**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA**

**September 10, 2019**

1. ROLL CALL: David Youngerman, Drew Dalton and Hannah Swanick were absent.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 3, 2019: Minutes were approved.
3. PUBLIC REMARKS: No Remarks
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Kaytlyn Mekal**
5. As I’m sure most of you are aware, over the weekend our community has suffered a loss. Wildalie Lopez passed away in her dorm room early on Saturday. She lived in Springfield, and was born in Puerto Rico. She was a daughter, a sister, a niece, and an aunt. She was a member of LAfE, TRiO and Unban Ed. As her family and friends establish memorials or calling hours, I will keep you guys posted. And now I would ask that we please have a moment of silence of Wildalie. Thank you.
6. I have been asked to get at least two student representatives on the search committee for the Dean of Students. Dr. Lopez has asked that these students please be either juniors or sophomores, so that they can give a better perspective than the outgoing seniors. If you are interested, please either come see me after the meeting or send me an email at [president.sga@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:president.sga@westfield.ma.edu). The committee will be forming soon, so I need some names by Monday, September 16.
7. Just a heads up for you guys, we will not be having any guest speakers until the first full meeting on September 24, and at that meeting President Torrecilha and Dr. Lopez will be coming down to give a few welcome remarks to the full senate. This will not be a dress code meeting, seeing as though it will be the first meeting for quite a few people.
8. Liz Ferrara is passing around a contact sheet for you all to fill out. Please put your name, A number and class year. Thank you and have a great rest of your week.
9. Items not listed on the Agenda:
10. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Thalita Neves**
    1. All University Committee: **No Report**
    2. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**
    3. Student Advisory Council: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Rin Coulter**
   1. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
   2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **No Report**
   3. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
   4. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
   5. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
   6. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
   7. Veteran Services Report: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Samuel Tsongalis**
   1. I would like to make note that Curriculum Committee is currently looking for two students to sit on this committee. It meets the first and third Friday of every month during the common meeting time, and overall a pretty interesting one to be on.
   2. I would like to let everyone know that I will be changing my office hours on Friday from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm to 11:30 am until 1:30 pm, still on Friday.
   3. I would like to share the news that Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, Dr. Diane Prusank, will be stepping down at the end of this academic year. I will pass more information along as it comes.
   4. Academic Policies Committee: **Samuel Tsongalis**
2. Academic Policies Committee last met this past Friday, September 6 during the common meeting time. There we discussed the revisions to academic probation that is reviewed annually. This year, is was deemed necessary to make several changes to the policy due to numbers that reflected last year in the topic of academic probation, or even dismissal from the university all together.
3. Overall the big changes involve striking the word of probation and instead using the phrasing as academic warning instead. In addition to this, it was also recommended that we keep a closed eye on students who might fall into this category and making sure they have the opportunities and resources available to them here at Westfield State, and it was agreed that this policy should reflect that.
4. Unfortunately, we did not come to vote on this matter at hand due to some debate with those who sit on the committee and the wording of this specific policy in reference to clubs and sports and how they should be involved during this process. Due to this I have decided to sit on the committee myself, however we do need at least one other student to sit on this board. The committee meets the first and third Friday of every month during the common meeting time.
5. When the wording of this document has been clarified, I will bring forward the final draft of the new policy of academic probation and warning when it becomes available.
6. Our next scheduled meeting is September 20 at 1:40 pm in Wilson 109.
   1. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
   2. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
   3. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
   4. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
   5. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
   6. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
7. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Kelson Burke**
   1. Finance Committee: **No Report**
   2. Foundation Report: **No Report**
   3. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
8. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Cameron Kelleher** 
   1. I hope everyone is enjoying being back and has settled in from the craze of move in last week. I don’t have much to report this week, however I would like to thank everyone who came out to all of our welcome week events last week. To recap we had our Labor Day Block Party, Welcome weekend Carnival on the green, and our first Brown Bag Bingo of the semester. All were hug hits and CAB is looking forward to working at continuing this trend to high attendance at our campus events.
   2. For the week ahead I would like to remind you that our Big E trip will be happening this Sunday, September 15 and it is sold out, but there is a wait list. The busses will be picking people up in front of Scanlon and leaving at 12:30 pm so make sure you get there with some time to spare if you plan on coming. As for when we will be coming back from the Big E, the busses will be leaving the fair at 5:00 pm.
   3. CAB will be holding its first meeting tomorrow, Wednesday September 11 in the SGA room at 5:15 pm. We will be getting some snacks and drinks catered from the DC and we will be talking about what CAB’s plans are for this year.
   4. Campus Activities Board: **No Report**
   5. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
   6. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: **No Report**
9. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Melanie Voss**/**Elizabeth Ferrara**
10. Executive Secretary Report: **Melanie Voss**
11. Signature papers are now out on the front table when you first walk in the SGA Room and are due back this Thursday, September 12 by 5:00 PM.
12. At everyone’s seat there should be a pile of flyers about Resident Hall Elections. I would greatly appreciate if all of you could bring them back to your residence hall and share with your residents. This could include sliding them under doors, discussing with your roommates, or just handing them out to friend in the building who you think would be interested.
13. If any of you are RA’s and want more copies to hand out, please see me after the meeting; and I can print them off for you.
14. I kindly ask you all too please spread the word about the Hall Elections since it is a new process this year.
15. Legislative Secretary Report: **No Report**
16. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:
17. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
18. Constitutional Review Committee: **No Report**
19. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
20. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No Report**
21. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No Report**
22. Advisory Committee on the CURCA: **No Report**
23. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **No Report**
24. Advisory Committee for Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Affirmative Action: **No Report**
25. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
26. Commuter Council: **No Report**
27. Senior Class: No Report
28. Junior Class**: No Report**
29. Sophomore Class: Katherine Pinney
30. I accept the resignation of Drew Dalton as SGA Rep to senate for the Class of 2022.
31. First Year Class: **No Report**
32. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
33. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
34. Davis Hall: **No Report**
35. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
36. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
37. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
38. New Hall: **No Report**
39. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
40. University Hall: **No Report**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
2. NEW BUSINESS: (requires majority vote to be opened)
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
4. **Elizabeth Ferrara**: Office Hours start this week. Sign in by the mailboxes.
5. **Kelson Burke**: Club Fair is on September 12. Everybody come down and please tell everybody you know.
6. **Cameron Kelleher**: Join CAB.
7. **Elizabeth Ferrara**: If you have not filled out the contact sheet, please stay and complete it.
8. **David Youngerman**: 249 days until commencement.
9. ROLL CALL: No one was absent for second role call.
10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

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