**Student Government Association Minutes**

March 03, 2015

1. ROLL CALL: Victoria Landry, Brandon Trafford, Lezlie Campbell and Jack Fisher were absent. Maddie Spilliers, Albert Fava and Ashley Giglietti were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 24, 2015:
3. **Matthew Carlin**: I move to amend the minutes to include the finance proposal for the $500.00 for the Communication club. Motion carries.
4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Rebecca DiVico*
5. Tonight our speaker is Larry Johnson, Director of Non-Discrimination and University Compliance.
6. **Larry Johnson**: Hi, everyone. I’m glad to finally be down here. I was on SGA myself in college, so it is nice to be back again. I see so many familiar faces here already. I started here in October and everyday has been wonderful, based on people who I have been able to meet with, especially students.
7. I asked to speak to this group of student government. First and foremost because you are campus leaders, you have been elected to this position and you’ve been sitting here for a semester and half but I want to emphasize that you are student leaders. You were placed here because of the people that you are and because of your own qualifications and qualities. I’m sure that if you all looked to campus, you could envision hundreds and hundreds of other people who are not in this room but you are. Leadership has its benefits but I’m also sure that you understand just how difficult leadership can be. Sometimes, it is messy and requires taking positions that we are just not comfortable taking. You should admire yourselves for that, as I admire you. You are bettering the student body and the University overall.
8. Within this context, I want to talk to you about a very important topic that is spreading across the country. I’m sure many of you have seen the “It’s on Us” commercials on TV. Colleges and Universities are at the risk of losing federal funding unless they address sexual violence. The University is being told that when incidents of sexual violence or misconduct are brought to our attention, usually through an administrator, the University is required to end the violence, remedy the effects, and to prevent its recurrence. This all must be done promptly and efficiently.
9. What is sexual violence?
10. **Olivia Dumas**: Rape.
11. **Larry Johnson**: Rape is nonconsensual penetration of a bodily orifice. Yes, that counts.
12. **Morgan Suddeth**: Genital cutting.
13. **Larry Johnson**: That is also assault and sexual assault, which is a form of sexual violence. This is the nonconsensual touching of another individuals private body parts by another individual or by an object in a sexual manner.
14. **Larry Johnson**: The key here is nonconsensual. The new law says that in every sexual activity, consent has to occur in every step of the sexual encounter. That means that before kissing occurs, there has to be consent. Without it, it is considered sexual assault. This goes for fondling and penetration as well.
15. What does consent mean, according to the law? Consent means that it is clear, that it is unequivocal, that both parties have a clear understanding that the activity in which they are about to engage in agreed upon by both of them. We have all heard the term “No means no” but the law has changed. It is now “Yes means yes” and that is because “No means no” allows the damage to already have been done. There must be consent before sexual activity. A mother at a different University told her son as she was dropping him off that before he engaged in any sexual activity, to have the other party send a text message to him giving explicit consent. I can see that some of you see that as a bit overboard.
16. I just want to say that I use that example anecdotally and humorously. I want to recognize that we are all sexual beings. The Federal Government is not creating abstinence from sexual activity on college campuses. This is no Chasity law. What the law is really saying is that if you have respect for the person with whom you are engaging in sexual activity with and there is an element of dignity and trust there, the chances of sexual assault will be lowered. This is a matter of treating one another with respect and dignity.
17. Drugs and alcohol of course come into place. The law says that when a person is incapacitated as a result of drugs or alcohol, consent cannot be given. If one or both people are so impaired that they are not able to give consent, there is a lack of that respect and dignity and that will qualify as sexual assault. The law says incapacitation. I use the word intoxication because if a person claims that another has engaged in nonconsensual sexual activity and the reports come in that there was a use of drugs or alcohol that may lead to impairment having been there. There is no BAC or breathalyzer being used in that room. The point here is that if you go out and have a few glasses of wine with dinner, come back, engage in sexual activity and report that, during an investigation, we will likely not be dealing with a situation of incapacitation. But I think you have to be very careful when engaging in sexual activity when intoxication is part of that activity.
18. You’re all student leaders. Remember these comments and share them with your constituents. If you see a friend walking into an oncoming car, what do you do? You pull them back. Why would it be any different to pull a friend back that may be about to take advantage of an incapacitated person? Or if someone says before a party that they are going to really get what they want from another person, why would you not stop that? On the flip side, if you see someone about to be taken advantage of, why wouldn’t you pull that person back? You are leaders. You are modeling this all the time. If you do it, others will too.
