**Student Government Association Minutes**

November 06, 2012

1. ROLL CALL: Amanda McCarthy, Richard Darrach, Diane Lego, Jonathan Del Valle, Rabi Alhassan, David Getchell, Courtney Keddy, Abigail McMahon and Kaylen Vangos were absent. Jonathan Mercurio and Jackie green sent alternates.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 23, 2012: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Stephanie Close*
4. Hi everyone, I hope you stayed safe and warm during the storm last week and had time to catch up on all your work. Our first guest tonight is the director of the library, Thomas Raffensperger.
   * + 1. **Thomas Raffensperger**: Thank you, very nice welcome. I just thought I would share with you some of the things that are going on in the library and also take your questions.
       2. First of all, I know Stephanie Close has asked me about library hours, or particularly being open longer. I think, periodically, every library looks at when usage is, when we have the most students in the building and when we don’t, and we adjust hours to try to match our resources with the greatest need. That’s something we are about to do. We just got some data from October on library hours and, also, a student from a business class wants to do a feasibility study on increasing library hours, so that comes at the right time. When that’s done I can email it to Stephanie and she can share it with the rest of you. It will include nice graphs and charts of how many people are in the building, at what time and doing what things.
       3. As you know, we have just gone through a big renovation, and it’s ongoing. We’ve had a lot of complaints about the noise in the library, because there is a lot of hammering and drilling going on. That’s the sound of your new home being built. Which is great, and I try to educate students on what the benefits will be going forward, but that doesn’t really help them right now with all the noise. It’s really loud in my office too. Kurt Vonnegut Jr’s short story about a guy who may have been convicted or something, but was very smart and had to wear a device on his head that an alarm would go off every five minutes to keep him from thinking too deeply or too long about things; that’s what it’s like in the library right now. So, I apologize for that, but again, I think it will be great, once we have all of you back in the building.
       4. So, I got here about a year and a half ago and when I got here, food was not really allowed in the library and one of the first things I did was have our staff stop enforcing that. That’s actually worked really well. Our maintainers, who work really hard to keep the place clean, have said that students do a great job of cleaning up after themselves, so that’s great. I think it’s wonderful to see students bringing pizza in for group studying, and coffee, and that’s all working great. We have new study rooms; come in and use them. Many of them have white board walls, which students are using a lot.
       5. When the renovations started, we had 36 computers in the library plus 20 in the classroom. Now there are 39 downstairs and we will be putting eight more in the classroom in January. We also have eight laptops that are loaned for use within the library. So, if you come to the library and need a computer when there isn’t one, you can come to the Circulation Desk and ask for a laptop. They will check it out with your ID just like a book and you can use it within the building.
       6. So basically, our computers have gone from 56 to 75 and I’ve wanted to do it in a way that would preserve the library as a place for research. I don’t want it just to be a big production computer lab. You’ll notice the workstations are more spread out than how it was before, when it was all tight and really close together. These new workstations allow people a little more room.
       7. We also added a lot of power outlets in the floor, and you might have remembered a lot of work going on in the SGA space in Ely before you left, and a lot of that was to get the outlets in the floors of the library. Before, we had 42 seats that were near power outlets and now we have 65 seats. That’s important because, in our survey, students said we needed more power outlets for their laptops.
       8. One thing I’m really interested in with our study rooms, especially the downstairs study rooms, is what kind of technology students might like to use. Would a big LCD screen that you can plug a laptop into be helpful? If you have any ideas for that sort of thing, please let me know. I still have a little bit of budget left over from the renovation that we can probably do some improvements of that type with.
5. **Michelle Haney**: I heard today, in a class, that in order to reduce the noise, they are asking the jack-hammering and stuff to be limited to 6:00 – 8:00 in the mornings and on Saturdays, so I assume that applies to the library noise as well.
6. **Tom Raffensperger**: I’ve heard many things. I recently heard that after the next few days, the noise will be kept to before 1:000pm. It’s tough because they are working on a very fast project and things will come up that are unplanned. Walsh Brothers have been very good with me about being honest. If I ask when those lights are going to work, they won’t be afraid to say how long it will take. I appreciate that they aren’t just going to tell me “It’s coming soon” so we’ll see how the noise levels go.
