**Student Government Association Minutes**

September 10, 2013

1. ROLL CALL: John Dowd and Nicole Primeau were absent; Kayia Themmen-Adams was excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 30, 2013: Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Taylor Fote*
4. Hello everyone. First off tonight I would like to welcome Jessika Murphy and Jessie Hufnagle to talk about the Leadership Voyage.
5. **Jessika Murphy**: Hi everybody, how are you guys doing? It’s really weird not to see a whole lot of people right here; I’m excited for you guys to get a full senate.
6. We’re here to talk about the Leadership Voyage. A lot of you went last year, so you can vouch for me that it’s awesome and really fun, and hopefully want to go again this year. So, this year we’re doing it October 4th to the 6th, which is in about 3 weeks. We’re teaming up with Student Affairs, SGA, CAB, Residential Life, and Student Activities to get more people to come to the table in terms of helping with funding and creating the whole weekend. We have 70 spots available for students, so we definitely encourage you to apply as soon as possible. You can send your applications to Jessie Hufnagle. It’s going to be similar to last year, we have Lanie and Steve back, they’re going to be doing some advanced leadership workshops for people who did go last year, it’s not going to be exactly the same. We will have the high ropes and the low ropes.
7. **Jessie Hufnagle**: We’re going to be going to a different location this year, it’s a YMCA Camp just like Camp Beckett is, Camp Hazen, it is in Connecticut, a little further, not too bad though. We went and did a site visit and it’s really beautiful. They have some cool high rope options, some people will be able to do their Alpine Tower, which kind of has this benefit, of while you’re waiting, there’s this giant swing that takes eight people to operate. They have some really cool stuff going on there, with a lot of the same things Camp Beckett has, if not a little more. There will be some other schools there, such as the student government from Quinnipiac. We won’t be doing programming with them but we’ll be eating together and passing them I’m sure. Email me if you would like an application, and you’ll also have to fill out a travel waiver. There was also nomination forms sent out to faculty and staff so you may be receiving emails from us about those.
8. **Tom Durkee**: Will this be Hall Council training as well?
9. **Jessie Hufnagle**: Yes and no, they’ll go to the leadership training and get an orientation piece at the beginning, just for hall council, and then everyone else will arrive after that
10. Thank you Jessika Murphy and Jessie Hufnagle. Next we have Dr. Carlton Pickron, Vice President of Student Affairs, just to say hello and welcome to everyone.
11. **Dr. Carlton Pickron**: Welcome back! I can’t remember how many times I’ve said that now. Glad to see you all and all your energy. I hope to see you all at ten o’clock tonight for pancakes. I hope to have some more time with you when you have a full senate for a more official welcome and some pinning. Thank you. Peace be with you.
12. Thank you, Carlton. Next we have Sue LaMontagne, Dean of Students, to say a quick hello as well.
    * + 1. **Sue LaMontagne**: Welcome back! It’s good to have the energy back on campus. I don’t know how you upper classmen feel about it, but I feel that there is a ton of energy this year on campus. I hope you all have a great year. We’re right upstairs if you ever need us. The offer still stands: a visit with me for a unit. I’d like to break the record this year, which would be two people coming to visit for units. Welcome, it’s great to see you.
13. Thank you Sue. Finally we have Joshua Clark here with some regards about the Westfield Voice.
    * + 1. **Joshua Clark**: Hello. Yesterday we had our interest meeting for the newspaper. I was actually pretty surprised by the amount of people who showed up. We have here Ryan Caulfield; he’s going to be our SGA correspondent for the year so he’ll probably be bothering you guys if we have any hotly contested arguments this year. I talked to some people about editing and photography, but if any of you guys want to get into any of that, just let me know.
14. Thank you Josh. Now really Hi guys! Welcome back, I don’t know about you but I’m very excited for this year!
15. I move to approve Kasey Gately as the Senior Class President designee for the fall 2013 semester. Motion carried.
16. Next I move to approve Brittany Walters as the Community Relations and Fundraising designee for the fall 2013 semester. Motion carried.
17. I move to accept Gina Mannarino as the Student Athletic Advisory Board Representative to Senate for the fall 2013 semester. Motion passed.
18. For those of you interested the Littleville Elementary School is participating in the mentoring program again, this is when we go to the school for an hour once a week and hang out with your mentor. I, Stone Koury, Josh Frank, Andy McCormack and several other students participated in it before and it is an excellent program. If you are interested in participating please see me after the meeting.
