**Student Government Association Minutes**

February 02, 2016

1. ROLL CALL: Jeremy Forgue, Alina Bracken, Nickalena Richards, Matt Matos, Savanna Lamas and Nate Moreau were absent. Christian Capalbo and Imani Hill were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 26, 2016:
3. Brendan McKee: I move to amend the minutes to say January 26, 2016 instead of December 8, 2015. Motion carries.
4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Evelyn Dina*
5. Today, we were going to have Dean of Academic Information Services Tom Raffensperger speak on behalf of information regarding the future of printing on campus that we briefly discussed last semester. He was unable to collect all the necessary data from other schools that he wanted to include in his brief presentation, and felt that it would be more valuable to speak to all of you when he has that information secured. For now, we will reschedule Dean Raffensperger in the next few weeks, so we can discuss printing and other topics with correct and complete data.
6. For those of you who were unable to attend the discussion on student debt with U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, it was an extremely packed event down here in the SGA room. We were over capacity with a room full of students, faculty, staff and administration, and also had an overflow room. It was a huge honor to have Senator Warren on campus, especially in our student space, as there hasn’t been a U.S. Senator on campus for 20 years. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it and a big thank you to everyone who participated in the discussion and shared their stories.
7. The Annual Student State of the Campus Address will be one week from today, next Tuesday, February 9 at 4:00pm in Dever Stage. Please make the effort to be there Jacob Lotter is allowing it to be a two unit opportunity. I would also greatly appreciate it if you spread the word and encourage your friends and professors to be there. There will be an email sent to students and Fac/Staff tomorrow. Refreshments and appetizers are going to be served after the speech and before our SGA meeting.
8. I accept the resignation of Jeremy Forgue as the Representative at Large.
9. I move to appoint Taylor Saltmarsh as the designee for Sara Palis for the remainder of the 2015-2016 academic year. Motion carries.
10. I move to appoint Connor Glynn as the Student Athletic Advisory Council Representative for the remainder of the 2015-2016 academic year. Motion carries.
11. The Exec Board will be holding interviews for two Representatives at Large positions next Thursday, February 11 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. If you know of anybody interested in a Rep at Large position, please have them email me.
12. Marketing will be here for “10 Things you Don’t Know (yet) about Westfield “video project. They are looking for students to come up with some fun facts about student life on campus or just general facts. I’ve asked them to come down to SGA from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. If you would like to participate, just come join.
13. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Justin Connolly*
2. All University Committee**: No Report**
3. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: Marissa Cremin**
4. Yesterday, February 1, NAB had a meeting at 5:00pm in the Garden Level of Horace Mann. It was a great time catching up with the neighbors. We welcome a new member to the board, Andrew Surprise, a newly elected city councilor.
5. Mike Knapik started to meeting off updating the neighbors about our new president Dr. Torrecilha, and his plans to enhance town/gown relations. He encouraged the neighbors to come out to see WSU spring sports games and theater performances.
6. We went over a lot at the meeting. First, we discussed that the Congregational Church is collecting donations for a food security program for WSU students. Also, last week there was an informational meeting that MassDOT ran at South Middle School, to discuss construction that will hopefully begin on Western Avenue by spring of 2018.
7. We talked about how a town/gown committee is in the works. This proposal came from a December presentation downtown from students in Professor Diana’s fall 2015 Mayor’s Symposium seminar. Dr.Torrecilha and Mayor Brian Sullivan are expected to sit on this committee, as well as other students, faculty, city officials, and members of the Westfield community. Andrew Surprise also mentioned how they are working on an arts/culture district downtown. Another update I have is that there is about $12,000.00 raised for “Save the Globe”, and the goal is $15,000.00. We are hoping to have a new globe before Commencement.
8. Some upcoming dates coming up for NAB: There is a citywide spelling bee this Thursday at 6:00pm at Dever State. The downtown neighbors meeting are set for Wednesday, April 20 at the Westfield Athenaeum. The April Pizza Social and Show will be Wednesday April 27.
9. **Jacob Lotter**: Do you mind explaining what a town/gown is?
10. **Marissa Cremin**: A town/gown committee is different from NAB as it’s more of the direction relation between our University and the Officials of the town to work on things we’d like to incorporate. We’d hopefully have meetings once or twice a month being held both downtown and at the University
11. Our next meeting will be in late march in the Horace Mann Center.
12. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Matthew Carlin*
13. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
14. Multicultural Committee**: Ivana McGlinchey**
15. Black history month is this month. On Tuesday, February 2 there will be a presentation of*: A Tale of Two Panthers.* In the Owls nest at 7:00pm*.*
16. On February 3 Multicultural Student Association will be hosting Pop, Lock, & Drop event in the Scanlon banquet hall at 4:00pm.
17. The Diversity and Inclusion council met last Thursday, January 28 for their first meeting. The following representatives were there, Top Flite Steppers, Multicultural Student Organization, Jewish Student Organization, Muslim Student Organization, Black Student Union, the Latino Association for Empowerment, Portuguese American Club and the Salsa Club.
18. The Interfaith council met yesterday, February 1 in the interfaith Chapel at 4:00pm. We talked about how there will be a Food Pantry at the Second Congregational Church. We also talked about possible events the interfaith and the Diversity and Inclusion council can collaborate on. The two committees will be working together to plan a Unity week in April. Look out for those events.
19. Our next scheduled meeting for Diversity and Inclusion will be on February 4 in the Unity Room*.* The next scheduled meeting for Interfaith is March 7 also in the Unity Room.
20. Food Services Committee**: Andrew Manchino**
21. I have a few updates for you from the Dining Commons.
22. Thursday, February 18 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, Sodexo will be holding a Question and Answer in the Owl’s Nest, to answer any of your questions. This is a unit opportunity.
23. There is a Student vs. Food this Saturday, February 6 and it is a challenge to eat foods with chopsticks. The winner gets Sodexo Bucks’
24. Thursday, February 11, there is an elite event centered on wings.
25. The Spring Sodexo survey is coming out on February 22.
26. There is a new App called Bite where you can view the menu for the DC that day, eventually Pandini’s will be on it. The code for WSU is 72257.
27. Guacamole will be back in the DC but will be at the vegetarian station.
28. Next semester there will be two omelet lines at breakfast.
29. Tomorrow, February3, grilled cheese Wednesday will be back
30. Our next meeting will be February 8 at 4:00 pm in the Tekoa Room.
31. Health Committee: **No Report**
32. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
33. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
34. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
35. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Marissa Cremin**
36. Our third Blood Drive of the year is a week from tomorrow, Wednesday February 10, from 1:00pm to 7:00pm in the Parenzo Gym. I don’t have a lot of people signed up for the DC table and I really need you guys to sign up for these shifts. I know that you’re all very busy people but even just sitting in the DC for an hour or so is such a huge help. You can get your units done for February just by helping with the blood drive. I emailed everyone with a link to the Google Docs to sign up for the blood drive as well. Feel free to share this with your roommates and friend, or anyone you know who would be interested. You don’t have to be in SGA to volunteer.
37. Just a reminder that our first Community Relations/Fundraising Committee meeting, of the semester, will be this Thursday, February 4 at 6:00p m in Conference room E020.

