**Student Government Association Minutes**

February 03, 2015

1. ROLL CALL: Katherine Robinson, Briana Pelloso, Christopher Charest, Stephen Fitzgerald were absent. Scott Seskevich sent an alternate.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 20, 2015: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Rebecca DiVico*
4. Hello everyone. I’d first like to recognize Peter Mazza for being here tonight and at the State of the Campus Address.
5. Tonight our speaker is Ken Lemanski Vice President of Advancement and University Relations.
6. **Ken Lemanski**: Thank you, Rebecca. I just want to congratulate all of you and especially Rebecca DiVico for a great job on the State of the Campus address this afternoon. Hopefully, Interim President Preston will deliver one just as spectacular sometime in the near future. I am the Vice President of Advancement and University Relations. So, I am the one Vice President who looks from the campus and out to the rest of the world. So, while most of the other Vice Presidents are concentrated on everything that happens on campus, my job is to represent the campus to the rest of the world; so, state agencies, the federal government, the city government, the neighborhood, etc. There are a whole group of people that work with me to raise money and to raise awareness about our campus.
7. One of the other responsibilities that I have as a part of that is coming up with state funds; working with state representatives and senators across the state, and state agencies for projects here at Westfield State. So, for example, I was involved in the building of University Hall with the Massachusetts State College Building Authority and most recently with the building and planning of the new science building on campus. So, my responsibility tonight is to just give you a little update on that science building.
8. On this poster is the rough design of the new science building. It’s about 55,000 square feet which will be on the site that I am sure you have seen next to commuter lot. It will be three stories tall but it will be the same height as Wilson Hall. So, the floor-to-ceiling height is sixteen feet rather than the normal height. This is due to the science building having specialized equipment in it that requires higher floor-to-ceiling ratios. What is important about the building is that it will house all new science labs including a new suite for Nursing and Allied Health. The only thing that will be in the new building is science laboratories and the space for Nursing. It will also include a significant connector to Wilson Hall and the new space. It will mostly all be glass in this area and it will have an additional elevator. It will have a dramatic staircase. Also, on one end of the building, the one facing Bates Hall, it is all glass and will be housing an area for all open meeting space. For instance, the meeting space outside of Subway and the Wellness Center in Ely with causal furniture will be very similar. Regardless of whether you are a science student or not, the space will be open for use. In addition, the actual main entrance on the commuter lot side will become the main entrance for all commuters to campus. So, in a way, it will create a central “commuter” space, as many of the commuters will use this building.
9. Also, in addition to all the lab space, there will be one large classroom that we want to keep as flexible as possible. We are calling it an “innovation” classroom. So, if any of you have been to Harvard University, they have an innovation lab where students and professors from across the disciplines meet and solve real-world problems. We are hoping that the faculty will use that space to do the same sort of thing here, at Westfield State. We are very proud of the opportunity for this. And as Rebecca DiVico mentioned in her address earlier today, this is the first new academic building, on this campus, in 40 years. It will be 55,000 new square feet of academic space to campus. That is significant. The environmental lab is also going to be an interesting place but they are actually going to bring in large-sized animals for dissection. If any of you have been to Bridgewater State, they just built a new science building that is 100,000 square feet. Similarly, it is connected to an older building. If you have seen the building, it is done similarly with the staircase, elevator, etc…
10. Wilson Hall will also undergo preliminary renovation as a part of this project. So, just think about it. All of the labs that are currently in Wilson are going to be switched over to either classroom space or office space or conference space for faculty and students. So, if you think about some lousy office space that faculty currently have in Wilson Hall, specifically on the fourth floor, those faculty members will get new offices. What we are trying to achieve is 110 square feet of office space for each faculty member. That is about the size of a faculty office in the Woodward building on the second floor. We are excited that Wilson will also be redone as part of this major project. But, in this phase of the construction, it won’t be completely done. We will be spending anywhere from $5,000 - $7,000 on Wilson Hall renovations but that will not complete the project. We will have to raise further funds to complete the Wilson project.