19. This change is happening on our campuses and in our society. You’re at the forefront, especially here at Westfield. I’m here to explain the seriousness and then hopefully explain the law. Anyone who wants these cases taken care of legally should come to an administrator including Sue LaMontagne, or myself, and we have the obligation to investigate it. If they are unsure, they can talk to the counseling or health center or even the interfaith center, who don’t have that obligation. These individuals can help victims through their choices.
20. **Richard Darrach**: Who is a state mandated reporter?
21. **Larry Johnson**: In terms of the person who has that obligation to report it to a Title IX coordinator under the law includes administrators, deans, directors, coaches, members of the President’s cabinet, the President herself, Advisers, RD’s, RA’s, etc. The list is extensive. I will post these individuals on the webpage. The Counseling Center, Health Center, and Interfaith workers are all obligated to keep these things confidential if the victim chooses. Faculty, in general are not obligated to report those matters. They are trained to ask the victim what they want to do. All people reporting have a set of rights and a set of options. I just want to pass on a few other points. If a person is found to have violated our sexual misconduct policy, that person, under the law, must be either expelled or suspended from the University. The law also says that at a moment a report is made, the person filing the report may request under reasonable circumstances, that the offender be moved from a residence hall or class if they share a class with the reporter. This can all happen even before any finding of responsibility. This matter is being taken very seriously.
22. **Ashley Deleon**: Is it true that consent can change during an action?
23. Larry Johnson: It is very true. If you begin to engage in a sexual act, you can withdraw that consent at any time. If you start a sexual act and you stop for a minute, you cannot assume that you can just start again without consent.
24. **Ashley Deleon**: Readdress: What do you say to those people that want to cover themselves when consent can be taken back during a sexual act?
25. **Larry Johnson**: I’ve investigated a few of these cases and I can remember when there were witnesses. It wasn’t usually a matter of intercourse but other sexual activity. The reality is that seldom will there be other people in the room to say whether or not consent was given. Therefore, one party will say that consent was there while the other will say that it was not. I come back to the point that if you are in a trusting relationship, than I think that the issue of consent will be minimized. This law is designed to attack the hook up culture. It is trying to curb the culture where people get drunk and take advantage of one another. There has to be mutual consent, mutual trust, and mutual respect.
26. **John Cubetus**: What was the turnout at the “What Men Must Know” events?
27. **Larry Johnson**: I used the best practice, which was to get to the men. Ninety percent of these cases involve men as perpetrators. In the “It’s on Us” commercials, you see men saying enough is enough. Men realize that this is an issue. This doesn’t just affect men and women. Sexual violence can occur between people of the same gender and men can be victims of women. I have seen that happen. I couldn’t have been happier with some turnouts in some halls but in others, I was disappointed. But, we will be getting this information out to all members of the community ideally online.
28. **Taylor Wertz**: If a sexual assault happens on campus or off campus, is there a difference if the student is a WSU student?
29. **Larry Johnson**: In a nutshell, the law covers everything, everyone, and everywhere. It’s not just students; it is anyone having dealings with the University. Parents, vendors, visitors, etc. And our policies don’t just extend downtown to the off-campus housing. If you are on a service trip to Costa Rica, the policy applies. It always applies.
30. **Rebecca Kennedy**: Does the new law requiring perpetrators to be expelled include sexual assaults that occurred before that law was implemented?
31. **Larry Johnson**: It is not the victims call whether or not someone gets expelled after that person is found guilty. The victim just has a right to proceed or not. Once the investigation goes forward, if there is a finding of responsibility, the Federal Government says that perpetrator must be suspended or expelled.
32. **Richard Darrach**: Does Title IX affect statute of limitations, or the length of time something is reported?
33. **Larry Johnson**: There is no longer a timeframe like that. However, if a person is a victim of sexual assault, timing is crucial with getting medical attention and collecting evidence. The University can investigate a sexual assault four years later if the victim wishes to do so.
34. Thank you Larry Johnson. Our next group speaking to us tonight is Sue LaMontagne, Dean of Students and Ally Davis, a former SGA Representative who currently serves as Sue’s intern.
35. **Sue LaMontagne**: Hi everyone. It’s good to be here. Thank you to those who helped me move a student last night. Kudos beyond belief to the “Into the Woods” cast and crew. I can only wish I had half of your talent.
