**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**February 05, 2019**

I. ROLL CALL: Shane Stocker, Sarah Hollstien, Viktor Sbha, Melanie Voss, Daniel McElhiney, Owen Azevedo, Grace Boland, Ariana Torres were absent, and Lorenze Beltran, Richard Dalton and Mike Reid sent alternates.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 29, 2019: Minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC REMARKS: No Remarks

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Marcus DiBacco**
   1. Happy Chinese New Year! This is the year of the pig, the last year in the zodiac rotation. In mythology the pig is often seen as energetic and enthusiastic. May the work we do be this semester be equally so.
   2. As you know, today is the second installment of our meetings with the founding deans. Dr. Jennifer Hanselman is the Dean of the College of Mathematics and Science. Previously, she was a faculty member in the Biology in which she later acted as department chair. Throughout her career here, Dean Hanselman has done exceptional work in supporting the students in academics and athletics. Please welcome Dean Hanselman.
2. **Dean Jennifer Hanselman**: As we develop this college structure, and try to transition, the important thing is to reconnect with all of you because with this college structure we are all connected and bonded in some unique ways and themes, but we are not separate. I want to tell you about where this college structure is going. Westfield really values student learning both in your academic development and your professional development. when I took this position as Dean, I wanted to really take into consideration that it's the founding Dean so that I can help learn how we act as a college and how we fit into this University’s structure; and also to help build a community with students, faculty, and staff in my college and growing it. I looked at it from a financial standpoint as well, the sciences are expensive. There's research, internships, and experiential learning.
3. I worked with our faculty to develop a mission statement as well as input from students. At our first All College meeting I asked faculty to give adjectives to describe our college and took those adjectives and put them into our mission statement. That way they had input and are passionate about it. We strive for experiential education.
4. We have a student group that we try to connect with our Student Representatives on a regular basis. Civic engagement is also important to me. In the College of Mathematics and Science we have two groups, the Mass Circles group and OWLS (obsessed with learning STEM). these groups go out into the community and teach students in both of formal and informal setting. They help the teachers, provide resources for them. Some of the grant funds that we’re seeking go to outreach, not just lab resources.
5. Looking at the big picture I might interact with students directly in many cases when I sign forms, so I still have those moments to provide advice. I'd love to hear your feedback and questions. Thanks
6. **Tommy Howard**: you spoke about a meeting with the other colleges, I was just curious if there are any reforms being made to common core?
7. **Dean Hanselman**: In regards to core reform, we look at literacy, in all subjects. It is different for all majors and all subjects. We are at the beginning stages. We are faced with work to rule and have to respect the faculty contract, so I recognize that not all of them can make these meetings, but they all should still have input. So, we are getting a virtual core reform forum for faculty to discuss this. From which we will branch out to the entire campus.
8. **Thalita Neves**: How are Exploratory Major Advisors reaching out with Deans?
9. **Dean Hanselman**: How we advise students in the Exploratory Major differ. We have events for these students, to get help. We are working to change the culture to be more supportive and open. Also, at the Accepted Student Days the Exploratory Major will meet when perspective students split up into departments to get conversation and contact early.
10. **Matt Michalik**: Is the website that you mentioned open to students?
11. **Dean Hanselman**: No, it is behind the scenes, but it will be released on the college website. And we want student input, but this forum is specific for faculty.
12. **Tommy Howard**: In regards to the Website forum about the core, is it being advertised? And can students have input on this?
13. **Dean Hanselman**: There are two websites, one is open to students, and is on the website. There is also an internal website for faculty input.
14. **Matt Michalik**: Can you elaborate of where this civic engagement is being offered?
15. **Dean Hanselman**: Through clubs and honor societies. The Honor Societies do their own civic engagement and volunteering. There is a lot of emphasis from the Math Department on the pipeline, and getting K-12 involvement, so they have been working with schools for years.
    1. Thank you Dean Hanselman.
    2. I accept the resignation of Matthew Michalik as a Representative to Senate for University Hall Council.
    3. I move to appoint Matthew Michalik as the President of University Hall for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year. Motion carries.
    4. I move to appoint Joseph Newlin and Audrey Therriault as Representatives-at-Large to the SGA for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year. Motion carries.
    5. I accept the resignation of Owen Acevedo as Representative-at-Large to the SGA.
    6. Items not listed on the agenda.
16. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Cameron Swan**
    1. The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Thursday, February 7 in the Presidents Board Room in Horace Mann. The schedule for the day is as follows:

* 8:30 am – Academic and Student Affairs
* 9:30 am – Finance and Capital Assets
* 11:00 am – Advancement and Enrollment
* 12:15 pm – Audit
* 12:45 pm - Governance
* 1:00 pm – Full Board
  1. During the Finance and Capital Assets Committee meeting on Thursday, February 7, a fee increase will be discussed**. In** December, the Board was told that fees would likely go up between 2.75% and 3.75%. Total fees are scheduled to go up 3.5%. While this is better than last year’s 7% increase, I should warn you it is a similar dollar amount. This 3.5% factors in Residential Life and dining, totaling %741.00.
  2. If you are planning on running for Trustee next year it is a good idea to come to the meeting on Thursday, February 7. The first couple of meetings take some getting used to, so if you can experience it before you have a seat at the table, either in February or April, I think it will prove to be helpful. Along those same lines, if you have questions about the position feel free to ask me after the meeting on Thursday.

