**Student Government Association Minutes**

February 25, 2014

1. ROLL CALL: Priscilla Aguilar was absent. Luuis Arzola and Justin doss were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 18, 2014: A correction was made to the minutes: The name Al Fava needs to be changed to Al Gage in Academic Policy Committee section. Tom Durkee made the announcement, not Amanda McCarthy that there was 87 days until commencement not 115. Minutes were approved as amended.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Taylor Fote*
4. Tonight we were supposed to have Tom Raffensperger Dean of Academic Information Services here, but he had to callout since he is sick, but he will be coming down next week.
5. I accept the resignation of Andrew Morin as Lammers Hall President.
6. I have emailed Aaron Childs about the email, and I am waiting for a response, so keep an eye out for anything from me. I will keep you all updated on the situation of the merge of our emails.
7. Reminder for anyone who is interested in helping out in the Boys and Girls Club 5K please contact Kim Morgan in Student Affairs. If you help out just a reminder it is two units per hour for this event because it is off campus.
8. There is an event this Thursday, February 27th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest called *Life After Westfield* hosted by the career center. It will be a night of alumni coming back and sharing their stories from their life after Westfield from all different years and careers.
9. Another event this Thursday, February 27th is the Horace Mann awards in Scanlon Banquet Hall from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm, so if you don’t go to the Career Center’s event Life after Westfield, try and make it to this.
10. This semester the Executive board and myself will be going to all Hall Council meetings, again, in these two coming weeks before spring break, so look out for us, if we do come to your meeting we will greatly appreciate a few moments at the beginning of your meeting to check in with you guys.
11. For those of you who have experience the ice issue in Dunkin Donuts, I have updates for you all. Those who do not know Dunkin Donuts has been running out of ice for their drinks, and was not selling t hose items to anyone. Their ice machine was not producing an adequate amount of ice, which resulted in no ice for drinks. Now Sodexo has committed to getting ice from Springfield and delivering 1,000 pounds of ice to Dunkin Donuts to make sure there is enough. If you have any more comments or complaints plese email me and I will send it on to Craig Goodrich the head of Sodexo.
12. In light of recent events that happened on Sunday regarding the tragic death of Kevin Friedland, Andrew Morin and myself will be putting together a vigil service for Kevin and his family and the campus community. If there is anyone who would like to help, or has any ideas please come see Andrew or myself tonight. Also, if anyone knew Kevin, or knows friends of Kevin I would greatly appreciate the help in getting in contact with those people. If anyone would like to speak to someone about the event, my door is always open if you just need to talk, or the counseling center has amazing services that you could take advantage of.
13. Tonight, scary as it sounds, we will be going into discussions about elections. Which are rapidly approaching, but Alexis Wagner will discuss it more in her report.
14. I hate to say it, but if anyone is interested in my position, please feel free to come speak to me to learn more, even though I don’t want to talk about it.
15. Can I see Lammers Hall council after the meeting?

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Stone Koury*
2. There is still time to sign up for State House Day; it is gearing up to be a very successful day. Let me know if there is any lingering interest.
3. Everyone knows about the white board with all the committees in the back of the room. It’s a new thing we do but it is very helpful, so if anything with you is incorrect or you chair something, then please try and keep it updated.
4. If you have any interest in becoming the Student Trustee, please come talk to me and I can answer any questions you have.
5. The next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is on March 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Horace Mann Center.
6. All University Committee**: Joshua Clark**
7. The All University Committee met last Wednesday, February 19th for what turned out to be a quick meeting.
8. The chair communicated to us that eighteen items were sent to Interim President Preston for her signature.
9. We then moved eleven items to Curriculum Committee for their review.
10. We also moved AUC 14 – 10, which was sent to us by Emily Todd, the Chair of the English Department, the ability to enroll in graduate courses. I am looking forward to discussing this because this could pave the way for certain departments to offer five-year dual degree programs (Bachelors/Masters).
11. After that Tom Raffensperger, Dean of Academic Information Services, spoke to us about the changes in that division of the University.
