**Student Government Association Minutes**

January 22, 2013

1. ROLL CALL: All present.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 11, 2012: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Stephanie Close*
4. Hi everyone. Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fabulous break and a great first day of class, unless you didn’t have class today, lucky you. Tonight we have Steven Duque, the CEO and founder of Momba, to talk to us a little bit and get some feedback and give us an update on the machines.
   * + 1. **Steven Duque**: Hi everyone. First of all, I just wanted to say thank you again. Thank you for all your support. Thank you for deciding to bring Momba to campus and thank you for your continued support as we push forward and continue to improve.
5. Just as a brief update since I last spoke with you all, there are now machines in Scanlon, Dickinson, and Davis Halls. And since we last talked, beyond Harvard and Westfield State University, which were the first two schools to join Momba, UMass Amherst has decided to launch a pilot, as well as WPI, and Northeastern is looking like maybe the next one.
6. We are also at a point where there’s more of a demand for machines than we think we can handle and then we want take on, because we want to really focus on getting it right, and building deeper relationships with the communities we are already in. Instead of focusing on building a larger footprint, we want to talk to students like you and get your feedback on improving the product so we’re actually serving the things you want and we’re doing things the way you want them to be done.
7. I have a few yes/no questions for you, if you can just raise your hand so I can get a sense of what you think. I also have a sign up list in the back of the room that you can sign up if you’d like to participate. We’re going to be given a small token of thanks - some money for your time, and also some pizza – just to hang out and share your thoughts and help shape the future of Momba on WSU’s campus.
8. Thank you for your feedback. If you’d like to take a deeper dive in helping shape the future of Momba on your campus, I’m hoping to take the first 15-20 that sign up on the signup sheets back there. I’ll be contacting Stephanie afterward for that. I really appreciate your help this far, it means a lot to my wife and me; we’re the two operators of the business; it’s a very small business. It’s make-or-break time for us as a startup. Thank you all!
9. Thank you Steven. Definitely do those focus groups; $15.00 and Pizza.
10. I’d like to welcome Lindsey Jakows from MASSPIRG to come up and make a few announcements about what they’re doing this semester.
11. **Lindsey Jakows**: Hey everyone. I’m excited to be at a Student Government meeting for my first time. My name is Lindsey and I’m the campus organizer here with MASSPIRG.
    1. First off, MASSPIRG is a student directed and student funded group here that works to solve real problems, so anything from the high cost of college, to global warming, to hunger and homelessness. The thing that makes MASSPIRG really effective is that students here at Westfield State vote to fund MASSPIRG through a $9.00 per student per semester waivable fee and that allows us to hire a professional staff to research solutions and train staff to run campaigns, and lobby with politicians in Beacon Hill and Washington DC full-time on our behalf. That allows us to stand up for the pubic for powerful special interests and helps us get a lot of great stuff done, for example, last summer we were able to stop the doubling of student loan interest rates which helped over 7 million students save $1000, and I know I appreciate that after starting to pay off my student loans and I’m sure it’s helped a lot of you guys as well. Another really cool thing we were able to do, last semester, was to help register 580 students to vote here at Westfield State. Last year, young people turned out in record numbers to vote, but voting is just the first step and you guys as Student Government knows it takes a lot more to take action.
    2. I’d love to tell you about our Zero Waste campaign. We’re working to get Massachusetts on the path to zero waste. We burn and bury 5.4 million tons of trash every year in Massachusetts and that’s hurtful for our public health and our environment. Over half of that waster could be eliminated or recycled. You’ve all heard the phrase “reduce, reuse, recycle” and that can be a reality, but only if you have a plan to get to zero waste. The state recently proposed more incinerators be built as a solution to that problem, but we know that this is a huge step backwards, so we’re calling on Governor Patrick to stand up for a plan, that will move towards zero waste and stop any more incinerators from being built. The waste management industry will be fighting to stop that, but we need to make sure that citizens are standing up just as strongly. To do that, we’re going to collect 5,000 comments across the state, including 500 here at Westfield State, to encourage Governor Patrick to take action. We’re going to be having some fun events like our “Governor Patrick Recycling Hero Table” where we’ll have a cardboard cutout of Governor Patrick and take photo petitions and upload them to Facebook and Twitter and tag him on it to get him to take action.
    3. We also have a ton of internship opportunities if any of you are interested in working on this for course credit full-time.
    4. Please fill out the public comment card and check off anything you’re interested in working on with us, for either internships or volunteer work, we can let you know throughout the semester. Thank you!
12. Thank you Lindsey. Now I’d Like to invite up Dr. Carlton Pickron to welcome you back and give you some cool things.
13. **Carlton Pickron**: Welcome back, all! I hope you all like your new space.
14. I’m giving you all a little lapel pin that you will start to see staff, faculty and student leaders wearing. This is the newest official Westfield State Lapel pin for you to wear at various events, and it is the only pin to have the “University” title on it. So when you go to events and get dressed up, you can wear the pin and share your Westfield State brand.