11. I also wanted to show you a basic floor plan to give you a better idea. So, here is the new science building adjacent to the commuter lot and connected to Wilson. It will create a new quadrangle between Bates, Wilson, and the new building. So, one of the biggest features that we are hoping to accomplish is a new pedestrian entrance into the campus. Again, we don’t have all of the money that we need to accomplish this, but we are going to concentrate on this area here and make sure this is real. So, if you have classes at Horace Mann or Woodward and need to walk into campus, we want to create this new pedestrian walkway on Western Avenue near the new science building that will lead to the campus. We have to do some work because as you understand, there is some pretty lousy area around here between Wilson and Bates.
12. What is another important component to all of this is that the city will abandon Juniper Park Elementary School at the end of this academic year. So, in June of 2015, the City of Westfield will stop using Juniper Park. This is an additional 60,000 square feet and we will begin some renovations on this building as well. So, what you are going to be seeing this spring is the steel will start going up in March for the new science building. And then, starting this summer, Juniper Park will also be renovated with about $2 million dollars in order to make it accessible for college-age students. So, between the 60,000 square feet in Juniper Park and the 55,000 square feet of the new science building, we are adding over 100,000 square feet of academic space to campus. For those of you who might be taking classes in Mod Hall or other inferior classroom space across campus, this is an important addition to campus. We have never added this amount of square footage to campus in one large swoop in its history. Juniper Park will take some time to be completed and Wilson will take some time to be completed. But there will be some preliminary work done in this fiscal year as well as next fiscal year. We are really excited about that.
13. We hope to create a whole pedestrian traffic pattern that brings people into the heart of campus from Western Avenue. Everyone keeps asking if the new science building, whether the word “Westfield” will be written down this exterior wall. We don’t know that for sure but that is something that has become pretty popular with those who have seen it. Interestingly enough, the steel goes up in March, and then we are looking at occupancy by August of 2016 in the new building. But, we will be in Juniper Park, as long as Kurt Robie gets to do some renovations, it may be done in the Fall, but it may also have to wait until this time next year to be in Juniper Park. That depends on the amount of work that needs to be done on campus.
14. This campus master plan is also by reference of what we would like to see in terms of vehicular traffic on campus as well. So, we don’t have the money to do everything that this plan represents. I will leave these two posters down here in SGA so that you can take a look at it and display it. But, as you can tell, there is new parking called for behind Juniper Park. What we really do need to do is make sure that Juniper Park is now actually part of the campus. So, there is also work that is called for to link it pedestrian-wise to the campus. Some people don’t think of Juniper Park as being part of the Westfield State campus. It will definitely be and some of you will be having classes over there. What will eventually happen is a relocation of the Music and Art departments from its current spot in Bates and Parenzo to Juniper Park. And eventually, the goal is to move the Theatre department from Ely to Juniper Park but that would also require an addition to Juniper. So, that is further down the road. So, if you are a sophomore, junior, or senior, you may not see that in your time here. There will be some significant changes while you are here, though, with the addition of the science building and the new Juniper Park. Juniper Park will likely retain its name. Young students that have graduated from that institution and feel very connected to us and to Juniper Park.
15. I am happy to answer any questions. The project is completely on schedule and the return of Juniper Park to us is on schedule. A lot of you that are in this room will be positively impacted by the addition to those two academic buildings on campus. We are very excited about it. The other thing that you should be aware of is that when we build a new academic building, the money comes from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. So, the state actually gave us $33 million for the building. It is going to cost a little bit more than that but the University is using some of its own funds to complete that project, as well as the Juniper Park project and Wilson Hall.
16. **Jon Cubetus**: I was curious as to what we can expect Wilson to look like once it is renovated.
