**Student Government Association Minutes**

January 20, 2015

1. ROLL CALL: Priscilla Aguilar, Marlon Bryan, Katherine Robinson, Ashley Giglietti, Christopher Charest, Stephen Fitzgerald, Tyrel Wood, Taylor Saltmarsh, Brian DeMars were absent.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 09, 2014: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Rebecca DiVico*
4. Hello everyone. Tonight our speakers are Sue LaMontagne, Dean of Students and Dr. Carlton Pickron, Vice President of Student Affairs.
5. **Susan LaMontagne**: Hello everyone. Welcome back. It is very nice to see you all. It feels like it was a very quick break. We are back and energized for another fifteen weeks until summer or until careers start for the seniors in the room. I am in the process of finalizing all of the information from the note cards you all turned in to me last semester and I would like to share those in the next few weeks.
6. Welcome back, again. We look forward to working with you.
7. Thank you Sue LaMontagne. Next we have Dr. Pickron the Vice President of Student Affairs.
8. **Dr. Carlton Pickron**: Welcome back all. I hope you all did some exciting things this break.
9. I hope you all recharged your battery, especially the seniors who will be racing ahead to commencement. It is great to see you all.
10. If you see Kelsey Carpenter around, be sure to congratulate her. She is a senior field hockey and softball player. She has been inducted into the National Student Advisory committee for the NCAA. She was sponsored to go to an NCAA conference last week and did a phenomenal job presenting. Great work, Kelsey. She represented Westfield State very well.
11. Thank you Carlton Pickron.
12. First of all I would like to accept the resignation of Alex King as a Representative at Large, Cleston Flemming as New Hall President and Shannon Cullinane as Vice President of Programming.
13. I move to appoint Daniel Chamberlain as Vice President of Programming for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year. Motion carries.
14. A reminder that tomorrow night, January 21, at 10:00 pm is Pancakes and Bacon with the President in the Dining Commons.
15. On Tuesday February 3 the fourth annual State of the Campus Address will occur at 4:00 pm in Dever Stage. For those of you who don’t know, the State of the Campus is delivered by the SGA President about what is going on at Westfield State for the current year. I’m looking for some input on topics and I would also like some testimonies of what Westfield State means to you so, if you’re interested in that please let me k now. I’m especially looking for first year students, but anyone can be a part of it, I just need it by next week. The State of the Campus is a unit opportunity and although it is not a mandatory thing, it is very important for you all as student leaders to be there if you are able to be, along with any friends you can bring. I know I would really appreciate it.
16. Next week our speaker is Larry Johnson, who is our new Compliance Officer. He’s an awesome guy and is really excited to come down and meet SGA so please be ready with questions for him.
17. Can I see Connor Swan after the meeting? Thank you.
18. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Joshua Frank*
2. Hope you all had a fantastic break. Since we last met there was a trustees meeting on December 15.
3. At the meeting the board approved a committee charter and plan for the Board of Trustees audit subcommittee, which essentially outlines the role and duties of the subcommittee.
4. We also reviewed our first quarter financial report and independent audit report.
5. The board also approved an updated immunization documentation policy, which all the updates were required through the State.
6. We then reviewed a revised University Bomb Threat policy, which the board only asked for a few changes just to clarify reasons and the changes in the policy were suggested through various state and federal law enforcement agencies.
7. Lastly we also formed the Presidential Search Committee. Sitting on the Presidential search committee representing the Board of Trustees is Trustee Perez and I. Representing the different unions across campus is Kathi Bradford from Alumni Relations, Junior Delgado from Career Services, Ron’na Lytle Administrative Assistant in the EGST department, Margot Hennessy Chair of the EGST department, Ted Welsh from the Math Department and AUC chair, Vice President of Student Affairs Carlton Pickron, the student body representative is Evelyn Dina, and the Foundation Representative is chair Robin Jensen.
8. Since then the Presidential Search Committee has met, and our first task was to recommend a search firm for the University to work with and I am proud to announce that the search firm we picked is Diversified Search Firm to assist us throughout this process.
9. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Thursday, February 5 at 3:00 pm in the President’s Board Room.
10. **Jon Cubetus**: Was there any more discussion about the cuts in funding to internships?
11. **Joshua Frank**: The internship incentive program is a grant through the state and was cut by Deval Patrick by 50%. We had no say in it. However, the Foundation has been working hard to do fundraisers to not only match the amount lost but actually raise money for internships.
12. All University Committee**: Rebecca DiVico**
13. Last Thursday AUC met and had Linda Vaden-Goad, who is the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Framingham State, present about how Framingham’s Academic Affairs created their strategic plan. They take a unique way based on a grassroots technique. AUC was discussing if this was possible direction for Westfield to go. Also AUC will be partnering up with a President’s Office to sponsor some more town hall style meetings with Dr. Preston this semester, the next one will be in February.
14. The next scheduled meeting is January 21 at 3:00 pm in the Parenzo Board Room.
15. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
16. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Joshua Clark*
17. Hello everyone. It is great to be back for another semester of fun. I hope you all had wonderful breaks.
18. The times and dates for the Student Affairs Committees are as follows: January 30, February 27, March 27 and April 24, all at 2:00 pm. I spoke with Kim Morgan earlier to confirm the SGA Club Room as the location but I will get back to you on whether that was a success or not. If you would like to be a member of that committee, let me know.
19. Parking Control Board will be meeting January 29 at 11:00 am for its first meeting of the semester. If you would like to be a member of that committee, let me know.
20. I spoke with Interim President Preston a couple of weeks ago, and she shared with me that the Imam that I had spoken about earlier in the fall has been appointed. Rasul Seifullah will be conducting services for the Muslim population on campus on a date that is to be determined. I will be sure to update you on this as soon as information becomes available. There is a meeting on Monday, January 26 at 2:00 pm in the Interfaith Center.
21. I already spoke about the Student Affairs Committee and Parking Control Board, but there are seven other committees under my constitutional jurisdiction, so if you would like to be a member of any of these, let me know.
22. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
23. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
24. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
25. Health Committee: **No Report**
26. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
27. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
28. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
29. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Justin Connolly**
30. Our third Red Cross Blood drive will be here before you know it. I’ll start setting up advertisements and set up our volunteers for sign ups and the blood drive itself soon. It will be on Wednesday, February 11 from 1:00 – 7:00 pm in the Parenzo Gym.
31. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Olivia Dumas*
32. Welcome back everyone. So great to see your lovely faces. Obviously classes are in session now, and if you have any questions regarding the academic schedule you can find it online on the homepage.
33. I have a few announcements.
34. If you see any stay clam posters, if you wouldn’t mind taking them down and bringing them to SGA, that would be great.
35. The Advising Survey is still live, so you have one last week to get your answers in. There is going to be another email sent out. Remember you have a chance to win owl bucks. So, do the survey and get your friends to do it also.
36. If you’re having questions about committees please let me know after the meeting and I’ll help you out.
37. The last day of Add/Drop is this Monday, January 26. So make sure your schedule is set. If you’re having any problems let me k now and I can try to help you out.
38. Dr. Bonacci is back to the faculty this semester and we are in the process of looking for a new Dean of Undergraduate Studies.
39. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
40. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
41. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
42. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
43. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
44. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
45. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
46. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Daniel Chamberlain*
47. Hi everyone and welcome back, I hope you all had a great break. I’m really excited to be back and to be taking on this position. To start off we have two open positions on our CAB executive board, the Advertising Coordinator and Membership Coordinator. If you’ve been on CAB for at least one semester and you’re interested in either of these positons you can talk to me after the meeting or email me at [vpprogramming.sga@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:vpprogramming.sga@westfield.ma.edu).
48. Programming update**: Daniel Chamberlain**
49. CAB is jumping right back into the swing of things this weekend with our annual Winter Weekend full of programming.
50. Friday night a mentalist named Wayne Hoffman will be here at 9:00 pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall followed by Brown Bag Bingo at 10:00 pm
51. Saturday at 9:00 pm in Scanlon Banquet Hall we have the comedian Chloe Hillard. You may have seen Chloe on the show Last Comic Standing.