19. The Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment (ICE) program, which Professor Trudy Knowles came to talk to us about, is now in full swing. We have six students participating, and we have a new program coordinator for the program, Lyndsey Nunes has been working very hard and she’s awesome. Anyways they are looking for six on campus mentors for these students. If you are interested in helping the program please see me after the meeting.
20. On September 19th which is a Thursday, is the University Hall Ribbon cutting at 4:00 pm, it would be a really great opportunity for everyone, so I suggest you go. Senior Convocation is right after that at 5:00 pm.
21. Now for a really new cool idea. We have a new award that Executive Council will be giving out each week, called the life saver of the week award. This is for senators that Executive Council has felt has taken their position above and beyond and helped out the campus community or Student Government in anyway, and also there’s a life jacket.
22. Just a reminder that Pancakes with the President is tonight at 10:00 pm in the Dining Commons.
23. In light of the recent events on campus and media attention focused on Dr. Dobelle, Executive Council has formed a statement in regards to this matter. The reason we have formed this statement is because Stone Koury and myself have been asked to comment on the matter multiple times on behalf of SGA.
24. Since the investigation is still ongoing this is what we have formed: “The Student Government Association, at this time, refrains from commenting on the ongoing investigation involving University Administration. SGA supports the mission of the University and the students we represent.”
25. Quickly as a show of hands, who is in favor of the statement?
26. Most students raised their hands.
27. Happy Birthday to Rich Darrach, he is 21 today.
28. I would like to congratulate Stone Koury on being chosen to serve as the Student Representative on the Special Commission on Higher Education quality, Efficiencies and fiancé meeting for the state.
29. I would also like to congratulate Barbara Hand on becoming an Administrator position for our own SGA.
30. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 17th at 5:30 pm.
31. Items not listed on Agenda.
32. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Stone Koury*
33. Welcome back everyone. I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and a good start to the semester. The Office of the Student Trustee has been very busy this summer with a handful of things.
34. For today, I am just going to go over the June board meeting.
35. We approved promotions for tenure to 13 faculty members; I have the list if you would like to see it.
36. We also authorized the purchase and further lease of a number of university vehicles; I also have the list of those.
37. The state budget debate on Beacon Hill was taking up some serious time, so the board approved 3 separate motions and President Dobelle would only act on one of them when the State House approved a budget.
38. The motions were to approve the budget (which I have) and increase no fees for the students.
39. To approve the budget and raise fees by no more than $397.00.
40. To approve the budget and raise fees by something between 0 - $400.00.
41. The reasoning being this The House’s budget was going to make us raise fees by $400.00. At the time they were going into a conference committee, so depending on what was finally signed by Governor Patrick we had to be prepared.
42. The first motion of having no fees raised was used as that is what the State House passed, and you may notice that on your bill there is a fee raise, I believe, but it should even back out next semester.
43. All University Committee**: No Report**
44. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**
45. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Rebecca DiVico*
46. Hi everyone, welcome back! I just have a few things for you today.
    * + 1. If you’re a resident student, you should think about getting involved in your hall councils! There are a few information sessions, tomorrow in Davis at 5:30 pm, Scanlon at 6:30 pm and Landsdowne at 8:00 pm and then on Thursday in Dickinson at 7:00pm and in Lammers at 8:00 pm.
        2. Now we have a bit of a problem. Last year, Taylor Fote put up zero posters for the Student Conduct Board and got 15 applications. I put up all of the posters, and posted on every class’s Facebook page, know someone that’s interested, please take an application; they are on Kim Hosmer’s desk. They are due back by Friday, September 20th
        3. Some dates to put on your radar from Health Services.
47. October 17th and the 22nd from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm there will be Flu Vaccines given out at Health Services. There is a $25.00 fee but they take most health insurances.
48. Health Committee: **No Report**
49. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
50. Student Athletic Advisory Board: Gina Mannarino
51. Hello everyone. There’s a football game this Friday, September 13th at 7:00pm versus Western New England University.
52. I handed everyone a magnet and a little schedule of all fall semester games, both home and away.
53. We had our first SAAB meeting yesterday, which went well.
54. We’re doing some fundraising; so buy a raffle ticket if you can.
55. We are happy to be part of SGA.
56. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
57. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Andrew McCormick*
2. Hello everyone, I’m Andy McCormack, VP of Academic Life. I hope everyone is doing well and had a good summer.
3. After meeting Dean Marsha Marotta and Vice President Dr. Elizabeth Preston, we have made some goals for this year.
4. We are planning an Internship Fair similar to the Career Fair, but with a spin. So keep an eye out for that.
5. Retention rates for first year students are always trying to be improved, so we are going to take a look at how we are allocating our resources and look for ways we can improve the experiences.
6. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
7. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
8. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
9. Campus Technology Committee**: No Report**
10. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
11. Library Advisory Committee**: No Report**
12. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
13. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Steve Kligerman*
14. Hello everyone, I am Steve Kligerman, the Vice President of Programming.
15. Programming update: **Steve Kligerman**
16. The Campus Activities Board has had two successful events so far. Sunday, September 1st we had comedian Derek Hughes for the first years as a way to get our name out there, we had about 250 people attend. Saturday, September 7th, we had comedian Steve Hofstetter and Brown Bag Bingo, both of which were very well attended.
17. **Rich Darrach**: Will Brown Bag Bingo be held regularly in Scanlon?
18. **Steve Kligerman**: The upcoming bingo event, on the September 27th, will be in Scanlon, but the bingo events to follow will be in the Owl’s nest.
19. Our first meeting is tomorrow, September 11th at 5:00 pm in the Owls Nest. We will discuss what the Campus Activities Board does. We will go over some goals for the year, and discuss upcoming events such as Trivia, which is next Wednesday, September 18th at 8:00 pm in the Owls Nest and Parent Family Day, which will be Saturday, September 21st.

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Joshua Frank*
2. Hi everyone, I hope you all had a great summer.
3. This Thursday, September 12th will be the annual SGA Club Fair from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. It will be on the campus green in front of Ely, and if it rains it’ll be in Ely. So be sure to stop by, bring your friends and refreshments will be provided.
4. The Finance Committee will be formed at the first full SGA meeting. There is an update in the Finance Proposal forms. On the back we put exactly what clubs can ask for as an additional reference.
5. Finance Report: **No Report**
6. Foundation Report**: Joshua Frank**
7. The Foundation appointed a new chair this summer, his name is Ed Marth. Some of you may already know this but the Foundation has also appointed a new executive Director, who is former State Senator Mike Knapik. I met with him last Thursday, September 5th and the meeting was really productive. We discussed goals of the Foundation, fundraising strategies, and expectations of board members. He will be coming down to speak to us once we have a full senate, so when that happens be sure to bring any questions or concerns you may have.
8. Pepsi won the contract bid, and part of the contract is that Pepsi will be donating over $80,000.00 to the Foundation. We’re not sure yet where exactly were going to put the donation money, but that will be discussed in the next meeting. The Foundation board will be meeting this Thursday, September 12th at 4:00pm in the Presidents Board room.
9. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Alexis Wagner*/*Sarah Hegarty*
10. Executive Secretary Report: **Alexis Wagner**
11. Hi everyone, Hello everyone, for those who don’t know me, I’m Alexis, your Executive Secretary. I write up the minutes each week, which are full documentation of our meetings. I have a recorder up front to help me out, so please speak up when you make a question or comment. Also, if you are reporting, please hand me a written copy of your report while you’re next to me at the podium.
12. I also run elections, so right now we are looking to fill the seats for residence halls and then the class of 2017. Please help get the word out to first years about their class council election, if you see an opportunity.
13. Also, we would like to get Senator of the Week going, so please nominate fellow senators for anything that shows they went above and beyond. Nomination forms are available on the outer wall of my cubicle.
14. Feel free to ask me any questions, email me, or stop by my desk during my office hours.
15. Legislative Secretary Report: **Sarah Hegarty**
16. Hi everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful summer, but I know I am definitely excited for this year.
17. If there is a problem with your name tag, if it’s spelled incorrectly, if I am pronouncing it wrong or you prefers to go by a nickname, please let me know.
18. We are going to be using the binders and mailboxes more this year so make sure to grab it before each meeting, and put it back when you leave. Class council follows the order you sit and attendance. For the Representative I have drawn a map.
19. Everyone’s favorite part of SGA is back. There will be three units due for September. If you are new to SGA, please see me after the meeting, so I can explain what a unit is.
20. There is something new, I am adding the first council to complete their units, will have their names entered twice into the lotto. So you will have a better chance at winning the Walmart card.
21. **Isaac Matson**: What about the Reps at Large?