17. **Ken Lemanski**: You can expect to see, in the short-run, the elimination of all the labs there. They will all be taken down and moved to the new science building. All of the space that will be vacated by the labs will be turned into classrooms and some offices. Not every detail will be taken care. There are no offices in the new building. All of the science faculty will remain in Wilson Hall. All of the other departments currently in Wilson will remain in Wilson. So, the most dramatic things you will see are some of the labs becoming classrooms and some of the labs becoming office space.
18. **Andrew Morin**: I know you said that you weren’t sure whether the renovations for Juniper would be done this fall or next spring, but when will we know that for sure?
19. **Ken Lemanski:** Dr. Pickron and I will be meeting in about a week or two with Kurt Robie to go over all of these renovations. We don’t even know for sure. Ideally, we would be in Juniper Park by September 2015 but that may not be possible because we have to go out and bid for the work and meet with state agencies. It takes a while to get that stuff done. We will know more in the next two weeks and Dr, Pickron and I can share those things with you once we know for sure.
20. **Victoria Landry**: I have just a comment, as a tour guide. I love the idea of the academic quad when you walk in. I think that is a great idea. My only suggestion is to take into consideration how the water really builds up in that area. It is really awkward bringing thirty perspective parents and students through that huge puddle.
21. **Ken Lemanski:** It is a good point about the water that accumulates in that area. It probably wasn’t obvious during the construction period, but there were huge efforts to divert a lot of that water on that site. The contractor in charge of the building built huge pipes underground. So, we are hoping with that engineering, a lot of that water will disappear. But, if that is not the case, a couple of things might happen with the outdoor landscaping. We may be able to create some further water runoff in a more natural landscape in that area.
22. **Richard Darrach**: Is the traffic plug based off of the traffic study that was done a few years ago?
23. **Ken Lemanski:** The master plan for the traffic on campus calls for the elimination of the road that comes into the campus. The traffic study that was done requires that there needs to be egress in and out from the road behind Parenzo. The parking study has informed that as well as the fact that we will have to accommodate further parking elsewhere if we are eliminating the parking around Bates. That is called for to be eliminated. The master plan is based on how to return more pedestrians to campus.
24. **Priscilla Aguilar:** With all of the renovations and having some departments move around a bit, what is going to happen with Mod Hall?
25. **Ken Lemanski:** So, if music moves out of Bates, there will be more space available there for changes. Same thing goes for the Art department leaving Parenzo. So, you will see some further shifting. All of the details of that have not been worked out yet. One thing that needs to happen is some renovations to Juniper Park to accommodate music and art before they can go over. But then, you will see all kinds of departments moving around. As far as Mod hall is concerned, it is not going away. In fact Mod Hall is kind of the example with the suites, with the classrooms, office space, and student space. That is the example we used to plan for Wilson.
26. **Evelyn Dina:** Is there a potential time frame regarding the parking behind Juniper Park that you had mentioned?
27. **Ken Lemanski:** It’s not last resort but it is no priority. The next amount of money that we will try to get from the Commonwealth is to finish Wilson Hall, Bates Hall, Parenzo, and Juniper. I don’t anticipate any parking money available until we finish all of those. Frankly, what we’re hoping is that the Commonwealth will do another bond issue shortly so that we can do all of those four buildings totally over.
28. **Tyler Hastings:** With all of this construction going on, are we going to see any increases in tuition and fees? If so, how much?