36. Ally is going to talk to you tonight. This goes under the category of better late than never. Way back, I had you talk to your constituents about their issues. Ally is going to report on what the issues are.
37. **Ally Davis**: What you guys have is a summary. I can get out to you the full report if you want. Food and parking were the top two issues. Most underclassmen were concerned with the food in the dining commons. Athletes had concerns about how late it was open to accommodate late games and practices. Another concern was the options when the dining commons is closed later on at night or between meals on the weekend. The biggest concern was healthy options during that time. Upperclassmen were upset over the loss of Main Lot during construction. It kind of goes with what I know you all know about with parking so, I won’t go too much into that.
38. One thing that was interesting that I found is that the ten concerns on here about graduation and post-graduation were all from the Class of 2015, New Hall, or the Apartment Complex. They didn’t really have anything beyond the job search, grad school, how to pay off loans, and that kind of stuff. The First-Years were more concerned about damage fees in the residence halls, improvements to those buildings, the food, hours of campus services, etc. Many people were concerned with the quality of toilet paper in the residence halls.
39. You have the break down in front of you and again, I will send that full report to Rebecca DiVico. However, on the more positive side, people were pretty satisfied with the academics on campus and the resources available. Athletes were happy with the study hall hours that they attend, the reading and writing center, peer tutoring, etc. That was all very beneficial to them. Community feel and diversity were some of the biggest positives, though athletes felt that there really wasn’t enough publicity on campus for games. Small class sizes were a positive. The Faculty and Staff including RA’s and Administration was another very positive thing along with the communication from Administration. The Class of 2018 was really excited about Scanlon Hall. A few people were really happy with the student voice on campus.
40. **Jon Cubetus**: A lot of this is out of our control as student government so, I was wondering if administration has any plans to solve these top issues?
41. **Sue LaMontagne**: Jon, I am actually going to argue back with you a little bit. I think it is completely in control of the SGA. What I found interesting actually is that the top two issues, parking and food, SGA has committees for those. If I were on those committees, I might share these results and see if you can get a discussion going about what could you do. Or, you could decide, that you need to know more about the complaint about food or parking and so you need to do a survey about just those issues. I think hearing the voice of students would be very effective in these concerns.
42. **Joshua Clark**: Being on some of these committees, I know that it has been discussed. Just taking the to-go containers in the DC, there are certain regulations that prevent that from happening. Whether or not that is agreeable, is not for us to decide. So these conversations are happening.
43. **Sue LaMontagne**: I would say to send a letter to the student body explaining this project, what you found, and what your limitations are in terms of parking and other concerns. You could even make that a once-per-semester type of thing.
44. **Victoria Landry**: I’m glad that you highlighted the University Hall parking. I know that when I lived there, we could park there on the weekends. I know a lot of people were upset by that being taken away and I know that the same goes for a small area behind New Hall. Why can’t we technically park there anymore?
45. Sue laMontagne: Could someone from parking control answer that?
46. **Matthew Carlin**: Request of Information: I will be blunt with you. There will be no parking on campus in the next ten years just because of the lack of space. The reason those were taken away and will never come back is because we need those spaces for other people including faculty, staff, administrators, etc. I don’t know why we could do it to begin with.
47. **Carlton Pickron**: Request of Information. The number one reason why we did away with Main Lot parking was so that commuters could have some additional parking spaces with the construction taking it away. It was all a sense of balance. Commuters have to park in South Lot too. We will probably not go back to Main Lot parking after the construction is finished. We are getting Juniper Park back so we will gain some extra parking there. That is all work for the Parking Control Board.
48. **Victoria Landry**: Readdress. I was not talking about Main Lot. I was referring to parking on the weekends when there are not as many faculty/staff here to specifically take the spots behind University Hall and Lammers and then New Hall. I understand why Main Lot parking is no longer an option and should not be.
49. **Carlton Pickron**: The biggest issue with weekend parking is those students who take advantage of it and forget to move their car by midnight Monday morning. Then, we are ticketing cars. The big issue is students stepping up and being responsible to move their car by a certain time. It became a hassle. That is something that the Parking Control Board can look into again.