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Jon Cubetus*
2. I have four committees that need students to sit on them. If you still need a committee please see me after the meeting. As you all know, you must have two committees to keep your seat on SGA.
3. The available Committees are Academic Policies, Curriculum Committee Grade Appeals and Academic Honesty.
4. I also still have several flyers for Office Hours with Marsha Marotta that need to be hung up. It’s a unit if you help and Residence Hall posters are already stamped.
5. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
6. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
7. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
8. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
9. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
10. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
11. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Haley Batchelder*
12. Programming update**: Haley Batchelder**
13. Winter Weekend was very successful, with over three hundred participants throughout the entire weekend. Thank you everyone who came, we hope you had a good time.
14. CAB will be going to the Celtics game on March 3. Tickets are $15.00 and go on sale this Friday, February 5 at 8:00am. to purchase tickets go to www.westfield.ma.edu/tickets.
15. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 3 at 5:00pm in the Owls Nest.
16. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Brandon Trafford*
17. Finance Report: **Brandon Trafford**
18. Foundation Report: **No Report**
19. SERETARY’S REPORT: Brendan McKee*/Jacob Lotter*
20. Executive Secretary Report: **Brendan McKee**
21. We have a senator of the week: This senator truly leant out a helping hand this week, out of generosity and with much enthusiasm. Unable to attend the Senator Warren discussion, this senator offered to set up the room prior to the Senator’s arrival. Though he was not needed, he still arrived after the event to assist in re-setting up the room in between class periods. His thoughtfulness was extremely appreciated. Therefore, it is my honor to announce Cam Swan is Senator of the Week.
22. Cotillion Committee is meeting again this Sunday at 7:00pm right here, and I’ll have details to share with you all regarding the Cotillion hopefully by next week.
23. Legislative Secretary Report: **Jacob Lotter**
24. We’re going to start tonight by awarding our Big Unit Award Winner. One unit was due for the month of January; I’ll be accepting them until Midnight tonight if you forgot to send them to me. In order to win the Big Unit Award and be entered in the Unit Lotto you just had t send them in by 3:30pm. However, better late than never folks. Send them if you didn’t. That being said, we had four Big Unit Award winners for February. Our winners are Rebecca Kennedy, Mark Mankus, Teresa Aloi, and Nicole Hannon. The Unit Lotto Winner is Kendall Dunbar. Congratulations.
25. There are four units due for February, and they’ll be due by 3:30pm on March 1.
26. Just a reminder that everyone who came to see Senator Warren yesterday received two units for being here, and everyone who attends Evelyn’s State of the Campus Address next week will also receive two units. Other than that, I hope everyone has a great week.
27. I want to thank Hanna Christ and Karina Sallaway for their help with the wall calendar.
28. **Tyquan Robles**: Is there any way you could put the units on the excel sheet?
29. **Jacob Lotter**: I can look into that, it’s just easier to get an email so I can visually see the units you did.
30. **Tyquan Robles**: I understand that, I just think it’d be easier so everyone can see and we can update it on one sheet.
31. **Jacob Lotter**: Alright, we can talk about it in exec.
32. **Evelyn Dina**: I think what Jacob is getting at with emails, is that we have a record of students sending in units, as the record of having an email chain is a lot more valuable if we have absence scenarios.
33. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: *Ryan Losco*

