**Student Government Association Minutes**

October 13, 2015

1. ROLL CALL: Christian Capalbo and Tyquan Robles were absent. Xavier Carmona, Patricia Aguilar, Alina Bracken, Brianna Pelloso, Michaella Tretheway and Presley Mahanna were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 06, 2015: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Evelyn Dina*
4. Hi everyone, I hope you all had a great long weekend. This evening we have two speakers. To begin, I would like to welcome Dr. Curt Robie, the Associate Vice President of Capital Planning and Construction, to speak to you all about some of the projects underway here on campus. Welcome Curt.
5. **Dr. Curt Robie**: Good evening everybody, it’s always a pleasure to come down to Senate. I’ve been here many times in my career. I’m just going to update you on the major capital projects that are underway on campus, and if you have any questions I’ll be happy to answer them.
6. The Science Center and the Wilson backfill project; well underway, as you can tell every time you drive by the site or drive down the commuter lot. We are on schedule, we are on time, and that means that we’ll probably be moving the science departments into the building around the beginning of May next year, right around commencement time.
7. As soon as classes are done, we’re going to start moving them into the new building because we have to renovate 20,000 square feet in Wilson before classes resume in September, so it’s a very robust site over the Summer, there’s going to be a lot of coordination with the faculty to get all of the equipment and everything moved, get them into their temporary offices and new offices, and get everything set before school starts.
8. I think it’s going to be an exciting building; it’s nice to see some new science labs on the campus. We are starting to pick some of the finishes; I think the color scheme is going to look very nice throughout the building. There’s going to be an area for students to sit outside of the main entrance in the new quad between Bates, Wilson, and the new science center. I think it’s going to be very nice.
9. We’re also working on putting in an electric charging station for electric cars on campus. We did have a couple of calls from faculty over the Summer wanting to know if we had an electric charging station. We were awarded one by the state, which means that the University isn’t going to have to pay much for it to be installed, and they are very expensive, but they are going to be located in the commuter lot. That will be open to the general public as well as all the folks on campus.
10. We’re going to start to put some sustainable resources on the campus as well. Horace Mann Center; we started work, and you can’t see a lot right now because right now we are just repairing cracks and retaining walls, but we started a $1,200,000 dollar project to renovate the main entrances to both sides of the building. We’re going to be putting in new handicap ramps and getting rid of all those concrete partitions that are falling off of the backside of the building, we’re going to spruce up the stairwell going down to CJ, and also redo the front entrance as well. That project has begun, it’s going to go through until winter stops construction, and then it will pick up again in the spring. There is going to be some inconvenience because we’re going to be changing the way that folks enter and go down to the garden level of the building. We’ll try to get notices out as we do that, it just means that we’re going to have to use a different stairwell, that’s all, we have that’s all, we have to make repairs to almost every entrance in the building, so that’s on the way.
11. We’re also beginning a project; the project is going out to bid tomorrow, to install bleachers at the baseball and softball field. This is an exciting project because we’re not using any state money here; all of the funds for this project were raised by the athletics department. Some of it is very charitable donations from some of our alumni and some of our community partners, but we’re going to be putting bleachers in for baseball and softball, upgrading the batting cages and also developing and upgrading the pitcher bullpen areas on both fields. That’s about a $285,000 project, and again, that’s going to start this fall and should be completed sometime in June.
12. New Hall; this summer, we replaced the heating controls in building three. Next summer, we’re going to replace the heating controls in buildings one and two. You won’t notice any of the work; it will all be done before school starts, but some of the students that were here over the summer experienced some of the issues when we had to shut down chillers to do some of the wiring. This is going to give us much better control over the environment inside the building. Again, it’s an expensive project, but we were lucky to get some funding from the Massachusetts State College Building Authority on this project.
13. The MSCBA basically owns all of the residence halls on campus, we basically lease them, and that’s what the student rent goes for, to pay the lease on the building. That’s going to start in May and be complete before school starts.
14. Juniper Park School, a lot of people have been asking about what’s happening there, we did a major master plan study for the university about two years ago, and one of the major recommendations is that we needed to develop a center for the Fine and Performing Arts on the campus. Juniper Park was decided as the new home for this center. We have been working since the city school moved out in June with a design team looking at renovating the building for art, music, and theater.
15. Good news is we’ve developed a two phase project; phase one we think we can do to move art, music, and theater into the building with much better facilities than what they have in Bates and Parenzo, and some new facilities that the theater department doesn’t have in Ely.
16. The bad news is that phase two of the project, we need to raise 35 million dollars, and that will go to create and construct an appropriate black box theater with dressing rooms, locker rooms, workshops, storage areas for costumes and props, a new recital hall for the music department, and a new auditorium that should seat about 300 with a full working theater stage so they can do house front productions in there.