50. First I would like to congratulate both the men and women’s basketball teams on winning their games this past weekend. The men’s team will face Babson College in the first round of the NCAA tournament this Thursday, March 5. The women’s team is now the number one seed in the 2015 ECAC Division III New England Tournament. I know absolutely nothing about sports as you can probably tell but we’re very proud of our athletes, so I wanted to make sure to tell anyone who hadn’t heard yet.
51. Can I get a straw poll for a fan bus to go to Babson for the men’s game on Friday, April 6? 25% are interested.
52. **Melissa Russo**: would it cost money?
53. **Rebecca DiVico**: To get into the game, it is $3.00 with a student ID and $6.00 without one.
54. **Priscilla Aguilar**: Some people were talking about wanting to go but what are they supposed to do if Residence Halls are closed at 5:00 pm on Friday?
55. **Rebecca DiVico**: I will refer that to Carlton Pickron.
56. **Carlton Pickron**: Request of Information. If any student who lives in a Res Hall chooses to be part of the trip down to Babson on the fan bus, those students can do the travel form. All of those names will be given to Res Life and those students can spend the night here on Friday and go home on Saturday afternoon.
57. **Priscilla Aguilar**: Readdress. Can you send out an email about that?
58. **Rebecca DiVico**: Yes, that email will be sent out tomorrow.
59. I know Andrew Morin is going to talk about it, but I’m going to plug it also; buy your tickets to Cotillion. You have until this Friday. It’s going to be a lot of fun and what else is better than the Friday we get back from break to dress up and eat great food and dance? The answer is nothing. Buy your tickets.
60. On Tuesday, March 31 we will be having an SGA Bonding night. We won’t have a speaker and we will be playing some sweet trivia. The winning team gets two units towards April, so if playing trivia after a meeting isn’t enticing enough, two units after a night you already have to be here should be exciting.
61. I have the honor of giving some Senators of the Week today.
62. The member of this council went above and beyond to help their sister class. When the Class of 2015 needed help with the very important mailing of over 900 envelopes, these senators did not hesitate to offer a helping hand. Without their assistance the job would have taken hours. They assisted without complaint and even bonded through the experience. The Class of 2015 is eternally grateful for their endless and continuous support of all senior events. As the older sister class, they couldn’t be prouder.
63. Congratulations to Maddie Spillers, Jon Cubetus, Teresa Aloi, Andrew Manchino, Morgan Suddeth, and Andrew Morin. You are our senators of the week.
64. **Morgan Suddeth**: Thank you to the Class of 2015 for this recognition, additionally, the Class of 2017 is doing a little bit with sexual Assault, not a whole lot, but if people have input let us know. We are working a lot with Samantha Kendall and her new Revolution Club.
65. **Rebecca DiVico**: We can talk after. I don’t want to steal your thunder.
66. **Morgan Doerle**: I just want to congratulate your Psi Ci induction.
67. **Rebecca DiVico**: Thank you.
68. I hope everyone has an exciting and safe spring break.
69. Can I please see Rebecca Kennedy at the end of the meeting?
70. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Joshua Frank*
2. All University Committee**: No Report**
3. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
4. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Joshua Clark*
5. Hello, I hope you all gad a good snow day on Monday.
6. As of 5:15 pm, 633 responded to the snow removal survey. After Barbara Hand sent out a second email 183 people answered the survey. I’ll be cutting off the survey on Friday, March 6, so make sure you respond before then.
7. The room reservation deposit has been extended to March 6, which is Friday. Make sure you pay it, if you have not already. That being said, the winner of the free semester of housing is James Goncalver. Congratulate him if you know him.
8. Residence Halls will be closing at 5:00 pm on Friday, March 6, so make sure you plan to be on your way out before then.
9. I hope you all have a great and relaxing spring break.
10. **Jon Cubetus**: Josh, as Vice President of Student Life, how do you plan to deal with the issues brought forward by Dean Sue LaMontagne and Ally Davis?
11. **Joshua Clark**: Honestly, a lot of things on this list are being taken care of. The Food Services Committee does a great job representing food services on campus. It has been addressed. There is little to do on that issue. In terms of parking, there are two boards that handle parking. Both of them do a fantastic job. It’s hard to listen to student concerns about parking when there isn’t much that we can do. You can’t satisfy everyone in terms of parking. These other negatives aren’t always what the Vice President of Student Life can handle. These things are being taken care of.
12. **Kyle Nelson**: For people living on campus during Spring Break, where can we find hours for the dining commons, the wellness center and parking on campus?
