**Student Government Association Minutes**

March 04, 2014

1. ROLL CALL: Jocelyn Herra-Lazo, Shannon Cullinane, Ryan Losco, Tara Saraf, Justin Doss were absent. Ashley Erskine was excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 28, 2014: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Taylor Fote*
4. Tonight we have Tom Raffensperger the Dean of Academic Information services.
5. **Tom Raffensperger**: Hello. In case you’re wondering, it’s kind of a made up job title, kind of the “everything else” department. I think the way it started is that, a while ago, Academic Affairs asked itself, why are we in charge of everyone’s email? Why are we in charge of Banner, and all these services that the rest of the University used as well? Things involved with infrastructure and all that were moved over to Administration and Finance, but the Help Desk, Center for Instructional Technology, the things that really help run or support the academics of the institution stayed on the academic side and were combined with the library. My other job title is Library Director, and this merge includes television and video operations, media services, etc. Our unit pulls together a lot of technology based organizations that help support mainly instruction. But, we’re also kind of the front end of helping people out, sort of like the customer service unit, if you will. For instance, the folks over in infrastructure are rolling out the Microsoft 365 next week over spring break. It will start Monday, March 10th and take about 4 days. So there might be a few hours were you can’t access your email while it’s being migrated over, but the good news is that if you can’t access it, that means it’s being migrated. You may know, but with this you will get 25GB of storage space rather than 25MG of storage space so things will get a little better for you I think with that change.
6. Last fall, Professor Carsten Braun and I put out a student technology survey and that was really the first time students were asked what they wanted as far as technology on campus. We got a great response: 749 respondents, and of those, 539 left comments, and that after 33 questions, so that’s pretty good I think. Almost all the comments were complaints about ResNet, but the purpose of the survey was to find out what was working and what isn’t working. ResNet is definitely a problem, and what troubled me is that students said they couldn’t even get on it at times. It varies by building, depending on the heaviness of the concrete and such, but there is a bandwidth issue as well. So what we’re doing is planning to create a separate subnet and increase bandwidth so that part of the traffic is just http access, so that for email, basic web surfing, getting on Blackboard, Plato, etc. will be easier to get on. There are no guarantees it will get hugely faster right away, but as you imagine, bandwidth is much like any other service. The more you get, the more it costs. The budgeting process for this year has just started, some of you are on the committee, and I think we’re going to really work hard to increase bandwidth. I think you all know the problem, just many, many more devices and a little more bandwidth. So we’re going to reserve part of the network for basic access, try to increase bandwidth, and add wireless access points.
7. The survey was helpful in a lot of other ways. We heard from a lot of people that students never check their Westfield State email, a lot of professors told us that, but then 94.7% of the students who responded reported checking their Westfield email constantly or frequently. It really is helpful in understanding these things. Like in the library, we have this huge demand for computers. A lot of professors say it’s because a lot of students don’t have computers. Well we found that wasn’t really true and that most students do. Often times, the demand comes from students not wanting to lug around their laptop, or they have a desktop. They want the technology where they need it at the time. So, that’s been really useful in trying to understand that problem, and address the demands and concerns more efficiently. We were also discussing setting up a system where students could see where there were empty computers, at different labs, so we’re trying to look at solutions to help you out. We were also considering having a second big computer lab, similar to the library, but on the other side of campus, to provide more access and open late, staffed by students.
   * + - 1. **Jennifer McDiarmid:** I think having a system to show open computers would be helpful, similar to the laundry appliance availability system. I also like the idea of a second main computer lab available on the other side of campus.
         2. **Rich Darrach**: I’ve noticed the study room reservations are now online and I think that is really efficient. It creates more accountability as well.
         3. **Michael Janchuk**: Will there be any impact on people whose email is synced to their phone with the email upgrade?
         4. **Tom Raffensberger**: I don’t think so; it’s still a Microsoft product so I think the transition should work okay.
         5. **Tori Landry**: I work at the circulation desk in the library, and with the space issues, I think a lot of people don’t know about the wireless printing. I think we should promote that more and provide instructions on how to set it up, perhaps for first years that might not know.