17. That’s money we have to raise, we’re going to be starting some fundraising on that in the upcoming years, and we’re also going to continue to ask the legislature to help us out with that.
18. Now that’s a very important facility because in 1969, when I was applying to Westfield State College as a freshman, I was applying into the music program here as a member of the first class to ever graduate from the music department here at Westfield State. When I came in September, I sat down at a meeting with all the freshman candidates that were brought in for the first year program at Bates Hall 117, and I sat down to a meeting with the chair of the music department and the President of the college. We were told that our senior recital would be held in a brand new fine and performing arts center. Well I’m 63 years old, so senior recital takes on an entirely different meaning to me now than it did then.
19. I still perform, in fact I’m leaving here to go to a scholarship meeting in Pittsfield with a performing group that I’m in, to see if we can give some money to a student that might want to come to Westfield, so I have to leave shortly, so I won’t be able to stay for the entire meeting. We’ve been waiting almost 40 years to get to this point, and there isn’t one faculty member here today in any department that was here when it was first discussed in 1970. It’s been a long haul; we hope we can swing it.
20. Right now, we’re looking at ways to fund phase one of the project, we’re thinking of ways to work some things out. We’re meeting with the Board of Trustees this week to see if we can iron out these issues so we can get going on construction some time probably now, realistically we probably wouldn’t start construction until January with the idea that we’d hopefully be done for September or December of next year depending on how fast we can get documents and everything else.
21. It’s a very exciting project that follows our campus master plan. What that will also do in essence is open up a lot of space in Bates and Parenzo for reuse for other academic departments. Hopefully we can try to correct some of the other areas that are in these academic departments and provide some extra facilities as we go along. It’s an ambitious project and we’re well under way on it.
22. We’re also looking at a project to renovate the white house, public safety. The public safety building needs some renovations and structural help inside the building. That building is really an 1880’s farm house that has been used for a number of different purposes including a former residence for the President of the college back in my day. It’s also had admissions in there, alumni in there, and now public safety. It’s not the ideal building for public safety; it’s the best we have at this point. I think both public safety and facilities/operations would like to have a new operations center and that’s in our master plan, but that’s another one that’s going to require a large amount of capital outlay which we don’t have right now. The project to renovate that building would be about half a million dollars, and that will provide them with renovated space and resources to keep them going to provide top notch service to campus.
23. We just finished a project at the Woodward Center to replace the lighting in the fieldhouse. That was a $300,000 project, all of the lighting in there now, is LED, it’s top line technology, it’s going to save us money both in operating cost and the amount of electricity we use down there. It was a win-win project; we were able to get $100,000 of the $300,000 cost in grants from Westfield Gas and Electric as well as $50,000 from the commonwealth of Massachusetts. We lucked out very well on that project and were able to get it done just about the start of school. For any members of the cheerleading squad or volleyball squad, I apologize for a little bit of the disruption at the beginning of September, but we were able to finish that one up.
24. We have Davis Hall phase two renovation project that’s going to start this summer. Phase two, that project is going to include the installation of a new elevator to service the building. The part that we renovated is also going towards producing programming space on the floors for student activities. It’s going to be a pretty nice addition, and that will finish Davis. Then we hope to, the year after, go over and do phase two of Dickinson Hall.
25. I want to speak a little bit about capital construction. The last bond bill, for higher education for capital construction, came out in 2008. We actually started on that process, Trustee Martin and I, when he was working here at Westfield State, actually attended a meeting in May of 2002 at Worcester State to start the process for the 2008 Capital Bond Bill. It took that long to get something passed by the legislature, so it took six years’ worth of grinding on all the campuses to get the data necessary to get the bond bill in front of legislature and get it passed and signed by the government. The money in that Capital Bond Bill has essentially run out or pretty close to run out.
26. Our project money is gone except for $2.4 million that’s now being held by the state for renovations to Dever Auditorium. We’re working very hard, we’re going to have a meeting this Friday, October 16 with our legislative delegation here with the senator and representative to see if we can get some systems from them to try to get some money, so we can do that project at Dever, give us some new dressing rooms, and make the entire facility handicap accessible.
27. A lot of other capital projects for HigherEd were frozen by the Baker administration when they came on board. They wanted to take another look and make sure where the funding was going. We desperately need another Higher Education Bond Bill, we have a need for more capital construction here on this campus, it includes a new facility for public safety and facilities, it includes a lot of money to renovate Bates and Parenzo, it includes money to replace the windows on Bates or Parenzo, to upgrade all the parking lots to upgrade the draining system, repair the sidewalks, and those kinds of projects. A committee is being formed by all nine of the State Universities, including MCLA, Mass Maritime, and Mass Art, to write legislation for new HigherEd Bond Bill, essentially to look at deferred maintenance and capital renewals. That means we wouldn’t be able to build any new facilities, but we’d be able to look at renovating the existing facilities that we have. We feel that this is going to be the route that is probably most palatable to both the legislature and the governor’s office.
