**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**September 11, 2018**

I. ROLL CALL: Tommy Howard, Scotty Howe and Owen Azevedo were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 04, 2018: Minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC REMARKS: No Remarks

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Marcus DiBacco**
   1. Our speaker tonight is Susan LaMontagne, The Dean of Students. Sue is one of the best friends SGA has so give her your undivided attention as she welcomes you all back to SGA.
2. **Susan LaMontagne**: I’m bringing Tony Casciano up with me. Welcome back great to see you. I am going to give a bigger speech in a couple weeks when everyone is back. Rather than have you hear it twice, I just wanted to say “hi” and “welcome back”.
3. **Chief Tony Casciano**: I just wanted to say “Hi”. I’m Tony Casciano the Director of Public Safety. If you guys need anything we are down in the White house.
   1. Thank you, Dean LaMontagne and Chief Casciano.
   2. I would be remiss if I did not start out our meeting by asking you all to stand for a moment of silence in remembrance of those terrible events which happened 17 years ago today. Please stand.
   3. Thank you. We are rapidly approaching the year when a graduating high school class sees 9/11 as a historical event. By this I mean that these students were not alive during the day of the attacks. As a result, it is incumbent upon us to carry on the memory of this dreadful day and the implications that it has caused in our lives. Speaking from my own experience, many of my colleagues in Criminal Justice and in the Military have committed their lives to these fields because of the events which transpired. I hope you can all find the time to share your experience with someone today.
   4. Getting down to business, we will be holding Rep-at-Large interviews on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30pm. If you know anyone who is interested please have them email at president.sga@westfield.ma.edu in order to set up a time. Thank you.
   5. Items not listed on the agenda.
4. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Cameron Swan**
   1. All University Committee: **No Report**

B. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**

C. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**

D. Student Advisory Council: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Nickalena Richards**
   1. I have a few point of information for this evening.
2. I have finished drafting the interview sign-up sheet corresponding to dates and times that I will be available to meet with students who are interested in being on the Student Conduct Board. You may find it on the table when you first enter into the SGA office and the signup sheet is on Kim Hosmer’s desk.
3. I did attempt to be flexible with the setting of the times, though if none of the set times work for any of you, please feel free to email me and I can try to make reasonable accommodations.
4. In addition, there still remain student positions in the Student Affairs Committee, so please let me know if any of you are interested.
5. I just want to reiterate that Student Affairs meets every other Friday of the month at 1:40pm, and our next meeting is this coming Friday, September 14. In case anyone is wondering topics in the midst of discussion are the Life Skills Management workshop idea, along with the Westfield State Experience, and Parenzo Hall renovations.
6. Vice President Carlton Pickron wanted me to bring to your attention that it would be greatly appreciated to receive student support in the Puerto Rican Day Parade and Unity Fest this weekend. There is a bus that departs from Scanlon hall at 9:00 am and this event runs until 12:00 pm. You may sign up at the S.A.I.L. office in the Garden level of Ely.
   1. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
   2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **Mitchell McKittrick**
7. For those who may not know me, my name is MitchellMcKittrick and I will be your Diversity/Inclusion Representative for the 2018-2019 academic year.
8. My job is to plan events that promote diversity and inclusion, and represent the interests of all diverse institutions at WSU**.**
9. I also am the chair of SGA’s Diversity/Inclusion Committee and the co-chair of the Diversity/Inclusion Council, which is made up of all the presidents of diverse organizations on campus. In this committee, we will be discussing events and campaigns that promote diversity ant WSU, and also talking about how we can make WSU a more inclusive environment.
10. I will need for this committee, one Representative at Large, one Representative from each class, a Representative from each Hall and a Commuter Council Representative. If anyone is interested please let me know.
11. Meeting times have yet to be determined.
12. It is currently Latinx heritage month and there are many events students can participate in.
13. Sunday, September 16 is the Puerto Rican Day parade, the bus to attend the parade departs from Scanlon hall at 9:00 am. If you are interested in marching with Westfield State, signups are in Ely 208.
14. Next week, on Monday, September 17 is Salsa Night in the Owl’s Nest. There will be a Salsa Lesson instructed by Delmarina Lopez.
15. There is a Movie Night on Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest. The film Pelo Malo (Bad Hair) will be shown. It is the story of a boy living in Caracas in a shoddy apartment with his mother and baby brother. He is very insecure about his curly hair, and is obsessed with straightening it, and as a result his mother begins to question his sexuality.
16. There will also be transportation to the Unity Fest Carnival happening at Springfield College on September 29. The bus departs from Scanlon Hall at 11:00 am, there is limited seating and you can sign up in Ely 208.
17. **Simone LaPlate**: When is the committee meeting?
18. **Mitchell McKittrick**: That has yet to be determined.
19. **Simone LaPlante**: How often will the committee be meeting?
20. **Mitchell McKittrick**: I want to do it twice a month. I don’t know what time it will be yet.
    1. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
    2. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
    3. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
    4. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
    5. Veteran’s Affairs Report: **No Report**
21. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Madeleine Scott**
    1. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
    2. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
    3. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
    4. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
    5. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
    6. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
    7. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
22. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Thalita Neves**
    1. The Club Fair is happening this Thursday, September 13 from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm right outside of SGA and I would really appreciate it if you all came to support your peers. If you know any First Year students, please encourage them to attend, because we really want to make sure they feel included in this community, and the best way to do that is through clubs.
    2. Finance Committee: **No Report**
    3. Foundation Report: **No Report**
    4. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
23. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Matthew Howe**
24. I hope you all had a good first week of classes and don’t have too much homework. I just wanted to give you an update with what’s going on in the world of programming.
25. The first Commuter Luncheon is tomorrow, September 12 in the Tekoa Room from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Staff from the Career Center will also be in attendance.
26. On Thursday, September 13, at 8:00pm, while Late Nite is going on, S.A.I.L. will be doing a Mario Kart Tournament. This event is always a huge hit.
27. On Friday, September 14, S.A.I.L. will also be putting on a comedy show featuring Ben Hague. You and your friend can laugh at this jokes while playing lawn games from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on the Green. If you cannot make this time, but really want to get some chuckles in, you can catch Ben Hague and his friends at 8:00 pm in the Owl’s Nest for another show.
28. This weekend is supposed to be warm, so if you want to stay cool join S.A.I.L. on Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm for Ice Skating at Amelia Park. There will be a continuous bus running from in front of Scanlon Hall to the rink. Skate rentals are only $3.00.
29. If you are still looking for stuff to do on the weekend, you can join CAB for our trip to the Big E fair. Tickets are just $5.00 and the bus will be leaving from in front of Scanlon at 1:30 pm. The “Week at a Glance” email was went out earlier this week with the link to the ticket site. If you cannot find the email then you can find the ticket site at westfield.ma.edu/tickets.
30. The Grit’ N Wit Race will be next Thursday, September 20, if you or a group of friends are interested in participating, then you can register through the link provide on the “Week at a Glance” email.
31. Just a friendly reminder that CAB has its first meeting tomorrow, September 12 at 5:00 pm right in here, the SGA room, and I hope to see some of you there.
32. Campus Activities Board: **No Report**
33. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
34. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: **No Report**
35. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Sammantha Dorazio/Courtney Smith**
    1. Executive Secretary Report: Sammantha Dorazio
36. I hope you had a wonderful summer. My apologies for not being here last week. Welcome back to SGA I am very excited for the upcoming year. For those of you who don’t know me my name is Sammantha Dorazio and I am the Executive Secretary. I am responsible for recording and typing the minutes of meetings, overlooking senator of the week and chairing the owl ball committee. We will be forming the committee in mid-October.
37. Class of 2022 elections signature papers are due Thursday, September 13 by 5:00 pm. So, far we have only had a few students come pick them up, so please help pass the word along.
38. I am looking forward to working with all of you throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns stop by during my office hours in the cubes from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays!
    1. Legislative Secretary Report: **Courtney Smith**
39. I just wanted to remind you all, and inform new senators that each week you should be picking up your binders and agendas on the way in. Agendas are on the front table and binders are in the mail boxes, which are labled with your names and positions.
40. Office hours this semester won’t be starting until October 1, so I will go into more of that after the Hall   
    Council and 2022 elections**.**
41. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:
42. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
43. Constitutional Review Committee: **No Report**
44. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
    1. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No Report**
    2. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No Report**
    3. Advisory Committee on the CURCA: **No Report**
    4. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **No Report**
    5. Advisory Committee for Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Affirmative Action: **No Report**
    6. College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Search: **No Report**
    7. College of Mathematics and Sciences Search Committee: **No Report**
    8. College of Education, Health and Human Services Search: **No Report**
45. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
46. Commuter Council: **No Report**
47. Senior Class: **Shane Stocker**
48. This evening at 7:00 pm we are hosting an event at the Scanlon Banquet Hall as a Kick-Off event for seniors. I am very excited, I think it should be a great time. This was planned to try and get the senior’s together right away at the start of the year. We really want to get as many people to start coming to our events which is why we wanted to kick the year off right away. It is in the Scanlon Banquet Hall from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm there will be food and music.
49. Junior Class: **David Youngerman**
50. I move to appoint Viktor Sabha as a Representative to SGA for the Class of 2020 for the 2018-2019 academic year. Motion carries.
51. Sophomore Class: **No Report**
52. First Year Class: **No Report**
53. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
54. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
55. Davis Hall: **No Report**
56. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
57. Lammers Hall**: No Report**
58. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
59. New Hall**: No Report**
60. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
61. University Hall: **No Report**
62. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
63. NEW BUSINESS: (requires majority vote to be opened)
64. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
    1. **Sammantha Dorazio**: When you are asking a question just please make sure that you are speaking up so I can hear you and you can be in the minutes.
    2. **Cameron Swan**: Representatives at Large please hang out for one second after the meeting.
    3. **Marcus DiBacco:** 249 days until commencement**.**

1. ROLL CALL: Tommy Howard, Scotty Howe and Owen Azevedo were absent.
2. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

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