**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**January 30, 2018**

1. ROLL CALL: Marisa Russo, Marcus Payne, Mika Lapre, Saltanat Aldabayeva, Hanna Christ, Jake O’Kane, and Benjamin Conlon were absent and Will Sondrini sent an alternate.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: January 23, 2018
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Brendan McKee**
4. We have one speaker tonight. Here to speak about Dining Services and plans for the Spring semester, please welcome Director of Dining Services Andrew Mankus.
5. **Andrew Mankus**: Thank you all. I just wanted to thank you all for being a part of this continuous change within the dining program. It’s not easy and it takes time, but I really appreciate the support I’ve received in this room to try to make this the best dining program possible.
6. I really want to discuss with you all the process that we are going through in redesigning the meal plans. From September 2017 through right now has been a meal plan review process. Our meal plans are very chaotic in structure, there’s not many institutions our there that have block meal plans like we do right now. Our objective is to review the current meal plan offerings and determine if there are any changes that need to be made. If changes need to be made to the current plan structure, determine what drives the Westfield community in making their dining plan decisions. Based on all determining factors, redesigned plans will be presented to a student based focus group and finalized for implementing in Fiscal Year 19. Some of our goals are that, we want to increase participation rate, we’re looking to increase our customer satisfaction, we want to create a more defining gap in plan pricing, and we want to increase overall access and utilization rate within Dining Services’ self-operating models.
7. The meal plan review process will affect first, second, and third year students who are currently attending the university and who have a meal plan. So if these changes were to occur, students would need to be made informed of what changes are going to be occurring, how we came to these changes, and how it’s going to affect their decisions moving forward.
8. The new meal plans are as follows:

* Unlimited

1. Unlimited swipes in the DC and Grab N Go/$250 Dining Dollars/15 Guest Swipes.
2. Plus parents eat for free.

* DC Basic

1. Two Hundred twenty four meal swipes in the DC and Grab N Go per semester/$150 Dining Dollars/9 Guest Swipes.
2. Plus parents eat free.

* On the Go which is available for Commuters and Apartment residents only.

1. Fifty DC meals per semester/$400 Dining Dollars.
2. Plus parents eat free.
3. **Marisa Russo**: I just have a question about the on the go plan. So say if someone did have that plan and did bring a guest in, would they use their dining dollars or would the guest have to pay?
4. **Andrew Mankus**: They can use their dining dollars or they can use a swipe.
5. **Brendan Brosnihan**: What do you do with the food that’s not being eaten each night or how much food would you say is thrown out each night?
6. **Andrew Mankus**: I don’t have too much data on that however we did install a Lean Path machine that tracks what we are throwing out right now. I’d like to minimize food waste as much as possible, you can’t completely get rid of it there’s always going to be something, however I think with the tools we just installed in our kitchen there’s going to be minimal waste now. Since we are mostly from scratch kitchen we try to reuse and repurpose as much as humanely possible, but some stuff just cannot be saved.
7. **Maddie Creamer**: Can you give us an estimate about how much each plan would cost?
8. **Andrew Mankus**: Because they’re new plans it’s hard to look at them from a point of where the old plans were. I also don’t have the pricings of the current plans on me.
9. **Maddie Dexter**: Can I just have some clarification on the guest swipes. I was just curious if those were for people who don’t go to WSU at all or for friends who don’t have meal plans.
10. **Andrew Mankus**: A guest swipe is anyone that you would bring minus family.
11. **Brian Pimentel**: With the newly designed meal plans is the Grab N Go still going to have a two swipe limit per day?
12. **Andrew Mankus**: Two swipe limit at a time, just like how it is now.
13. **Maddy Scott**: Just a little bit of input or a recommendation on pricing for these new meal plans. If I’m deciding between meal plans I would definitely look at something that’s a $500 difference. I went from a 19 meal plan to a five meal plan this semester because that’s $2,000 I can cut off my bill and that was a worthwhile chunk for me so the bigger the better.
14. Thank you Andrew. Our speaker next week will be Courtney Hall RD Nick Cream, who will be giving senate a Microaggression/Diversity training.
15. I accept the resignation of Mike Lapre as Diversity/Inclusion Representative to SGA, Victoria Lind as Class of 2020 Representative to SGA and Brendan Brosnihan as Lansdowne Place Representative to SGA.
16. I move to appoint Victoria Lind as Legislative Secretary for the remainder of the 2017-2018 academic year. Motion carries.
17. I move to appoint Brendan Brosnihan as Lansdowne Place president for the remainder of the 2017-2018 academic year. Motion carries.
18. I move to appoint Kaytlyn Mekal as Lammers Hall President for the remainder of the 2017-2018 academic year. Motion carries.
19. You all should have received an email from me last night with information on the reaffirmation vote that MassPIRG has biannually. I know it probably came across as confusing, so I’ll happily take any questions at the end of my report to clear up any confusion.
20. Our initial objective for the reaffirmation is to decide whether we make the decision as senators in SGA or if we place the decision on the SGA election ballot for WSU students to decide. We will be making this decision next week, which is why I wanted to provide information and an opportunity for questions in a timely manner. Kane Sheek from MassPIRG will be down next week, potentially, with other members to discuss their beliefs as to why the reaffirmation vote should be on the campus-wide ballot.
21. After this discussion, a motion will be made to move the reaffirmation vote to the election ballot. If the motion passes, discussion within SGA ends and the vote is in the hands of all Westfield Students. However, if the motion fails, then this topic will be brought up again in a few weeks, with another decision being made as to whether MassPIRG’s $9.00 fee on the student bill will remain as an opt out fee.
22. Items not listed on Agenda:

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Cameron Swan**
   1. All University Committee**: No Report**
   2. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**
   3. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
   4. Student Advisory Council**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Arielyss Santiago**
   1. Student Affairs Committee**: Arielyss Santiago**
      1. Just wanted to remind you all that the Student Affairs committee is still looking for students, please let me know if you have an interest.
      2. The Parking Appeals committee is looking for one student. Their meeting time is still being determined with that being said, if you do not have a committee and are in need of one, please see myself after the meeting.
      3. Our next scheduled meeting is February 9 at 2:30 pm in the SGA conference room E020.
   2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **No Report**
   3. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
   4. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
   5. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **Delaney Gembis**
2. On Tuesday, January 30 the Men’s Ice Hockey team will be playing Framingham State at Amelia Park at 7:35pm.
3. On Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3 the Men’s and Women’s Track will compete in the NEICAAA Championships and Wesleyan Invitational.
4. On Saturday February 3 the Women’s Swim team has Little East Matchup at 11:00 am. The Women’s Basketball will be playing at Bridgewater State at 1:00pm and the Men’s Basketball team will also be playing at Bridgewater State at 3:00pm.
   1. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
   2. Veteran’s Affairs Report: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Jacob Lotter**
   1. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
   2. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
   3. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
   4. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
   5. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
   6. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
   7. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
2. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Marcus DiBacco**
3. Finance Report: **No Report**
4. Foundation Report: **No Report**
5. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Madeline Dexter**
7. Winter Weekend went very well! I saw some senators there and it was nice to have you there.
8. Student Activities has been sending out emails called “Week at a Glance”. These will inform you on the programs going on during this week at Westfield State.
9. One event I would like to highlight is Say What? Karaoke auditions. CAB has been working really hard to organize this program. Matt Schuler, who has the fastest four chair turn in the voice history, is our host along with an amazing karaoke DJ to spin the tracks. I hope to see some of you at auditions!
10. Finally, the Owl Bash Committee is working hard to plan our big spring weekend event schedule. The structure this year is going to be different than last year. Commuter Council, Diversity and Inclusion, Student Activities, Campus Activities Board, and RHA will be holding events throughout the weekend in order to make a fun, memorable time. The theme this year will be Viva Las Westfield. CAB will be talking about potential event ideas for this weekend tomorrow, January 31 at our meeting, 5:00pm, right here in SGA.
11. Campus Activities Board: **No Report**
12. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
13. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: **No Report**
14. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Karina Sallaway/Victoria Lind**
15. Executive Secretary Report: **Karina Sallaway**
16. Tickets for Owl Ball are on sale for senators right now until Friday, February 2. Please remember to buy yours. I don’t want any of you to have to pay the full price of $34.00.
17. Tickets for the rest of campus go on sale Monday, February 5 and will stay on sale until March 9. The Owl Ball Committee will have posters up soon. We’re working on the menu right now and the glassware gift so as soon as I know what that will be, I’ll let you all know.
18. Legislative Secretary Report: **No Report**
19. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Tyler Cameron**
20. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
21. Constitutional Review Committee**: No Report**

1. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
2. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No Report**
3. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No Report**
4. Advisory Committee on the CURCA: **No Report**
5. Advisory Committee on Budget and Planning**: No Report**
6. College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Search: **No Report**
7. College of Mathematics and Science Search Committee: **No Report**
8. College of Education Health and Human Services Search**: No Report**
9. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
10. Commuter Council: **No Report**
11. Senior Class: **Maddie Creamer**
12. I have a few updates from the Senior Class.
13. This morning Westfield State University announced the Class of 2018 Commencement speaker, Doug Meehan. Doug Meehan, is a Westfield State Alumnus form the Class of 1988, who is a broadcast journalist for WCVB News Center 5 in Boston. Mr. Meehan grew up in West Yarmouth, MA and received his Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications with a concentrated study in broadcasting. Since graduating from Westfield State, he has had a very successful career in broadcasting, working in multiple cities including Dallas, Tampa, Austin, Hartford and Providence. The senior class council is excited for Doug to share his stories and experiences with us on May 19 at Westfield State’s 179 Commencement ceremony.
14. As for Senior Class events, our Mohegan Sun Overnight trip scheduled for April 13 and 14 will go on sale this Thursday, February 1. The trip costs $70.00 and includes lodging at the Microtel Inn and Suites and transportation to the hotel and casino.
15. Our Sam Adams Brewery trip is scheduled for February 24 and will be on sale with the next week for senor’s to purchase.
16. Senior class sweatshirts will be on sale until next Monday, February 5. The hockey style sweatshirts cost $40.00 and the quarter zip style cost $25.00. Both sweatshirts are the same design and have student’s names on the sleeve. Please tell your friends.
17. Our next scheduled meeting is February 2 at 4:00pm in Ely conference room E20.
18. Junior Class: **No Report**
19. Sophomore Class: **No Report**
20. First Year Class: **No Report**
21. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
22. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
23. Davis Hall: **No Report**
24. Dickinson Hall: **Mitchell McKittrick**
25. The Dickinson Hall Council’s Winter Extravaganza was very successful with almost 20 people in attendance. Our first event of the semester will be a Super Bowl party being held in the Dickinson Hall Common Room, we will have free pizza and wings and other snacks, and we are expecting a high attendance. Also at the Winter Extravaganza we collected suggesting for future events, and one of the suggestions we are considering for the future is a Spa Day event.
26. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
27. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
28. New Hall: **No Report**
29. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
30. University Hall: **No Report**
31. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
32. NEW BUSINESS:
33. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
34. **Arielyss Santiago**: Pancakes with the President is today at 10:00pm in the Dining Commons.
35. **Madeline Dexter**: May I please see all Hall Council presidents after the meeting?
36. **Marcus DiBacco**: May I see all Finance Committee members and Marisa Russo after the meeting?
37. **Carlton Pickron**: Can I see Maddie Creamer after?
38. **Shayna Arnott**: Hi you all have these flyers at your seats. Please join Food Committee. All of you need at least two committees to be on senate and this committee counts as one. We meet Tuesdays at 4:00pm before SGA in the Tekoa Room and then when we are done we all eat for free in the DC.
39. **John Coulombe**: CAB is hosting Trivia tomorrow at 8:00pm in the Owl’s Nest and it’s music themed
40. **Marissa Cremin**: 116 days until Commencement.
41. ROLL CALL: Marcus Payne, Saltanat Aldabayeva, Hanna Christ, Jake O’Kane, and Benjamin Conlon were absent and Will Sondrini sent an alternate.
42. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm

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