28. Just to give you some idea, we have probably on this campus somewhere in the range of $120 million in deferred maintenance. You can’t see it, the campus is in pretty good shape, but if you get down and dirty in the bowels of campus, look at how long we have for warranties on a lot of our building roofs, and things like the AstroTurf that’s coming up for replacement, and that’s $3.5 million right there. It adds up very quickly, just paving alone we have $4-5 million in paving on this campus to pave all the parking lots. That’s what we’re going to be working on, you may be asked as a group to discuss things with that, if any of you have any interaction with the members of our great and general court, I would suggest that you might want to bring this up as a topic and say we could use additional funding for improvement of campus and to keep things as vibrant alive as we were able to do things down here in Ely. I would ask for your help on that and that about finishes what I have.
    1. **Maddie Creamer**: I had a question about the science building, are you planning on putting some sort of lounge or grab-and-go café down by the lobby area for students to get homework done or stay for commuters?
    2. **Dr. Curt Robie**: We’re not putting a lounge or café in because we didn’t have enough square footage to do that, we had a very tight budget on that building. Again, that’s all we were allotted on the HigherEd Bond Bill. We had to stick within that, and we actually worked very hard with the faculty and staff to get the facilities that we thought would be most important for academics in that building. On the second and third floor of that building, there is student lounge space in the corridor. One thing that we also are looking at doing is looking at a renovation project for the Wilson café. We’ll try to upgrade that area, but that’s still being talked about. A lot of things need to fall in place, negotiations with Sodexo, right now the university is reviewing their contract. Once those things get ironed out, we may be able to look at doing renovations there or maybe even upsizing a little bit. The main issue is that we didn’t have space in the science building. The Science building, just so you know, the first floor is Nursing and Environmental Science, the second floor is entirely Biology, third floor is Chemistry and one room is called the Innovation Center, that room is being set up as a high tech center to be used by many academic departments. We’ll have the ability, if you’re a Business or Economics major, to transform that room into a stock market, for instance, all the boards can be put up on the wall and can be active. It can be used for Environmental Science for putting some equipment in there so that they can project both horizontally and vertically on the walls to do all kinds of projects in there for Environmental Science and GARP. We’d like to make use of the spaces as best we can, I wish we had more but that’s all we were able to get.
    3. **Jon Kelland**: I was wondering if there were any plans towards renovating and expanding the dining commons.
    4. **Dr. Curt Robie**: We just finished a project there, we did have a phase two in mind, but right now I don’t think we’re going to see any large increases in enrollment. I mean, right now we’re about 100 students over where we were projected to be this fall, but we’ll lose some, unfortunately, as the year moves on and that’ll move the figure back down. I don’t think you’re going to see large jumps in enrollment by two, three, four, five hundred students; you’re just not going to see it. I think when the timing is right, we can look at that. Right now, we have some financial payments we have to make towards the 5,000 square feet we added a year ago.
    5. **Christian Capalbo**: Is there a plan to connect a road between Dickinson and Ely, and move Ely Road around the far side of Juniper Park?
    6. **Dr. Curt Robie**: That’s in the master plan, which is right now conceptual. The reason for that is when we bring Juniper Park on as a teaching facility, also to be used by student groups in evenings, the idea is that we want to take traffic and make a pedestrian way between campus and Juniper Park so you’re not walking and having to cross the road there. What we’re thinking about is starting a road on the west side of Juniper, have it come up and around the back, put some new parking in the back side of Juniper where the old playground used to be, bring it around, have it come down somewhere by the Dickinson Lot, behind Dickinson Hall, and then make that circle there. That’s one of the things that are being discussed, there’s still a lot of vetting that needs to be done, and a lot of discussion before we actually pursue that. We have a real issue here, and that’s where we have to have some emergency way to get emergency vehicles onto the campus, but our campus is really very long, it’s almost a mile long, but it’s not very wide. We don’t want to sacrifice the “green”. We want to find ways to take care of the traffic that we have to get on campus without impacting pedestrian travel. That will be something we look at in the future, but not right now.
    7. **Rose Ferraro**: I have a question; the logistics of the move to Juniper Park for the Music program and Performing Arts program. I’m a Music major, and I was told by the department head that we were moving over to Juniper before the Fine Arts programs because our move would be more difficult? Is this true?