7. **Taylor Wertz**: I was wondering if you would be able to get some computers set aside for just printing, because sometimes you go in just to print things and all the computers are being used.
8. **Thomas Raffensperger**: That’s actually a really good idea. We’re thinking about having about 2 or 3 stand up work stations, where you could come up and open a document to print really quickly. There wouldn’t be seats; it would almost purposely be uncomfortable to stay there too long. We’ve tried to make some of the work stations really comfortable and the downside of that is people stay there a long time, so if you just want to print something, I can imagine that’s not very convenient. I’ll get that idea back on the list.
9. **Stephanie Close**: Point of Information: you can print from any computer on campus to a printer, like in the library. There are multiple computer labs and you can set the destination of the document to a different printer.
10. **Taylor Fote**: Point of Information: You can also print from your laptop now. If you go to the Westfield website and look up IT, you can set it up to print from your laptop to the library and just go and swipe your card.
11. **Stephanie Close**: I love the chairs in the library but I notice people will take the seats from a computer to work with someone together at one station. So there will be an open computer but no chair there. I was wondering if there was any way to get extra chairs that are for that purpose that won’t take away chairs from another computer station.
12. **Thomas Raffensperger**: That’s a good point. We ordered 6 extra, which are floating around the library, but I notice that we do run out still. We will definitely look into more chairs.
13. Thank you Mr. Raffensperger, if anyone has any other problems that arise throughout the year, please feel free to bring it to my attention or you can contact Mr. Raffensperger directly.
14. Next we have Ashiah Richeme, the Resident Director of Dickinson, here to talk about Habitat for Humanity.
    * 1. **Ashiah Richeme**: Hi guys, I’m Ashiah. Andy Fong and I are going to Buffalo, NY the week of Spring Break, which is March 10th through March 17th, and we are looking for participants, who want to come with us, to support Habitat for Humanity. We’re going to have an informational meeting on November 19th, with the location to be announced. We are trying to plan a mini teaser before the informational meeting, if possible, just to get people to understand what exactly Habitat for Humanity is and what work you would actually be doing. Once I get confirmation on that, I will let everyone know, either through email or I’ll come back again to SGA, about our mini teaser. We’ll be having applications in the Residential Life office and they are going to be due November 28th. The cost is about $300 per person, but we’re hoping that after the informational meeting, you can go home for Thanksgiving and talk to family and relatives about funds to support this endeavor. We take about 10 to 12 students, so please let us know if you’re interested and we can get you the paperwork. If you have any questions between now and then, Andy Fong is located in Scanlon Hall, I am in Dickinson, and William Dunn, is a director of Residential Life, who are all great people to contact about this. Hope to see you at the informational meeting, and I bid you adieu.
15. Thank you Ashiah Richeme. Finally, we have the Dean of Students, Sue LaMaontagne, to get some feedback from you.
    * + 1. **Sue LaMontagne**: Hi everyone, I’m not sure if everyone has heard but the city of Westfield has received some funding to build what’s called an intermodal center, right down town off of Elm Street. For those of you who are familiar with Elm Street, you may have notice that they’ve been tearing some buildings down around the corner of Elm and Arnold Street, which is where the Intermodal Center is going. Simply put, an Intermodal Center, a transportation center or hub for transportation. There will be a lot more bus traffic coming into the city and bus transportation opportunities and potentially other transportation opportunities as well. Dr. Pickron and I recently met with the college administration that had met with downtown leaders and wanted to get your feedback on what you would like to see as services of the center. What improvements can be made to PVTA type transportation right here, in Westfield, so that you don’t have to go to Springfield? One suggestion, so far, has been bus routes from Westfield to Boston. I’d like to see a taxi service located there as well. What would you like to see? What locations would you like to get directly from Westfield, if there was a bus system?
16. **Rebecca DiVico**: A shuttle from the intermodal center to the Holyoke Mall for students without cars might be helpful; the current PVTA routes can be confusing.
17. **Tom Durkee**: I think it would be great to link campus to downtown, especially now with Landsdowne and Washington Street housing. It would be helpful to have a route just within the city instead of waiting for the PVTA to go all the way to Springfield and then back.
