**Student Government Association Minutes**

November 18, 2014

1. ROLL CALL: Ariana Roche, Ashley Deleon, Priscilla Aguilar, Darian Weldon, and Brian DeMars were absent.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 04, 2014: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Rebecca DiVico*
4. Our speaker tonight is Junior Delgado, the Director of the Career Center.
5. **Junior Delgado**: Good evening. Thank you for having me here tonight. My name is Junior Delgado and I will start by telling you a bit about myself. I have been here at Westfield State for fourteen years. I am the father of one. I have lived in Westfield for over thirty years. I also work with the men’s basketball team here at school. We are hoping for a great season.
6. When you work in the Career Center, you look at a lot of resumes. Over my time here, I would say that I have looked at over 5,000 resumes. Our yearly average for contact with employers is somewhere between 250 – 300 employers. So, we are very active. I put two hands outs in front of you. Those have most of our services listed from resume writing, cover letter running, and other services.
7. We also work with students in the Career Center on mock interviews. Those can be extremely nerve wracking of course, especially if you have never sat in front of professionals. One thing that I like to point out to students is that when you go out for a job interview, you likely won’t have just one professional in the room. It seems that more and more employers are using interview committees, which can have between eight and twelve people on there. That can be really tough and intimidating without practice.
8. We also work with our students on graduate school advising, if you are looking to move forward and get an advanced degree. We also post full time jobs on a web page called Career Connections. We also post dates and times for events such as career fairs, networking dinners, and so forth.
9. The Business club will be hosting a network night tomorrow from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm over in Scanlon Hall. We are going to have somewhere in the vicinity of 15-20 business professionals who have decided to come and join us for the evening. They will be sharing their professional experience in all aspects from sales to finance to management. We have one Vice President coming in who is responsible for over sixty employers and over $3.65 billion worth of merchandise. That’s a pretty large number.
10. This upcoming spring, we have a few other programs happening. There will be two Career Fairs as well as a dining etiquette event that will take place in March. That program teaches you what forks and knives to use, how to sit and how to dine in a professional setting. It is open to all students. There is no cost.
11. In February, we are hosting a Life after Westfield series, which is when we invite young alumni from the classes of 2012, 2013, and 2014 who will talk about their experiences and what it is like to be a graduate of Westfield, some of their career experiences, and what life is like once they have left Westfield State.
12. We have community service opportunities listed on our website and we also can help with part-time jobs, internships, and so on. One thing that I pride myself on is working with students and helping them establish professional connections, whether that is through a part-time job, an internship, applying to graduate school, or something of the like. I worked with a student the other day that was in Movement Science and I actually learned that in order to go to graduate school, they have to take the PTCATS, which I had not seen, in quite a long time. For many graduate schools, you have to take some sort of entrance exam. To be a lawyer, there is the LSATS, for business school; there is the GMATS and so on and so forth.
13. We are open weekdays from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm and we are over in Lammers Hall Annex. We have an extensive website. On that note, what are some questions you may have?
14. **Richard Darrach**: If we were planning on graduating in May of 2015, when would you suggest that we start sending out job applications?
15. **Junior Delgado**: Something that I tell all students is the earlier you start the better. Some job processes can take a very long time and just because an employer posts a job in February does not mean that they will fill the position in February. The job process of hiring someone could drag all the way into May or June. The sooner you begin applying, the better you are going to be. The level of competition today in the economy and job market is very high. The more that you can add to your resume, the more experiences that you can get while you are here, the better off you are going to be. If you’re a senior, I would not encourage you to wait until April or May to begin applying. The typical job search process for graduates can take anywhere from 3 to 12 months.
16. **Amy Szlachetka**: Can students find internships online or should they come into your office for that?
17. **Junior Delgado**: Students can come into our office to work specifically on internships, but a lot of that is listed online. Another site that I always encourage students to use is the glassdoor.com. Not only does it do reviews for companies and internships and interviews, but also it does full-time job listings as well as internships.
18. **Olivia Dumas**: For seniors who are thinking about pursuing graduate school, would you recommend going right into grad school or taking a year or semester off instead?