    8. **Dr. Curt Robie**: That hasn’t been determined yet. I think it depends; to be quite honest, we had to look at many different scenarios for moving the Arts departments to Juniper. Some of those were based upon funding, how much funding we need to start the project. To move all three over there, we’ve got to come up with about $3.8 million now. We can move music, it would cost a little bit less if we just moved music. If we just moved Theater or Arts, that’d be another cost. We had to look at all those scenarios because we were trying to determine what we could afford. No decision has been made, right now we’re determining how we’re going to come up with the $3.8 million and move everybody. I don’t want to have students in there while we’re renovating other parts of the building, I think music students would love to get in there because they’ve been waiting 40 years, but they may have to wait a little bit longer.
    9. **Marcus DiBacco**: Where would the elevator be located in Davis?
    10. **Dr. Curt Robie**: Between the B and C towers.
29. **Dr. Curt Robie**: It’s always a pleasure to come down here, this may be my last time, I’m considering retirement, so I just want to say if it is, I’ll be retiring in December. But it has been an honor to come down and work with senate both as a student and as a member of the staff here for 34 years. I’ve been in many different locations, started in the basement of Scanlon when senate was there, also worked when senate was over in the basement of Bates. It’s a pleasure, you do great work, you should be proud of what you do, and it’s always a privilege to speak to you folks. Thank you very much.
30. Thank you Dr. Robie, next we have the Dean of Students, Sue LaMontagne, to welcome you back and talk a little bit about goal setting for the semester. Welcome Sue.
31. **Sue LaMontagne**: Hello everyone. Welcome, I wanted to make sure we had a full senate before I gave a quick welcome.
32. Congratulations on being elected to Student Government, particular congratulations to new folds, the freshman Class of 2019, and to newly elected Hall Councils as well as all the returners here. You have a very important role. This is not really your job, coming Tuesday’s at 5:30pm for a couple hours and hanging out, that’s not really what being on Student Government is about at all. Your job starts when you leave here because, as administrators and faculty, we really need you to be the voice of the students on this campus. We look at you as the representative of the 4500 or so underclassman day students, as well as some continuing education students and targeted populations. We need you to go out, talk to people, and bring back the voices of the people you represent. Throughout the year, you’re going to be hearing about policy changes, we need to know from you what people are happy about, sad about, what they’re not liking, their ideas and questions. When Evelyn Dina and folks ask you if you have any comments, concerns or questions we really want comments, concerns, and questions, so that you can have proper information to go back and represent your constituents to this body. It is a really important job, and it’s a lot of work if you’re doing it the way you need to be doing it. I know all of you joined to do it that way.
33. I wanted to share with you from both Dr. Pickron and I, because he said he forgot to say it and I can’t forget to say it, it’s a message that we both firmly believe in, which is that you’re students first, above all else, you’re students come first. Your classes, academics, studies, goals in life relative to career, graduate school, all of that comes before student government and any other student leadership position. We definitely, as much as we need you to be the voice of students, we need you more importantly to be solid students for yourselves, and then be the voice of other students. I welcome you, I wish you a really good year, and you’re already a quarter of the way through. We’ll now go to the index cards; did I tell you I was 25 when I arrived here? Like Dr. Robie, when I came here I said I was going to be here for a few years and then I would be leaving. What I’m trying to say is that I’m turning 28 tomorrow. It’s a great place; I hope you’re enjoying it as students. On the lined side write your full name. Split the blank side of the index card into two sides, one side being one personal goal and the other being one thing that you hope is accomplished this academic year in SGA. I’ll collect them as I go down, I would like to thank you and I look forward to working with you all throughout the year.
34. Thank you Sue LaMontagne, and thank everyone wearing pink in support of Rays of Hope Walk and breast cancer awareness. If you are interested in participating in the walk, please let me know, so I can connect you with Chaitali Brahmbhatt in order to register. If you’re already registered see Chaitali for a Travel Waiver. Please stay for a brief second after the meeting so that we can take a picture together.
35. I move to appoint Andrew Dalesandro as an SGA advisor for the 2015-2016 academic year. Motion carries.
36. As you may notice, Justin Connolly is not here tonight as he is currently interviewing Dr. Ramon Torrecilha, our second presidential candidate to come to campus, with the Board of Trustees. That being said, tomorrow, October 14 is the student forum for Dr. Ramon Torrecilha from 2:15pm to 3:15pm right here in the SGA room. If your academic schedule permits, please be here with questions. The third and final presidential candidate, Dr. Damian Fernandez will be on campus beginning on Thursday. The final student forum for Dr. Damian Fernandez will take place this Friday, the 16, from 2:15pm to 3:15 pm in the SGA room as well. It is extremely important to have student input within this search and it is your duty to represent your constituents in this event.
37. For the returning students, I’m sure all of you are aware of the “Who’s your senator” posters. To those who do not know, the past few years we have been creating and putting up these “Who’s your senator” posters so that students on campus are aware of who is representing them through Student Government. It’s a fun poster with some fast facts about each representative; their name, class, why they joined SGA, etc… We are hoping to do this again this year, and Brendan McKee will be reaching out to all of you for the content to put on these posters. The first step is to take headshots of you all, which I am hoping to do following next week’s meeting. It will not take long, we’ll just line you up and take a picture, of you each, for the posters and then you can be on your way. Our great friends at The Voice are going to lend us their time and camera to take the pictures for us.