18. **Olivia Dumas**: A bus to Worcester would be convenient, Boston seems a little too far, but it gets you to trains that are located in Worcester.
19. **Stone Koury**: I know a lot of students go to UMass on weekends, so even as a safety issue, UMass might be a thing to consider.
20. **Sarah Hegarty**: I definitely support the bus to Boston. My freshman year, before I had my car, it was horrible trying to find a way home. I think that would really help freshman.
21. **Katie Morrissey**: I agree with Olivia Dumas’s comment about a bus to Worcester. Trying to take the Peter pan bus to Worcester is very confusing.
22. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: I know there’s a train station in Springfield and I know some students take that to also go out of state, so a route from here to the train station might be helpful.
23. **Richard Darrach**: I love the idea of a bus station in Westfield because I’ve taken Peter Pan and the PVTA and it can be creepy. The less I’m on a bus, the better and I feel safer.
24. **Sue LaMontagne**: I will tell you that some of the talk about the Intermodal Center, not yet confirmed funding-wise, is the hope to have the Intermodal Center right where those buildings are coming down and retail space right adjacent and potentially connected so that while you’re waiting for your bus to arrive, you can grab a coffee or visit a few shops and hang out.
25. **Victoria Landry**: A lot of first year students who take art classes such as Design Fundamentals need to get art supplies and easy access to the Holyoke Mall would help them get those requirements.
26. **Rebecca DiVico**: Would this be just for Westfield State or for the whole community?
27. **Sue LaMontagne**: This would be a public Intermodal Center that’s going to be in Westfield that will serve not only Westfield and the College, but will serve the region as well. It will be very similar to, what I hear the Holyoke Mall Intermodal Center is like.
28. **Emily Hamel**: Have they looked into how much this would affect the already terrible traffic, or if it would at all.
29. **Sue LaMontagne:** I can’t really answer that but I believe they are thinking it would actually help relieve the traffic by offering more public transportation. They are paying special attention tohow buses would enter so they have a design of the traffic situation.
30. **Samantha Dacey:** Would you still be able to use your ID or would you have to pay?
31. **Sue LaMontagne:** That could be some of the services you want. We could figure out how to get everything onto the ID.
32. **Tom Durkee:** As a resident of Western Ma, our transportation system isn’t as advanced as out east with the T. I think this is a really beneficial thing and the Holyoke Intermodal Center is awesome for people in that area, helping people with jobs and it would broaden job opportunities for Westfield student as well.
33. **Sue LaMontagne:** Landsdowne will have a great benefit from this as well, to have transportation access especially regular routes to campus.
34. **Jennifer McDiarmid:** I noticed a lot of people mentioning going East, but transportation going West of South might help since I know some students from Connecticut as well.
    * + 1. Bring back any thoughts because we all appreciate it. If you think of anything else, feel free to email me. Thank you for your time.
35. Thanks Sue LaMontagne. If you talk to roommates or anything about the idea, please bring that to Sue LaMontagne or you can go visit her and get one of your units.
36. I move to appoint Matthew Demikat as a Representative at Large for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year. Motion passed.
37. I am passing around a committee sheet for Sarah Hegarty. Please write the two committees that you serve on. These committees will count for your attendance.
    * + 1. Brandon Burr: Class council counts as a committee, right?
        2. Stephanie Close: Yes, you’re class council or hall council counts as your first committee.
38. As you know, today is Election Day. If you have not made it over to the polls today, Westfield polls are open until 8:00pm tonight. If you do not have something to prove your school address, Carlton Pickron has brought letters with him to sign after the meeting.
39. There is a watch party tonight in Scanlon Banquet Hall. This is sponsored by the Political Science Department. Join your peers as the election results start rolling in. This will go on from 7:00pm tonight until the election is called (assuming that we will know tonight).There will be plenty of food.
40. The Multicultural committee is having an interest meeting tomorrow at 5:00pm in Wilson 116. Please attend and encourage your friends to attend.
41. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 13th, at 5:30 in the Loughman Living room.
42. Items not listed on the Agenda.
43. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Stone Koury*
44. Student advisory Council met last Thursday, November 1st and we are looking forward to an exciting year.
    * + 1. We elected Student members to the Board of Higher Education, which is important. The student chosen to represent State Universities is the Fitchburg Trustee and I have full confidence in him. So know, you are now as well represented a you can be on the Board of Higher Education.