29. **Ken Lemanski:** So far, the building of the new science building has been financed by the state. So, there is no cost for the actual building for students to pay for. The preliminary renovations for Wilson and Juniper have already been funded, so there is not any anticipation of increasing tuition or fees for paying for those. In addition, the Board of Trustees has really looked negatively on fee increases. I don’t expect that they would be thrilled to increase fees on students to pay for those buildings. That being said, the operating cost of those two buildings is something that we have to look at. The last resort is fee increases. We have to remember that we are adding 100,000 square feet to campus and we need to think of electricity, heating, and water for these buildings. We’re going to have to try and find ways to meet those costs without increasing fees. I am also responsible for getting state funding on a fiscal year basis. So, it is my responsibility to make the best argument to the governor and legislature to increase funding to this institution so that we don’t have to raise fees. So, what we have been doing is we have been focusing on the 50/50 proposition. The basis of that is 50% of the cost of attendance for public higher education should belong to students while the other 50% should belong to the state. That has not been the case for a number of years. What we are trying to do through my office and through other offices on campus is to lobby the governor and the legislature to get the 50/50 funding deal. We didn’t get it this year. We fell short. So, next year, we need to reemphasize that in order to keep fees down, we need enough appropriations from the legislature and governor. Unfortunately, they make that decision based off of what money is available to them. If any of you have picked up the paper, you can see that Governor Baker has been faced with a $7 million deficit. It became obvious about a half hour ago that the President and those of us in leadership that we will get a $300,000 cut here at Westfield State in the next few weeks. We have to find a way to cover that, but I don’t think it will come from a fee increase. We will be looking forward to help from SGA and students for what we call state house day, happening this spring, in which we go to the state house and lobby for the 50/50 deal and lobby for funding in order to control and eliminate fee increases. There is no anticipation increase of funding to pay for the new buildings construction or renovations or the maintenance of the buildings. We will be looking for help from you on state house day and after in terms of the 50/50 deal and having the funds for the next fiscal year starting July 1.
30. **Megan Dorele:** I noticed on your scale that you have a walkway going from the globe to Ely. Is that going to happen? We use that portion of the green for intermural sports and that cuts into our area.
31. **Ken Lemanski:** This is an architectural drawing. The architect was told just what you have indicated. We need to preserve playing space on the green. So, what really is important is the walkway from Western Ave into the green. The way they configure this, is that there is enough space in these three areas to maintain the normal playing space on the green. The biggest issue goes back to the water since this area kind of floods. That area needs to be fixed before anything happens. That will hopefully be fixed in the next few years.
32. **Justin Connolly:** Regarding the green itself and that flooding issue, is there any plans to happen with that?
33. **Ken Lemanski**: The Department of Capital Asset Management oversees all of the building of state University academic buildings. However, they say that they are not responsible for anything horizontal, meaning anything on the ground. They never give us any money to do the greens, sidewalks, or anything like that. So, we as a university, either need to raise money or find other supplemental funds for that kind of horizontal landscaping. We have yet to do that at this point. Our first responsibility is to supplement the equipment needs of the science building and the second priority is the Juniper Park renovations. The green is on the back burner.
34. Thank you Ken Lemanski.
35. I accept the resignation of Tyrel Wood as Lammers Hall President.
36. I move to appoint Kendall Dunbar as Lammers Hall President for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year. Motion carries.
37. I move to appoint Taylor Ruell as University Hall President for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year.
38. I’d like to congratulate the Competitive Dance Team for coming in 6 out of 22 in the UDA/National Dance Team Competition in Orlando Florida over the break.
39. I would like to thank all of you for coming to the State of the Campus Address. It means a lot to me and I am honored to be able to represent all of you.
40. **Olivia Dumas**: We all think that you did an amazing job. It was very well done and we are all proud of you.
41. **Rebecca DiVico**: Thank you.
42. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Joshua Frank*
2. All University Committee**: No Report**
3. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
4. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Joshua Clark*
5. Hello everyone, hope that you all had good snow days. I’m glad that we are together tonight. Since we didn’t meet last week, you guys are in for a good report today.
6. An update on Residence Life. I met with Jon Conlogue a couple of weeks ago.
7. This past Winter Break was typical in terms of room status changes. Usually, there are about 1,000 changes that are made between semesters so Residential Life was pretty busy as you can imagine.
8. There are a couple vacancies amongst the RA’s one each in Dickinson and University Halls. Jon Conlogue said they are not going to fill them but split the sections between RAs already working in those buildings.
9. For those of you who live in Davis Hall, you might already know that Chris Richard has left the University to work at Salem State. Dyra, as I understand, one of the SPCs, will be taking his spot on an interim basis.