52. Sunday between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm we are bringing a synthetic ice rink to campus, that will be in the parking lot between Dickinson and Ely and ice skates will be available to use.
53. We are really excited for everything that is happening this weekend and you should all come and encourage your friends to come as well.
54. Looking a little further out, CAB will be hosting a bus trip to a Celtics game at the TD Garden on February 6. Tickets will go on sale on January 26 and they are going to be $15.00 each. I’ll have more information for you guys as the date gets closer. Good luck to everyone with your first week of classes.
55. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 21 at 5:00 pm in the Owls nest.
56. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Matthew Carlin*
57. Finance Report: **No Report**
58. Foundation Report: **No Report**
59. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Andrew Morin/Evelyn Dina*
60. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
61. Legislative Secretary Report: **Evelyn Dina**
62. Welcome back. A lot of you did not send in units for December, and just to be clear, I did not accept any that were sent in after December 19. I would double check when you sent me your units just to be sure.
63. If you would like to see your total absences as of today, I have them printed so please come up after to see me, it shouldn’t take longer than a few seconds. If any of you are even remotely questioning how many absences you currently have, I would suggest coming to see your total rather than waiting to receive a warning email once you reach three absences.
64. If you have questions about absences I can answer them during my new office hours from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
65. Another thing I wanted to clarify is that if you lose your position on SGA that means you would also lose your position on your council. For example, if you are an SGA rep for Davis Hall council and obtain four absences, not only do you no longer sit on SGA, but you no longer sit on Davis Hall council.
66. That being said, let’s remember to do our two units for January, along with committee attendance. The second half of the calendar is finished, and units will be due January 31.
67. Lastly, our big unit award winner for December was Sharlene Varghese.
68. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: *Sara Palis*

Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: **Richard Darrach**
4. I’m happy to say the 100 Days Toast is officially happening on Friday, February 6. From 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. This is an all age event for Seniors. Anyone that is 21 or older will be given one flute of champagne and everyone else will have access to sparkling cider, juice or water. There will be food, a raffle and a very special announcement at this event.
5. Senior Fest is on sale for $205.00.
6. Senior Sweatshirts are on sale for $35.00, you have the option of either a Hockey style or a ¼ zip.
7. These are on sale online through University tickets at westfield.ma.edu/tickets.
8. Our next scheduled meeting is January 23 at 4:00pm in the SGA conference room E020.
9. Junior Class: **Ryan Losco**
10. I move to appoint Katherine Bennett as Class of 2016 SGA Representative for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year. Motion carries.
11. I move to appoint Samantha Chen as Class of 2016 SGA Representative Desegnee for Nichole Premeau for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year. Motion carries.
12. Sophomore Class**: Scott Seskevich**
13. I move to appoint Andrew Manchino as Class of 2017 SGA Representative Designee for Dana Kilby for the remainder of the Academic year. Motion carries.
14. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 22 at 4:30 pm in conference room E003.
15. First Year Class: **No Report**
16. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
17. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
18. Davis Hall: **No Report**
19. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
20. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
21. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
22. New Hall**: No Report**
23. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
24. University Hall**: Danielle Coveno**
25. I accept the resignation of Lakiyah Russell as our Hall Council President**.**
26. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

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1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Sara Palis:** Rules and Regs is meeting after this.
4. **Andrew Morin:** Can I see Alex Doming and Emily McKennley after this meeting?
5. **Evelyn Dina:** Can I see Katherine Bennett, Samantha Chen and, Andrew Manchino after this meeting?
6. **Rebecca DiVico**: Can I see Connor Swan after this meeting?
7. **Courtney Keddy:** 115 days until commencement.
8. ROLL CALL: Marlon Bryan, Katherine Robinson, Ashley Giglietti, Christopher Charest, Stephen Fitzgerald, Tyrel Wood, Taylor Saltmarsh, Brian DeMars were absent.
9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.