        2. We are also reviewing PARRC, which is the study about what “college readiness” is, you should all look into doing that survey.
        3. Next week we are starting a letter to Governor Patrick’s office, we are hoping to tackle some big issues within that.
45. Can I see the Representatives at large after the meeting?
46. All University Committee: Jennifer McDiarmid
    * + 1. Yesterday, November 5th we voted to approve, that Westfield Athenaeum members will be able to use the University Library.
        2. Our next Scheduled meeting is on November 26th at a time and place to be announced.
47. Neighborhood Advisory Board**:** Victoria Landry
    1. The Neighborhood Advisory Board met yesterday, November 5th.
48. Vice President Carlton Pickron spoke to us about the Tobacco Free policy and the addition of “Butt Hutts” on campus.
49. The neighbors agreed there has been an improvement over the last month or so in loitering and litter on Western Avenue.
50. We were also told about quite a few upcoming events in Westfield. To see move information you can go to [www.westfieldonweekends.com](http://www.westfieldonweekends.com). It is a pretty cool site and I have some postcards here if anyone wants one.
51. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Taylor Fote*
52. I hope all the juniors had an easy time registering this morning. I have something from the Substance Advisory Committee that I would like to bring to you guys tonight. Before I open the question to you I would like to say this is a sensitive subject and I would hope everyone will respect everyone’s opinions, and not joke about the matter. Please keep your comments a professional as possible; we are trying to get serious remarks on the topic. If you do not feel comfortable speaking your mind, please email me a vpstudentlife.sga@westfield.ma.edu with your comments before Friday, November 9th, so I can bring it to the committee. If you could change the current drug use policy or not change it, what would you change it to and why?
    * + 1. **Amanda McCarthy**: Some students would prefer that the drug policy would be more like the alcohol policy, so that if you get caught with pot, you would get at 10/100. Since in Massachusetts Marijuana is decriminalized, so the current policy seems a little harsh.
        2. **Rebecca DiVico**: I think the policy could classify the drugs in groups, because there is such a difference in the dangers and they shouldn’t all have the same punishment.
        3. **Richard Darrach**: I agree that possession on marijuana should be treated at the same level as a 10/100. I feel that if someone is caught smoking in their room, they shouldn’t lose housing automatically but there should be stricter sanctions than a 10/100.
        4. **Joshua Frank**: I definitely think some kind of education aspect needs to be added to the policy. Just kicking someone off campus isn’t an effective way to making them stop. So similar to the alcohol education classes, they have that to understand the reasons behind the policy better.
        5. **Taylor Fote**: Point of information: Thanks Josh, there is an education course when you are caught with marijuana.
        6. **Stone Koury**: I think the policy right now focuses on protecting students first and disciplining them second. I think it’s good that if you get caught drinking you have the 10/100 and the class, and then the second time, you’re out. I think the drug policy should focus more on education, and then focus on discipline.
        7. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: Since we are now a “smoke-free campus” we aren’t even supposed to use tobacco products in our room. It should still stay the same. You can’t have cigarettes or dip, so why should you be allowed to have marijuana?
        8. **Victoria Landry**: Similar to that, you can’t smoke a cigarette in your room, so why would marijuana be treated differently?
        9. **Isaac Matson**: I would like to see more enforcement of the current policy. I don’t want to get stricter, and I can see it getting a little more lenient in some ways, but at the same time, I’d like to see it be treated stricter within the dorms. Fellow students notice people smoking in their rooms but nothing is enforced, so it should be more enforced in the dorms, but not necessarily stricter.
        10. **Tom Durkee**: As a voice of Residential Life, it’s hard to pinpoint where the smoke is coming from, so that’s part of the issue. It can be hard to determine who the smoker is.
53. Thank you everyone, can I see Samantha Dacey and Priscilla Aguilar after the meeting?
54. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
55. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
56. Food Services Committee: Tom Durkee
    * + 1. The November calendar is out, so check it out for events in November. There is a Spring roll event for dinner tonight.
        2. The comment card box has been moved from check in to by the plate return and we have received much feedback since the move. We are working on the suggestions.
