**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**March 06, 2018**

1. ROLL CALL: Marcus Payne, Saltanat Aldabayeva, Tyler Cameron, were absent and Joseph Newlin sent an alternate.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: February 27, 2018
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Brendan McKee**
4. We have a very special guest here with us tonight. Before I introduce him, I would like to graciously thank him for giving his time to speak with all of us.
5. I move to suspend Roberts Rules to help ease the structure of our conversation. Motion carries.
6. Please welcome Dr. William Lewis.
7. Dr. William Lewis gave a presentation on Diversity and Inclusion on college campuses.
8. I move to reinstate Roberts Rules. Motion carries.
9. Thank you Dr. Lewis. Our speakers once we return from Spring break will be Jon Conlogue and Josh Hettrick from Residential Life, who will be speaking on housing and other news from their department.
10. I accept the resignation of Tyler Cameron as Representative at Large and Parliamentarian. That being said we will be electing a new Parliamentarian at the next SGA meeting. This is a big commitment, so we wanted to give you all time to decide if you were interested in taking the position on rather than throw it on you all today. If you have any questions about the position, please see me after the meeting.
11. I want to reiterate there will be a trip to Washington DC over Spring Break from March 12–14. The deadline to purchase tickets has been extended to tomorrow at 7:00pm at the Ely Campus Center Window. If you’re interested or have any questions, feel free to let me know.
12. You all should’ve received an email from Chief of Staff Diane Prusank regarding the Strategic Dialogue Sessions that took place last week. For those unable to attend, there is a link in said email that will take you to the WSU website on the strategic plan, where you can find an anonymous feedback form. This will be available until Thursday at noon, so please fill this out as soon as possible to ensure that student feedback is accounted for as the university moves forward with its strategic planning.
13. With elections coming up, if you’re interested in running for the position of SGA President talk to me after the meeting.
14. Items not listed on Agenda:

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Cameron Swan**
   1. We had a great day at the Statehouse representing Westfield State yesterday, thanks to all who went out to Boston. If anyone is interested in my position, please let me know and I’ll give you some information about it after the meeting**.**
   2. All University Committee**: Marcus DiBacco**
2. In AUC last week we discussed a lack of communication and collaboration between both departments and other governance committees. As a healthy working relationship between all groups is essential to the function of the university, we will be working on improving both teamwork and cooperation within the coming meetings.
3. The next AUC meeting will be held on Friday, March 30 at 1:45pm in the Parenzo Board Room.
   1. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**
   2. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
   3. Student Advisory Council**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Arielyss Santiago**
   1. I have loved my time as Vice President **of Student Life** because I am able to work towards any and all student issues, anything from helping a student learn how to appeal a parking ticket, to working towards solutions to large scale issues like Diversity and Inclusion. If you have any interest at all feel free to ask me any questions you may have after the meeting and I can give you a more detailed run down of what the Vice President of Student Life does.
   2. Student Affairs Committee**: Arielyss Santiago**
2. The Student Affairs Committee meeting was canceled this past Friday due to other meetings taking place at the same time. The committee will be meeting on March 30 at 2:30pm**.** 
   1. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **No Report**
   2. Food Services Committee**: Shayna Arnott**
3. Just a reminder that the St. Partick’s Day themed dinner is going on right now in the Dining Commons, so make sure to stop by after the meeting.
4. The International Portuguese Lunch will be tomorrow in the Dining Commons from 11:30am until 2:00pm, but it the University closes tomorrow then it will take place during the same time in the same place on Thursday, March 8.
5. Please remember that with the storm coming tomorrow into Thursday, the Dining Commons will most likely be short staffed because many of their employees rely on public transportation to get here so please be respectful and understanding of this, they are doing the best that they can for all of us.
6. As I mentioned last week, March is Nutrition month and the Dining Commons will be sponsoring several events throughout the month for this.
7. Yesterday there was an event where the plates were weighed for two hours for the amount of food that was being thrown away. While unfortunately seventy pounds of food was wasted during this time, yesterday, I am happy to report that the number of clean plates outweighed the number of dirty plates during this two-hour period.
8. I printed out the hours of operation for the dining locations on campus for spring break so I will pass that around for you all now to take a look at it.
9. After spring break, the hours of Wednesday’s late night will extend an extra hour until 11:00pm because of the popularity of the wings that are the snack of late-night on Wednesday’s. Whoo’s Wings will be accepting dining dollars after spring break.
10. I was able to get the prices for the new meal plans from Andrew Mankus during our committee meeting today, each price I am presenting for you is for an entire school year and the prices are as follows: the unlimited plan will be $4,243.00, the D.C basic plan will be $4,011.00 and the on-the-go plan will be $1,409.00.
11. **Nickalena Richards**: I was wondering if you could reiterate to the staff that they should be wearing gloves.
12. **Shayna Arnott:** Do you know what location this was at?
13. **Nickalena Richards**: It was at the Bistro.
14. **Aaron Sylvia**: Has there been any talks about giving leftover food to local farms to feed their animals or for fertilizer or compost?
15. **Shayna Arnott**: I don’t think they’ve explored that, but I’ll bring it up to them.
16. **Maddy Scott**: In terms of food waste I feel like if we could self-serve it would help to reduce it.
17. **Shayna Arnott**: They have to portion control it so they are not able to self-serve everything.
18. **Cameron Swan**: Point of information the meal plan increases are 2.9%, 1.9%, and 5.2%.
19. Our next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, March 20 at 4:00pm in the Tekoa Room.
    1. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
    2. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **Delaney Gembis**
20. Our Athletic Director, Richard Lenfest, was named as an Athletice Director of the Year by the National Association of Cellegiat Directors of Athletics. He is only the second in Division III to receive this honor, so congratulations to him**.**
21. SAAC will be participating in two community service events: Fresh Check Day and ROAR, a program where athletes go to local schools in the community and read to students. The program also donates books to these schools.
22. Our Athletic events this week includ:
23. Wemen’s Lacrosse opens their season today, March 6 at Mount Holyoke at 5:00pm. This event will stream online.
24. Women’s Lacrosse plays on Friday, March 9 at Western New England at 4:00pm
25. Men’s and Women’s Track are at NCAA Division III Championships Friday and Saturday, March 9 and March 10.
26. Baseball plays on Saturday, March 10 vs Norbert College at 1:00pm and 3:00pm at Lake Myrtle Park Field 5 in Auburndale.
27. Our next scheduled meeting is on April 2 at 8:00pm in the Woodward Lounge.
    1. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
    2. Veteran’s Affairs Report: **Sean Manion**
28. It is less than a week away from spring break, so just hang in there a bit longer.
29. I would like to than Cameron Swan for coordinating the State House trip yesterday. I had never been there before even though I’m there practically every day for work during the summer. It’s a great experience in al land I would definitely go back.
30. Last week, the Veteran’s Association held their second meeting of the semester which went very well. The association is making progress towards its goal of creating a more connected campus of veterans and military connected students.
31. Veteran’s and Military Services would like to announce the dates of this semesters destress week which will be between April 30 and May 4. Activities would include pet therapy, relaxation techniques, and movie night. There will also be a planned lip-sync battle. Destress week is open to all student’s around campus, so I hope to see some of you there.
32. I have had a couple people contact me regarding the Senator’s screening of Almost Sunrise. With this week being buys with midterms and next week being Spring Break, I was hoping to aim for early in the week following Spring Break.