Rules and Regulations Committee: Ryan Losco

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: **Ryan Losco**
4. The Senior Class is holding its annual 100 Day’s until Commencement toast on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. There will be food, a champagne toast and lots of other surprises.
5. Shannon Cullinane: Point of Information: If you’re a senior and you’re going to the event, bring your ID. I understand most are 21, but we’re still checking IDs at the door.
6. Final plans for Senior Fest are in the works right now, so look out for more information in the upcoming weeks.
7. Our next scheduled meeting is February 8 at 7:15pm in University Hall meeting room.
8. Junior Class: No Report
9. Sophomore Class**: Maddie Creamer**
10. I hope everyone’s having a great week so far. The class of 2018 is hard at work on our Buzz Off for Cancer event. We will be holding our Kickoff party for the Buzz Off on Monday, February 22 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Owl’s Nest. People will be able to learn more about One Mission and the Buzz Off as well as sign up to buzz during this time. If you or anyone you know is interested in buzzing, Please contact myself or any Class of 2018 member.
11. Our next scheduled meeting is February 8 at 7:00pm in th SGA Room E017.
12. First Year Class: **No Report**
13. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
14. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
15. Davis Hall: **No Report**
16. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
17. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
18. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
19. New Hall**: No Report**
20. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
21. University Hall**: Mark Mankus**
22. I accept the resignation of Matt Matos as SGA Representative for University Hall.
23. I move to appoint Evan Muniz as Representative to SGA for University Hall for the remainder of the 2015-2016 academic year.
24. Our next scheduled meeting is February 4 at 6:00pm in the University Hall Lobby.
25. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

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1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Hilary Weber**, MASSPIRG: Hello everyone, my name is Hilary, I’m the head of the MASSPIRG on this campus. You guys probably saw us a bit last semester and then now with the antibiotics resistance campaign, our new target is KFC, really exciting. We’re also working to save the bees, and do to a big voter registration drive to get students registered to vote. Keep an eye out for that. Spencer is going to tell you a little bit about our new campaign to repower Massachusetts with clean energy.
4. **Spencer, MASSPIRG**: Hey guys, I’m the chapter chair of MASSPIRG. I got started with MASSPIRG through an environmental campaign, the bottle bill, you might’ve heard of it last year when we were running it. Since then, I volunteered on that and ran my own ban the bag campaign to ban plastic bags, as you might notice, all Sodexo locations on campus got rid of plastic bags and use papers bags. That was a pretty big victory for us and it goes to show how one person on campus can make a difference. Our new statewide campaign for this semester is 100% renewable energy, and our goal for that is to convince our elected officials to, within the next four years, commit to a goal of 100% renewable energy across the entire state. Although that sounds unreasonable to some, it’s definitely feasible because there are cities like Burlington, VT and Aspen, CO who have already transitioned to 100% renewable energy. We’re going to go about that by doing phone banking, a lot of collecting of signatures and petitions, and going door to door around the neighborhood. That’s our statewide lead campaign; in addition to that, we also have a voter registration campaign, which is going to be huge this year. Save the bees is pretty popular as well. Free textbooks campaign will be continuing, as well as antibiotics, which we’re working on with KFC this year. Thank you.
5. **Rebecca Kennedy**: If you signed up for Maintainer Appreciation Day, can you please see me after the meeting.
6. **Jacob Lotter**: Can I please see Taylor Saltmarsh, Connor Glynn and Evan Muniz after the meeting?
7. **Brendan McKee**: Cotillion Committee this Sunday at 7:00pm, if you’re on the committee and can’t make it, please let me know.
8. **Ivana McGlinchey**: The Pop, Lock and Drop it event is tomorrow, February 3 in Scanlon, please go there.
9. **Marissa Cremin**: Please signup to volunteer for the Blood Drive.
10. **Maddie Creamer**: Sign up for the Buzz Off.
11. **Brandon Trafford**: Finance Committee check your emails this week.
12. **Jon Cubetus**: If you don’t have two committees, I will hunt you down.
13. **Justin Connolly**: Board of Trustees report meeting is nex Thursday, February 11 in Horace Mann starting at three. Hope to see you all there, it’s a unit opportunity.
14. **Matt Carlin**: If I told you last semester you’re on the Substance Advisory Committee, can you please see me after the meeting?
15. **Ryan Losco**: Rules and Regs after the meeting, please be brief in your post meeting activities.
16. **Michael Janchuk:** 108 days until commencement.
17. ROLL CALL: Alina Bracken, Nickalena Richards, Savanna Lamas and Nate Moreau were absent. Christian Capalbo and Imani Hill were excused.
18. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.