        3. The Halloween dinner was well received and the Thanksgiving dinner will be next Thursday, November 15th. We will have all the traditional foods and some new surprises.
        4. Next Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00pm is the kick off for the food drive which will be happening throughout the remainder of the semester. To participate in this amazing and eye opening opportunity please sign up at the Dining Commons, at either check in station, or email [flees@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:flees@westfield.ma.edu) by 3:00pm on Novemeber 13th. This event has a limit of 50 people and you don’t need a meal plan.
        5. Our next scheduled meeting is on November 13th at 4:15pm in the Dining commons.
57. Health Committee: **No Report**
58. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
59. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
60. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
61. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Victoria Landry**
    1. The Turkey Drive is underway, we had a little setback with Hurricane Sandy but things are going well.
    2. If anyone asks, we are accepting the Big Y coupons that say “Happy Thanksgiving” please donate them if you don’t intend on using them, they are a huge help.
    3. All money is due on November 9th; we are hoping to have the Turkeys to the Salvation Army by November 19th. If anyone is interested in helping count money, that would be a great help as well.
    4. Anyone that has an envelope, and is helping with the collections can I see you after the meeting.
    5. The next Blood Drive is November 28th, so keep an eye out for that.
62. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Rebecca DiVico*
63. I want to make everyone aware of the Westfield Seed Money for Academic or Research Travel for Students. These are more commonly known as the S.M.A.R.T.S grants. If you or someone you know will be participating in scholarly activities off campus, such as academic conferences or workshops, participating in off-campus research projects or engaging in service learning directly related to an academic program or purpose you are eligible to apply for this money. All you have to do is fill out the form online and get a letter of recommendation. You can be given up to $500.00 in reimbursements for expenses. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis which means first come first served.
64. I hope all of the juniors in the room had an easy time registering this morning. Sophomores, tomorrow starts advising week and we will be registering on Wednesday, November 14th. First years, your advising period begins, Thursday, November 15 to Monday, November 26th. Your registration date is Tuesday, November 27th.
65. If anyone has any questions about S.M.A.R.T.S grants or advising feel free to ask me.
66. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
67. Curriculum Committee: Katie Morrissey
    1. Curriculum Committee met on October 26th.
    2. We approved one course for the GARP department.
    3. We tabled three coursed from Criminal Justice on the basis of need for updating.
    4. Our Next meeting is this Thursday, November 8th at 3:45pm in Wilson 319.
68. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
69. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
70. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
71. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
72. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
73. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Michelle Hanney*
74. Programming update: Michelle Hanney
    1. I and 11 other CAB members will be attending a conference from this Thursday, November 8th until Sunday, November 11th in Hartford Ct called NACA. We will be bringing back a lot of different event, ideas, comedian, hypnotist and bands. to CAB to get a couple great things booked for the fall. We are really excited about that.
    2. Then the only other thing is next week is Trivia instead of the 3rd Wednesday, because we will be on Thanksgiving break.
75. **Jennifer McDiarmid**: I know the New York trip is scheduled to happen in a few weeks. Is that still happening?
76. **Michelle Hanney**: Yes, the New York trip is still happening. We’re going to be online ticketing. We’re trying to get that set up now. You get online tickets instead of waiting outside Ely. There are two tickets per student and this year we’re going to have four buses going. The tentative date tickets will go on sale is November 15th around 7:00am, but we will have more information in the next few days to let you guys know. There will be posters around and it will be on the CAB Facebook, so look out for that. It’s set ot go and the trip is December 1st.
77. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Joshua Frank*
78. I have a finance proposal to present today. The finance committee met with the EMS club yesterday, and they are looking for funds for equipment. There are also two representatives from EMS to answer any questions. There are four vendors they are looking to purchase from. From one vendor they are buying medical supplies, the second vendor they’re purchasing equipment updates, the third vendor is for equipment that needs replacing, and the fourth vendor is for radio supplies.
    1. **Nick Vallante**: What is an Iron Duck?