22. **Sarah Hegarty**: If you guys want to band together as a team, go for it.
23. **Joshua Clark**: Will the names be going on the mailboxes to indicate which person it belongs to?
24. **Sarah Hegarty**: We’re not doing names on the boxes, but I drew a nice little map to guide you to your designated mailbox.

1. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:
2. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
3. Commuter Council: **No Report**
4. Senior Class: **Emily Baker**
5. Hello and welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and the first week of classes. The Senior Class has a lot planned for this year. Over the summer, seniors received a postcard outlining the senior events in September.
6. On Thursday, September 19th, Senior Convocation will be held in Scanlon Banquet Hall at 5:00 pm. Every senior who attends Convocation will be receiving a raffle ticket for a free Senior Fest packet for Senior Week in May.
7. Friday, September 20th is a Senior Luau in the Apartment Complex from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Come hang out for a bit and enjoy smoothies and games.
8. Then on Saturday, September 21st, is the senior trip to Mohegan Sun. Seniors should have received an email yesterday, September 9th, about this event. Buses will leave from Scanlon at 4:30 pm and return to campus around midnight. Tickets are $25.00 per person which includes a $15.00 food voucher and $15.00 in free game play. You can purchase tickets and sign your travel waiver at the service window. There are about 100 seats on the bus so tickets are first come first server.
9. Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, September 11th at 3:00 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
10. Junior Class: Richard Darrach
11. Sophomore Class: **Richard Darrach**
12. Hope everyone had a great summer. We’re in the process of a lot of different thing we’re interviewing tomorrow September 11th at 4:00 pm for our Interim Representative to Senate, We are also holding our “Dancing with the Stars” interest meeting tomorrow, September 11th at 8:30 pm in the Owl’s nest.
13. For the semester we’re planning a series of fundraisers like Ghost Grams, a MoFroYo fundraiser night, t-shirt sales and more.
14. Best of all “Dancing with the Stars” will be on Friday, December, 6th to support the New Beginnings Shelter and The Westfield Animal Shelter.
15. Out next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th at 4:00 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
16. Freshman Class: **Ryan Losko**
17. I would like to thank the Class of 2014 for passing on the Presidents parking Space Fundraiser. We are going to continue with that fundraiser. We will have more details to follow. The Fundraiser will support our charity, which is Kids Buzz Off for Cancer. This charity works with Boston Children’s Hospital to raise money and awareness for kids with cancer.
18. **Olivia Dumas**: Will you guys be having a head shaving event on campus?
19. **Ryan Losko**: Possibly, we’re trying to figure out what we’re going to do because it’s run by the Patriots so we think it’d be sick if we could have an event and get the Patriots here.
20. **Rich Darrach**: Request for Information: So what you’re saying is, this would be for the children?
21. **Ryan Losko**: yes, we are for the children.
22. I accept the resignation of John Dowd as Representative to Senate for the Class of 2016.
23. We are also looking for a Representative to Senate and a Publicity Coordinator.
24. Please buy our T-shirts.
25. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 16tha t 6:30 pm in Conference room 003 in Ely Garden Level.
26. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
27. Courtney Hall**: No Report**
28. Davis Hall: **No Report**
29. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
30. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
31. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
32. New Hall: **No Report**
33. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
34. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**
35. NEW BUSINESS:
36. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
37. **Tori Landry**: Can I see Brittany Walters after the meeting?
38. **Joshua Frank**: Everyone go to the Club Fair on Thursday.
39. **Mike Mazeika**: The Admissions office is looking for some help, so if you have work-study and you are seeking a job on campus, we are definitely looking to hire someone for our office. We are also hiring tour guides. I have applications with me, which are due Thursday, September 12th in the afternoon. We are hiring for both our daily tour guide positions, and our open house tour guide position. We typically hire underclassmen, but we are also looking for exceptional upperclassmen to fill our spots.
40. **Rebecca DiVico**: Join student conduct? And also, congratulations to Steve Kligerman for his first SGA meeting, you did so good.
41. **Stone Koury**: Can I see all the Reps at Large in the SGA Conference Room?
42. **Sarah Hegarty**: Happy Birthday Rich Darrach. Can I see any new senators to convince you that you will love doing units.
43. **Ryan Losko**: Buy our Class Council T-shirts.
44. **Tom Durkee**: 248 Days until Commencement.
45. ROLL CALL: John Dowd was absent and Kayia Themmen-Adams was excused.
46. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.