19. **Junior Delgado**: That is the age-old question. Do you go out and get experience or continue on with school? The best way that I can answer that is by saying that that is an individual decision. There are many factors that go into play with graduate school. There is cost, size of school, assistantships, etc. So, if you are going to receive some type of financial assistance, I think that impacts the decisions as well. However, most of the employer industry is split. Half will say not to go to graduate school right away and instead get experience, while the others will say that certainly while you are in that school mode, go to graduate school and get your master’s degree. There is no right or wrong answer. It is a preference and a process. Some schools are very costly and that plays a huge role. Some employers these days will even help pay for a master’s degree, which is a huge asset. One field that I always throw out that nobody ever things about is working in Higher Education. Whatever capacity you work within higher education, you have the opportunity to take advantage of tuition reimbursement. One of the schools that I last worked at, I paid $50.00 for my registration and books and all of my classes were free. I took three graduate level courses. This normally would have cost somewhere in the $3,500.00 range. So, there are sites for working with higher education as well as other fields.
20. **Rebecca DiVico**: If you had one tip for underclassmen at Westfield, what would it be in terms of a career? I think some people fear the Career Center because they are afraid of life after Westfield.
21. **Junior Delgado**: How many people actually think that life after Westfield is scary? Of course, it scares anyone. The best piece of advice that I can give for that is to get involved on campus. Look for opportunities that interest you, that can also go on your resume, especially if it is related to your career. One, it will be some experience to put on your resume related to your career and secondly, it will tell you whether what you are studying is something that you actually enjoy and the career you want to have. Being involved can be in a variety of different ways. It can be having an internship, doing volunteer work, fundraising, etc. One thing that I learned about college students is that they never brag about themselves well. You do a bunch of great things, you have a bunch of great experiences, but you don’t sell yourself enough. You must brag about yourself. Because the world is competitive, you have to prove to employers that you are the best candidate and show them what you can bring to the table. You have to sell yourself. I know that most people are humble and modest, but you must brag about yourself to show that you are the most suited candidate for a job or opportunity. Most students don’t even want to talk about the great person that they are or the experiences that they have but I know that this is all true about them because I can look at their resume and have that information. No one can sell yourself except for you. All of the important experiences you have tell people that. You are your best cheerleader.
22. **Rich Darrach:** My parents are graciously getting me a graduation present of a nice suit. What stores do you recommend that sell nice suits for reasonable prices?
23. **Junior Delgado:** At some point in time, we have a commitment from our Vice President of Student Affairs and our University President to opening up a place called “Suit up for Success.” People will be donating men’s and women’s blazers, jackets, ties, etc. We already have some articles but we are just looking for students to man the hours. It is going to be on campus and everything will be free. If the size fits and you like it, you get to keep it. In the last year and a half, we have probably given away twenty suits, ten or twelve jackets, and over twenty-five ties. But if you are talking about external stores, one of the things that I will say, if you have a small budget, you can look at places like Savers, Goodwill, and Salvation Army. You can actually find decent suit jackets, blazers, and dress pants in there for very cheap. My first navy blue suit jacket was from Goodwill. I paid $7 for it, $5 to have it dry cleaned, and it was like new. If you want to buy something new, unless you have coupons or sales going on, I have found that sizing can become an issue. I like Kohl’s and JCPenny because you can mix and match the pants with the jackets for about $130, which is not too bad. This way you change up the sizes as well. Every now and then Marshalls and Burlington Coat Factory can have less expensive suits and such. I don’t claim to be an expert in women’s clothing. There are times where you can find certain pieces at Macy’s or Forever 21, New York & Company and even at Dress Barn. There are some places with fairly inexpensive options.
24. **Dr. Carlton Pickron:** Request of Information. We also do a dress for success in addition to the Dining for Success event. Also, when we talk about selling yourself, think about the best way to sell yourself at a career fair.
25. **Junior Delgado:** Thank you, Dr. Pickron.
26. This year, we have partnered with Lee Outlets and we are going to be looking for student models, five males and five females. We are going to take these students up to Lee for the day and they are going to dress you and you will be part of the fashion show portion of the dining etiquette night. They will run the fashion show component. There is a whole form you fill out, and they match your personality to what stores they have. There will be an e-mail sent out and if you are interested, let us know.
27. The second thing is that when we talk about selling ourselves at a career fair, we have a great deal of that information on our website. We also have a bunch of handouts over in our office. It’s about preparing your 60-90 second elevator pitch. The way that I explain the elevator pitch is this: If you were put on an elevator with your favorite company or organization, how would you sell yourself in 60 seconds? That is the elevator pitch.