    2. **Laura Foley**: These are our trauma bags. They are 23 years old. These are the original bags that the club started with. The reason we go through the company, Iron Duck, is because repairs are guaranteed for life. This bag has been sewn twice already, same as our other two bags. The fact that they’re 23 years old, they’re just disintegrating, we need new bags. The reason we chose the company was because they’re right in Chicopee, we can drive the bag right to them, and they guarantee the repairs for life. It’s just that there are not enough materials to cinch back together.
    3. **Tim Egan:** I know at the end of last year, we gave you close to this amount. So is that all used up, or are you just trying to get new supplies? That was close to the end of year, so I was just wondering.
    4. **Laura Foley:** We need about $1000 worth of medical supplies, and that’s because we use those supplies on the college campus and at club sporting games. Part of providing our service, we use our supplies, so every year we need to restock our supplies and we go through SGA. We need new bags, because they’re falling apart at the seams and we have equipment falling out of our bags. So, if we go to the scene of something, we’re constantly worrying whether we are losing some of these small, but expensive medical tools. We are asking for two brand new radios because I am overjoyed to see, 30 brand new members coming to the EMS club meetings weekly. We have a core of students who are going to the EMT class, getting their first responder, and we have more than enough people to provide coverage of the campus. The problem is that we have six radios, which some of them are literally held together with a rubber band. Last year, you bought brand new batteries for us which means the radios can sustain the whole ten hour shift, the problem is they are so old. These are the original club radios, almost 23 years old now. We have six radios shared amongst 30 members, which is great that we have radios, but when we do events like Homecoming or Senate Banquet, we’re sharing radios between 2 or 3 people and a lot of times, we’re pulling out our personal cell phones, to get in contact with other people, so two brand new radios, even though its only two, would help us set up more teams and give us more coverage of the campus. And finally, we are asking for some other equipment like backboard head blocks. That’s because we got a brand new backboard from you guys, but we need head blocks in order to secure the patient onto the backboard. So even though it sounds like a lot of money, it’s going to a really good cause, because we have direct return to the college campus. We are directly helping the students, and EMS equipment is expensive. But once we have it, we have it for a really long time. The fact that the bags lasted 23 years and the fact that we have 20 year old radios gives credit to, even though you’re making the investment now, it’s going to be there in the future and it’s going to keep working for you.
    5. **Sarah Hagerty:** Looking at the bag, it definitely needs a repair, that’s not okay. If we’re going to this company and they’re supposed to repair it for life, we have pretty good reason to ask for a new bag.
    6. **Laura Foley:** It’s old enough that they can’t keep repairing it. And it’s old enough that a lot of improvements have been made to the bag. All of our supplies are free, floating around the inside of the bag. The brand new bags have sections in them, which helps keep all the small things organized and easier to find in such a big bag.
    7. **Tori Landry:** I’ve seen you guys in full action, so I definitely appreciate everything you do. I understand it’s a lot of money, but then again it’s going to a good cause and coming directly back to the campus. They’re actually helping people.
    8. **Pricilla Aguilar:** I agree with everything said. But have you guys tried fundraising on your own instead of coming straight to SGA?
    9. **Laura Foley:** Honestly, we are doing a fundraiser, hopefully in the spring, towards getting a bigger car, that holds all the supplies and have it be easily accessible, when I am going to a call. We are lucky we have a vehicle, and we’re more than thankful for that, so we’re looking to fundraise for that, not ask SGA for it. On the other hand, we’re an all-volunteer service; we donate ten hours of our time per night, to go and make sure that students are safe. We pay for our own equipment, we pay for our uniforms, we pay to go through the EMT class, and then we directly come back and help the student population. We have a lot of fun and I love doing it, but at the same time, I’m not sure I want to put a burden on the club of having to fundraise for the equipment, so we can turn around and use it on the students, which is also why we don’t have people pay dues to get into the club.
    10. **Matthew Demikat:** I’ve heard many of these things are needs, but are there any items you can think of that aren’t needs that might lessen the burden on us?
    11. **Laura Foley:** Honestly, I can think of two things. There’s an item called Sudecon wipes, that will run you about $40.00, so that if officers pepper spray someone or themselves, we can decontaminate, so that’s not quite urgent. And the other thing, we have no organizational system within our closet, so we’ve asked for glove holders to mount to the wall, because right now they’re on the floor getting stepped on, and that’s not very sanitary. That’s going to be in total of about $60.00. Everything else are things that we need, in order to run our service.
