**Student Government Association Minutes**

January 24, 2017

1. ROLL CALL: Sarah Kennedy, Daisha Serrano, Kathryn Wickline, Alyssah Delgado, Samantha Simpson, Algenis Joaquin Ortiz, Mackenzie Gagnon, Allison Terkelsen, and Mario Richards were absent. Connor Kennedy, Victoria Lind, Shayna Arnott, Brandon Donahue, and Andrew Tierno were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 6, 2016: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: ***Matthew Carlin: report given by Jacob Lotter***
2. **Jacob Lotter**: I hope you all had a great break. I’d like to welcome Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Carlton Pickron.
3. **Dr. Carlton Pickron**: Welcome back. Good to see you all back and hopefully everyone is charged up and ready to go and the front row is ready to race to May 20! I have a challenge for our Student Government Association. Here’s the challenge: the challenge is each of you must by May 12, stop in and see me in my office, in E208. Stop by and say hello so we can get to know folks more than just the rapid fire of names; those of you who do stop by a bit more often, but stop in a say what’s happening. It’s going to be a phenomenal spring semester. Lot of energy, a lot to go on, a lot happening.
4. I need you to be our extra eyes and ears for myself, for all of the seniors, and all of us that worked hard to raise over $10,000.00 to make sure our lovely globe stays lovely. Even when the Patriots win and especially if they come up short, but make sure you be our extra eyes and ears. Is that ok? Yes. Thank you!
5. I accept the resignation of Brendan McKee as Vice President of Student Life.
6. I move to appoint Brendan McKee as the SGA President for the remainder of the 2017-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
7. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** ***Brandon Trafford***
2. All University Committee**: No Report**
3. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**: *Brendan McKee***
2. I want to preface my report by saying how much of a privilege it is for me to stand before all of you as President of SGA. Thank you all for providing me with this opportunity, I truly appreciate it and will serve to the best of my ability.
3. I accept the resignation of Jake Sullivan as Courtney Hall Representative to Senate.
4. I accept the resignation of Michaella Trethaway as New Hall President.
5. I accept the resignation of Earl Turnbull and Gabe Cullinane as New Hall Representatives to Senate.
6. I accept the resignation of Ryann Jerome and Shadique Walker as Dickinson Hall Representative to Senate.
7. I move to appoint Jon Coulombe as designee for Jon Kellend for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
8. I move to appoint Andrew Manchino as designee for Sandra Mercer for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
9. I move to appoint Devorah Lipschitz as President of Dickinson Hall for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
10. I move to appoint Delaney Gembis as SAC representative to senate for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
11. I move to appoint Geoffrey Gichunhi as Veterans Services representative to senate for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
12. There is a vacancy on the Rules and Regulations Committee for both the Class of 2017 and the Class of 2018 that needs to be filled today.
13. We are now accepting nominations for the Class of 2017 for appointment to the Rules and Regulations Committee.
14. I move to appoint Allison Bancroft as the Class of 2017 Representative to the Rules and Regulations Committee for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
15. We are now accepting nominations for the Class of 2018 for appointment to the Rules and Regulations Committee.
16. I move to appoint Tyler Cameron as the Class of 2018 Representative to the Rules and Regulations Committee for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
17. With the appointment to presidency, there is now a vacancy in the position of Vice President of Student Life. This appointment process will go as follows:
18. The minutes will have to be approved next week, January 31, at the SGA meeting, thus officially opening the position of Vice President of Student Life. There will be an email sent out to all of campus on Wednesday, February 1, to garner interest in vacant position, with the deadline being Friday, February 3.
19. The interview board will consist of me, the other vice presidents on the Executive Board, and Class Council Presidents. Once the interviews are complete, a decision will be made and the selected candidate will be appointed at the SGA meeting on February 7. If there are any questions about the process whatsoever, please see me after the meeting.
20. Student forums for the Vice President of Enrollment Management finalists will be taking place next week in the SGA room at the following times: Monday, January 30 at 4:30pm, Wednesday, February 1 at 4:30pm and Friday, February 3 at 9:00am. They will be 45 minutes long. To clarify, the position of Vice President of Enrollment Management is a very analytically driven position that focuses a lot on recruitment, marketing, retention and financial aid. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and to see what each finalist has to offer to campus. Each forum will be a unit opportunity, so I hope to see a great turnout.
21. Last semester we had Tom Raffensperger, Dean of Academic Information Services and Library Director, come to speak about printing on campus and the change to limit the amount of paper waste that the university creates. Quoting an email sent from Nicholas Wojtowicz, Associate Director of Academic Technology Services, “Starting this semester, Spring 2017, the University will implement a print quota system for students. Students will be provided with 200 sheets of printing (2 sides per sheet) per semester, and beyond that would pay five cents per sheet. At current printing levels, this would only affect the top 20% of paper users. In other words, 80% of you will not reach the 200 sheet limit”. This 200 page limit equates to $10.00 worth of paper for printing, so every time a student goes over, they will be charged five cents per sheet on their Owl Bucks’ Again, if there are any questions regarding this matter, please see me after the meeting.
22. I spoke during election season regarding the potential authorization of recreational marijuana usage and its effect on campus. To reiterate, despite the fact that this law passed, it does not change University policy. Universities must still comply with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, which prohibits use or possession of marijuana on campus grounds. No person may consume or possess marijuana in any amount on the Westfield State University campus. Violations will follow suit with the current Alcohol and Other Drug Policy.
23. President Torrechilha will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, January 31 from 10:00am until 11:30am in Dever Stage in Parenzo hall. This will also be a unit opportunity, as well as another great opportunity to ask questions and have your voice be heard. I hope to see you all there.
24. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
25. Diversity/Inclusion Committee**: No Report**
26. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
27. Health Committee: **No Report**
28. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
29. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
30. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
31. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Marissa Cremin**
32. Our third Red Cross blood drive of the year is two weeks from tomorrow, Wednesday, February 8 from 1:00pm until 7:00pm in the Parenzo Gym. I’m passing around the sheet for volunteers. I will post the link to google doc sign ups in the Facebook group later tonight.