         6. **Tom Raffensberger**: That’s a good idea, and I talked with Chris Hirtle and Alan Blair and we’re thinking of reaching out to students more with information at orientation as well.
         7. **Josh Clark**: I don’t know if this has been discussed, but maybe there will be appropriate space in Wilson for that second computer lab, with the new building being added, so that would be a good point to bring up with the planners.
         8. **Tom Raffensberger**: Yeah, I think that’s a good point. I’ve just started working with people on plans for the new building, so I’m still learning about it, but they’ve done some studies and will continue to do studies about the use of the space on campus, and it isn’t guaranteed, I just wanted your impressions and I’m glad to be getting such positive feedback.
         9. **Steve Kligerman**: Will you be hiring someone soon to replace Matt for media services on nights and weekends?
         10. **Tom Raffensberger**: That was approved and should be posted soon. That position kind of got lost in the shuffle of changing positions, including myself, so that will be the next thing, now that it’s all settling.
         11. **Tom Durkee**: I’m a Communication major, and there’s a mac lab in our department, that I think, might need some updates on the operating system, since Apple released a new one, so I don’t know if there’s anything across campus like that, and also Flash Player needs to be updated which interrupts productivity, so updates would be cool if possible.
         12. **Tom Raffensberger**: A lot of updates are done over the summer, or when it becomes necessary, for instance, if it impairs functionality of the lab. A lot of departmental labs are updated upon request of the department, so that can be addressed.
         13. **Drew Dalesandro**: Point of Information: Flash is kind of a problem, because it updates monthly and then therefore disables on the system. Also, we haven’t updated with the new Maverick system on the macs because some software requested by the department does not work with that system.
         14. **Rich Darrach**: How popular is the laptop sign-out in the library? Are they used often?
         15. **Tom Raffensberger**: I think it is. It’s kind of episodic. Sometimes they’re all being used and sometimes they’re all available, much like most of the library’s services.
         16. **Matt Carlin**: I’d like to thank you for bringing this down to us for our input. Would you be looking to having more open forums for more consistent feedback?
         17. **Tom Raffensberger**: We are doing a survey much like the student one but with faculty this spring, and then having some open forums, to address what we saw in the surveys. We plan to do student surveys every fall, and we can do some open forums as well. It’s nice to see the numbers of what’s liked and what is or isn’t working, but the big question is why, so a focus group or open forum would be ideal for figuring that out.
         18. **Steve Mailloux**: Do you see a charge being instated, on students, for printing in the foreseeable future?
         19. **Tom Raffensberger**: I’d be surprised if that didn’t happen at some time in the future, but there are no plans for it now. I know that other institutions allow up to 500 pages to be printed, and then a fee per page for additional pages starting after that. It’s mostly to avoid the situations where students try to print an entire book. We have bigger problems right now though.
         20. **Rebecca DiVico**: Do you see a limit in the future as for how many devices can be signed on to ResNet?
         21. **Tom Raffensberger**: I don’t really. That doesn’t seem realistic, since I myself have a lot of devices and if I couldn’t use them, I wouldn’t be that happy. They want the best connectivity, and a lot of it is a budget issue, but administration is aware it is a fundamental infrastructure issue, and the Internet isn’t just for play, it’s for academic work as well.
         22. **Rebecca DiVico**: Readdress: If I get a new phone, do I need to let IT know to remove it from the system?
         23. **Drew Dalesandro**: Not necessarily, after a couple months of inactivity it’s no longer in the system, but we wipe everything off the system at the end of each academic year anyways.
8. Thanks for coming down Tom. Next we have Charlotte Graham from our MASSPIRG chapter with an announcement about the bottle bill.