    12. **Josh Frank:** I have a few copies of the details of the report if anyone would like to view it. Also, I ask that any members of the EMS club abstain from voting for interest reasons.
    13. **Jennifer McDiarmid:** I know we gave you a ton of money last semester, and I know the bag has the guarantee, so is there any way that you can bring the bag to them and pay a difference of what the new bag is? I agree you guys do a service to the school, but in my mind, I can’t justify that we gave you around $4000.00 last semester, and $4000 this semester, and now I’m wondering if you’ll come back next semester and ask another $4000.00, because it really adds up.
    14. **Laura Foley:** We probably will come back next semester and ask for another $2000.00 worth of medical supplies, because we will run out. This bag’s fabric is weakening and the guarantee is only for repairs, and not complete replacements.
    15. **Jennifer McDiarmid:** I’m asking if there’s a way to pay the difference between a repair and getting a new bag. What**’**s the difference between this bag and a regular Nike duffle bag?
    16. **Laura Foley:** These bags are special because they are vomit, blood, and water-resistant. We go through a lot of gross things, and the bag is different than other bags because it avoids absorption, and I can’t wipe it off, and it becomes a biohazard. I understand the guarantee makes it frustrating, but these bags are old and they are specially made. Everything is antimicrobial so that nothing grows on it and I won’t be pulling out a disease every time I pull out supplies because I didn’t sterilize every inch of my bag.
    17. **Melvin Riveria:** As a part of the EMS club, these are things that are necessary. Also, working at Noble Hospital, these are things that are needed around campus and need to be used on common shifts. It’s going to be used, and yes, medical supplies are very expensive, but in the long run it helps keep us safe and keeps the club credited and certified.
    18. **Brittany Moniz:** One of the things I love about this university is the chance for opportunities that we give to our students, and I think a student run club like this, where you guys don’t get paid, and especially medical, we should be whole heartedly supporting them in their efforts and getting them the supplies that they need to do their job.
    19. **Allyson McElhiney:** I think the supplies they’re asking for are necessary. We need to help them help us.
    20. **Richard Darrach:** When I’m doing a round at 2:30 in the morning and I find someone unconscious, EMS comes running down the hall. I’m in full support and I think everything is necessary and well detailed. I saw the full break down of the budget, I support them 100%.
    21. **Olivia Dumas:** I’m on the finance committee, so I got to see everything on the proposal and I got to speak with them. They have requirements that they have to meet too, it’s not just frivolities. They need these certain things to be considered an official EMS club.
    22. **Tom Durkee:** I second all that was just said in the past few minutes and as a non-member of the EMS club. I’ve seen Laura Foley, I have class with her at 9:20am three days a week and this girl stays up ten hours a night to help this campus, to serve all of you, our residents and our peers. She doesn’t get paid, doesn’t ask for anything in return, and they’re trying to build a career and have an opportunity, and I think that we’re meant to represent the students, this isn’t a fee we’re forced to pay, but we should give them these supplies each semester, so that they can continue doing their service for the campus, allowing us to help the students that we represent. I think it would be a disservice if we did not approve these supplies.
    23. **Emily Hammel:** I move to close the speaker’s list. Motion seconded. Speaker list was closed.
79. I move to allocate $4,189.24 to the EMS Club. Motion passed.
80. This Friday, November 9th there will be an open forum for the Vice President of Administration and Finance position at 3:15pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. Please try your best to make it. This administration position isn’t seen by most students; however they have a large impact on the tuition and fees you pay. Once again it is at 3:15pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall on November 9th.
81. Can I see the Finance Committee briefly, after this meeting?
82. Finance Report: **No Report**
83. Foundation Report**: No Report**
84. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Alexis Wagner*/*Sarah Hegarty*
85. Executive Secretary Report: Alexis Wagner
    * + 1. I just wanted to introduce myself, I’m Alexis Wagner, some people call me Lexi, and I’m the New Executive Secretary, so if you have any questions about reporting, or any ideas for the Senate Banquet next semester, feel free to email me or find me after the meeting or in the SGA office.