12. Our next scheduled meeting is March 5th at 4:30 pm in the Parenzo Board Room.
13. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
14. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Rebecca DiVico*
15. I hope everyone has paid their housing deposits. If you haven’t, you have until Friday, February 28th. You can pay via credit card, check or money order. You cannot pay with cash or online. Over 1500 people have paid so, basically my message is get them into Residential Life by Friday or else you probably won’t get housing**.**
16. If you have any questions about the Student Life Position, please see me after the meeting**.**
17. We are sending flowers and a donation to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to Kevin’s family on behalf for the student body**.**
18. Student Affairs Committee**: Rebecca DiVico**
19. Student Affairs Committee met last Thursday, February 13th and we discussed commuter involvement. There will be a Health Fair on March 4th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Most will be free but there will be a total cholesterol test for $5.00 and a TDAP booster that will be $75.00 but are usually reimbursed by insurance companies.
20. We are also looking for more students for the Student Affairs Committee, if you’re interested let me know.
21. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
22. Food Services Committee**: Tom Durkee**
23. Another quick meeting tonight, so we’ll be brief.
24. We will be inviting Craig Goodridge, the manager of campus dining services to speak at SGA soon.
25. Our “Dish on the DC” program has been rescheduled for after spring break as our availability fell through. We will be launching and active advertising campaign next week.
26. Tomorrow, February 26th will feature the Pho Vietnamese pop up noodle stand in Pandini’s during lunchtime. It will be $5.00 plus a swipe payable by cash, Owl Bucks or Sodexo Bucks’.
27. Our next scheduled meeting is March 4th at 4:00 pm in the Tekoa Room.
28. Health Committee: **No Report**
29. Parking Control Board: **Alexis Wagner**
30. On behalf of the Parking Control Board and Public Safety, I’d like to thank you for your cooperation with the snow policies in the recent weeks, please continue to keep those parking lot movements on your radar and remind your constitutes and friends to adhere to those policies to avoid getting tickets and to help with efficient snow removal. Parking Control Board has also been discussing changes for the fall such as first year parking and accommodation for the construction near Wilson.
31. **Steven Mailloux**: Point of Information: There were almost 100 cars in south lot during the most recent snow policy, and public safety has been lenient with the confusion, but twill start ticketing those vehicles, so please keep up with the snow policies.
32. **Kevin Soucie**: Are we allowed to park in Dickinson lot on weekends?
33. **Alexis Wagner**: Yes, Dickinson lot and Lammers lot are open for South lot parking over the weekends.
34. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
35. Substance Advisory Committee: **Justin Connolly**
36. We have discussed more about e-cigarettes and Marijuana pens and we are leaning towards banning them from campus.
37. We also talked about the gazebo issue and how they violate the no smoking policy here on campus.
38. **Tom Durkee**: What is a marijuana pen?
39. **Ryan Losco**: It’s an e-cigarette expect with marijuana instead of tobacco.
40. **Joshua Clark**: You mentioned that there were policy violations with the gazebos, does this indicate that your committee is looking to get rid of the gazebos, or just put more restrictions on them?
41. **Rebecca DiVico**: We’re just discussing what to do with them since they do conflict with the policy, but there are pros and cons to having them.
42. **Sarah Hegarty**: I love the gazebo idea, and there are already enough people blowing cigarette smoke through my window.
43. **Tori Landry**: From a neighborhood advisory standpoint, what would be a solution in place of the gazebos?
44. **Justin Connolly**: We’re still discussing it and keeping in mind the opinions of the neighbors.
45. **Tori Landry**: Readdress: I would be happy to know because there is a huge concern regarding smoking along Western Avenue within the community.
46. **Ryan Losco**: The gazebos are in place so that students do not have to smoke on the sidewalks, for safety reason. But having locations to smoke take away from the fact that we’re tobacco free.