1. **Dave Youngerman**: Do you know why the fees are going up?
2. **Cam Swan**: Part of it is inflation, as always, the cost of Residential Life and Dining Services. But there is also an increase in fringe benefits, which are set by the state. If you are not a residential student the fee increase will be about $420 since you don’t pay for Res Life or Dining.
   1. All University Committee: **Marcus DiBacco**
3. Last week in the All University Committee we discussed the Strategic plan for Westfield State. Some of you are already aware of the strategic plan. If you recall, the plan is the five year framework for the direction in which we would like to drive the university. Incorporated in the plan is the new mission, vision, values, and goals for our school**.**
4. This plan may seem to be at the 30,000 foot level and a bit out of reach, but I assure you that everything we do in the coming years will be in an attempt to see this plan come to fruition. I have worked on the committee for several years and I fully support the work that we have done. On Friday, February 1 AUC voted on the Strategic Plan and approved it. From here it will go to the Board of Trustees and then hopefully on to the state government, thank you**.**
5. Our next scheduled meeting is on February 15 at 1:40 in the Parenzo Media Center.

B. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**

C. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**

D. Student Advisory Council: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Thomas Howard V**
   1. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
   2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **Mitchel McKittrick**
2. The Diversity/Inclusion Committee’s first event of the semester will be tomorrow, February 6. The African-American Spirituals Community Sing will take place in Dower, Room 134. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Felicia Barber, the director of choral activities at WSU. She is an expert on African-American spirituals, she will then teach the attendees to perform two traditional spirituals.
3. I highly encourage everyone to attend this event, it is expected to have a large turnout of Westfield Faculty, Students, and members of the Westfield community. It should be a great opportunity to come together as a community through music.
4. If anyone is interested in joining the Diversity/Inclusion committee, our meeting times will be Wednesdays at 7:00pm in Conference Room E003, next to Dunkin Donuts. Our first meeting will be February 13 at 7:00 pm.
5. **Tommy Howard**: Can you repeat the time of the event?
6. **Mitchell McKittrick**: It’s from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm .
   1. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
   2. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
   3. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
   4. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
   5. Veteran’s Affairs Report: **No Report**
7. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Madeleine Scott**
   1. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
   2. Curriculum Committee: **Samuel Tsongalis**
8. The Curriculum Committee last met on Friday, February 1 at 1:40 pm. there we discussed decisions that have been asked to be reconsidered after more information about the proposed courses have been provide as well as continued to make slight changes to the Movement Science Program in hopes to make the outline of the program clearer cut and understandable for students.
9. There was talk and approval for future special topic in music courses.
10. Our next scheduled meeting is February 15 at 1:40pm in the third floor conference room of the Science and Innovation Center.
11. **Tommy Howard**: Do you know what the other special topics will be in music?
12. **Sam Tsongalis**: Overall, they range from 3-6 credits, there will be more special topics in Music History, there will be Music Therapy, Music Business, Music Technical Design and Sound, and Music Technology, among others.
13. **Cam Swan**: I once heard about 100 level courses in English being counted towards minors, I was just wondering if you have heard anything about thing about that.
14. **Marcus DiBacco**: Point of information, it is still in the mill, I think it might have been held up by a few things.
15. **Sam Tsongalis**: Last semester, we talked about 100 level classes for English comp 2 to be geared toward writing about your major specifically, but that just got approval and needs to be approved by the Registrar and the President.
    1. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
    2. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
    3. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
    4. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
    5. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
16. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Thalita Neves**
    1. Finance Committee: No Report
    2. Foundation Report: **No Report**
    3. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
17. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Matthew Howe**
18. Campus Activities Board**: Matthew Howe**
19. Tonight, February 5 in the DC until 8:00pm, there will be a celebration for Chinese New Year.
20. Also tonight stop by the Owl’s Nest for Open Mic Night starting at 8:00 pm.
21. If you are looking for more musical talent, stop by the DC tomorrow, February 6 from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm for Live at Lunch. It will be the debut of Merill Shepard.
22. Then on Thursday, February 7 the DC is hosting Make Your Own Pizza from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Stop by to get saucy.
23. On Friday, February 8 there will be comedian Kiry Shabazz in the Owl’s Nest starting at 9:00 pm. He was another performer that CAB saw down in NACA and he’s someone you really don’t want to miss.
24. Finally to end the weekend there is Wreck it Ralph and Video games. This is from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm. There will be two viewings of the movie, one at 7:00 pm and another at 9:15 pm.