9. **Charlotte Graham**: Hi everyone. You might remember that our big priority this year is the Bottle Bill. We collected 130,000 signatures state wide, this fall so the next step in the ballot initiative process is that the legislature gets another chance to vote on the bill before it goes to the ballot. So, we have a hearing for our Bill before the Telecomm Utilities and Energy Committee this Thursday, March 6th at the State House in Boston, so we are bringing at least one or two students from Westfield to support the Bottle Bill and have a lot of people there to voice their support. It’s a great opportunity for us to urge the legislature to move this forward since the support is so big. They will hopefully listen to the public, but if not, we will proceed with the ballot initiative process to go to vote in November 2014. So, be sure to vote for it.
10. Also, we’re doing a statewide tour about the Bottle Bill throughout the chapters of MASSPIRG in the state and we have this giant 7 foot bottle costume. It’s been taking photos with all the various Student Governments across the chapters; so, we’ll bring him after the meeting tonight for your photos and showing your support online.
11. **Luis Arzola**: Is there any way we can show our support without being present at the State House?
12. **Charlotte Graham**: Great questions. You can submit a statement that we can bring with us and that will definitely help us.
13. **Kevin Soucie**: Have there been any discussion of having a bottle redemption center on campus?
14. **Charlotte Graham**: I haven’t, but that would be cool. It would be interesting to look into.
15. Thank you Charlotte.
16. March is the month we celebrate Women and we have a lot of wonderful events coming up this week. Tomorrow, March 5th is the art of asking questions: reporting about women in the Middle East at 11:15 am in Bates 212. Also tomorrow night, there is a film screening and discussion of *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* in the Owl’s Nest at 4:00 pm. Try and make it out to these events, they are worth a unit.
17. The vigil for Kevin Friedland, which Andrew Morin has done an amazing job putting together, is tomorrow, Wednesday, February 5th at 5:00 pm in Dever Stage. I would highly recommend you go to support, even if you didn’t know him; this is a time we should come together to show our support.
18. Also tomorrow, March 5th is the career fair from 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm in Scanlon Banquet Hall, with over 80 organizations. A really great opportunity for juniors and seniors, but if you have the time all should attend.
19. Starting tomorrow, March 5th all of you who volunteered for the new email system will be getting office 365. So, please be prepared for that. It will begin to happen at 8:30 am, and I know this will be the worst for student leaders like us but o ur email will be temporarily inactive until it gets officially started.
20. Another announcement to all Hall Councils, Executive Board will still be coming by this week, but we will also be coming by after spring break as well, please still keep an eye out for us when we come by.
21. I hope you all have a safe and fun spring break.
22. Our next scheduled meeting will be march 18th at 5:30 pm in the Student Government Room.
23. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Stone Koury*
2. As you are all aware the Board of Trustee’s met last night, March 3rd. It was a longer meeting than usual as it was mainly budget and finance related.
3. There was a lot of talk to clarify how the first two actions items were to be used. They are as follows: Transfer $900,000 to accounts to use to pay F & R, and to allow Dr. Preston to pay them up to $1.5 million this year, there is already money in the fund to pay consultants but the $900,000 is because there needs tot be more.
4. We also changed a past motion to release $1.9 million from fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2014 for the air conditioning projects this summer.
5. Christopher Raymond was accepted as the Alcohol manager.
6. If you have any questions about the ongoing investigation/lawsuits, please go to westfield.ma.edu/movingforward.
7. The Budget Committee is really looking down the road and looking for community help to save money, please go to [savemoney@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:savemoney@westfield.ma.edu.) with any ideas you may have.
8. We received the travel reports, nothing was mistaken.
9. The presidential search is obviously not going to get going for a bit. Dr. Preston already addressed this a little, but the Board is going to have a very small turnover rate from this year to next so, we have to fill our board before we can start the process.
10. For fiscal year 2015, we are looking at the State legislature because the Governor’s budget doesn’t keep us at the 50/50 which allows us to freeze student fees. So, tomorrow we go to the State house to ask the Legislature to help us out.
11. **Matt Carlin**: Will there be any issues with the “conflicted “board members leaving at the end of their terms in June? And will there be another bill discussed at the April Meeting?
12. **Stone Koury**: I don’t see any issues with the terms ending, the talks of conflicted board members last semester doesn’t seem to be relevant at this point. I believe we’re expecting another bill in late March or early April, so that should be on the table at the next meeting, but the bills will continue to be less and less as they provide us with less and less information as they conclude their investigation. I will definitely keep you all updated after the meeting.
