**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**March 5, 2019**

I. ROLL CALL: Marcus Payne, Giana Dean, Mitchell McKittrick, Joey Joyal, Scotty Howe and Krista Galetta were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 26, 2019: Minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC REMARKS: No Remarks

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Marcus DiBacco**
   1. I would like to introduce Julia Nedry who is from the Counseling Center to discuss Fresh Check Day, which is on March 28.
2. **Julia Nedry**: Presented Fresh Check Day, which is coming up on March 28.
3. She gave a training on Suicide Detection and Prevention on college campuses. She spoke about the importance of knowing the warning signs and knowing how to react when faced with a situation relating to suicide.
4. **Shane Stocker**: Thank you for coming down. When is fresh check day?
5. **Julia Nedry**: Thursday, March 28 from 1:00pm-4:00pm and night time events go from 7:30pm-9:30pm.
6. **Matt Michalik**: Say somebody we know has a sense of humor that is self-deprecating, what would we do in a situation like that?
7. **Julia Nedry**: I would say watch and see if you notice any warning signs. I do want to caution you that there are people who put on this front and they’re really not okay and they feel like they can’t show that to other people. So, my recommendation is that you just check in with that person to see if they are serious about the jokes they make.
8. **Marcus DiBacco**: How many boards did we order this year?
9. **Julia Nedry**: We haven’t order them yet, but last year we had some left over and we still have a small box. I’ll make sure we don’t run out.
10. **Dave Youngerman**: How do you spot the difference between being sad and being depressed?
11. **Julia Nedry**: I think sadness feels alive and its very painful, but alive. You feel alive in the pain. Depression feels shut down and dead. You feel withdrawn and empty and sadness normally feels much more active than that. Sadness is also more short term than depression.
12. **Audrey Theriault**: In your field, are you aware that many people are talking about mental health nowadays and the stigma is sort of going away, but there are also people who turn it into a joke? Where is the line in knowing what to do for a friend?
13. **Julia Nedry**: I think we are aware of that and there is a line in knowing what to do in a situation like that.
    1. Thank you Julia. I hope you all have a safe spring break.
    2. Items not listed on the agenda.
14. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Cameron Swan**
    1. All University Committee**: No Report**

B. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**

C. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**

D. Student Advisory Council: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Thomas Howard V**
   1. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
   2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **Mitchell McKittrick**
2. This being the first meeting during Women’s History Month, I would like to remind everyone about our most accomplished Westfield Alum, Nettie Stevens, who our Science and Innovation Center is named for.
3. Nettie Stevens studied at Westfield State University, when it was known as the Westfield Normal School. A very intelligent geneticist, she is one of the first American woman to be credited for her contributions to science, she is credited for discovering sex chromosomes in sperm cells of male mealworms, the sex chromosomes she discovered were later identified as X and Y chromosomes that determine sex in humans.
4. 2. Unfortunately, many men have been credited for her work over the years, and she has been omitted from textbooks, so it is very important to keep her name alive, and remember her important contribution to genetics.
5. Also for the Month Celebrating Women, the Diversity/Inclusion has planned, in collaborating with MSO, a showing of the documentary, *He Named Me Malala*. The film is about Malala Yousafzai, the world’s youngest Noble Prize Laureate, who survived a near fatal shot in the face by the Taliban for daring to get an education in Pakistan. We will be having a discussion after the film, and our guest speaker will be Dr. Shoba S. Rajgopal, the chair of the Ethnic and Gender studies Dept. The film will be shown, Monday, March 18, at 6:00pm in the Owl’s Nest.
6. Also, in collaboration with the Diversity/Inclusion Department, SAIL, and CAB, we will be hosting a bus trip to see Captain Marvel on Wednesday, March 20. Details like time and price will be revealed soon.
7. Our next scheduled meeting is March 6 at 7:00pm in Conference room E003.
   1. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
   2. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
   3. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
   4. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
   5. Veteran’s Affairs Report: **No Report**
8. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Madeleine Scott**
   1. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
   2. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
   3. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
   4. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
   5. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
   6. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
   7. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
9. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Thalita Neves**
   1. Finance Committee: **No Report**
   2. Foundation Report: **No Report**
   3. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
10. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Matthew Howe**
11. Campus Activities Board**: Matthew Howe**
12. There’s not much going on this week since we’re heading towards Spring Break.
13. I want to start off by saying thank you for everyone who went to the Casino Night this past Saturday. I saw a lot of you there and it means a lot when you guys come out to support CAB!
14. Without further ado, here are the events. Tomorrow, March 6 from 11:30am-1:30pm in the DC it’s time for another Live at Lunch performance. This month’s artist is Alex T. Stop by to hear some awesome music.
15. It’s Thrifty Thursday this week from 9:00pm-11:00pm right across the hall in the Owl’s Nest.
16. Bingo is the Friday we get back from Spring Break. So that’s something to look forward to!
17. Hope you all have a relaxing Spring Break. That is all, and sadly CAB will not be having a meeting tomorrow. But everyone is going to scream because it’s our cabbie bonding tomorrow with sundaes! So CAB will see you all the Wednesday we get back. Don’t worry, I’ll remind you.
18. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
19. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**
20. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Elizabeth Ferrara/Courtney Smith**
    1. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
    2. Legislative Secretary Report: **No Report**
21. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Jacob O’Kane**
22. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
23. Constitutional Review Committee: **No Report**
24. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
    1. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No Report**
    2. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No Report**
    3. Advisory Committee on the CURCA**: No Report**
    4. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **No Report**
    5. Advisory Committee for Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Affirmative Action: **No Report**
    6. Advisory Committee for Vice President of Student Affairs Search Committee: **Thalita Neves**
25. Last week Dave Youngerman and I went to Bradley International Airport to conduct airport interviews of the Semi-finalists for the VPSA position. The search committee was able to meet each of the candidates we had selected. We asked them about 15 questions we had prepared in advance and then they had time to ask the search committee a couple questions at the end.
26. After all the. Interviews, we decided on 4 candidates to come visit Westfield within the next month or so. As the dates get closer, you’ll probably all receive an email about dates and times to meet with the candidates and I will update you as those get closer, but definitely keep an eye out for that. Other than that, I hope you all have a great Spring Break.
27. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
28. Commuter Council: **No Report**
29. Senior Class: **No Report**
30. Junior Class**: David Youngerman**
31. This week, on Thursday, March 7, the Class of 2020 Council will be having our second fundraiser of the semester, Westfield State 2020 Night at Applebee’s. Every Applebee’s bill that has one of our flyers attached will help our Class fund. We will hand out these flyers between now and Thursday. Applebees will give 15% of every bill to the Class of 2020 fund. We will use this money to ramp up support for great events towards the end of this year and all next year. We hope to greatly improve the Class of 2020 student experience with popular and class und supported events. By going to Applebees and giving 15% of your bill to the Class of 2020, you will directly help us achieve this goal.
32. This is a very motivated class council and we are prepared to do what it takes to put on great events for our Senior Year. If you want to go to Applebees on Thursday, March 7 from 4:00pm - 9:00pm, please ask me for a flyer or ask any questions you may have.
33. We are still in our initial phases of planning each of these senior events but Class of 2020 students will be excited for these events nonetheless. We will have these events planned by May of this year. We are also getting closer to a Senior Sweatshirt design which will hopefully be ordered and ready to be distributed by next Fall.
34. **Cam Swan**: Are you allowed to hand out flyers in the parking lot? Cause if so, you should.
35. **Dave Youngerman**: No, sadly we can’t, they don’t want us doing that on their property.
36. Sophomore Class: **No Report**
37. First Year Class: **No Report**
38. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
39. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
40. Davis Hall: **No Report**
41. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
42. Lammers Hall**: No Report**
43. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
44. New Hall**: No Report**
45. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
46. University Hall: **Matthew Michalik**
47. Hey everyone! University Hall Council has filled the last spot for SGA Representative.
48. I move to appoint Lindsay Darlrymple as Representative to SGA representative for the University Hall Council for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year. Motion Carries

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
2. NEW BUSINESS:

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
   1. **Cam Swan**: Hey guys, this year State House Day is on April 3. In the morning we will be meeting with Legislators and in the afternoon we will be getting a tour of the State House. Let me know if you’re interested in coming. It should be a great day. Thanks guys, and have a great Spring Break.
   2. **Courtney Smith**: The deadline for Senators to purchase Owl Ball Tickets for a reduced price has been moved to tomorrow Wednesday, March 6, so get your tickets
   3. **Matt Howe: 74** days until commencement**.**

1. ROLL CALL: Marcus Payne, Scotty Howe and Krista Galetta were absent.
2. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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