13. **Joshua Clark**: There was an email sent out today regarding parking during spring break. Take that up with public safety. In terms of hours for the dining commons and wellness center, I will get back to you on that and an email will be sent out for that.
14. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
15. Multicultural Committee**: Ivana McGlinchey**
16. Today is the Hijab day sponsored by the Muslim Student organization. Thank you for all the students that Participated in the day by supporting powerful Muslim women on this campus.
17. The Black Student Association is hosting their showcase on March 21 in Dever Stage at 7:30 pm. The doors open at 7:00 pm and the tickets are $3.00 for students and $5.00 for general admission.
18. They are having auditions tonight, March 3 in the Multicultural club room at 7:00 pm.
19. They are also looking for people to model and anyone interested in performing, they are having a meeting on Thursday, March 5 at 8:00 pm and you can also email them at vpa09062@westfield.ma.edu.
20. The Diversity and Inclusion council will be hosting a United as One week. The week is March 30 to April 3. It will include different groups hosing an event, panel or discussion on a specific on going issue in the world.
21. Multicultural Student Association is doing a chain of kindness. There are folders in the Urban Education, Math, Mod Hall and Student Affairs office. The goal is to circle around the campus.
22. **Rebecca DiVico**: Request of Information. There is also going to be a drop off for the Chain of Kindness in SGA too.
23. **Ivana McGlinchey**: Thank you.
24. Multicultural Student Association and Black Student Association are working together on a three on three basketball tournament on April 11 in the Parenzo Gym.
25. Our next scheduled meeting is March 4 at 5:00 pm in the Ely Conference room 003.
26. Food Services Committee**: Megan Doerle**
27. Just a reminder that we will have Student vs. Food challenge with burgers on March 18, sign ups stare on March 16. We will have the Oh La La Creperie event on March 24, time and price to be determined soon. As our Korean lunch will be on March 25.
28. The Staff at the DC would also like to wish you a safe and fun spring break.
29. Our next scheduled meeting is March 17 at 4:00 pm in the Tekoa Room.
30. Health Committee: **No Report**
31. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
32. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
33. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
34. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**
35. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Olivia Dumas*
36. Believe it or not, advising season is almost upon us. Here are important advising dates.
37. Seniors with 84 credits, advising is March 23 to March 26, with registration beginning on March 27.
38. Juniors with 54 credits, advising is March 30 to April 2, with registration beginning on April 3.
39. Sophomores with 24 credits and first years with 0-23 credits, advising is April 6 to April 9 with registration beginning on April 10.
40. Honors/Banacos registration is on March 25.
41. First and second year athletes with less than 54 credits registration is April 6.
42. The booklets are available now so go pick yours up today. If anyone needs help with anything, please let me know.
43. **Kylie Nelson**: Is the athletes registering early a permanent thing now or is it still being piloted?
44. **Olivia Dumas**: As far as I know, it is permanent.
45. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
46. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
47. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
48. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
49. International Programs Committee: **Ariana Roche**
50. International Programs committee has met three times so far this semester. Although we have not voted to approve any short term courses yet, we have been having lengthy discussions regarding the term “study abroad” and our inclusion of domestic travel among that terminology. Re-wording some of the language used has been a topic of discussion as well as the validity and life lessons that domestic travel also offers the committee, in turn, somewhat questioned if there should be a certain ratio of international and domestic travel courses. These are general discussions, and no formal decisions have been made but we just wanted to give everyone an idea of what we have been discussing.
51. Our next scheduled meeting is March 20 at 2:30 pm in the Parenzo gym.
52. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
53. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
54. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Daniel Chamberlain*
55. Programming update**: Daniel Chamberlain**
56. Hi everyone, quick update for you guys tonight. So, I am happy to say that we hsve our artist for the concert confirmed. The artists will be announced tomorrow at our CAB meeting, which is at 5:00 pm right here in SGA.
57. Other than that we have Trivia March 18, the Wednesday we get back from spring break at 8:00 pm in the Owls Nest.
58. Thursday, March 19 we have a comedian named jay Black he will be in the Owls Nest at 9:00 pm.
59. Everyone make sure you come to CAB tomorrow, March 4 to hear who the concert artists are.
60. **Victoria Landry**: One of my friends, who is not involved on campus at all, told me that one of his professors told him, that there would not be a Spring Weekend, because we are using the money to pay for the globe, which is obviously not true.