13. **Kevin Soucie**: When will the investigation end?
14. **Stone Koury**: I haven’t heard anything solid, and I don’t want to guess, but they still have more work left to do.
15. The next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is on April 10th at 6:00 pm in the Horace Mann Center.
16. All University Committee**: No Report**
17. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
18. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Rebecca DiVico*
19. Friday, February 28th was technically the last day to turn in your housing deposit. They are still being taken, but you’re going to get a lottery number that Is not great. I would still urge you to pay it though, if you want to try and live on campus.
20. I am going to try to create a little list for what you need to do to have a successful housing registration; hopefully I’ll have them after break**.**
21. Something I urge you all to do as soon as possible is log into mywestfield, go to mywsuhousing, and fill out your housing agreement. You have options, and to do this you click apply online. You accept the housing agreement, fill out your preferences and then hit submit.
22. Housing is happening really soon. Are there any questions or problems you guys have? If I can’t answer them today, I’ll make sure to have those answers for the next meeting.
23. **Andrew Morin**: If someone might be studying abroad, but they aren’t sure, but they still pay their deposit, will their spot be held? Do they need to redo everything in the spring when you’re back?
24. **Rebecca DiVico**: I’m not sure, I can ask for you, I’m sure it might be a little different than usual with it all being online.
25. **Steve Mailloux**: The room reservation deposit you paid should still apply for the spring when you return, but you’d have to request to move into a certain opening or get a random assignment, it won’t be an empty room being held for you.
26. **Courtney Keddy**: I know they were extending the MyHousing information sessions, do you know if there will be more sessions and can you let us know when you find out? They didn’t have high attendance, so I’m sure more would help.
27. **Rebecca DiVico**: Yes, I know they want to do some after Spring Break, but I will let you know and also have it posted in other places too.
28. **Katie Wilga**: I know you can search for people, but there’s no way to tell if they’re looking for a roommate or if they are already set. Also, it would be helpful to filter by class year as well.
29. **Rebecca DiVico**: I’ll find out, thank you.
30. **Sue LaMontagne**: Point of Information: I believe Residential Life will be having their roommate finding events.
31. **Dana Kilby**: If your plans fall through and you don’t get the housing you want, like a quad, would you have to redo everything?
32. **Rebecca DiVico**: Yeah, I would definitely have several backups ready. Everyone has to go into their settings and reconfigure their roommates to have doubles.
33. **Andrew Morin**: Does everyone have to go in and redo it or can one person on the team do it all?
34. **Rebecca DiVico**: Each person has to individually approve their roommates, and be confirmed in return, so everyone needs to go in and change and confirm the roommates, that part can’t be done by one person.
35. **Alex Doming**: Point of Information: It might take up to 24 hours for your housing agreement to process in the system.
36. **Ashley Deleon**: How does it work if you’re rooming with someone of a different class year?
37. **Rebecca DiVico**: It’s confusing, but I will be making a checklist to help explain it better.
38. **Steve Kligerman**: Are the RAs reaching out to students to help them figure this stuff out?
39. **Rebecca DiVico**: RAs are trained with the program already so questions can be addressed to your RA as well.
40. **Richard Darrach**: Point of Information: If you have a sophomore that’s with Junior/Seniors, those junior/seniors cannot register Monday, March 24th, they’ll have to wait until the Thursday when sophomores will be registering as well. That night, any junior/senior that has not been placed in housing will be given a priority number ahead of all general sophomores. So, that night, the junior/seniors can register and pull in the sophomores.
41. **Matt Carlin**: In the Housing Gazette, they say the mixed group of junior/seniors and sophomores actually has their own designated night. So, they go on night two, before sophomore only. All the group combinations are broken down in the Housing Gazette.
42. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: Point of Information: It’s actually lottery time slots as opposed to the lottery number system we used before.
43. **Rebecca DiVico**: Yes, it’s a time slot, so they’ll email you your time slot, for example 5:14 pm. So, you can’t choose until your designated time slot passes.