38. Regarding next week’s meeting, I’m sure you all will look great because Interim President Dr. Liz Preston will be here to answer questions for you all and the meeting will be a dress code meeting. Again, dress code meetings are business professional. That means, gentlemen please wear dress pants, dress shirts, a tie and a jacket if you have one. Ladies can wear dress pants or a dress, whichever you prefer. Please no sweatpants, yoga pants, sweatshirts or jeans. It is also everyone’s responsibility to come to the meeting with a couple of questions for President Preston. If you know someone who is not here, please remind them of the dress code meeting and to have questions ready.
39. Just a reminder that Homecoming is Saturday, October 17 from 12:00pm to 5:00 pm at Alumni Field, so any students 21 plus it is free admission.
40. **Nicholina Richards**: Are we going to be emailed our shifts?
41. **Evelyn Dina**: Tom Convery should’ve emailed you, but I will send another email to reach out about the shifts.
42. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Justin Connolly*
2. All University Committee**: No Report**
3. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
4. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Matthew Carlin*
5. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
6. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
7. Food Services Committee**: Andrew Manchino**
8. So this week’s our global chef Andrei Brunner. He’s from the Netherlands and will be bringing us his native foods for lunch and dinner on October 15 and October 16, respectively. He also will be at the Alumni game on Saturday, October 17 serving bratwursts.
9. Plums and pears will be behind the counter very soon if not already.
10. This Friday, October 16 is World Food Day we are waiting on some more farmers before officially announcing their intentions.
11. Apple Fest is next Thursday, October 22. Most foods in the DC will have apples in it somehow.
12. Our next scheduled meeting is October 20 at 4:00pm in the Tekoa Room.
13. Health Committee: **No Report**
14. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
15. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
16. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
17. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: Marissa Cremin**
18. Our first Blood Drive of the year went really well. Our goal was to collect 100 pints, and we achieved this thanks to the help of all of the donors and volunteers. We had 135 donors signed up, and 125 donors came in. 83 pints of whole blood were collected, as well as 17 DRC products from 9 double red cell donors, There were 31 deferrals and 26 first time donors. Awesome job everybody. I appreciate your help so much.
19. To give you an update on the Community Relations/Fundraisings Committee: we are working with our faculty advisor, Chaitali Brahmbhatt for the Rays of Hope Walk, which is coming up on Sunday, October 25. We are looking to get more people signed up for this event. It’s a double unit opportunity and there will be a bus leaving Scanlon at 8:00am. The campus wide dress pink day is today so, thank you all for showing your support. We are going to take a picture with everyone after the meeting tonight.
20. Our next scheduled meeting for the Community Relations/Fundraising committee is on Thursday, October 15 at 6:00pm in the SGA Conference Room E020 and we hope to see you there.
21. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Jon Cubetus*
22. Hello, just a quick update tonight. I am looking for students to sit on the committees of the University that I sent an email about earlier today.
23. Also, the “Keep Calm” posters are all set to be hung up around campus. I would greatly appreciate it if anyone could help and Jacob’s offering a unit for helping.
24. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
25. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
26. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
27. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
28. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
29. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
30. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
31. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Haley Batchelder*
32. Programming update**: Haley Batchelder**
33. CAB has our Six Flags trip on Saturday, October 17, so if you bought tickets meet us in the front of Scanlon and busses will leave at 2:00pm. We’ll spend the afternoon there and busses will leave the park at 8:00pm.
34. CAB meets tomorrow, Wednesday, October 14 at 5:00pm in the Owls Nest.
35. Make sure to like “WSUCAB” on Facebook and follow @wsucab on Twitter and Instagram.
36. On the DISA front, Knockerball has been rescheduled to this Sunday, October 18 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on the Campus Green.
37. On October 23, paint night will be held in the Owls Nest. DISA is covering 50 students, so if you stop by the Service Window next week, tickets will be available for free.
38. DISA is screening Rocky Horror Picture Show on October 24 at 11:30pm.
39. Be sure to like WSU DISA on Facebook.
40. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Brandon Trafford*
41. Tonight I will be presenting the SGA Budget. The overview of the 2015-2016 budget was presented please see power point presentation attached.
42. Discussion after the General Club budget was presented.
43. **Shannon Cullinane**: When EMS comes down asking for more money, we gave them money in the beginning and they ask for more?
