**Student Government Association Minutes**

November 01, 2016

1. ROLL CALL: Suwayne Rowe and Jake Sullivan were absent. Gabrielle Knight and Ryann Jerome were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 25, 2016: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: ***Matthew Carlin***
2. I hope you are all enjoying the treats in the back. Consider it a token of my appreciation for all of the attentive questions you had for President Torrecilha. I was very proud of everyone for their contributions to the president’s discussion.
3. After hearing the feedback from everyone, the pilot program regarding the new units have been put on hold for the time being. On that note, Rebecca Kennedy will be putting together a working group to discuss and work on our unit system to improve it. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please e-mail Rebecca Kennedy or see me after the meeting.
4. Next Tuesday, November 8 is Election Day, so please do not forget to do your civic duty and vote. Poles open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm. Locations for your polling station can be found online.
5. Three has been a lot of heavy rhetoric in this election cycle, so please remember to be respectful of others as everyone expresses their views and ideas.
6. As a side note, there is a Feminist Fair happening tomorrow, November 2 and Thursday, November 3 in the Ely Common area. If you are interest or would like more information, please see me after the meeting.
7. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** ***Brandon Trafford***
2. All University Committee**: No Report**
3. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**: *Brendan McKee***
2. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
3. Diversity/Inclusion Committee**: No Report**
4. Food Services Committee**: Rehana Yusif**
5. I am happy to announce that on Tuesday, November 15 the DC will be having their annual Thanksgiving Dinner.
6. On Wednesday, November 16 during lunch time ewe will be having a Puerto Rican meal.
7. Starting next Friday, November 11, every other Friday at the DC will be fried Friday between 8:00pm and 10:00pm.
8. Cam Swan: did you mention the time for the Thanksgiving Dinner?
9. Rehana Yusif: Around 4:30pm.
10. Health Committee: **Marissa Cremin**
11. I have some information to pass on from Pat Berube, who is the Direct of Health Services.
12. There will be another Flu vaccine clinic on November 3, from 2:00pm to 6:00pm in the Parenzo Gym. The cost is $25.00 and you can pay with cash or check. A number of insurances are accepted. Mass Health is not accepted.
13. Health Services has been scheduling biweekly free STI testing, HIV, Syphilis, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Hepatitis C, by appointment on Thursday afternoons in Health Services. These testing’s are done by Baystate Community Health Center. Health Services plans to have a large, open, free STI testing clinic with Baystate Community Health Center on November 29 in Scanlon Banquet Hall. I will have more information on the time in upcoming weeks. World Aides day is December 1.
14. She also mentioned plans to offer smoking, tobacco and marijuana, cessation hypnotherapy programs in November.
15. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
16. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
17. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
18. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Marissa Cremin**
19. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Rays of Hope walk in Springfield this past Sunday, October 30. Westfield State’s team raised over $400.00 for this event, which is great.
20. Happy November, this means that the Turkey Drive is almost here. This has been a very successful charity effort for several years due to the ongoing support and generosity of the WSU community. This year the drive will run from Monday, November 7 until Friday, November 18.
21. In 2014 we raised $1,855.63 and purchased 114 turkeys. Last year we raised $2,507.00 and were able to purchase 141 turkeys to donate to the Westfield Chapter of the Salvation Army for local families in need. I know that we can do even better this year, and our goal is to raise over $3,000.00, which is about $500.00 more than last year. We will have 15 groups collecting, and if each group can meet their goal of raising $200.00 at least, we will hit $3,000.00.
22. Each Class Council will collect for assigned buildings, and each Hall Council will collect for their residence hall. You will go around your assigned building room-to-room or office-to-office collecting spare change, as well as $7.00 turkey coupons people may have from shopping at Big Y. If you would like to try setting up a table in your building, doing a bake sale, or bringing baked goods or candy around door to door for donations. Do whatever works best for you and get everyone involved.
23. Make sure you get any approval that you might need in advance. I will have a follow up email later tonight with specific details for Hall and Class Council Presidents.
24. Here’s where to collect.
25. Executive Board – Woodward and Public Safety.
26. Reps at Large, Commuter Council – Wilson/Dinning Commons.
27. Class of 2017 – Bates.
28. Class of 2018 – Horace Mann.
29. Class of 2019 – Ely.
30. Class of 2020 - Parenzo and Mod Hall.
31. Nine halls collecting donations as well means that we have 15 groups collecting in total. Lammers will also collect for the Career and Counseling Center and Scanlon will also collect for Residential Life.
32. If your group raises more than $200.00, everyone on your council is all set with units for the month of November.
33. Please see me after the meeting if you would like to help hang up posters for Academic buildings.
34. You will deliver what you collected to Barbara Hand or Kim Hosmer in the SGA room by Friday, November 18. We will then be using this money to purchase Thanksgiving Turkeys through the Big Y in Westfield, and the Salvation Army will be distributing them to families in need in the area. The Turkey Drive has been a very successful event that we have put on in the past so I hope to keep it going strong this year. So, many people in the community truly depend on Westfield State’s help with the event.
35. Best of luck with collecting. The group that raises the most money will win a pizza party sponsored by SGA. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to email me or come down to SGA and ask Barbara Hand or Kim Hosmer.
36. **Abdullah Shafique**: I don’t know if you said this or not, but how early can we start collecting money for this?
37. **Marissa Cremin**: I still need to make the envelopes for the Turkey Drive, but it officially starts on Monday, November 7. We will be sending an email out to the Campus Community this coming Thursday, November 3, so hopefully after Monday everyone will know what’s going on and people will kind of expect that you are going around.
38. **Barbara Hand:** Just a point of information, no personal checks, cash only**.**
39. **Marissa Cremin:** Yes it’s only cash and the $7.00 Big Y coupons.