28. We also have two things up on our website which are completely free. One is the interview streaming. If you have a webcam on your computer, you can go in, put in however many questions you’d like, and then a prerecorded person on the other end will actually ask you the questions, and you have two minutes to answer. Than you go back, watch your video and see if you were playing with your hair, if you were blinking, nodding, or what have you. It’s surprising what people don’t notice. Then there are a few videos on there, called career spots, one of them being on the elevator pitch.
29. There is also LinkedIn. About 325 million people on LinkedIn and just about any company, group, or organization have LinkedIn accounts. It’s a way to professionally network and meet people. With LinkedIn, there is a group that Westfield State has and we post all of those job opportunities and such on LinkedIn.
30. **Joshua Clark:** Let’s say that my personality matched with Brooks Brothers. Do I get to keep those clothes after the fashion show or no?
31. **Junior Delgado**: No you do not. You go up, they outfit you, and then the clothes stay up with the folks in Lee. Then, they bring you those clothes on the day of the event, and you hand them back at the end. We are liable if anything happens to the clothes.
32. **Justin Connolly:** What if you run smaller size?
33. **Junior Delgado:** It’s open to anybody who would like to model and they will find you an outfit.
34. **Joshua Frank:** A professor gave me advice to join a young professional’s society, but during my research, I found them to have pretty outrageous membership fees. I’m wondering if you know of any that are free or at least relatively affordable.
35. **Junior Delgado:** Most cities in the commonwealth have these young professional societies. There are some that are less expensive than others, but many of them do have quite a crazy cost. The age’s range anywhere from younger 20s to 40s. Some of them are as low as $25.00-$50.00 fees while some are much more expensive than that. That’s something that we can do research on for you, should you want to join one of those groups. Just to let you know, Josh had an interest in an internship and after a week a half of work, we found that they only take students from key campuses so although it didn’t exactly work out, we do continue to work no matter what for our students and we pride ourselves on that.
36. **Victoria Landry:** I know that last year you guys did a LinkedIn workshop. Are you planning on doing that again?
37. **Junior Delgado:** We are planning on doing something very similar. I’m not sure if it will be internally or externally. But last year, we brought in a speaker who ran our workshop. We also pictured with David Freed, who does pictures for the Universities, taking free LinkedIn pictures for folks who attended. We are going to bring another program like that this spring.
38. **Victoria Landry:** Readdress. It was the same time as SGA last year.
39. **Junior Delgado:** We will be sure not to make in on a Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
40. **Andrew Morin:** What advice would you have for a sophomore who knows what direction they want to go in but needs help getting there and compiling a resume? Should they just come in and see you guys or take another step first?
41. **Junior Delgado:** Before you come to see us, compile all of your information and experiences. Then, come in and sit down with us and talk about what direction it is that you want to go in and then we can see where you can find more opportunities and experiences to help build your resume. You don’t want to be involved in ten different things. To be a member of ten different things and not do anything important within those things is self-defeating. If you are part of the business club, try and get involved more so with that in a leadership position so you can talk about it on your resume. Don’t just be members of twenty-five organizations. Instead, be a leader in one or two of them.
42. **Andrew Morin:** Readdress. Related to that, if you’re a sophomore looking to have a job to help pay the bills that is still within your career field, but you can’t do an internship, how should I go about that? Should I be applying for summer jobs now?
43. **Junior Delgado:** Absolutely. There are going to be times where it will be hard to land jobs in your area if there are no opportunities, especially if you are only available in the summer and winter months. If you are thinking about summer employment, look at that stuff now. It can be very difficult to land a job on such short notice, especially because it is so competitive. For every one job opportunity, there’s anywhere from 200-300 applicants looking for that position. When it comes to policing, there are anywhere from 26,000-35,000 people who take the civil service exam for maybe 100 positions across the states. It is a competitive job market out there, so the sooner you begin applying and building a resume, the better off you are going to be. Don’t get discouraged. Take everything a piece at time.
44. **Sara Palis:** How many internships should I complete before graduation to look the best for employers?