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: ***Jacob Lotter***
2. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
3. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
4. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
5. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
6. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
7. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
8. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: ***Madeline Dexter***
9. Programming update**: Madeline Dexter**
10. Rebecca Kennedy put together a wonderful weekly calendar of events, every week, for the Westfield Voice. I am going to start making copies for our Tuesday meeting and leaving them with the rest of the information on the desk.
11. Campus Activities Board is hosting our Winter Weekend.
12. Events start on Friday, January 27 and include Ice Skating at Amelia Park from 9:00pm – 11:00pm. A bus will be available on a constant loop from the front of Scanlon to the rink. Rental skates are $3.00 and we will be playing some fire music. Last year we did a few of these rink nights and it is not only super fun, but a great way to work in partnership with a local business.
13. On Saturday night, January 28 we have a wonderful mind reader coming at 9:00pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. His name is Eric Dittelman and he was a winner of America’s got talent in 2012. Following his performance, we will be hosting our first Bingo of the semester. We are continuing with the idea of “bring extra dollar, get an extra card” in order to donate to Relay for Life. This bingo has a little bit of a twist because the prizes are only going to be in the form of Owl Bucks’ When a winner yells Bingo, they will come up to the table an pick their prize out of a bowl. The final round is a $99.00 dollar Owl Bucks prize. We all could definitely use that for Dunks this semester, so please come out and encourage your friends as well.
14. On Sunday, January 29, we have an escape room in Scanlon Banquet Hall from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. A group of six can come to compete against the room, solving puzzles and using strategy to get to the other side before your opponents.
15. Student Activities has funding available to recognized SGA clubs and organizations. These funds can be used to support campus wide programs. Please contact Matt Dellea for the form/application or if you have any questions.
16. CAB’s next scheduled meeting is January 25, at 5:00pm in the SGA room E017. This does count as a committee for all the new SGA members in the crowd, plus it is a lot of fun so please consider joining.
17. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: ***Marcus DiBacco***
18. Finance Report: **Marcus DiBacco**
19. I am pleased to announce that after receiving the money from Lifetime Owls, ticket sales, and the student activities fees we now have a club budget of around $15,000.00, this number is $4,000.00 more than my original estimates had anticipated.
20. I am looking for two seniors to join Finance Committee. If any senior is interested, please let me know after the meeting.
21. There is no scheduled meeting for this week as of now.
22. Foundation Report: **No Report**
23. SERETARY’S REPORT: ***Karina Sallaway/Rebecca Kennedy***
24. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
25. Legislative Secretary Report: **No Report**

1. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: ***Andrew Manchino***

Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: Andrew Morin
4. I move to appoint Teresa Aloi as Representative to SGA for the Class of 2017, as Designee for Jon Cubetus for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
5. Mr. Westfield is moving right along. The contestants as well as our class council and the sophomore class council will be kicking fundraising into high gear over the next several weeks, so please look out for us. Our goal is to raise $15,000.00 and grant two wishes this year. The Mr. Westfield program has collectively risen over $37,000.00 for Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, so please consider donating and help us grant some wishes. As a reminder, the show is on Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 pm at Dever Stage.
6. The 100 Days until Commencement Celebration is Thursday, February 9 at 7:00pm in Scanlon Banquet Hall. This will be a catered event with appetizers and light refreshments served. All seniors are invited to come and celebrate our countdown to commencement. In addition to the normal raffles that take place at this event, I am happy to share some new content as well. We will be featuring a Senior Bucket List Slideshow, which will include pictures from our college experience as well as 100 things to do before you graduate. We are inviting all seniors to submit pictures as well as bucket lists to [wsu2017seniorbucketlist@gmail.com](mailto:wsu2017seniorbucketlist@gmail.com). The deadline for submissions is next Monday, January 30. In addition to our slideshow, we will be having guests from Financial Aid, Alumni Relations, the Counseling Center and the Career Center available to ask about life after Westfield State. We will also be announcing our winning design for our senior sweatshirt at this event. There is still time to submit a design, with the deadline also being next Monday, January 30. The winner receives a free sweatshirt and again, this will be announced at the 100 Days Toast.
7. On Monday, May 8 from 7:00pm until 10:00pm the Senior Class Council will be hosting a paint and sip event, where you will be able to decorate your cap. There will be light refreshments available as well as a cash bar. You must present a valid 21+ ID to enter, and you must be a senior with your cap, ready to decorate. There will be some decorative supplies available, while they last, so I suggest bringing some of your own supplies as well.
8. We are working out the details of a couple final senior fest events, and there will be more details to come on those.
9. We are happy to announce that the Massachusetts Attorney General, Maura Healy, will be our guest speaker at Commencement on May 20.
10. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 30 at 6:00 pm in the SGA Club Room E021.
11. Junior Class: **Sharleen Varghese**
12. As many of you know, our Class President, Maddie Creamer is studing abroud in Florence, Italy this semester.
13. I move to appoint Alexis Finn as a permanent designee for the Class of 2018 president for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion carries.
14. We have four vacant positions in our Class Council, an email has been sent out, and we will be conducting interviews in the coming weeks to fill those positions.
15. Sophomore Class**: No Report**
16. First Year Class: **No Report**
17. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
18. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
19. Davis Hall: **No Report**
20. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
21. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
22. Lansdowne Hall**: No Report**
23. New Hall**: No Report**
24. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
25. University Hall**: No Report**
26. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Kane Sheek from Masspirg**: Hey everyone, I’m the new Masspirg organizer for Westfield. We are an advocacy group, as many of you know we are funded through a $9 student waivable fee that you guys can see on your tuition bill. With all that money we pool it together throughout the state, with all the other chapters in the state and we hire professionals like organizers like myself and lobbyists and lawyers in Washington D.C. and Boston. I wanted to give you a little bit of an update of what we’ll be doing this semester and what our lobbyists are doing as we speak. For a state update a bill filing happened at the state house yesterday. Many environmental bills, including a few that we are excited about, including increasing clean renewable energy throughout the state and restricting the use of dangerous pesticides that are responsible for the killing of bees. Our advocate is also supporting consumer bills that would allow people to more easily check their credit scores. On the state campus level we are trying to get Westfield State and all of our other state campuses to commit to 100% renewable energy by the year 2050 and get off of their electricity, dirty energy by 2030. We’re also doing a campaign to reduce the price of textbooks. I’m sure most of you have pretty expensive textbooks out there, we are trying to get a switch to open source textbooks, which are free online databases and really the only cost would be the cost of the paper that you print them on. But our biggest priority this week and following weeks is recruitment. You’ll see me and a couple other students around, probably in your classes and getting people involved in our campaigns. We need a lot of people power to run successful campaigns. If anyone is interested in teaming up with us or volunteering or helping out, we offer 4 credit course internships as well. Just let me know. Again my name is Kane Sheek, if you guys ever need me I’ll be here every week so thank you for letting me speak.
4. **Jacob Lotter**: Rep at Large Committee meeting tomorrow at 4:30pm in the conference room next to Dunkin Donuts E003.
5. **Maddie Dexter**: Can I please see Jillian Tardy after the meeting.
6. **Andrew Manchino**: Just for everybody who is new to SGA, just a couple of house keeping things. When somebody is walking up to the podium please clap for them. Also, please do not be on your phone during the meeting because I am going to have to start calling people out. I saw it a lot tonight and that’s very inappropriate of SGA. Rules and Regs after the meeting.
7. **Karina Sallaway**: I need someone else from the Class of 2019 to be on Cotillion Committee. If you are interested please see me after the meeting.
8. **Jasmine Bobbitt:** 116 Days until Commencement**.**
9. ROLL CALL: ROLL CALL: Sarah Kennedy, Daisha Serrano, Kathryn Wickline, Alyssah Delgado, Samantha Simpson, Algenis Joaquin Ortiz, Mackenzie Gagnon, Allison Terkelsen, and Mario Richards were absent. Connor Kennedy, Victoria Lind, Shayna Arnott, Brandon Donahue, and Andrew Tierno were excused
10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.