        2. Also, I’d like to remind you all that if you are reporting, I’d like to have a paper copy of your report, written legibly with your committee name on it, as that really helps us with the Minutes process each week. There are blank report sheets available at the back of the room each week at these meetings and Kim Hosmer also emails them as attachments each week with the agenda and previous week’s minutes.
86. Legislative Secretary Report: Sarah Hegarty
    1. Thank you to everyone who submitted their units and did so on time.
    2. I would like to congratulate this month’s Big Unit Award Winner. This award goes to the person who completes the most units and submits them on time. So congratulations to Brittany Moniz. Here is your certificate and a copy is on the bulletin board outside the SGA office.
    3. Now we will do the Unit Lotto. If you do your units your name is entered in for a chance to win a Walmart gift card.
    4. Stephanie Close passed around the committee list. I do want to remind everyone that each senator is required to sit on two committees. Hall and Class councils do count as one, missing a committee meeting counts as a half absence.
    5. Please bring your binder/folder next week for when I pass out the November calendar. I will also email them to you by the end of the week and it will be on the bulletin board outside the SGA office in P013.
87. PARLIMENTARIAN REPORTS: Isaac Matson
88. The committee this semester has been working on approving the many Club Constitutions that need reviewing this year. So far, we have looked at the Nursing Club, the Marketing Club, the Student United Way Club, the TRiO Club and the LAFE Club. So far two of these clubs have had their constitutions approved and they are the Nursing Club and the Marketing Club.
89. I would also like to thank the members of this committee for their amazing support to this process.
90. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
91. Commuter Council: Hannah Newell
92. Senior Class: Brandon Burr
    1. Our cookie dough and pretzel fundraiser is in full swing and our whole class council and advisors have order forms. If you would like to purchase some, please see one of our class council members.
    2. We are moving forward and getting pricing on our class sweatshirts, that will hopefully be on sale by the end of the semester and or sooner.
    3. We also have a Zumba event that we are planning for the end of the semester.
93. Junior Class: Brittany Moniz
    * + 1. We drew the winner for the President’s Parking Space last week. Our November winner is Mary Masse, a professor in the Biology Department. Congratulations to Mary.
        2. Next Wednesday and Thursday, November 14th and 15th, the Junior Class will be having a Bake Sale in Ely Main Lobby from 12:00 noon until 2:00pm. be sure to stop by.
        3. I hope you all have been nominating your friends for Mr. Westfield. Nominations end next Friday, November 16th, so there’s still time to get those nominations submitted.
        4. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 8th at 4:00pm in the Tekoa Room.
94. Sophomore Class: Richard Darrach
    * + 1. Tomorrow, November we’re holding interviews for the Publicity Coordinator position on our council. If you know anyone else that may be interested please email Class of 2015 as they are tomorrow.
        2. Also Tomorrow November 7th we’re holding Dance Coach interviews for Dancing with the Stars.
        3. Next week we are holding interest/interview sections for dancers.
        4. If anyone would like more information please see me after the meeting or email the class email.
        5. Our next scheduled meeting is November 7th at 4:30pm in the Tekoa Room.
95. Freshman Class: **No Report**
96. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
97. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
98. Davis Hall: **No Report**
99. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
100. Lammers Hall: Priscilla Aguilar
     * + 1. I accept the resignation of Abigail McMahon as our representative to Senate.
         2. We are holding interviews on November 15th at 7:00pm for our available SGA Representative position.
         3. Our next scheduled meeting is November 8th at 7:45pm in the Main Lobby of Lammers Hall.
101. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
102. New Hall: **No Report**
103. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
104. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**
105. NEW BUSINESS:
106. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
107. **Victoria Landry**: Turkey Drive, anyone with envelopes, please see me after.
108. **Joshua Frank**: Finance Committee, please meet me at the front after the meeting.
109. **Sarah Hegarty**: Can I have the committee list at the end of the meeting?
110. **Stone Koury**: Representatives at Large, meet me real quick on the side.
111. **Taylor Fote**: Can I see the people I asked to see and 84 Days until we’re back in Ely.
112. **Brandon Burr**: 193 days until commencement.
113. ROLL CALL: David Getchell, Courtney Keddy, Abigail McMahon, and Kaylen Vangos were absent. Jonathan Mercurio and Jackie Green sent alternates.
114. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.