melvin Rivera**: Oh, sorry. 7;00 pm to 10:00 pm.
46. Our T-Shirt contest for the Class of 2016 is in the process, flyers should be put out some time this week or next week.
47. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, February 6th at 5:30 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
48. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
49. Courtney Hall**: Lindsey Keating**
    * + 1. Our Superbowl event was a huge success, all the food we ordered was gone. The common room was full of residents. During the event we gave out a lot of owl bucks for $25.00, $50.00, $75.00 and $100.00. We received a lot of Positive feedback from our residents.
        2. Our twitter account is active, follow us @courtneyhallwsu.
        3. Our potential Valentine’s Day event idea is putting candy in all of our residents.
        4. We are running a contest among our residents to design our T-shirts; the designs are due on February 14th. The winner receives $20.00 in Owl Bucks’
        5. Our next scheduled meeting is February 7th at 6:00 pm in Courtney Hall.
50. Davis Hall: **Justin Connolly**
51. I would like to accept the resignation of Josh Minardi for the position of Representative to Senate for Davis Hall.
52. I would like to appoint Evelyn Dina as Representative to Senate for Davis Hall for the 2012 – 2013 academic year. Motion passed.
53. Dickinson Hall: **Samantha Dacey**
    * + 1. We are having a design contest for our hall sweatshirts.
        2. Also on February 13th, we are having welcome back donuts day.
        3. Our meetings are held on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in Dickinson Hall.
54. Lammers Hall: **Priscilla Aguilar**
55. So we had our Super bowl event on Sunday,   
    February 2nd and it went really well. I want to thank my Hall council for all of their dedication and hard work.
56. Our next big event will be planning Lammer s Hall’s 40th Birthday Party. More details to come.
57. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 7th at 9:00 pm in the Lammers main lobby.
58. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
59. New Hall: **No Report**
60. Scanlon Hall: **Shannon Cullinane**
61. I move to appoint Ryan Lasco as Scanlon Hall President for the remainder of the 2012-2013 Academic year. Motion passed.
62. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 11th at 7:30 pm in the Scanlon lobby.
63. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**
64. NEW BUSINESS:
65. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
66. **Samantha Gibb**: Hi guys my name’s Samantha Gibb. I’m the MASSPIRG organizing Director and I work with all of the chapters across the state, Westfield being one of the 13, so I just wanted to say hi. I wanted to let you know that we have a newsletter for the Westfield chapter, sharing information such as: that young people turned out in record numbers for the elections this year and we contributed to getting some people registered and encouraging their involvement. Thank you to everyone who turned out.
67. **Taylor Fote**: Can I get the Blood Drive signup sheet at the end of the meeting please?
68. **Stephanie Close:** I have a few announcements. Thank you everyone for coming out today, I know it’s been a lot going on and Happy Birthday to my roommate Hannah Kelley.
69. **Mike Mazeka:** How about one more round of applause for Stephanie Close, who did a great job today.
70. **Brandon Burr:** 101 days until commencement.
71. ROLL CALL: Nick Villante was absent. Stan Costa sent an alternate and Caitlyn Greenleaf was excused.
72. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.