10. With Chris gone, there will be three residence director search committees that will be starting up by the end of the semester. As you know, Steve Mailloux is continuing at Landsdowne Place and Brian Graham is continuing at the Apartment Complex.
11. In terms of Housing sign-ups for the 2015-2016 academic year, two things:
12. First, there will be nine Living and Learning Communities (LLCs) that are going to be options for sign-ups. I have a list of them if you’d like to know what they are.
13. This is the most important part: Res Life will be taking housing deposits until March 1. They are $200.00 like every year but this is the part that gets a little difficult. They are not accepting checks or money orders, which means that all payments will be accepted online. I’ll repeat no checks, money orders, or cash are to be accepted.
14. I met with Kelsey Morse, the new MASSPIRG campus organizer, last week. She informed me that there will be a semester kick-off meeting tonight at 7:00 pm. They are focusing on three projects this semester, which you can find out about tonight.
15. The Student Affairs Committee met last Friday, January 30, and had a short agenda. I would like to thank all of the senators who attended the meeting, which like the open campus forum, was sparsely attended by the other units involved I the committee, so thank you. I asked the committee members to send questions that they would like for me to ask the presidential search firm.
16. We also discussed snow removal from that last couple of storms. While we commended the difficult gob that Facilities and Operations has in removing the snow from the roadways, there were a lot of concerns raised with the snow from the sidewalks on campus. Many noticed that people were slipping around the campus, with a couple of people falling on their way to South Lot. I’ll be sending an email on behalf of the committee to Terry Fensted, who is running Facilities and Operations, to express their concerns. I noticed today there were Bobcats driving around with brushes on them clearing snow from sidewalks. I’m hoping we can get them out before classes begin for the day, so that the walks to class are a little safer.
17. Intramurals are still accepting rosters for Dodgeball, Indoor soccer, and 5 v 5 Basketball. All men and women leagues. You can come to the Parenzo Gym to pick up a roster form.
18. I need two students for the Parking Control Board, which meets every other Thursday at 11:00 am in the conference room by Dunkin Donuts E003. If you need a second committee or would like to join the fun on that one, let me know.
19. **Tori Landry**: My only comment is from my friend who went to go call Public Safety to get a ride to South Lot at 7:00 am. There were no shuttles running and Public Safety had them wait for a ride and when they finally called back, Public Safety said they actually wouldn’t give them a ride. So, they had to walk down to South Lot in the pitch dark and shovel their cars out.
20. **Joshua Clark:** I’ll be sure to follow up with Public Safety on that.
21. **Courtney Keddy:** To add to that, I know there was a lot of confusion with getting to South Lot and such. Eventually, there was a shuttle running last night, even though that was not planned, but the campus was not aware of it. I think that informing the campus of when the shuttle is running at times like that, the campus should be informed via e-mail.
22. **Joshua Clark:** Snow removal is tricky because we need to make sure we time it with when they’re done plowing. The Student Affairs Committee had asked me to make sure that snow removal e-mails are frequently communicated.
23. **Morgan Suddeth:** In reference to the Learning Living Communities, where are those going to be on campus?
24. **Joshua Clark:** Students expressed interest in these types of living communities through the housing survey but they don’t know how many students will actually sign up for these. For instance, there is a mindfulness LLC dedicated to living healthy lifestyles. However, if thirty people sign up to live in the mindfulness LLC and only two sign up for the future leaders’ one, the future leaders one won’t happen. They need to figure out which LLCs will have the most sign-ups and then figure out where to place them.
25. **Morgan Suddeth:** Readdress. So when you sign up for housing, you wouldn’t choose a residence hall if you wanted to live in an LLC? Instead you would choose an LLC?
26. **Joshua Clark:** I will consult with Jon Conlogue on that. If you wanted to live in quiet living of honors housing, you knew those were in Lammers, so you would plan on that. They don’t know where the new LLCs are yet so to say you want to live in one without knowing where you actually live, will make it difficult. That will be something for the Housing Committee as well.