45. **Junior Delgado:** That is a huge topic in the employer world. The general answer is to do two or more to look the absolute best. One question I get a lot has to do with ten hours per week on a volunteer basis that wasn’t really an internship, but it does count. Whether it is related experience or direct experience, it will count on your resume, even if it is unpaid. Any experience counts. But yes, two or more internships are certainly what they look for. They do understand that can be impossible because of course load, part-time jobs, going abroad, etc.
46. **Scott Seskevich**: I am kind of split between law school and education right now. I recall you saying something about LSATS but do you guys also do any kind of MTEL prep or help students find student teaching opportunities?
47. **Junior Delgado**: If you are interested in learning more about LSATS, tomorrow night in New Hall, room 141 B there will be a Law School Series seminar. A judge as well as an attorney will be here on campus to have the discussion about law school. With MTELs, the Education department tends to have prep seminars and the bookstore will sell MTEL prep books. The reading and writing center also runs MTEL prep programs.
48. **Aaron Sylvia:** Are there any resources for first-year students that can help us in landing a job in four years?
49. **Junior Delgado:** Off the Career Center web page, there is something called the 4-year career plan. That will tell you what you should be doing year by year to plan for a career. If you remember anything from today, get to know your professors. These will be the individuals that write you letters of recommendation in the future. The same goes for part-time job bosses. Your future employers may want to speak with them about your work ethic. What was your attitude like? Were you punctual? Were you good with the clientele? These are things you want to keep in mind.
50. **Justin Connolly**: What is the typical step-by-step process for meeting with you?
51. **Junior Delgado:** Either stop by the office or call our office to set up an appointment. We typically do our meetings in 30 – 60 minutes and then if we need to meet with you again, we can schedule follow-up appointments. Also, one other thing that I haven’t mentioned is that once you graduate, you can still come back and use the services in the career center free of charge as an alumnus.
52. **Shannon Cullinane**: I am interested in looking into HR and event planning, so now I have two different resumes. Why is that?
53. **Junior Delgado**: In some different career fields, you may have multiple resumes with many different focuses. Sometimes, resumes can tend to be a little bit general but if you have specific skills and interests in one area, you might want to focus a resume on that one area. Cover letters also typically go with resumes and you may have several of those. It’s just another place to brag about yourself and say why you are the best candidate. Generic cover letters can be spotted right away. Tailor your letter to ads or the specific job you’re looking for. If your cover letter speaks a ton about leadership, they will look for leadership experiences in your resume. The other big thing is that big corporations in the United States have scan-tron machines that quite literally can take your resume through a software system to key words that they want. Based on those key words, they decide whether you have met enough of the criteria to have them even consider your resume. This is before your resume is actually even looked at by a person.
54. **Danielle Coveno**: A lot of the internships and job postings are in Western Massachusetts but I am from Eastern, Massachusetts. Do you look in other areas for these things or just locally?
55. **Junior Delgado**: Not all of our postings are from Western Massachusetts they are just more likely to send us postings than employers in Eastern Massachusetts. However, if you come in and sit down with us, we will find you opportunities where you need them. We go to a lot of job fairs in other states and places to find opportunities to bring them to students. Anything that we have is also pasted on our LinkedIn page.
56. Thank you Junior. I hope you all had a nice week off from SGA. A few weeks ago Ken Haar came down to speak to us about an organization called PHENOM and he passed out interest cards. He sent them to the PHENOM headquarters and they accidently shredded all of our information before inputting it into their computer so, if you are still interested in PHENOM, I will send around a sheet for your information
57. I would like to thank everyone for helping out with the Turkey Drive. I know that Justin Connelly will be speaking more about it but I wanted to also thank you all for your help.
58. The executive board had been talking about how hard it is for new senators to learn the basics of SGA right away so we created a “New Senator Packet”. There are a few over by the mailboxes but I can print as many as we need. You don’t have to be a new senator to take one though. There’s information about making a motion, basic SGA etiquette and contact information.
59. Who’s Your Senator posters are slowly going up. I’ve reached out to those of you who I am still missing information. If you need your picture taken, please see Tori Landry after the meeting.
60. The Great American Smoke out is going to be this Thursday, November 20 at 5:30 pm on the Campus Green. There will be a ton of information about how to quit smoking and information about lung cancer. There will be a bonfire and snacks and it is a unit opportunity.