47. **Steve Mailloux**: I think it’s important this discussion, wherever it goes, to get back to the Neighborhood Advisory Board. I don’t believe Public Safety does anything to enforce these smoking policies, currently. Also, do we get any sort of grant money for being a tobacco free campus?
48. **Justin Connolly**: I don’t believe so.
49. **Rebecca DiVico**: The reason this got brought up is because this is second meeting of the semester and we were compiling a list of things to talk about, and honestly, we might not even get to the “butt huts” because we have two things that we need to write into the policy. The main reason it was brought up at this time is the acts of vandalism, but we’re more focused on writing in that medical marijuana can’t be used on campus and researching e-cigarettes.
50. **Tom Durkee**: I know there is a patio area behind University Hall. Has there been any discussion of the area as to if it’s considered a smoking area?
51. **Justin Connolly**: It is not an official smoking area.
52. **Tom Durkee**: Readdress: So maybe you can discuss adding that as a third “butt hut” if you’re planning to keep them.
53. **Ashley Deleo**: I’ve never seen Public Safety enforce the policy as far as what goes on behind Lammers, but people are smoking right next to buildings. Are there consequences for smoking in the wrong place? Is there a way we can start having that, because people won’t adhere to rules without something to enforce when the rules are broken?
54. **Taylor Fote**: To my understanding, there’s nothing written, but you can definitely ask them to move, and they usually are willing to move. There’s no penalty action at this time.
55. **Kevin Soucie**: Have they considered fining people for smoking in the wrong place?
56. **Josh Frank**: There is no sanction because it’s technically legal to smoke at the age of 18.
57. **Kevin Soucie**: So what’s the point of even having it?
58. **Rebecca DiVico**: The Tobacco-Free policy is something that schools are doing across the state, and even the country, but the problem is that smoking a cigarette is not illegal, but on campus, it is. It’s complicated because a lot of laws and policies intertwine. The initiative is for other people’s health from second hand smoke, but it’s hard to enforce.
59. **Sue LaMontagne**: This is considered a “soft policy” to empower students to be able to ask students to not smoke in main areas. We’ve looked into sanctions, but one of the reasons we haven’t turned to that is because there are complications within the contracts with faculty and staff. Right now, it’s just a public health soft-enforcement policy, but it doesn’t have a whole lot to do with public law other than that people can’t smoke inside the buildings. We can only hope people cooperate. We will not hold students accountable to this soft policy if faculty and staff do not comply with the policy.
60. **Matt Carlin**: Where can someone find these policies?
61. **Taylor Fote**: The Student Handbook.
62. **Tom Durkee**: I think we should be able to address people you see going against these policies, it is your right to walk through a smoke free area, but if you’re uncomfortable, utilize your campus resources and speak with an RA or RD to address that person if you see a consistent offender.
63. **Sue LaMontagne**: There is still an enforcement policy when an individual fails to comply with the whomever asks them several times, so they could face enforcement for repeatedly failing to comply with a legitimate rule.
64. **Alex Doming**: When and where does Substance Advisory Committee meet?
65. **Justin Connolly**: Substance Advisory Committee meets in the Counseling Center, Fridays at 2:30 pm.
66. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No report**
67. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Andrew McCormack*
68. Advising/registration dates have been published if you haven’t seen them yet.
69. Registration for Seniors is March 28th.
70. Juniors registration is April 4th
71. First and second year in Season Athlete early registration is April 4th.
72. Sophomore and First year is April 7th.
73. Advising for each is the Monday to Thursday before, except for the athletes, which is Monday to Friday the week before.
74. There will be door hangers in the coming weeks on all first year doors in Resident halls with a check list for advising and registration. Those will be placed in Dickinson, Davis, Lammers, and Scanlon. They have important dates and other information to help make the registration processes smoother.
75. Course booklets are a little behind schedule, but should be on campus shortly. In the meantime the course offerings for Fall 2014 are already available on MyWestfield and online registration website, if you would like to start planning your schedule.
76. Diploma forms are due on Friday, February 28th.
77. If anyone is interested in running for my position for next year and has any questions, feel free to stop by and I’d be happy to talk with your.