27. **Megan Doerle:** I know that the snow removal is a really difficult process but I have many friends who are student teachers and when they went to clear off their cars last night, South Lot wasn’t cleared very well. Could you pass that along?
28. **Joshua Clark:** I will be sure to pass that along.
29. **Michael Janchuck:** Point of Information. They told us in RA training that LLCs will be based off of the interest that students show for each individual LLC.
30. **Joshua Clark**: Thank you Michael
31. Student Affairs Committee**: Joshua Clark**
32. The next student affairs committee meeting is February 27 at 2:00 pm in the SGA Club Room.
33. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
34. Food Services Committee**: Megan Doerle**
35. We have had 200 bowls go missing this semester. Please don’t take the dinnerware.
36. Tomorrow we are having a New York Staycation Dinner from 4:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Please keep an eye out on social media and your emails for a chance to win a trip to one of three locations. Just enter.
37. They wanted me to announce that Subway serves coffee.
38. **Joshua Frank**: do you need a meal plan to enter that sweepstakes?
39. **Megan Doerle**: No.
40. Our next scheduled meeting is February 10 at 4:00 pm in the Tekoa Room.
41. Health Committee: **No Report**
42. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
43. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
44. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
45. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Justin Connolly**
46. Our first one was epic, our second one was superb, I want our third one to be stupendous. Yes, our third Red Cross Blood drive will be on February 11.
47. I’ll be sending around two clip boards for volunteer sign-ups. One for Lunch and dinner sign-ups and one for the Drive itself.
48. Hopefully this will be a good one. Also this time around we get a free t-shirt to all presenting donors.
49. If someone is interested in donating you can sign up for a time with me here.
50. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Olivia Dumas*
51. Hello everyone. So the advising survey is open until Friday, February 6 and then the analysis begins. So, if there is anyone interested in helping me analyze these results over next week. I would really appreciate it and please come see me after the meeting or email me. This will be a continuation of the work of the Advising Survey Committee, so if you need a committee to join, consider joining this one.
52. Can Josh Clark and I see all the Reps at Large after the meeting?
53. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
54. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
55. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
56. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
57. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
58. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
59. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
60. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Daniel Chamberlain*
61. Good evening everyone. I hope you all had a great long weekend. So, first off I would like to congratulate Rebecca DiVico on her fantastic State of the Campus Address.
62. Programming update**: Daniel Chamberlain**
63. We haven’t had a meeting in two weeks and a lot has happened in CAB since we last met.
64. First off, the first weekend back was Winter Weekend. Unfortunately I wasn’t here that weekend because I was sick with the flu, but I have heard many great things about all of our events and we have gotten some great feedback that we will use for next year. I want to hear what you guys thought about it, so do you have any comments, suggestions or thoughts?
65. **Kylie Nelson**: I think that the skating at Amelia Park had way better attendance than the one on campus.
66. **Danny Chamberlain**: That’s been a huge point. We have already booked Amelia Park for next year so that is already all set.
67. **Andrew Morin**: I heard great things about the mentalist and the comedian.
68. **Danny Chamberlain**: Awesome.
69. Coming up this Friday, February 6 is the trip to see the Celtics play at the TD Garden in Boston. Tickets went on sale last Monday and we still have six tickets left. They are $15.00 and the bus will leave from in front of Scanlon at 4:00 pm. If you would like to buy a ticket you can go to Westfield.ma.edu/tickets.
70. On February 12, which is next Thursday, we will be hosting a Valentine’s Day event in the Owls Nest with a movie, crafts and some snacks, so hope to see you there.
71. Our new advertising coordinator is Sandra Mercer.
72. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 4 at 5:00 pm in the Owls nest.
73. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Matthew Carlin*
74. Finance Report: **No Report**
75. Foundation Report: **No Report**
76. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Andrew Morin/Evelyn Dina*
77. Executive Secretary Report: **Andrew Morin**
78. Hello everyone. The Cotillion committee has been working very hard to plan the first ever WSU Cotillion**.** We have picked the theme to be a Masquerade Ball. We have booked a DJ and Photo booth, we have chosen favors, and we are having out taste testing this Friday, February 6 at Tekoa Country Club. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, February 17. Look out for advertising over the next few weeks, including flyers and a promotional video.