61. I would also like to give a special shout out to our 2015 representative Tori Landry for receiving the President’s Award for Excellence in Leadership, let’s give her a round of applause.
62. Victoria Landry: I would also like to congratulate Rebecca DiVico for also receiving the President’s Award for Leadership.
63. 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 have had a good couple of weeks. I have been quite busy since out last SGA Meeting.
6. There were chairs placed in the gazebo behind Ely. This is thanks to Curt Robie and the Facilities and Maintenance Department. What is a little disappointing is the fact that one of the chairs has already been damaged. I will be speaking with the people in the gazebos, as soon as I can, to see what the story is. The chairs were cheap enough that it isn’t too big of a deal financially, if they are damaged but that isn’t the point. Please reach out to your constituents and implore them to treat the gazebos and the associated equipment properly. Facilities are looking into a table but there would be no point in purchasing it if what they do purchase for the gazebos is damaged.
7. I also sent an email to Curt Robie regarding the work that is to be done on the graffiti, in the gazebos. As they begin to sand down the graffiti, I want to try to avoid grievances being filed by the carpenters because of students smoking in their work area. I asked that Curt Robie send an email to the students and faculty informing them of the work being done so that they can avoid that area, when work is being done. Please remind your constituents.
8. In my meeting with Dr. Conlogue, we talked about the housing survey that was sent by Josh Hettrick on November 5. The subject of the email refers to the survey as a “Housing Sign-Up Survey” but it is more than just that. It asks questions about what type of residence hall you might want to live in next year, but it also talks about what are called Living and Learning Communities. LLCs for those who do not know are areas in residence halls reserved for a specific group. The survey lists off potential LLCs and asks about the probability of you living in that kind of LLC. It’s a cool concept so hopefully student responses help to push them in that direction. Please search your email and take the survey. There is a chance to win $50.00 in Owl Bucks if you type in your name and A# at the end.
9. Also, please remember that residence halls are closing at 2:00 pm November 26. They will be locked after that time until noon on the following Sunday. Please take everything that you think you might need for the weekend with you as you will not be able to re-enter after 2:00 pm.
10. Also remember that the Substance Advisory Committee is meeting tomorrow at 1:30 pm in the SGA Conference room. Also, All University Committee is meeting this Friday, November 21 at 12:30 pm in the Parenzo Boardroom. Lastly, Parking Appeals Board meets this Friday, November 21 at 2:30 pm in Wilson 117D.
11. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
12. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
13. Food Services Committee**: Megan Doerle**
14. The Thanksgiving dinner is this Thursday. There will be the turkey and ham along with red bliss mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes with marshmallow topping, and desserts will include assorted flavored pies, sugar cookies and more.
15. The annual Holiday buffet will be on December 11. More information to come as it gets closer.
16. On December 14, they will be hosting a bingo night and December 15 they will have a Greek yogurt smoothie bar during dinner.
17. Please make sure you and your friend bus your tables. The Sodexo workers are not responsible to clean up after you.
18. **Joshua Frank**: If I don’t have a meal plan, can a friend swipe me into the Holiday Dinner?
19. **Megan Dorele**: Yes.
20. Our next scheduled meeting is December 2 at 4:00 pm in the Tekoa Room.
21. Health Committee: **No Report**
22. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
23. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
24. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
25. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Justin Connolly**
26. Hello everyone. Last year we were able to give the Westfield Chapter of the Salvation Army $1,500.00 worth of turkeys. This year over 300 families petitioned to the Salvation Army requesting their need for a turkey for this upcoming Thanksgiving. So far we have raised $764.42.
27. The Class of 2015 has collected the most with $248.93, followed closely by our wonderful Executive Board with $205.50. Next we have Davis with $148.55, Uhall with $99.30, Courtney with $64.03 New hall with $57.28, Class of 2017 with $28.00 and Dickenson with $2.00.
28. I am missing collections from three halls in total. I would love to be able to get close to last year’s goal of $1500.00 but in order to do that we have to get out there and start collecting some more money. So far the Class of 2015 is going to enjoy a very nice pizza party.
29. I will be extending the deadline to Thursday, November 20 by 5:00 pm.
30. The next blood drive will be held on December 3. I will keep you all updated throughout the next few weeks regarding shift sign ups.
31. **Maddie Creamer**: How much did 2018 raise?