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: ***Jacob Lotter***
2. I just want to remind juniors that advising for spring classes is this week and registration is this coming Friday, November 4.
3. I met with Beverly Army Williams, the Interim Director of the Reading and Writing Center last week and she wanted me to reach out and ask senate if anyone had any ideas for writing workshops the RWC would be able to put together. They usually do workshops based on writing graduate school essays and cover letters, however area always looking for other ideas. If you have any please see me after the meeting.
4. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
5. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
6. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
7. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
8. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
9. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
10. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: ***Madeline Dexter***
11. Programming update**: Madeline Dexter**
12. The Musical Theater Guild is preforming Guys and Dolls this upcoming weekend. There are three night performances at 7:30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and on afternoon at 2:30pm on Saturday, November 5. Tickets will be on sale at the door before the performance. Please go out and support some of your fellow senators and students.
13. On Friday, November 4 at 7:00pm there is a WSU paint night put on by Student Activities. It is supposed to go until 9:00pm in the Owl’s Nest. For those who are interested, the painting will be of an owl.
14. Jacob Lotter and I are looking to start a Relay for Life team for Student Government Association. This year, the Westfield Kicks Cancer weekend is going to be especially huge. It would really be great as student leaders if we could show our gratitude towards everything that some organizations work the whole year to put on. By a show of hands, who would be interested in participating? This is a commitment around fundraising and we would need a solid, dedicated group of people to rally with us.
15. On November 15, Diversity and Inclusion will be hosting a Brown Bag Lunch discussion on the pipeline protest in North Dekota, on a Native American Reservation sacred land from 12:00pm until 1:00pm in the Tekoa Room.
16. Tickets are going on sale for the NYC CAB Bus trip on Monday, November 7 at 7:00am.
17. Please keep an eye out for boxes around Campus that read “Shoes for Haiti”. The boxes are placed in all the residence halls and in Ely. Here is the flier but Student Ambassadors are running this program until November 27. They are accepting new or slightly worn shoes to send to Haiti. This is a wonderful cause and we all need to clean out our closets for winter so please consider donating some shoes.
18. **Andrew Morin**: Point of information, the Guys and Dolls matinee show is at 2:00pm on Saturday not 2:30pm.
19. **Sandra Mercer**: How much are the tickets for Guys and Dolls?
20. **Madeline Dexter**: $2.00 for students.
21. **Michaela Tretheway:** Could you just clarify again when the New York City bus trip tickets go on sale?
22. **Madeline Dexter:** This Monday, November 7 at 7:00am.
23. **Dr. Carlton Pickron**: How much are the tickets?
24. **Madeline Dexter**: They are $10.00.
25. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 2 at 5:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest.
26. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: ***Marcus DiBacco***
27. Finance Report: **Marcus DiBacco**
28. Foundation Report: **No Report**
29. SERETARY’S REPORT: ***Karina Sallaway/Rebecca Kennedy***
30. Executive Secretary Report: **Karina Sallaway**
31. We are going to be doing something new this year. As some of you may know we did Senator of the Week last year, but I have decided to rebrand it. I am bringing back a concept from a few years ago called LifeSaver of the Week and incorporating it with Senator of the Week.
32. Instead of just relying on nominations, LifeSaver of the Week will be happening each week with the Executive Board discussing each Monday who has deserved the award. You are still able to nominate people: this new concept just guarantees that a senator will be recognized every week.
33. Each LifeSaver of the week will receive a certificate and sign the lifesaver of the year hanging up on the wall next to the calendar.
34. Our first LifeSaver of the week is Jillian Tardi for her hard work with Commuter Council in getting speed bumps implemented in Commuter Lot to provide more safety for students. Thank you Jillian and please see me after the meeting to get your certificate and sign the lifesaver.
35. Legislative Secretary Report: **Rebecca Kennedy**
36. Hello everyone, four units for October were due today. If you have not already sent them to me please do so by midnight tonight.
37. Every month the senator who sends the most units will receive the Big Unit Award in recognition of their efforts. This month the winner of the Award sent in an outstanding 26 units. The Big Unit Award for October is Rehana Yusif.
38. Every month every senator who sends in their units on time is also entered into the Unit Lottery. A name will be randomly drawn from this mug and will be awarded $20.00 in Owl Bucks’. Congratulations Rhynell Christopher.

1. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: ***Andrew Manchino***

Rules and Regulations Committee: **Andrew Manchino**

1. It was moved to accept an amendment to Article VII Section 3 Subsection A: 3.Serve on the SGA Representative at Large Committee, of the Westfield State University Student Government Association constitution. The motion accepted.
2. It was moved that seconded to revoke the amendment to Article VII Section 3 Subsection A of the Westfield State University Student Government Association constitution. Motion was accepted.
3. Anyone interested in Constitution Review, please see me by the couches after the meeting. I just would like to see who would be interested.
4. **Andrew Manchino**: Con Review is a committee formed through our senators here. What we would be doing is looking at the constitution of SGA as a whole, taking out parts that we might see as something that needs to be changed, fixing wording, so grammar issues, formatting issues and anything else really.
5. **Marissa Cremin**: How often does con review meet?
6. **Andrew Manchino:** It’s up in the air currently. I’m thinking this semester no more than four times.
7. **Ashiah Richeme**: Who approves the changes?
8. **Andrew Manchino**: After con review it goes to Rules and Regs, they approve it, and then it comes here to senate for final approval.
9. **Barbara Hand**: Point of Information: Constitutional amendments need to go through two meeting approvals; bi-laws one meeting.

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **Jillian Tardi**
3. I move to appoint Alison Terkelson as a Commuter council Representative for the remainder of the 2016-2017 Academic year. Motion carries.
4. Maddie Creamer: Hi, I just wanted to thank you and Commuter Council for those little Halloween Candy Grams you left on commuter’s cars. I know a lot of people that were happy about that and they appreciated it.
5. Senior Class: **Andrew Morin**
6. I have some important updates for you all.
7. Please keep in mind that senior late night pancakes and throwback karaoke will take place on Friday, November 18 from 10:00pm until midnight in the Owl’s Nest. It is only $1.00 for admission, open to seniors only and based on an honor system in terms of admission.
8. I’d like to remind you that Mr. Westfield 2017 is Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 2:00pm in Dever Stage. I am ecstatic to say that our contestant search has come to a close, and I am very happy to share that we have ten contestants. They are:
9. Ben Caralier, Mr. 2017
10. Devin Bates, Mr. 2018
11. Tyquan Robles, Mr. 2019
12. Jose Cordova, Mr. 2020
13. Derek Estrella, Mr. Dickinson Hall
14. Emmett Witherspoon, Mr. Lammers Hall
15. Tyshaun Davis, Mr. Lansdowne Place
16. Danny Gavin, Mr. Apartment Complex
17. Taylor Powers, Miss Courtney Hall
18. Adam Bourdon, Mr. Alumni
19. Our entire council is ecstatic to have this diverse array of ten contestants. We were so impressed with all the interviewees, and these decision weren’t easy. We will now stop our contestant search, however, if you are a resident in any of the halls not represented, or if you are a commuter, and you’d like to be a part of the show, please contact me directly.
20. We continue to work with commencement speakers and spring SeniorFest event, so stay tuned.
21. **Lindsey Crain**: I would just say if this is open to women you should rename it Mr. and Mrs. Westfield. If I had known that I would have totally done it.
22. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 3 at 5:15pm in Ely 003.
23. Junior Class: **No Report**
24. Sophomore Class**: Abdullah Shafique**