79. We have a senator of the week this week. Congratulations to Victoria Landry. For her outstanding work on the Cotillion Committee.
80. A reminder that any Senator has the ability to nominate another senator for Senator of the Week. Chairs and Council presidents, this is a great way for you to recognize diligent and hardworking SGA Reps.
81. **Courtney Keddy:** How much are the WSU Cotillion tickets?
82. **Andrew Morin**: $33.00.
83. Legislative Secretary Report: **Evelyn Dina**
84. Units and attendance were due today. If you have not sent me attendance, please do so.
85. There will be four units due for February. Just a quick reminder that the Leadership Voyage workshops count as a unit as well as helping volunteer for the blood drive.
86. The Big Unit award winners are Justin Connolly and Scott Seskevich.
87. Just letting you know that I am going to form the Blue Key Committee at next Tuesdays meeting. Two members of each class must be nominated and selected by the members of said class in order to be on the committee.
88. For those of you who do not know what the Blue Key Award is, it is the highest honor given to a student at Westfield State University by the Student Government Association. It recognizes and appreciates students for their outstanding achievements and dedication to the University community. I’ll get to talk more next week about nomination forms and logistics once we form the committee.

1. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: *Sara Palis*

Rules and Regulations Committee: Sara Palis

1. An amendment has been submitted to the Rules and Regulations Committee, which has been signed by six senators and sponsor, Joshua Clark. The amendment, if passed, will be added to Article V, Section 2 of the Student Government Association constitution. The Text reads as follows, “Shall not be permitted to hold an office of the Executive Council unless they plan to be physically present to attend to all prescribed duties outlined in this constitution and its bylaws for the duration of one (1) academic year except in the cases of resignation or academic withdrawal.” This amendment shall become Subsection (letter) I of Article V, Subsection 2. If it passed by two-thirds of the Legislature tonight and three–fourths next week, it shall take effect immediately.
2. The Rules and Regulations Committee has recommended its approval.
3. I move that the amendment pass through all stages on the written recommendation of the Rules and Regulations Committee. Motion carries.
4. An amendment has been submitted to the Rules and Regulations Committee, which has been signed by five senators and the sponsor, Joshua Clark. The amendment, if passed, will be added to Article V, Section 2 of the Student Government Association constitution. The text reads as follows, “No student may hold an office of the Executive Council and be a member of the Student Security or Resident Assistant staff concurrently.” This amendment shall become “Subsection J of Article V, Section 2. If passed by the two-thirds of the Legislature tonight and three-fourths next week, it shall take effect immediately.
5. **Joshua Clark**: I move to amend the language of the proposed amendment to strike the words “student security or…” Motion Carries.
6. **Joshua Clark**: This language came directly from the student handbook indirect relation to the student conduct board. Upon further research, it has been determined that it is not necessary to include the student security staff in this amendment. I know that in the RA contract here is language that bars their staff from sitting on this council. Jon Conlogue agreed that it was appropriate but student security is not.
7. **Aaron Sylvia**: Resident Assistants put in at least 20 hours per week and you all put in at least 20 hours per week with all of your hard work and effort alone so I definitely agree with this motion.
8. **Ariana Roche**: I’m curious as to why student security was put on there on the first place.
9. **Joshua Clark**: I was looking for some language to kind of say this so, I went to the Student Handbook and pulled this out of the Student Conduct Board section. It looked to me like it would make sense but upon further investigation; I learned that there is flexibility. If someone on student security wanted to sit on this council, they very well could.
10. **Ariana Roche**: Readdress. I haven’t read the full handbook or anything but is there anything against having a full-time job?