32. **Justin Connolly**: $115.00.
33. **Taylor Wertz**: If you work somewhere on campus could I put a tin out and collect money?
34. **Justin Connolly**: Yes, absolutely.
35. **Victoria Landry**: Request of Information: When asking for donations, say something along the lines of “Hi my name is Tori, I am from the Senior class council. SGA is collecting money for the turkey drive, which supports families in the greater Westfield area during Thanksgiving by providing them with turkey dinners. Do you have any spare change, money or Big Y coupons that you would be willing to donate?”
36. Justin Connolly: Thank you, Tori.
37. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Olivia Dumas*
38. Sophomore registration was yesterday, November 3 and I think it went well. First year registration is next Monday, November 24. I have some more posters that can be hung primarily in first year dorms so, if first year hall councils can grab some that would be great. If everyone else wants to grab some to hang in other places feel free to.
39. The advising survey committee met this Sunday, November 16 and the survey before you is what we came up with. So,
40. I move to send this survey to undergraduate students on behalf of the Student Government Association. Motion carries.
41. We are making one change an adding the question “Have you changed your original academic advisor?” right after question two.
42. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
43. Curriculum Committee: **Olivia Dumas**
44. Will be meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 3:45 pm.
45. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
46. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
47. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
48. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
49. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
50. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Shannon Cullinane*
51. Programming update**: Shannon Cullinane**
52. The New York Bus trip tickets went on sale last week. They were sold out in 26 minutes.
53. Also, this Friday, November 21 is bingo and it is taking place in Scanlon banquet hall at 10:00 pm.
54. Our next scheduled meeting is November 19 at 5:00 pm in the Owls Nest.
55. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Matthew Carlin*
56. Finance Report: **No Report**
57. Foundation Report: **No Report**
58. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Andrew Morin/Evelyn Dina*
59. Executive Secretary Report: **Andrew Morin**
60. We have a Senator of the Week this week. This senator has hit the ground running. She has been an excellent Hall Council member and a very avid member of CAB. Whenever there is a discussion or volunteer needed, this senator does not hesitate to help out. For being an awesome senator and speaking up during your committee meetings, congratulations Lindsey Crain.
61. I am happy and excited to announce that SGA will be hosting and sponsoring a formal dinner dance called the Westfield State University Cotillion. Some of you may remember Senate Banquet or Owl Ball and it’s going to be a very similar event. I’m very happy to be bringing it back to campus.
62. The event will be held on Friday, March 20 at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield. While it may seem far away, it is going to come up very quickly.
63. I am looking to form a committee. I will be the chair and Evelyn Dina will be the co-chair. We are looking for four to five other senators to sit on the committee with us to assist in planning, advertising and running the event. Our meeting times will be determined based on our schedules for this semester and will change for next semester depending on the committees schedule then.
64. If you are interested in programming or any kind of event planning, this is a great committee to sit on. It will be a lot of fun. I am sending around a signup sheet so, if you are interested, please just put your name and I will be in touch with you later this week.
65. **Richard Darrach**: Do you have an estimate for ticket prices?
66. **Andrew Morin**: $33.00 per student and SGA Senators will only have to pay half of that.
67. Legislative Secretary Report: **Evelyn Dina**
68. Just a reminder that because we did not meet on November 11 and are not meeting next week November 25, that there are only 2 units due for November.
69. Units are going to be due before our next meeting on Tuesday, December 2. If you have your units done already, I would suggest sending them this week, so that you won’t forget about them over Thanksgiving break.
70. For those responsible, don’t forget t send me the attendance of your council or committee with your units.
71. If you have any further questions about units, let me know. If you are a new senator, we have “New Senator Packets” with all the information you’ll need to know for SGA right by the mailboxes.
72. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: *Sara Palis*

Rules and Regulations Committee:

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: **Richard Darrach**
4. Mohegan Sun was a hit this weekend with a total sell-out. We may look at another trip in the spring but that is to be determined. However in the spring we will be focusing on Senior Nights, trips and socials.
5. The Suicide Prevention Walk is coming together.
6. This Thursday, November 20 is the QPR training. To get a sense of interest, I am sending around a sign up sheet.
7. The walk is this Friday, November 21, with registration at 3:30 pm in University Hall. Please encourage any club, group or organization to come join the team, it’s truly a meaningful cause.