44. **Megan Doerle**: Will the software be able to know that you didn’t sign up if you’re waiting for night two or something? Or will it just keep going?
45. **Rebecca DiVico**: If you don’t sign up, you will get a new time slot for the next sign up night. Every night, they regenerate. So, if you don’t use your time slot, the system shuts down and you will get a new time slot.
46. **Lauren Grams**: If you’re in class during the time slot, can you give someone the access code in your group to do it for you?
47. **Rebecca DiVico**: Once the first time slot of anyone in your confirmed group comes, everyone in your group has access. Anyone in the group, regardless of everyone’s individual time slot, so make sure you communicate who is in charge of picking the room because if two people are in the system picking at the same time, it will lock into whoever submits first, so it’s important to be all on the same page and have one person in control.
48. **Tori Landry**: So, am I only able to find my roommates if they have paid their room reservation deposit?
49. **Rebecca DiVico**: Yes, they will only come up after paying the deposit and submitting the online housing agreement form. So, make sure you remind your roommates to do all steps.
50. **Steve Kligerman**: Did they extend the deposit deadline because not as many people as expected paid?
51. **Rebecca DiVico**: No, they got 1,500 payments, but Carlton might know more.
52. **Carton Pickron**: There was over 2,000 students that submitted deposits, but it is still 100 students less than they were anticipating at this point, so that’s why it was extended.
53. Can I see Domenico Cerasani after the meeting?
54. Also, if you are interested in the Vice President of Student Life position, please see me**.**
55. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
56. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
57. Food Services Committee**: Tom Durkee**
58. We have been receiving a number of profane comment cards. Please remind your constituents to only leave constructive comment cards in the future.
59. We have rescheduled our *Dish on the DC* for April 1st at 7:00 pm location will be announced after break.
60. March 19th will feature the next after hours pop up meal at 8:00 pm. It is an Asian dinner featuring sushi. The cost is a swipe plus $4.00, payable by Owl bucks, Sodexo bucks or cash. Students lacking a meal plan will have to pay $10.00 to participate, payable by the previously mentioned forms.
61. The Food Committee is working to update our bulletin board, in the Dinning Commons, to better communicate with our students, please be on the lookout for this update.
62. We wish everyone a safe spring break.
63. Our next scheduled meeting is March 18th at 4:00 pm in the Tekoa Room.
64. Health Committee: **No Report**
65. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
66. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
67. Substance Advisory Committee: **Justin Connoly**
68. We are still in discussion on what we will be doing with the Gazebo’s and the smoking policies.
69. We are in talks with other State Universities on what their policies are and how they act on them.
70. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: I just have a comment, I was walking through Main lot on the New Hall side and I noticed that the path to the gazebo was really icy and there was a pile of snow, so a lot of people are just standing in the parking lot to smoke instead of attempting to get to the gazebo. Has that been brought to anyone’s attention?
71. **Justin Connolly**: I would say direct that to facilities, but I will also bring it up at the meeting.
72. Our next scheduled meeting is Friday, March 7th at 2:30 pm in the Counseling Center.
73. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No report**
74. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Andrew McCormack*
75. So far we have interviewed three candidates for the Public Safety Director/Chief position. There are two more interviews, one tomorrow, March 5th and one on Thursday, March 6th. As I had mentioned, last week, there are forums for students, faculty and staff to come ask questions and get to know the candidates, tomorrow’s open forum is at 12:00 pm, and Thursday at 4:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest. Everyone is encouraged to attend to give feedback about the candidates. With this, I have resumes for all the candidates if you would like to review those just let me know.
76. **Steve Mailloux**: Do you have any plans on a forum for feedback on these candidates? And what’s your preferred method for receiving feedback?
77. **Andrew McCormack**: In the email Sue LaMontagne sent out, it has all of our emails on it. If you can just shoot us all an email, we can definitely take your feedback into consideration.
78. **Kevin Soucie**: Who is on the committee?