78. Public Safety Director/Chief Search committee has been meeting and there will be open forums for students to meet the candidates in the next few weeks.
79. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
80. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
81. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
82. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
83. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
84. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
85. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
86. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Steve Kligerman*
87. If you are interested in running for VP of Programming, next year, please feel free to ask me any and all questions either after the meeting or during my office hours.
88. Programming update**: Steve Kligerman**
89. We have our Amelia Park Free Skate event this Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 pm. Ice time is free, so the only cost is if you need to rent skates, which is $3.00. If you need transportation there will be a bus in front of Scanlon at 6:45 pm that will take any students who need a ride. The free skate is until 7:50 pm.
90. Brown Bag bingo is this Friday, February 18th at 11:00 pm in Scanlon.
91. We are also doing a trip to a Celtics game on Wednesday, March 26th. Tickets will be 417.00 and will go on sale online at 8:00 am on Monday, March 17th. A link will be sent to students via email next week.
92. **Kevin Soucie**: Could you order a ticket for someone who doesn’t go here?
93. **Steve Kligerman**: No, you can only get one ticket and it can only be for yourself.
94. **Cleston Flemming**: Do you know who the Celtics will be playing that day?
95. **Steve Mailloux**: The Raptors.
96. Our next meeting is tomorrow at 5:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest.
97. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Joshua Frank*
98. Finance Report: **Joshua Frank**
99. I have one Finance Proposal to present tonight.
100. Finance Committee met with the Relay for Life Club who are looking for funds to help them put on the Relay for Life event on April 3rd. They are looking for funds to help cover one police officer, student security, and maintainer costs.
101. I move to allocate $1,519.00 to the Relay for Life club. Motion was seconded, motion carries.
102. Also, if anyone is interested in running for the VP of Finance position for next year, please see me after the meeting.
103. Foundation Report**: No Report**
104. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Alexis Wagner*/*Sarah Hegarty*
105. Executive Secretary Report: **Alexis Wagner**
106. Elections are approaching, which includes positions such as the Executive Council, Reps at Large, Multicultural Rep, Community Relations/Fundraiser, and the various positions on class councils. Signature papers will be available starting March 24th, and are due back to SGA the evening of April 8th.
107. We will be having a new event this year, called “Pizza with the Candidates” which will be an open forum style event for students running to introduce themselves and for students to learn more about who they want to vote for. That will be Tuesday April 15th from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm, tentatively in the Owl’s Nest. Voting will be online through MyWestfield on April 22nd and 23rd.
108. Please see me regarding any of the positions or the process; I’d love to help you find your fit.
109. Also, we have a Sentor of the Week. This senator showed exemplary volunteerism and energy in making the most recent Blood Drive a success. Congratulations to Al Fava our senator of the week.
110. **Sarah Hegarty:** Point of Information: being nominated for Senator of the Week is worth a unit. So be sure to nominate other senators.
111. Legislative Secretary Report: **Sarah Hegarty**
112. Four units are due by this Friday, February 28th.
113. If you know someone whose commitment and dedication to the extra-curricular community at Westfield State is outstanding, nominate them today for a Blue Key Award.
114. Please send me your committee attendance.
115. If you are interested in running for my position or want to know more about Legislative Secretary, please feel free to come see me or shoot me an email.
116. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: Jennifer McDiarmid
117. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
118. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
119. Commuter Council: **No Report**
120. Senior Class: **Brittany Moniz**
121. On Saturday. February 22nd we brought a bus of Seniors to Mohegan Sun. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Hopefully some people were lucky with their winnings.
122. Looking ahead to the end of the year, diploma order forms are due to the registrar by March 1st. forms were emailed to students last week and you can find them outside the registrar’s office in Parenzo.
123. Finally, Senior Fest packets are on sale for just four more weeks. Be sure to order your packet before they sell out.
124. Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, March 6th at 4:30 pm in the SGA Conference Room**.**
125. Junior Class: **Richard Darrach**
126. Just a couple of updates. Out of the Darkness is moving forward. We’ve established that on Friday, May 2nd registration will start at 5:00 pm in University Hall, the walk will officially begin at 6:00 pm and end by 8:00 pm at the latest. I’ve been in contact with the Regional coordinator and an event page should be up within a week. This will allow for teams to start forming and for donations to start. Due to the recent loss on campus, we’re going to open the planning committee to students, so more details to follow.
127. We’re starting to sell t-shirts this week, we’re doing a pre-order and they are $10.00. Keep an eye out for us in the DC, by Dunkin Donuts and on Facebook, to place an order. To see what they look like please see me after the meeting.
128. Starting Thursday, February 27th the online survey for Juniors is going out, we’re looking for input on Senior Year, Senior Fest 2015, Commencement speaker and Convocation faculty speaker.
129. Our next scheduled meeting is February 26th at 5:15 pm in the SGA conference room.
130. Sophomore Class**: Ryan Losco**
131. Freshman Class: **Lauren Grams**
132. I move to appoint Andrew Morin as Representative to senate for the Class of 2017. Motion carries.
133. I move to appoint Brandon Trafford as Representative to senate for the Class of 2017. Motion carries.
134. We still are holding our March Madness Trivia Night on March 19th at 8:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest.
135. Our next scheduled meeting is February 27th at 5:00 pm in conference room E003.
136. Apartment Complex: **Megan Doerle**
137. Apartment Complex Hall council has an event tomorrow, February 12th at 8:00 pm in the Dickinson Common Room. It is our Anti-Valentine’s day event. We will have Valentines crafts and pin your ex on a piñata. Also, a candy station to build your own baggies, along with a chocolate dipping station and a raffle at the door.
138. Hall council and the Apartment Complex Resident assistants will also be having a bonding night next week.
139. Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, February 19th at 5:00 pm.
140. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
141. Davis Hall: **Alex Doming**
142. Dickinson Hall Council will be hosting an event tomorrow night, Wednesday, February 25th called “Cupcake wars.” The event is a cupcake decorating contest and there will be over $100.00 in gift card prizes to be split amongst the top three designs. It will take place at 7:30 pm in the Dickinson Hall Common Room**.**
143. Our next scheduled meeting is February 27th at 6:00 pm in the Dickinson Hall Council room**.**
144. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
145. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
146. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
147. New Hall: **Cleston Flemming**
148. We had wing Wednesday last week it was crazy, we had a bunch of other things planned out too.
149. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
150. University Hall**: No Report**
151. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**
152. NEW BUSINESS:

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
2. **Joshua Clark**: The Voice is still taking nominations for the ten most influential students on campus, until 9:00 pm on Friday, February 28th.
3. **Al Fava**: Anyone interested in doing the big end of the year event, please see me.
4. **Gina Mannarino**: This Thursday, February 27th, in Woodward at 7:00 pm, the girls’ basketball team is in the semi-finals for MASCAC. Go. It’s a unit.
5. **Brittany Moniz**; The Ambassadors are having an interest meeting tomorrow, February 26th, if you are interested in becoming an ambassador; it’s a paid position on campus. It’s at 6:00 pm in conference room 03.
6. **Emily Baker**: get your Senior Week Packets in SGA.
7. **Jenn Mcdiarmid**: Rules and Regs will be meeting after this.
8. **Sarah Hegarty**: Four units are due by Friday, February 28th
9. **Taylor Fote**: Cam I see the Lammers Hall Council, Michael Janchuk, and Jocelyn Beauregard after the meeting?
10. **Sarah Hegarty**: If you’re new to SGA and don’t know what units are, please come see me.
11. **Tom Durkee**: Can I see the Presidents of Courtney, Davis, Lansdowne, and Scanlon Halls please? 80 Days until Commencement.

1. ROLL CALL: Priscilla Aguilar was absent. Luis Arzola and Justin Doss were excused.
2. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.