15. I hope you all had a great break. We are excited to have gone to D.C. for the Inauguration and we’re hoping to share that experience in an article in the Voice and showing photos.
16. Our hockey and basketball teams are doing well, so get out and check it out. There’s a lot of performances coming up and be sure to enjoy your Campus Center’s renovations. Get out and get involved. Thank you.
17. So I’d like to welcome you all to our beautiful new space. For those of you who saw what SGA was before last year, you know how black and white this is. For those who are new here, just trust me, this entire space is amazing. That corner was the old bookstore when I started here so it’s come a long way. If you didn’t notice, there’s a mural up here on the wall, for which I’d like to thank the Executive Board for spending about seven hours painting it. I’d especially like to thank Rebecca DiVico for sketching the design up on the wall, and I’d like to thank Lexi Wagner for helping her with that. It really helps to have an art major on the Executive Board.
18. I move to appoint Stan Costa as Representative at Large for the remainder of the 2012-2013 Academic Year. Motion passed.
19. I move to appoint Luiz Arzola as the Commuter Council President for the remainder of the 2012-2013 Academic year. Motion passed.
20. I apologize but we’re going to be switching the seats around while we finalize positions. We don’t currently have a Courtney Hall council so let your friends know about that opening. Just bare with us while we rearrange seating throughout the next few weeks.
21. We have an opening for the position of Community Relations and Fundraising because Tori Landry is in Florida for the Disney Program. So if you or anyone you know is interested din applying, please just see me, and I will be sending an email to all students in the coming week.
22. If there are people in your hall council that have left or transferred, please see me and let me know.
23. A reminder that the State of the Campus Address and the rededication of this room to Peter D. Mazza is two weeks from today. The Campus Address is at 4:00 pm in Dever Stage, and the rededication is at 5:00 pm in this room. It will be a dress code meeting, and it will mainly be focused on the rededication and I’m working out the details on the program, so I will have that for you next week.
24. Our next scheduled meeting is January 29th at 5:30 pm.
25. Items not listed on Agenda.
26. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Stone Koury*
27. My office has been very busy since we last met but I will be spreading out the reports over the next few weeks.
28. The Board of Trustees met December 13th, with a handful of action items on the agenda. I’ll quickly brief you on them.
    * + 1. Dr. Stephanie Kelly, Dr. William Lopes, Dr. Jane Nagle, and Dr. Donald Treadwell were all granted the designation of Professor Emeritus.
        2. Four Honorary degrees were approved, and I believe these four individuals will be honored at the Horace Mann Awards for Public Service. They are all community members who have made a substantial impact in the community.
        3. The Board reviewed and continues to review and approve Academic policies that are already current practice, they all passed, ad because they have been in place already I will not go over them.
        4. The Board Approved two new vans for facilities as well, which in exciting.
        5. Finally, We have a new VP of Administration and Finance Milton Santiago. He has worked at a number of similar schools in New York as well as Bunker Hill Community College, so he understands the environment of a school like Westfield State University and has experience within Massachusetts. I assume we will be greeted by him at some point during the semester.
        6. At the Board meeting we will finally be taking action on the drug policy as well as other items that effect students in a greater way, I will bring those to you as they are brought to me.
29. Like I said expect a lengthy Student Advisory Council report next week, as well as some updates on the Vision Project.
30. Can The Reps at large meet me and Rebecca DiVico in the new conference room after the meeting?
31. All University Committee: **No Report**
32. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
33. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Taylor Fote*
34. I hope you all love the new room. You, seniors, all should have received a note card at home about the room reservation deposit. Also you received this under your doors today. For the Freshmen this is a deposit to save your space for a room on campus. If you miss the March 1st deadline your life will be tough.
35. I need one student for the Parking Appeals Board. The time has changed so if the two students who are already on, can’t make it, please let me know. It is very important for students to be on this. So if you’re able to make this please, sing up. Then see me after the meeting.
36. Health Committee: **No Report**
37. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
38. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
39. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
40. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Rebecca DiVico*
2. I just want to put a date out for you guys to consider. On Wednesday, February 13th in Scanlon Banquet Hall, George MaCaffe of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities to speak about the changes happening in higher education. Academic Affairs really wants to have senators be at this meeting. It will be a unit opportunity for February. I’ll have more information in the coming weeks.
3. I want to thank the Executive Board for spending their time yesterday, Monday January 21st, painting the mural, and especially Lexi Wagner for helping me get it organized. I really hope everyone likes it.
4. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
5. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
6. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
7. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
8. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
9. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
10. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
11. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Michelle Hanney*
12. Programming update: Michelle Hanney
13. I hope everyone had a great break and are ready to start a new semester. As many of you may have seen or heard CAB has been working hard to plan Winter Weekend 2013 and we have quite the list of events for this upcoming weekend.