79. **Andrew McCormack**: Myself, Jen Gould from Residential Life, Caitlin McCue from Public Safety, JoAnn Churchill from the Counseling Center and Sue LaMontagne.
80. If you are interested in my positions, Vice President of Academic Life, please talk to me.
81. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
82. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
83. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
84. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
85. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
86. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
87. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
88. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Steve Kligerman*
89. If you are interested in running for VP of Programming, next year, please feel free to talk to me or email me about it.
90. Programming update**: Steve Kligerman**
91. We had two very successful events last week, Brown Bag Bingo and Amelia Park ice skating.
92. Tickets for the Celtics game go on sale Monday, March 17th at 8:00 am. Everyone will be receiving the link via email tomorrow, March 5th.
93. The March movies are up on channel 80 and 81, they are *Goodwill Hunting, Gravity, Last Vegas, Captain Phillips, Escape Plan, Leap Year and Think Like a Man*.
94. If any Clubs or Classes are interested in having a table on the green for Spring Weekend to sell shirts, fundraise, or give information to students, I will be sending out an email soon, so please respond to that and talk to your group. You can also email me now or talk to me after the meeting, if you know your class or organization wants one.
95. **Brittany Moniz**: When is the next Brown Bag Bingo?
96. **Steve Kligerman**: The Friday after we get back from Spring Break, March 21st.
97. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 19th at 5:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest.
98. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Joshua Frank*
99. Finance Report: **Joshua Frank**
100. I have four Finance Proposals to present tonight. As you know the Finance Committee was down to the last of its budget after last week’s meeting and within one week I got four proposals. So, last year some of you might remember that I had roughly under $5,000 roll over into this year’s reserve budget. So, instead of having students missing opportunities, the Executive Board and the Finance Committee agreed for us to use some of the funds that got put into this year’s reserve. In total if these proposals are approved we will be using $1,899.90 from the reserves account. It is very rare that the entire club account budget is used. However, our reserves are very flourished and with some of these funds being from last year’s club account, I see this as a positive alternative.
101. The Social Work Association Group on campus are looking for funds to attend their National Conference in April. They are asking for funds to help cover half the hotel and the transportation cost as well as registration.
102. I move to allocate $1,370.00 to the Social Work Association Group. Motion is seconded and carries.
103. The Business Club is looking for funds to help them with their annual New York City trip. They are asking for funds to help cover half of the hostel cost, two chaperone tickets to *Ripley’s Believe it or Not*, and travel cost.
104. **Josh Clark**: this Proposal was cut down by $400.00, so it’s been discussed and narrowed.
105. I move to allocate $718.75 to the Business Club. Motion is seconded and carries.
106. WSKB met with the Finance Committee, who are looking for funds to help cover security cost of their annual spring concert, which will happen in April.
107. I move to allocate $500.00 to WSKB for their Spring Concert. Motion is seconded and carries.
108. The Finance Committee met with the Communication Club who are looking for funds to help with their annual Communication Club dinner. The foods will significantly lower the student ticket cost. The dinner is open to all majors.
109. I move to allocate $500.00 to the Communication club. Motion is seconded and carries.
110. If you are interested in running for the Vice President of Finance please see me after the meeting.
111. Foundation Report**: No Report**
112. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Alexis Wagner*/*Sarah Hegarty*
113. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
114. Legislative Secretary Report: **Sarah Hegarty**
115. Four units were due for February. Thank you to those who did them. We have two Big Unit Winners for the month. Congratulations to Tori Landry and Megan Doerle.
116. I will now draw the Unit Lotto. Congratulations to Dickinson Hall for being the first to complete their units and have their names entered twice. Congratulations to Luis Arzola our Unit Lotto winner.
117. Three units are due for March and the calendar is updated.
118. Blue Key nominations will be accepted until this Friday, March 7th. Pass it in here or email it to my legsec email.
119. **Brittany Moniz**: Is there a certain amount of people who can get the award?
120. **Sarah Hegarty**: It varies. It’s based on however many people the committee feels deserves it.
121. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: Jennifer McDiarmid
122. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
123. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
124. Commuter Council: **Luis Arzola**
125. The Commuter Council will be having a trip to Howes Caverns and John Boyd Thacher State Park in New York on April 25, 2014. Tickets will go on sale this Friday, March 7th. This trip is open to commuters only until March 24th then it will be open to any Westfield State Student. The tickets are $10.00 and all proceeds will go to the Buzz Off for cancer research.
126. The Commuter Appreciation Picnic is in the works, it will be on May 5th behind Wilson Hall. We are considering the prospect to recognize three commuters with three awards. One for Academic Achievement, one for campus involvement and one for a nontraditional Student.
127. Some of the political campaigns we are working on are the South Lot parking spaces, and the childcare on campus.
128. **Drew Dalesandro:** There will be spots taken away only during construction, but no spots will be lost after the building is done.
129. **Luis Arzola:** Yes, we’re just worried about the temporary situation. Parking is a big issue on campus, so during construction, when there’s equipment in there I want to make sure there are spots for commuters.
130. **Steve Mailloux:** Point of Information: The contractor has not been decided for this project so, there is no certainty in how many spots will be lost, at least until mid-April. However, the Parking Control Board is fully aware of the temporary loss of parking during construction, and we are discussing alternatives to alleviate those losses for commuters, as well as fac/staff.
131. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: Point of Information: Commuters can already park in South lot without being ticketed, and there’s plenty of space back there, so there isn’t a need to have commuter spaces.
132. **Luis Arzola**: Exactly, I’m just looking into ways to encourage going straight to South lot to park. It’s just an idea, but if I get a lot of signatures for those ideas, it shows more student support of the idea when something is presented. Having 400 signatures gives it more substance.
133. Senior Class: **Brittany Moniz**
134. Senior Sweatshirts should be on campus tomorrow, March 5th. Check your emails and come down to SGA to pick them up.
135. If you haven’t already purchased your Senior Fest Packet, you have some time after Spring Break to do so. Please remind your friends to check their mailboxes for order information. You can submit your order here in SGA.
136. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 6th at 4:30 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
137. Junior Class: **Richard Darrach**
138. I move to appoint Brenna Closius as a Representative to Senate for the Class of 2015 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 academic year. Motion carried.
139. This week is our can drive in Courtney Hall, University Hall, Apartment Complex and New Hall. Donation bag and flyers are going out tomorrow night, March 5th and collection is Thursday, March 6th from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm.
140. Out of the Darkness is in full swing. Our online event page is active and flyers are going up tomorrow night March 5th. Interest meetings are scheduled for Thursday, March 20th and Thursday March 27th at 7:00 pm location to be announced. After that there will be weekly meetings on Mondays at 8:00 pm in University Hall.
141. T-shirts are on sale now through March 28th for $10.00 see Kim Hosmer to place your order.
142. The class survey has been finalized and will be going out tomorrow, March 5th, so keep an eye out for that.
143. Our next scheduled meeting is March 19th at 5:15 pm in the SGA conference room.
144. Sophomore Class**: Nicole Primeau**
145. The Class of 2016 has been very busy with the Buzz off. So far we have 12 people participating and we are $50.00 away from raising $3,000.00. Thank you for those who helped us this far. Please sign up or donate we’d really appreciate it. The link is posted on the “Buzz Off Cancer 2013-2014” Facebook page.
146. Our next scheduled meeting is on March 17th at 6:30 pm in conference room E03.
147. Freshman Class: **No Report**
148. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
149. Courtney Hall: **Albert Fava III**
150. For some time now Courtney Hall Council has been attempting to set up a bathroom pass policy to alleviate the issue of opposite sex guests being unable to access, with ease, any bathroom in the building. So, with great pleasure I get to say that as of tomorrow, March 5th, Courtney Hall will be the pilot for a bathroom pass policy. This policy was drafted and created by our council along with the input of many residents of Courtney as well as RAs. So, residents will be able to sign out a card for their guest, opposite sex, as of tomorrow.