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Jacob Lotter**
   1. I don’t have any business today, instead I am just going to talk about my position.
2. So, as Vice President of Academic Life I monitor all issues relevant to Academic Affairs, and all committees that fall under me on either the agenda or the appendix of your constitution.
3. I am in charge of the Student Committee membership for almost every committee under Academic Affairs.
4. I oversee the Representatives at Large with Cameron Swan and also co-chair the Reps at Large Committee with Cameron Swan.
5. It all sounds super cool, because it is. But it is a lot of work. See me after the meeting if you’re interested.
   1. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
   2. Curriculum Committee: **Jacob Lotter**
6. The Curriculum Committee met on Friday, March 2. We talked about the change in Department name for Geography and Regional Planning. Nobody really had any comments about it.
7. We did pass a change in prerequisites for the majority of the 100 level in Criminal Justice. We didn’t spend much time talking about them but it removed a course from the prerequisites to make the courses more accessible if you weren’t able to take said course.
8. We also approved the deletion of Nusing courses that the department no longer teaches.
9. The last thing we talked about was a proposal from myself, Tori Lind, and Maddy Scott for a quorum requirement in Curriculum. This would mean that in order for Curriculum to meet we need to have at least one student present unless the students on the committee waive that requirement for the meeting. We discussed having this requirement and we received a lot of pushback from the faculty on the committee. Many were confused why we thought it was important to have a student there, and some even expressed that they don’t feel like the student voice in that room is important.
10. Moving forward, at the request of the Dean of Faculty, after I lodged my complaint about the faculty bullying us to remove the proposal from the table and making us feel shut down, myself, Tori and Maddy will be meeting with the Committee Chair, Dr. Brian Jennings to compromise and let him know that we will not back down on having a student voice there and to try and reach a compromise.
11. **Christian Capalbo**: Is there any way we can get these members on the speakers list before the end of the semester?
12. **Jacob Lotter**: I don’t think it would be worth our while, but I think that it would be worth it in your personal meetings to make sure you are fighting for the student voice and not letting people diminish what you’re saying or bully you into thinking a certain way.
13. **Arielyss Santiago**: Student attendance in those committees that are faculty heavy, it’s really important for you guys to show up and I know things happen, but if you make the commitment to these important committees you really need to show up. Faculty don’t take us seriously if they don’t see us show up to these things. So you need to show them you want to be involved by showing up.
    1. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
    2. International Programs Committee: **Samuel Tsongalis**
14. The International Programs Committee met this past Friday, March 2 at 12:30pm. There we discussed the final design for the Global Scholar Medallions that can be worn by any Global Scholar at Commencement. The final design product will be passed around at this time.
15. We also discussed the approval of traveling abroad courses of a trip to Florence and the Galapagos. Further discussions will be held on a trip to Kenya.
16. We also discussed some of the short-term courses and how some might need to be reevaluated in further discussion. More information will be provided when it becomes available.
17. There is no set date on the next meeting of the International Programs Committee at this time.
    1. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
    2. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
    3. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
18. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Marcus DiBacco**
19. Finance Report: **Marcus DiBacco**
20. I will be preparing a budget report over the next few weeks to present to you lovely people.
21. If anyone is interested in running for my position please see me after the meeting.
22. Foundation Report: **No Report**
23. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
24. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Madeline Dexter**
25. Campus Activities Board: **Madeline Dexter**
26. Thank you to everyone for remaining patient with me these past weeks, when I was rehearsing for *Carrie*.
27. Programming for Beautiful Day has been postponed until the weather decides to cooperate.
28. Thursday Night, March 8, if you are looking for something fun to do you can stop by the Owl’s Nest to make some Harry Potter wants.
29. If you are interested in the Vice President of Programming position, please see me after the meeting. The Vice President of Programming as it stands now is the President of Campus Activities Board. The only prerequisite is one semester on CAB.
30. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
31. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: **Maddy Scott**
32. I have a few updates in terms of Community Relations/Fundraising. This spring we will be holding a prom dress drive to help high school students in the area. The deadline on bringing in dresses will be in the last week of March, so make sure to check and see over break if you have anything to bring back.
33. Community Relations/Fundraising discussed holding an Egg Hunt here on campus in lieu of Easter, but it was brought to my attention at our last NAB meeting that the Mayor of Westfield sponsors an egg hunt in Westfield already. I have reached out to him to see if they would be interested in having students from SGA help out at that event, and as soon as I have more information on that I will let you all know. If you have any questions about Prom dress drive or if you would like to join Community Relations/Fundraising, please see me after the meeting.
34. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Karina Sallaway/Victoria Lind**
35. Executive Secretary Report: **Karina Sallaway**
    * + 1. Tickets for Owl Ball are still on sale now until this Friday, March 9th. Don’t forget you can still get your ticket half-price until this Friday as well. Now I know you’ve all been dying to hear what we’ll be eating this year so here it is:

Salad: Caesar Salad

Entrée: Chicken Francaise, Herb Grilled Atlantic Salmon

Pasta: Vegetable Primavera with Alfredo sauce

Starch: Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable: Vegetable Medley

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

* + - 1. I want to remind all of you how heavily important it is to read the minutes. I know you are all attending the meetings, but for accurate historical records it is important to read the minutes to make sure everything is in fact accurate. Also you can gain a lot of information by reading them. Sometimes our meetings are long and you can definitely go back into the minutes to look up something you may not have heard, or forgotten. So just moving forward please everyone at least glance at them every week.
      2. This week our LifeSaver was a huge help when it came to the Strategic Planning Student Open Forum. They were the only student there, other than members of the Executive Council and they really helped out Arielyss Santiago and Marcus DiBacco by showing up. With that, congratulations to Nickalena Richards for being our LifeSaver of the Week!
      3. Elections are coming upon us a lot sooner than we think! Election packets with signature papers will be going out Monday, March 26. For those of you that don’t know there will be election packets with all the information you need about elections and they include a signature paper where for whatever position you are running for you need to get 25 signatures to be on the ballot. The only catch is if you are running for a Class Council position your signatures must be from someone in your class year. I will give more information out on elections after the break and if anyone is interested in running for my position please see me after the meeting.

1. **Jacob Lotter**: Two quick points of information: if any of you do every find anything wrong in the minutes, when Brendan McKee says are there any corrections to the minutes just raise your hands and say what needs to be fixed; and as Karina was just saying with election papers, all positions you have to run for every year.
2. **Maddie Creamer**: Is it all you can eat or is it one thing per person?
3. **Karina Sallaway**: It’s a buffet. There’s a timeline, dinner starts at 8:00pm and dancing starts at 9:00pm so you have until then to grab whatever you want.
4. Legislative Secretary Report: **Karina Sallaway**
5. The Blue Key Award nominations are due by next Tuesday, March 13. If you are thinking about nominating someone there are forms by the mailbox.
6. Also, as far as office hours go, you just can’t randomly do two hours and have it make up for one that you missed unless you talk to me.
7. If anyone is interested in running for my position for next year, please reach out to me and I will let you know exactly what I do.
8. **Jacob Lotter**: Blue Key awards are super important. Tori doesn’t have a lot of nominations right now. The Blue Key Award is awarded by SGA to any student for going above and beyond to do something amazing on campus. We usually don’t give it to people for something that they do within their position, unless they went above and beyond of the requirements of their position. It’s important that you nominate people, all you have to do is write a brief paragraph and send it to Tori and then that person when they get the email from Tori saying they’ve been nominated will provide answers to the committee on why they feel they deserve the award. So just please try to nominate people.
9. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Tyler Cameron**
10. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
11. Constitutional Review Committee**: No Report**

1. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
2. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No Report**
3. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **Jacob Lotter**
4. Advisory Committee on the CURCA: **No Report**
5. Advisory Committee on Budget and Planning**: No Report**
6. Advisory Committee for Committee for Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Affirmative Action: **No Report**
7. College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Search: **Karina Sallaway**
8. The college of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Founding Dean Search had their first round of airport interviews yesterday. We interviewed four potential candidates and tomorrow we will be interviewing two more.
9. After break I will have more information about when the three finalists will be coming on campus so you can all attend the student open forums.
10. College of Mathematics and Science Search Committee: **No Report**
11. College of Education Health and Human Services Search**: Madeline Dexter**
12. Brendan McKee and I met with our committee last week at the Bradley Airport in Connecticut to hold interviews for our seven candidates. The three finalists who will be coming to campus were chosen from a committee vote.
13. I cannot disclose the information about the candidates until the University releases the information. If you are interested in the candidates, keep an eye out for an email. Once that information is out, Brendan and myself would be happy to elaborate on the candidates.
14. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
15. Commuter Council: **Michael Reid Jr.**
16. I move to appoint Chad Joyal as a Commuter Representative to Senate for the remainder of the 2017-2018 academic year.
17. Senior Class: **Maddie Creamer**
18. I hope you all had a nice weekend. I have a few updates from the Senior Class.
19. Diploma order forms were due last Thursday, March 1, so if you didn’t get that in, please make sure to do so before spring break.
20. As for senior events, we still have tickets for our Mohegan Sun trip that will be on sale until this Friday, March 9. If you plan on going on the trip, please buy your ticket as soon as possible.
21. Right after break, we will be holding our Senior Class, Raise Your Glass event of Thursday, March 22 at the Hanger downtown. The event will be held between 5:00pm until 8:00pm and we will have plenty of food for seniors to snack on as we toast our final days together.
22. I just wanted to give a quick shout out Maddie Dexter, Sam Tsongalis and the entire cast and crew of Carrie for putting together an amazing show. If you guys didn’t get to see it, you genuinely missed out.
23. Junior Class: **No Report**
24. Sophomore Class: **Bryan Pimentel**
25. I move to appoint Tommy Howard as Class of 2020 Representative to Senate for the remainder of the 2017-2018 academic year. Motion carries.
26. The Class of 2020 council is still holding interviews for positions. If you or any other Sophomores are interested in joining the council, feel free to email me at [bpimentel6131@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:bpimentel6131@westfield.ma.edu).
27. Our next scheduled meeting is on March 19 at 4:30pm in the Tekoa Room.
28. First Year Class: **Joseph Joyal**
29. I accept the resignation of Saltanat Aldabageva as Class of 2021 Representative to Senate.
30. Our next scheduled meeting is on March 19, at 4:45pm in the SGA Club Room E021.
31. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
32. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
33. Davis Hall: **No Report**
34. Dickinson Hall: **Mitchell McKittrick**
35. The Hall Council is having a “Pie Day” event, it will be held on March 21, and we will have homemade and frozen pies available in the lobby.
36. We are also looking into a spa day event for April.
37. We have selected a Representative for the position, but since they are not in attendance today, I will appoint them at the next meeting.
38. Our next scheduled meeting is March 8 at 6:15pm in the Dickinson Hall Common Room.
39. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
40. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
41. New Hall: **No Report**
42. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
43. University Hall: **Courtney Smith**
44. University Hall has been busy at work this semester.
45. On Valentine’s Day, February 14 at 9:00am University Hall council handed our heart shaped donuts as a Valentine’s Day treat to our residents.
46. On February 15 University Hall Council hosted an Olympics Viewing Party in MPR to highlight Kacey Bellamy, USA Women’s Hockey Player, and Westfield native.
47. Tomorrow, Wednesday, March 7 University Hall will be hosting “Game Nigh” come with your roommate to play Do you really know your roommate? Westfield State Trivia and many other games while enjoying wings and pizza. Various prizes will be awarded such as, Owl Bucks and wings over gift cards, but most importantly enter your name into our raffle to win an Apple Watch. This event is open to the entire campus, and we hope to see you there.
48. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 21 at 5:00pm in University Hall conference room A.
49. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
50. NEW BUSINESS:
51. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
52. **Jacob Lotter**: Can I see the Blue Key Committee after the meeting?
53. **Karina Sallaway**: Owl Ball committee real quick after the meeting.
54. **Delaney Gembis**: The Voice published an edition. Please pick one up, they are available at every Residence Hall.
55. **Brendan McKee**: Rules and Regs after the meeting.
56. **John Coulombe**: Keep your eyes open the Cash CAB is coming campus.
57. **Marissa Cremin**: 74 days until Commencement.
58. ROLL CALL: Kyle Nolan was absent and Andrew Logan was excused.
59. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

*To ensure the courtesy of others,*

*Please turn off your cell phone before the meeting*