11. **Rebecca DiVico**: To speak to that, when on the Executive Board, We are expected to put Exec first above all other clubs and responsibilities besides academics and that is how we have always functioned. The rationale is that we cannot ask an RA who needs to respond to duty or a fire drill to put this first. It has been common practice that RA’s don’t sit on Exec because it doesn’t work time wise. It’s not the bar anyone.
12. **Sara Palis**: Point of Information. This is just putting into words what is already commonly practiced.
13. **Victoria Landry**: I think it would be hard to limit student security because if I work in Dunkin Donuts on campus for 20 hours per week, it’s the same idea.
14. **Courtney Keddy**: Just to be clear, this is in the RA contract?
15. **Joshua Clark**: Jon Conlogue did indicate that but I can double check for next week.
16. The Rules and Regulations Committee has recommended its approval.
17. I move that the amendment pass through all stages on the written recommendation of the Rules and Regulations Committee. Motion carries.
18. In other news, the Rules and Regulations Committee voted to approve the ratification results for the new Class Council constitution at the end of the fall semester. All four class councils voted to adopt the new class council constitution, so it will be taking effect this semester.
19. At the most recent Rules and Regulations Committee meeting, the committee voted to approve the Black Student Association constitution pending changes.
20. If anyone is interested in seeing the new Class Council constitution or interested in BSA, feel free to see me after the meeting.
21. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
22. Commuter Council: **No Report**
23. Senior Class: **Richard Darrach**
24. The 100 Days Toast is this Friday, February 6. Please encourage all your senior friends to attend. Let them know we will have raffles, champagne, appetizers and we will be officially announcing the start of the Class gift and the Commencement Speaker. It will be in the Scanlon Banquet Hall starting at 5:00 pm.
25. Mr. Westfield is kicking off tonight and the contestants are already heating up the completion. Reminder the date for Mr. Westfield is Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 pm. The contestants will be hosting Februarys Brown Bag Bingo.
26. Just a reminder that Senior Sweatshirts sale ends Friday, February 13 and that Senior packets are on sale now. Fliers have gone up over the last week. I have some out by the mailboxes if anyone would like more. If you have any questions please see me after the meeting.
27. Can I please see 2017 class council after the meeting?
28. Our next scheduled meeting is February 6 at 4:00 pm in the SGA Conference room E020.
29. Junior Class: **No Report**
30. Sophomore Class**: No Report**
31. First Year Class: **No Report**
32. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
33. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
34. Davis Hall: **No Report**
35. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
36. Lammers Hall: **Kendall Dunbar**
37. I accept the resignation of Brian Demars and Taylor Saltmarsh as Lammers Hall Representative to Senate.
38. I move to appoint Dana Hopfi, Marisa Russo and Timothy Brooks as Lammers Hall Representative to Senate for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year. Motion carries.
39. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 4 at 9:00 pm in the Lammers Lobby.
40. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
41. New Hall**: Albert Fava**
42. I move to appoint Emily Mason as New Hall President for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year**.** Motion carries.
43. Our next scheduled meeting is on February 9 at 8:30 pm in the New Hall Lobby.
44. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
45. University Hall**: No Report**

1. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

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1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Joshua Frank:** If anyone wants to get involved in State House Day, there will be a meeting Friday, February 6 at 1:00 pm about it.
4. **Evelyn Dina**: Can I please see all new senators after this meeting?
5. **Justin Connolly**: Can I please see my volunteer sheets?
6. **Victoria Landry**: Anyone that wants to be in the lip sync video for Cotillion, they will be filming here in the SGA room around 8:30 pm tonight.
7. **Joshua Clark**: If you would like to join the Parking Control Board, let me know.
8. **Olivia Dumas**: Reps-At-Large, please see me after this meeting.
9. **Andrew Morin**: There is a ton of food back there, so if you want to take some, please feel free.
10. **Courtney Keddy:** 103 days until commencement.
11. ROLL CALL: Katherine Robinson, Briana Pelloso, Christopher Charest, Stephen Fitzgerald were absent. Scott Seskevich sent an alternate.
12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.