25. One more thing to put on your radar, next Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest, CAB will be hosting auditions for the Second Annual of Say What? Karaoke. Spread the word about it. Stop by the audition yourself or send friends our way.
26. That is all for events, CAB will be meeting right here tomorrow starting at 5:00 pm.
27. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
28. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**
29. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Elizabeth Ferrara/Courtney Smith**
    1. Executive Secretary Report: **Elizabeth Ferrara**
    2. Legislative Secretary Report: **Courtney Smith**
30. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Jacob O’Kane**
31. Rules and Regulations Committee: **Jake O’Kane**
32. So we have an amendment to the Finance bylaws to review for today. The idea behind this is we don’t want to put money towards an event that could likely negatively impact students’ grades and we want to promote academic excellence among students. So just so everyone in the room understands I can answer any questions right now and then if we choose to pass this it needs a two-thirds vote.
33. I move to accept the amendment to the Finance Bylaws as written
34. **Sam Tsongalis**: Does this mean that if one person does not meet the requirement, that all students cannot go?
35. **Jake O’Kane**: No, it only applies to that one student? I’ll change the wording.
36. **Sue LaMontange**: Has this been vetted through Academic Affairs in any way?
37. **Jake O’Kane**: No, should it have been?
38. **Sue LaMontange**: I’m just concerned that we are legislating academic progress in a way that is different from the academic rules. So, I was just wondering if the VPAA had a chance to run it by them.
39. I move to table this amendment until such a time where we can speak with the VPAA and get consensus on this amendment. Motion carries.
40. Constitutional Review Committee: **No Report**
41. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
    1. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No Report**
    2. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No Report**
    3. Advisory Committee on the CURCA**: No Report**
    4. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **No Report**
    5. Advisory Committee for Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Affirmative Action: **No Report**
42. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
43. Commuter Council: **No Report**
44. Senior Class: **No Report**
45. Junior Class**: David Youngerman**
46. I just want to update you on a few events that the Class of 2020 Council has already planned this semester.
47. Yesterday, February 4 was our first day fundraising for our event called *Send a Crush to your Crush*. For $1.00, you can send anyone on campus a Crush soda can with a note saying, “I have a CRUSH on you, cause you SODA cute”. When the recipient gets the Crush can, they can give $1.00 to find out who sent them the Crush can. For $3.00, the person who originally bought the Crush can can stay anonymous and send a personalized note. We will hold another fundraising time for tomorrow, Wednesday, February 6 all day right next to the Ely Bookstore. We may hold another time to sell these cans next Monday, February 11 at some time. The Class Council will deliver the Crush cans to all Residence Halls on Valentine’s Day, Thursday, February 14. Commuter students can participate in this too and their cans will be in the S.A.I.L office on Thursday, February 14.
48. **Matt Michalik**: If I pay $5, does the person have to pay $6?
49. **Dave Youngerman**: It’s just $1, $1, and $3.
50. On March 7, the Class of 2020 Council will be hosting an Applebee’s night from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm where 15% of the proceeds will go back to our class to plan future events leading into senior year.
51. We are also starting to plan for the annual Buzz Off event with One Mission in order to raise money for Cancer research. Starting now, the Class of 2020 will be in contact with the Class of 2022 to help put on this great event. I am challenging all of the Hall and Class Council President’s to try and raise the most amount of money and hair between now and April to give as much money to this great cause.
52. This is already a more successful semester than last, and I am excited for the rest of this Spring Semester. Thank you.
53. Our next scheduled meeting is on February 8 from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm in Conference room E020.
54. Sophomore Class: **No Report**
55. First Year Class: **No Report**
56. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
57. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
58. Davis Hall: **No Report**
59. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
60. Lammers Hall**: No Report**
61. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
62. New Hall**: No Report**
63. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
64. University Hall: **No Report**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
2. NEW BUSINESS: (requires majority vote to be opened)

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
   1. **Courtney Smith**: We have a Facebook group, so I’ll add you to that group.
   2. **Liz Ferrara**: Owl Ball tickets go on sale February 11 to the whole campus, but are on sale now to senators for half price. Owl Ball committee meets tomorrow at 5:00 pm, and food committee meets tomorrow at 4:00 pm.
   3. **Sean Manion**: Veterans and military service is having an open house Friday, February 8 starting 8:00 am and goes all day
   4. **Cam Swan**: State of the union is tonight at 9:00 pm, tune in.
   5. **Matt Howe**: Can I see all hall council presidents after the meeting.
   6. **Marcus Payne: 102** days until commencement**.**

1. ROLL CALL: Shane Stocker, Sarah Hollstien, Viktor Sbha, Melanie Voss, Daniel McElhiney, Owen Azevedo, Grace Boland, Ariana Torres were absent, and Lorenze Beltran, Richard Dalton and Mike Reid sent alternates.
2. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

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