61. **Daniel Chamberlain**: Good to know.
62. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 4 at 5:00 pm in the Owls nest.
63. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Matthew Carlin*
64. Finance Report: Matthew Carlin
65. I have one finance proposal for tonight. The Nursing club has requested 535.66 to make fleece blankest for the Samaritan Inn in Westfield.
66. Joshua Clark: How many blankets does the Nursing Club plan to make?
67. Matthew Carlin: They can make about 20 blankets.
68. Courtney Keddy: Has the Nursing Club tried to get donations?
69. Matthew Carlin: I do not know, but I do know that they have done fundraising.
70. Sara Palis: Request of Information. I have worked with the Samaritan Inn and it’s all based on volunteers so they are in constant need. This is a great cause.
71. I move too allocate $535.66 to the Nursing Club. Motion carries.
72. Foundation Report: **No Report**
73. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Andrew Morin/Evelyn Dina*
74. Executive Secretary Report: **Andrew Morin**
75. The Cotillion committee met last week and we finalized our plans for decorations. Right now, we are focusing mainly on selling tickets.
76. Tickets will be on sale until this Friday, March 6. To answer some questions that I got this past week, guests are allowed, even if they do not go to Westfield State. Each student can bring one guest and they can purchase up to two tickets online.
77. As of 4:30 pm we had currently sold 128 tickets and expect that number to go up by Friday, March 6. Remind your friends that there isn’t much time left.
78. **Maddie Creamer**: Can you only buy your ticket online or can you buy them in SGA?
79. **Andrew Morin**: If you are a senator, you have to buy your ticket in person in SGA. If you are not a senator, you have to buy your ticket online and then print the confirmation page and bring it down to SGA.
80. **Matthew Carlin:** When will the bus be leaving?
81. **Andrew Morin**: The committee and executive council will be going a little earlier but for everybody else, the bus will be leaving at 6:45 pm.
82. **Courtney Keddy**: will there be multiple times to leave the event via bus?
83. **Andrew Morin**: One bus will probably show up around 10:30 pm and then after that, all buses will begin showing up at 11:30 pm. The event ends at midnight.
84. Also, please be sure that your report forms are clearly legible and that you place them next to me after you’re done with your report.
85. Legislative Secretary Report: **Evelyn Dina**
86. Blue Key Award nominations are due this Friday, March 6. I encourage everyone to nominate someone who you feel has really impacted the campus and achieved great things here for the community during this 2014-2015 academic year.
87. Also, another reminder about Cotillion tickets, encourage your friends and second year students considering they have never heard of what was the Owl Ball, so please spread the word about what the Cotillion is and try and convince them to attend.
88. Thank you everyone who sent in the four units for February, they were due before today’s meeting at the latest. Anyone who still has not sent me attendance please do that as soon as possible.
89. Next there are three units due for March, the new calendar is up. Look out for the leadership voyage programs this month.
90. Our Big Unit Award winner is: Brendan McKee. He completed 20 units in February.
91. The unit Lotto Winner is Ivana McGlinchey.

1. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: *Sara Palis*

Rules and Regulations Committee: Sara Palis

1. An amendment has been submitted to the Rules and Regulations committee, which has been signed by six senators and the sponsor, Jon Cubetus. The amendment, if passed, will be added to Article V, Section 2 of the Student Government Association constitution. The text reads as follows, “*Shall not serve as a member of the general Legislature and Executive Council concurrently*.” This amendment shall become Subsection J of Article V, Section 2. If it passed by two-thirds of the legislature tonight and three-fourth next week, the amendment shall take effect on the first meeting after which the results of the immediately succeeding election results may be ratified.
2. The Rules and Regulations Committee has recommended its approval.
3. **Joshua Clark**: I will say that the language when it will take effect is a little bit confusing. I think is should take effect immediately.
4. **Matthew Carlin**: I move to amend the amendment to take effect immediately. Motion Carries.
5. **Jon Cubetus**: I think that is kind of unnecessary because no one will be switching positions until elections.
6. **Joshua Clark**: This language says that this amendment will take effect after which the election results are ratified. Therefore, a person could, in theory, run for the executive and legislative council, win both elections, and take their seats because this amendment wouldn’t take effect until after the results are ratified. This should take effect immediately.
7. **Jon Cubetus**: That makes sense. I am in favor of that.