44. **Brandon Trafford**: Exactly. What the line item means, using the example of EMS, those funds are used for the supplies that the EMS club will use. This is for gauze, bandages, alcohol wipes, just the standard things that EMS members need to function. IF they were to go to a conference, however, and they needed money for the conference, that line item doesn’t really go towards that. The $3,925 that the EMS receives is mainly for standard stuff.
45. **Rehana Yusif**: These are just the clubs that have already received money, right?
46. **Brandon Trafford**: Right, this money is allocated to the clubs at the very beginning of the year. As soon as we get our budget, these clubs will receive that much money. This has already been set for this year, but it is up for review at the end of this year for next year. Let’s say The Westfield Voice finds a super-efficient way to print paper and they only need $13,000 as opposed to $15,000, then we can reduce that budget. Not saying we’re going to do it, but it’s up for review
47. Discussion after the Club Sports budget was presented.
48. **Morgan Suddeth**: How does Competitive Dance differ from the WSU Dance Team?
49. **Barbara Hand**: The Competitive Dance Team is a group of students that are at athletic events like basketball games, football games, and I know that they use some of this money to help them go to Cheer Competitions; most notably they go to Disney World every year. Dance Company is a group of students that get together, about 100 members in the company, and they are at all different proficiency levels, they come together and they choreograph in teams in order to put on a few dance shows a year.
50. **Ryan Losco**: I apologize, just to go back really quick, it was my understanding last year when doing WSKB’s constitution that the Foundation had a little hand in the radio, and there Community radio now, so is the Foundation tied into WSKB as far as money is concerned?
51. **Barbara Hand**: The Foundation, based on the amount of underwriting they receive, will give a stipend to WSKB to help defray the costs of the operation and to allow them to do some programming as well, and I think the check has been received and Brandon Trafford is in the process of evaluating how that will be used.
52. **Ryan Losco**: Hypothetically, if there was a lot of money for underwriting, could we potentially reduce their line item in the future?
53. **Brandon Trafford**: Each one of these clubs is up for review at the end of every year, so we could take that into account.
54. **Barbara Hand**: I think the amount WSKB gets from underwriting is going to vary from year to year depending on how much success they have, I know last year they got $500.00 in the spring semester, and Brandon Trafford will help figure out how much they get this year.
55. **Al Fava**: As second in the Fencing Club, we haven’t even been informed that we have been allocated any funds. I just wanted to mention that.
56. **Brandon Trafford**: Congratulations, you’ve just won $3,000.00
57. **Matt Carlin**: Point of Information: The person who handles that is Todd Ditmar, he has all this information as it was approved during my tenure as VP of Finance, so it saddens me that you haven’t been given the money yet, but I don’t think it’s that way for everyone.
58. **Barbara Hand**: For clarification, you had asked about the Step Team as well, they’re on par with the Dance Company as students with like interests and monetarily they have competitions at various schools, I apologize for not mentioning that earlier.
59. **Marcus DiBacco**: What does the Boxing Club use their fuds for?
60. **Brandon Trafford**: That is up to the discretion of the Boxing Club; generally, these funds are used for tournaments, travel, admission fees into tournaments, and whatnot.
61. **Barbara Hand**: I think that they train in an off campus location and I think again that the money would be used exactly how Brandon said.
62. Discussion after Campus Activities Board budget was presented.
63. **Morgan Suddeth**: Backtracking really quickly, you said that club sports are like an arm of athletics?
64. **Brandon Trafford**: The SGA is in charge of Club Sports, and we give them money and whatnot, but athletics takes care of Club Sports. I guess you can say it’s somewhat of an arm of the Athletic Program, the Athletic Director will help them with tournaments, scheduling practices, booking times in the Woodward Center, whatever they need times for.
65. **Morgan Suddeth**: Why does athletics not fund Club Sports?
66. **Sue LaMontagne**: Student Government used to fund all clubs including sport clubs, and it was just a lot of work. Athletics was looking to get a full time coaching position, and it was just a nice perfect storm for us to say we’ll help you get the full time coaching position if you’re willing to help take on Club Sports, so that Student Government can get a lot of work off their plate. They really do the work for Student Government, and Student Government still pays, as they have, historically for all student clubs. It’s a branch of Athletics, but it’s really a branch of Student Government.
67. **Barbara Hand**: That’s a lot of money too, so they would never, under their budget, be able to fully support Club Sports.
68. **Matt Carlin**: As Student Government, we have every right to call down Todd Ditmar or whoever, that we give money to, and ask them to give us a rundown as to what they’re doing if we feel, as though they are not working in the best interest. We do have the option and the voice to change it, just so everyone knows.
69. **Rehana Yusif**: What do you mean by budget deficit?