14. Thursday, January 24th at 8:00 pm in The Nest we will be having a mind reader, Alain Nu who is Amazing.
15. Then on Friday, January 25th from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am over in the Scanlon Banquet Hall CAB will be running GloCrazy: College Project. For this event you do not need to buy a ticket you will just get a stamp at the door and if you leave the event and then want to come back in you will have to get back into line instead of just walking right in. Also, students are allowed to have a non-Westfield State University student attend and admission is free for everyone you just need to show your WSU ID. Also there will be no entry or exit through the Scanlon lobby entrance; you must go through the DC side entrance even if you live in Scanlon.
16. Saturday, January 26th we have a hilarious comedian that CAB has been dying to get, we saw him at NACA and loved him, his name is Marc LaMotte and he will be in The Nest at 10:00 pm and then Brown Bag bingo will end the night starting at 11:00 pm in The Nest.
17. Finally on Sunday, January 27th CAB has rented Amelia Park Ice Rink for 50 minutes of free public skating. All you need is $2.00 for skate rentals and we will be providing transportation to and from the rink starting at 2:30 outside Scanlon a school bus will be doing loops back and forth.
18. Then to finish the weekend CAB is co-sponsoring with Student Activities and offering free food during the showing of the movie “Fun Size” at 8:00 pm in The Nest.
19. We have also provided Door hangers and Cups with the events listed on them. They are in the CAB office.
20. That’s all I have, I hope to see you at all the events CAB has worked hard planning this weekend. Have a great week.
21. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Joshua Frank*
22. Thursday, January 24th there will be an open house in the New Club room, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Club Presidents and Advisors will be able to reserve the room for meetings and sign out locker space. Also students will be able to join a club during the open house. Refreshments will be provided.
23. If you are a Junior and looking for a committee to join please see me after the meeting.
24. Finance Report: **No Report**
25. Foundation Report**: No Report**
26. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Alexis Wagner*/*Sarah Hegarty*
27. Executive Secretary Report: No Report
28. Legislative Secretary Report: Sarah Hegarty
    1. We are going to do a quick lotto for December. Congratulations to Jessica Weaver, you can see Barbara Hand for your gift card.
    2. There will be one unit due for January, by the 31st, please send an email to leg.sec@westfield.ma.edu.
29. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: Isaac Matson
30. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
31. Commuter Council: **Luis Arzola**
32. We have a new office. We are sharing it with MASSPIRG.
33. The Commuter Council is working on recruitment to fill a cabinet we are looking for a Vice-President, a treasurer and a secretary so please talk to your friends we will be holding interviews for these positions.
34. We are going to have petitions at the Commuter Table on February 13th for the getting bus passes and college hours that the buses run.
35. The Commuter luncheons are scheduled for the following dates, February 2nd, February 20th, March 6th, March 20th, April 3rd and April 17th they will be held in the Tekoa room.
36. On May 10th there will be a Picnic/Party for commuters, more details to follow.
37. Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, January 23rd at 1:30 in the SGA room in Ely.
38. Senior Class: **Brandon Burr**
    1. So we are doing really well on sweatshirt sales and just a reminder the deadline is January 31st to order one.
    2. Also our Senior Fest packets are on sale we have sold a handful so far and want to continue the sales. If you have questions don’t hesitate to ask.
39. Junior Class: **Brittany Moniz**
    * + 1. The Class of 2014 will continue selling raffle tickets for the President’s Parking Space. We will be drawing the February winner next week.
        2. Within two weeks, council members will be collecting donations in the residence halls and academic buildings to support Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. On that note, if I could see the Class presidents after the meeting?
        3. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 24th at 4:00 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
40. Sophomore Class: **Richard Darrach**
    * + 1. Dancing with the stars is on March 1st. Our clothing drive was a success. Over ten full sized trash bags of clothes were donated.
        2. Our next scheduled meeting is January 22, at 4:30pm in the SGA Conference room.
41. Freshman Class: **No Report**
42. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
43. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
44. Davis Hall: **No Report**
45. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
46. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
47. Lansdowne Hall: **Allyson McElhiney**
    * + 1. RHA and Lansdowne Council are working together to host a retreat on Sunday January 27th. Shuttles to and from will begin running at 3:00 pm. Activities are to be announce.
        2. On Thursday January 31st there will be a grilled cheese event; sponsored by RHA the time will be announced.
        3. We are still looking for two representatives to Senate.
        4. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 23rd at 9:00 pm in the Lansdowne Lounge.
48. New Hall: **No Report**
49. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
50. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**
51. NEW BUSINESS:
52. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
53. **Stone Koury**: Can I see the Representatives at Large in the back room after the meeting.
54. **Taylor Fote**: Can I have the Sheet that was passed around back, please? And can I see Larry Rodkey really quickly?
55. **Stephanie Close**: You’ll all have name tags next week and seats might move again, sorry, we’re still trying to get used to the new space and we’re trying to make everything work and make sure you have enough space.
56. **Barbara Hand**: There’s cookie and hot chocolate in the back.
57. **Brandon Burr**: 115 days until commencement.
58. ROLL CALL: All present
59. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.