8. I move that the amendment pass through all stages on the written recommendation of the Rules and Regulations committee with a vote taken by hand. Motion carries.
9. An amendment has been submitted to the Rules and Regulations Committee, which has been signed by six senators and the sponsor, Sara Palis. The amendment, if passed will be added to Article X, Section 1 of the Student Government Association constitution. The text reads as follows: “*All amendments to the constitution and its bylaws must be presented to the Executive Council and Legislative Council for informational purposes. The proposed constitutional amendment must be submitted to both parties with five (5) business days of being presented to the Legislative Council and Executive Council after its referral by the Rules and Regulations Committee.”* This amendment shall become Subsection C of Article X, Section 1. If it passed by three-fourths of the legislature tonight, the amendment shall take effect immediately.
10. The Rules and Regulations Committee has recommended its approval.
11. I move to approve the amendment. Motion carries.
12. The Rules and Regulations Committee also reviewed one constitution last week and voted to re-approve the So Seductive Step Team Constitution pending changes. If anyone has interest in this club, please see me after the meeting.
13. Our next scheduled meeting is March 3 after the SGA meeting in the SGA conference room.E020.

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1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: **Richard Darrach**
4. Senior Fest sales end this Friday, March 6. Please encourage people to get their orders in.
5. Mr. Westfield Brown Bag bingo was a huge success. The contestants fundraised $146.00.
6. Mr. Westfield is in 25 days so keep an eye out for advertisements and opportunities to support the contestants.
7. Diploma order forms were due yesterday; if you know of a senior that did not turn one in, please have them see the Registrar’s office.
8. Commencement ticket questions have been coming up from time to time. Please let seniors know that Academic Affairs will email that information as soon as it becomes available.
9. **Maddie Creamer**: What time is the Mr. Westfield s show?
10. **Richard Darrach**: 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 28.
11. **Emily Mason**: When should we expect to know more information about commencement?
12. **Richard Darrach**: Late March or early April. That is a rough estimate on my end.
13. Our next scheduled meeting is March, 20 at 4:00pm in the SGA conference room E020.
14. Junior Class: **Ryan Losco**
15. Hey guys just wanted to remind you all to support the Buzz Off on April 12. We have some great prizes and give away form one mission. We have more details to come, so be on the lookout for that.
16. Our next scheduled meeting is March 17 at 4:00 pm in the conference room E003.
17. Sophomore Class**: No Report**
18. First Year Class: **No Report**
19. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
20. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
21. Davis Hall: **No Report**
22. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
23. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
24. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
25. New Hall**: No Report**
26. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
27. University Hall**: No Report**
28. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

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1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Olivia Dumas:** There is going to be a movie right across the hall for Disability Awareness Week right after this**.**
4. **Megan Doerle:** The DC is closed next week**.**
5. **Jon Cubetus:** At the request of Dr. Perry, I am just letting everyone know that there is going to be an information session for the Washington Trip on April 1**.**
6. **Evelyn Dina:** Buy your Cotillion tickets and nominate students for the Blue Key award**.**
7. **Carlton Pickron:** Trying to be fair for all student activity stuff, the women’s basketball gae is here tomorrow night on campus at 7:00 pm im the Woodward Center. Also, Katie Strepcka, who is a diver, came in third at NCAA championship, Sixth in the three meater board, and championship. Track and Field is going to a championship this weekend. Naloti Palmer who has already qualified fora national championship in the shotput. Get out and support. I also learned today that we have the 35 ranked Irish Step Dancer in the world here. It is Elizabeth Murphy.
8. **Dan Powers**: I am the President of the Masspirg Chapter. We will be in the DC from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will be collecting donations for the Samaritan Inn. Any support is appreciated.
9. **Victoria Landry**: This Friday, March 6 is the last day for Senior Fest packets.
10. Joshua Clark: Take the snow removal survey.
11. **Sue LaMontagne**: Anyone who wants to talk one-on-one about the sexual violence stuff, see Larry Johnson and I after this meeting.
12. **Emily Mason**: If I could see all the Hall presidents after this meeting? that would be great.
13. **Rebecca DiVico**: Can I see Rebecca Kennedy after this meeting?
14. **Courtney Keddy:** 73 days until commencement.
15. ROLL CALL: Brandon Trafford, Lezlie Campbell and Jack Fisher were absent. Maddie Spilliers, Albert Fava and Ashley Giglietti were excused.
16. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.