70. **Brandon Trafford**: Money that was overspent, I’ll use Spring Weekend as an example. SGA put a lot of money towards Spring Weekend in the budget, and Spring Weekend didn’t create as much of a return as we would’ve liked. That being said, we lost quite a bit of money; it’s always a gamble, as to if, Spring Weekend is going to pay for itself or not, either way Student Government has to pay that money out. If there are not enough people interested in Spring Weekend and not enough money returned, then that money can’t go back into the operating budget that then turns into deficit this year.
71. Discussion after Operating Budget was presentation.
72. **Jon Cubetus**: What does the attorney do?
73. **Brandon Trafford**: He is available for anybody on campus; he gives you advice and referrals. If you get in a fender bender and don’t know what to do, you can call him. He’s free for everybody on campus, he’s not going to represent you in the court of law unless you fork over a couple bucks yourself, but he’s there for advice.
74. **Sara Palis**: SGA uses the attorney as well. I used him last year for questions about clubs rules and having the best interest for SGA. It’s not just for fender benders, but also for legalities and nitty gritty of SGA.
75. **Shannon Cullinane**: the Senior Class is getting no money, we don’t know our budget for Senior Fest, is this SGA thing?
76. **Brandon Trafford**: This is SGA, as of right now, the operating budget is flexible. The Alumni Association is going to be cutting a check to SGA of about $10,000.00 from Lifetime Owls we don’t know the exact figure, but we’re going to be allocating $5,000.00 to the Senior Class and $1,000.00 to the Freshman Class as the SGA has done every year in the past. We’ll have an extra $4,000.00 to put back into the operating budget for Clubs and Organizations, or it can go back to replenishing the reserve fund.
77. **Matt Carlin**: In order for us to not see deficits anymore, it all depends on how much success we have here, going out and participating fully in events like the Cotillion and Musical Theater productions, correct?
78. **Brandon Trafford**: Yes, and encouraging all of your friends to go as well.
79. **Ryan Losco**: What was the reserve account at the start of last year?
80. **Brandon Trafford**: I don’t have the exact amount, I know that SGA had the opportunity to spend $21,000.00 out of reserves for Supplemental Travel for organizations that wanted to go out for conferences and such.
81. **Barbara Hand**: I think that over many years, as different administrations changed, some people would like to see reserves kept within the finance office, but we ended up actually getting $180,000 put into our budget in 2011, and we were tasked with spending it efficiently, so over five years, we’re able to offer CAB an opportunity to get artists here that were never here before, able to get clubs, offer $20,000 in Supplemental Travel, we purchased a stage, we helped WSKB with their antenna, that was $10,000. We needed to spend it down, a deficit is a bad thing, but I think over a period of time it was all put into the benefit of student life and the university.
82. **Shannon Cullinane**: If senior fest costs more than $5,000, where does the money come from?
83. **Barbara Hand**: The price of the package.
84. **Evelyn Dina**: I just wanted to thank Brandon Trafford for doing this it’s kind of unique, this is a hiccup year but it’s really great for Brandon To be doing this for you all to see how every dime is spent. Thank you Brandon.
85. **Barbara Hand**: Moving forward, we’ll do this every year. Brandon will inform you all next semester as to how the operating budget is going.
86. Finance Report: **Brandon Trafford**
87. Hey guys. The next Finance Committee was supposed to meet this Friday, October 16 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in the SGA Conference Room E020. Unfortunately, this is the same time as the Student Forums for the Presidential candidate. This being said, anyone in the Finance committee please come see me after the meeting to establish a new time.
88. Foundation Report: **No Report**
89. SERETARY’S REPORT: Brendan McKee*/Jacob Lotter*
90. Executive Secretary Report: **Brendan McKee**
91. Legislative Secretary Report: **Jacob Lotter**
92. Just to let you know about our newest unit opportunities that are good for the rest of the year. As many of you probably noticed and picked up, there’s and Advisor Contact Sheet by the mailboxes. Noted on the bottom of the contact sheet are guidelines on how you can earn units by meeting with those advisors. If you meet with any one of them you’ll receive one unit, and if you meet with all four of them you’ll receive a unit for each and you’ll be entered into the unit lotto a second time, assuming you have met your units on time. The point of meeting with our advisors is mainly so you guys can get to know them and they can familiarize themselves with you. They’re all super fun, and super nice. Also, a reminder since I’ve forgotten to bring it up this year. If you meet with either Vice President Dr. Carlton Pickron or Dean Sue LaMontagne you’ll also receive one unit for meeting with either or both of them.
93. Just a reminder that the student forums are a unit. Please attend them they are tomorrow, October 14 and Friday, October 16 at 2:15pm to 3:15pm in the SGA room.
94. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: *Ryan Losco*

Rules and Regulations Committee: **Ryan Losco**

1. Hi Everyone. I just wanted to take a minute to introduce myself as Parliamentarian for the 2015-2016 academic year. I will be in charge of making sure SGA is following Roberts Rules of order throughout the year. I am also the chair of Rules and Regulations Committee and I will be providing updates on clubs constitutions thought out the year as well. If you have any questions about Robert’s rules or parliamentary procedures. I would be more than happy to answer them.