8. **Courtney Keddy**: Is QPR a unit?
9. **Richard Darrach**: Yes.
10. **Joshua Clark**: Who is running the QPR training?
11. **Richard Darrach**: Tammy from the counseling center and Alison Gagne from Residential Life.
12. **Victoria Landry**: Request for Information: For anyone going to QPR, please put your name on that list, so we have a tally of who is coming.
13. **Alex Doming**: RA’s go through QPR training it was very powerful and has been extremely helpful in my job so, I encourage you all to go.
14. Mr. Westfield is coming along great; we’re currently working on a lot of the background work. Selections are happening but for now the contestants will remain a secret.
15. The Senior Sweatshirt design competition is fully underway. Designs are due by November 24.
16. Senior Fest has been approved. Marketing and details to follow.
17. Can I see Matt Carlin and the Presidents of Scanlon, Davis, Dickinson and Class of 2018?
18. Our next scheduled meeting is November 21 at 2:00pm in the SGA conference room 20.
19. Junior Class: **No Report**
20. Sophomore Class**: No Report**
21. First Year Class: **No Report**
22. Apartment Complex: **Chelsea Nelson**
23. We ran our second Breakfast cart this past Sunday, November 16 and like the first it was a huge success. We are currently working on Fried Friday’s event to bring fried food or a deep fryer to Apartment complex. When we know more we will let you all know.
24. This Wednesday, November 19, we will be going around between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm asking for donations for No Shave November charities and with every donation we are giving out note cards with information about No Shave November and Fake mustaches as well.
25. We are also hosing a beard contest on December 1 @ 5:30 pm in the Dickinson Common Room. Awards will be decided and given out to winners with the best beard.
26. Our next scheduled meeting is November 24 at 5:00pm in the RM’s office.
27. Courtney Hall: **Rebecca Kennedy**
28. I move to appoint Anthony Fattman as Courtney Hall Representative to SGA for the remainder of the 2014-2015 Academic year. Motion carries.
29. We had a Pie your RA event on Sunday, November 16. We raised $30.00 and 7 cans for the Westfield food bank.
30. We also have a new meeting time. Courtney Hall Council now meets on Wednesdays at 9:00 pm in the Courtney Hall Council Room.
31. Davis Hall: **No Report**
32. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
33. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
34. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
35. New Hall**: No Report**
36. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
37. University Hall**: No Report**
38. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

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1. NEW BUSINESS: Olivia Dumas moves to open New Business. Motion carries.
2. **Olivia Dumas**: Hello again everyone. If you all know me outside of SGA, I am very much involved in the disabilities community. It is something that I am very passionate about. In the first week of March, I am planning a disabilities awareness week. I’m starting now just by talking to large groups of students, department heads, and other faculty. I am trying to build a committee to help me pull this off. I have a lot of ideas but need help implementing them. If anyone is interested in seeing my ideas and possibly helping out, please see me after the meeting or email me.
3. **Joshua Frank**: I move to close New Business. Motion carries.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
5. **Joshua Clark**: Student Affairs is meeting on Monday, November 24 at 2:30 pm. in the SGA Club Room.
6. **Justin Connolly**: Can I please see those who I asked to see after the meeting?
7. **Andrew Morin**: Can I please have the Cotillion committee interest sheet back?
8. **Richard Darrach**: Can I please have the QPR training sheet back?
9. **Ryan Losco**: Buy some cookie dough. Can I see Maddie Creamer after the meeting?
10. **Olivia Dumas**: Thursday, November 20 at 5:30 pm is the Great American Smoke Out.
11. **Matthew Carlin**: May I see the Finance Committee after the meeting?
12. **Sara Palis**: Rules and Regs is meeting after this.
13. **Alex Doming**: Tonight in the Lammers Lobby, I am hosting an event at 8:00 pm about diversity. Come and enjoy some free pizza.
14. **Justin Connolly**: Get out there and collect for the Turkey drive.
15. **Courtney Keddy:** 178 days until commencement.
16. ROLL CALL: Dana Kilby, Ariana Roche, Ashley Deleon, Priscilla Aguilar, Katherine Robinson, Darian Weldon, Brian DeMars and Chelsea Nelson were absent.
17. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.