25. The Class of 2019 is hosting their first event, Karaoke Night. This event will be held on November 3, 2016 at 9:00pm in the Owl’s Nest. Food and refreshments will be provided.
26. First Year Class: **No Report**
27. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
28. Courtney Hall: **Brandon Donahue**
29. I move to appoint Katherine Lindberg as the SGA Representative for Courtney Hall for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Motion Carries.
30. Davis Hall: **No Report**
31. Dickinson Hall**: Ryann Jerome**
32. There is no heat in the dorm rooms because they had to shut it off to repair the pipes, we expect to have heat on by the end of the month.
33. Lammers Hall: **Emmett Witherspoon**
34. I am so excited to announce that our first event will be held next Monday, November 14 at 7:45pm. Our Hall Council will be providing Dunkin Donuts including Donuts, Bagels, Coffee and Hot Chocolate to help the residents kick off the start of their Monday morning. Lammers runs on Dunkin*.*
35. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 21 at 6:00pm in the RD’s Office.
36. Lansdowne Hall**: No Report**
37. New Hall**: No Report**
38. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
39. University Hall**: No Report**
40. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Andrew Morin:** I am going to be running a lab report workshop Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30pm somewhere in Wilson, so if you need help writing lab reports come to it.
4. **Maddie Creamer**: Business club networking dinner is next Wednesday, November 9. Sign up before in 314.
5. **Marissa Cremin**: Please see me to hang up Turkey Drive posters.
6. **Ashiah Richeme**: Black Student Union State of the Union is Thursday, November 3 at 7:00pm in the Owl’s Nest.
7. **Shayna Arnott**: Plates, cups, and silverware are still going missing from the DC so, if you take it just bring it back please.
8. **Jacob Lotter**: See me if you have any ideas for Reading and Writing Center workshops.
9. **Marcus DiBacco**: Finance Committee meeting this week.
10. **Brendan McKee:** There is still availability on Student Affairs Committee so if you are interested, please see me after the meeting.
11. **Rebecca Kennedy:** Could I please have my contact sheet back?
12. **Karina Sallaway:** Could Abdullah Shafique please give me his report form?
13. **Sharleen Varghese:** Class of 2018 is doing a 50/50 raffle next Tuesday.
14. **Emily Swenson: MASSPIRG:** Hey guys, so those of you who don’t know me, I’m Emily Swenson, I’m the MASSPIRG organizer at Westfield State. I just wanted to announce that we finished up our voting registration drive a few weeks ago and we are waiting on the final number, but it looks like it’s going to be around 550 students that we helped to get registered. I also wanted to let you know that early voting is happening right now in Massachusetts. All cities and towns in Massachusetts are required to have early voting hours. So, if you are registered in Westfield you can vote anytime until Friday, November 4 between 9:00am and 5:00pm at the Westfield City Hall. If you are registered at home I highly suggest that you look up your town’s voting hours and go vote before next Tuesday because you have midterms and classes. If you are not doing either of those and you are doing absentee you should put in your ballot request by tomorrow. It’s already kind of late, a lot of registrars are really busy so, if that’s what you were going to do you need to do it ASAP or look into going home for early voting.
15. **Jasmine Bobbitt: 200** Days until Commencement**.**
16. ROLL CALL: Suwayne Rowe and Jake Sullivan were absent. Gabrielle Knight and Ryann Jerome were excused.
17. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.