2. My office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:00pm to 7:00pm or by appointment.
3. Rules and Regulations Committee will be meeting tonight after SGA.

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **Lezlie Campbell**
3. About two ago there was a focus group that met to talk about commuters and transfer students. Those who were a apart of this group were Maureen McCartney, Azanda Seymore, Lizette Rivera, Matt Dellea and Laurie Simpson.
4. We discussed how to help commuters feel more included on campus. It was discussed that commuters did not have a place to go between classes or to each lunch.
5. We proposed to have a space designated towards commuters. The only problem with this was where the place would be located because as we know the space is limited on campus.
6. We also proposed that commuters have lockers to store their items. If you are someone who has all their classes compacted into Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday then it is a lot to carry all of your text books in one backpack. It is also inconvenient to leave them in your care and trade off throughout the day, so having a place to put them and store other belongings would help.
7. It was also brought up that Commuter Council will hopefully play a bigger role in getting commuters situated on campus. It was also mentioned that funding for Commuter Council needs to be increased because as of right now the Commuter Council budget is the only designated funds for Commuters.
8. We also discussed that transfer students have a hard time adjusting, especially if they don’t live on campus. Lizette Rivera brought up that DISA will be working with Res Life to improve transfer orientation and bridge that gap that is there. One of the main point mentioned was that Transfer orientation in June if really for academic purposes, not necessarily campus life. Another point mentioned was that with transfer students who are commuters, they may not be involved because they work off campus and don’t have time.
9. Our next scheduled meeting is October 15 at 6:00pm in Ely 044.
10. Senior Class: **No Report**
11. Junior Class: **Andrew Morin**
12. I finally have a date for Mr. Westfield will be Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 8:00pm in Dever Stage.
13. We are having out third interest meeting this Thursday, October 15 at 7:00pm in SGA. Pizza will be available, so be sure to tell all of your friends to come.
14. We have a general donation page set up for Mr. Westfield through Make-A-Wish. This will mostly be for different businesses to donate online if they wish, since every contestant will have a separate donation page through Make-A-Wish.
15. We will be hosting interviews on Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in Conference room E003. Interviews are open and anyone is more than welcome to show up for an interview.
16. We are in the process of outlining the show and adding in new segments, replacing some, etc…We want to keep the show basically the same as always but we are also looking to add in some wildcards, some fun new competitions, etc… We are also in the process of booking judges. So far, we have commitments from Barbara Hand and Evelyn Dina to be one fac/staff judge and one student Judge. More to come on that.
17. On a completely separate note, our council has decided that we will be selling class t-shirts. We are currently in the process of coming up with some designs and we will allow our class to vote on which t-shirt they want. All orders will be done online through the ticket website.
18. Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, October 15 at 4:00pm in conference room E003.
19. Sophomore Class**: No Report**
20. First Year Class: **No Report**
21. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
22. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
23. Davis Hall: **No Report**
24. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
25. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
26. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
27. New Hall**: No Report**
28. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
29. University Hall**: Mark Mankus**
30. I move to appoint Matt Matos as a Representative to SGA for University Hall for the 2015-2016 academic year. Motion carries.
31. Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 pm in University Hall.
32. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

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1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Hilary Weber, MASSPIRG:** I just wanted to give everyone an update, U.S. Senators and Representatives introduced an affordable college textbook act, this act is going to incentivize campuses to make their own open source textbook program through a national brand program that professors can implement in their own classrooms. MASSPIRG students helped write the bill with the senators, and our advocates worked really closely with the officials to provide data and research from the campuses around the country. We had a phone conference last week with senators, which turned out 30 media hits across country.
4. **Jacob Lotter**: Can I see Dickinson Hall Council after the meeting?
5. **Andrew Morin**: MTG’s production of Bonnie & Clyde opens next Thursday, October 22, you should all come so money can go into the reserves.
6. **Shannon Cullinane**: Can I see Maddie Creamer and the 2018 fundraising coordinator after the meeting?
7. **Ryan Losco**: Rules and Regs is meeting after this meeting.
8. **Brandon Trafford**: Finance Committee meet me after the meeting so we can set a new first meeting date.
9. Jon Cubetus: Please help me hang advising posters.
10. Evelyn Dina: Please stick around for the picture for the Rays of Hope walk and breast cancer awareness. Please attend the student forums.
11. **Michael Janchuk:** 227 days until commencement.
12. ROLL CALL: Ashley Deleon and Tyquan Robles were absent. . Xavier Carmona, Patricia Aguilar, Alina Bracken, Brianna Pelloso, Michaella Tretheway and Presley Mahanna were excused
13. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.