151. **Rebecca DiVico**: I’d like to congratulate you on this, I think it’s a great idea and it’s about time. I’ve had a lot of issues with my boyfriend visiting and him having to find a random guy to let him into the bathroom.
152. **Joshua Clark**: As a former hall council member, I remember brainstorming a solution for this, and I’m glad you were able to come up with something, so congratulations are definitely in order.
153. **Andrew Morin**: I know Lammers Hall tried to start a similar thing last semester and Residential Life outright denied it, because there are unlocked coed bathrooms, but there are very few and only on the first floor, so do you know if this program is a pilot that might be able to start in other halls as well at some point?
154. **Rebecca DiVico**: Residential Life might not have been thinking of the showering component, and just using the bathroom generally. But, I think it varies by building as well, but I can’t see why it can’t be applied to other buildings in the future.
155. **Michael Janchuk**: Will there be a fine applied if the visitor loses the tech card?
156. **Al Fava**: Absolutely. We’ve really thought every aspect through, and there will be a carbon copy signed by the resident and we are paying for the IDs initially, but there will be a $30.00 charge to the resident if it’s lost or damaged. We’re really trying to make sure that they are given back at the least.
157. Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, March 5th at 8:30 pm in Courtney Hall.
158. Davis Hall: **No Report**
159. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
160. Lammers Hall: **Danny Chamberlain**
161. I move to appoint Ashley Deleon as Lammers Hall President for the remainder of the 2013-2014 academic year. Motion carries.
162. Our next scheduled meeting is March 5th on the 4th floor study room in Lammers, immediately following the Memorial for Kevin Friedland.
163. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
164. New Hall: **No Report**
165. Scanlon Hall: **Domenico Cerasani**
166. Hall charges for the month of February involved 10 fines, averaging around $100.00. We will be put on 24 hour quiet hour tomorrow, March 5th.
167. **Dana Kilby**: How is Scanlon being fined?
168. **Domenico Cerasani**: For bathrooms, by gender, and then general areas are charged by floor.
169. University Hall**: Justin Connolly**
170. We have a 3 day cart event going on, currently. This past Sunday, March 2nd we had 90’s foods and snacks. Last night, March 3rd we had sweet and salty, pretzels and goldfish and Wednesday, march 5th we are having ice cream**.**
171. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**
172. NEW BUSINESS:

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
2. **Brittany Moniz**: Tomorrow, March 5th in Scanlon Banquet Hall, from 1:30 pm until 4:00 pm is the Career Fair if anyone’s interested in jobs, internships or grad school
3. **Joshua Clark**: AUC is meeting tomorrow, March 5th at 4:30 pm in the Parenzo Board Room.
4. **Taylor Fote**: Can I see Lauren Grams after the meeting?
5. **Ally Davis**: For the 2015 can drive please only donate things that are redeemable, I don’t want to have to go through all the bags.
6. **Andrew Morin**: Just a reminder that the memorial service for Kevin Friedland is tomorrow, March 5th. It will be at Dever Stage, doors open at 4:00 pm and service starts at 5:00 pm.
7. **Sarah Hegarty**: Nominate someone deserving for a Blue Key Award. Three units are due for March. Can I see Priscilla Aguillar, Amy MacDonald, and Brenna Closius after the meeting?
8. Alexis Wagner: See me with any voting or election questions. Signature papers will be available starting Monday, March 24th. Can I see Luis Arzola?
9. **Charlotte Graham**: If you want to take a picture with Bottle Bill, stick around after the meeting. Also, if we update the bottle bill you won’t have to dig through bags of unredeemable.
10. **Rebecca DiVico**: Can I see Dom Cerasani after the meeting?
11. **Taylor Fote**: Con review is meeting 15 minutes after the meeting ends, so you have some time in between.
12. **Tom Durkee**: After the meeting can I please see Jocelyn Beauregard, Cleston Flemming, and Domenico Cerasani? And there are 73 days until Commencement.
13. ROLL CALL: Jocelyn Herra-Lazo, Shannon Cullinane, Ryan Losco, Tara Saraf, Justin Doss and Olivia Dumas were absent. Ashley Erskine was excused.
14. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.