**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**September 4, 2018**

I. ROLL CALL: Cam Stanton and Connor Kennedy were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 24, 2018: Minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC REMARKS: No Remarks

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Marcus DiBacco**
   1. Hello and welcome back to Westfield State. I am glad all of you could make it this evening and I hope you had a great summer. Before we get too carried away I would like to invite Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Carlton Pickron to come up and say a few words.
2. **Dr. Carlton Pickron**: Thank you Mr. President! I like the new set up but you need more space in between those rows, so that you can get in and out its tight. But I like the new set up with the podium in the middle with the mic. Nice job Exec board who was in charge on interior decorating or design. It’s good stuff. Welcome back all. How are you all doing? Oh come on we have air conditioning in here this is not first year convocation; a man was sweating to death down there. Welcome back, hopeful everyone had a very productive summer, restful and some peace in there too. It is still summer until September 21 or something like that.
3. Welcome back, you are coming back to do a lot of work. You’re here, you volunteered to be in here to do work. This will be a year of significant work. Why? Because you got 40 million dollars coming to this campus. Where is it going to go, Parenzo Hall. Twenty million is already here the other 21.25 million is coming to campus to make us a 41 million building. Parenzo hall renovations, renovating that building, that’s going to take a lot of work everyone has to grab a brick everyone has to sweep and paint, no. The planning of that building, the skeleton of what’s going to be in that building is established, list of priorities. But the actual nitty gritty of what departments will be in there what offices will be in there. All that stuff is going to play out this year and guess what, you will be on the committee. To be a part of making that decision. Some of you, not all of you that would be a crazy committee, but some of you will be on that committee, making those decisions and bringing the recommendations back to this body so that this body can give you feedback on what they are suggesting/recommending. That is a very big piece for you to have a good hand in.
4. We have some searches still going on around campus, the Counseling Center, the Career Center, Res Life, and Public Safety. We will have a new position on campus called the Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response. And we are sharing that position with Holyoke Community College. So that’s a new piece coming to Westfield State University. We have never had a paid professional in that role, we have always had volunteers and public safety keeping us in line and working with us and teaching us around those pieces of emergency response.
5. But anyway I'm going to cut my comments there. But this will be an extremely exciting active year, so we need to fill all of those seats get some more dedicated, committed students, student leaders to join you. Class of 2022 to join you for this phenomenal year. For all of our seniors, got a few up in the front and where is the senior class? What’s the deal we only got two? Anyway Senior Class has an exciting year for them. May 18, 2019 at 4:00pm at the Mass Mutual Center, be there or be square. Peace is with you all and hopefully you all come up and visit us this time and they are doing auditions already upstairs. You all take care peace. Okay questions comments concerns?
6. **Shane Stocker**: When will Parenzo be done?
7. **Dr. Carlton Pickron**: Probably your third year reunion. Sophomore Class your first year reunion. The First year students might have it relatively close to them but it is going to take at least three years if not four.
8. **Tommy Howard**: When does renovation begin officially?
9. **Dr. Carlton Pickron**: This year is a year of planning for the most part. The tentative schedule shows actual, physical work beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year. We are thinking more like May of 2020. That’s what we’re thinking. The big question is where are we going to put all the people who are in Parenzo know during construction. Are we going to try to get them all out and go in and gut the building? Are we going to do it in phases? All of these types of questions need to be worked out this year. So four years from now we will see a lovely, shiny, renovated air conditioned Parenzo hall.
10. **Sam Sangalis**: You said there is 21.25 million on the way? Where exactly is that coming from?
11. **Dr. Carlton Pickron:** Coming from the State of Massachusetts. From DCAM, Department of Capital Assets Management. It’s a state agency, typically they do a lot of either building brand new, or renovations or deferred maintenance and that’s what we are coming out of renovations/deferred maintenance. We would have another nine million dollars coming for A new pipe line coming in from the power plant because we only have one steam line and we had it fixed, which is why you see that lovely new parking lot. That just got fixed last week so we are going to build A new steam line so we will have two. If one dies we still got heat in the winter. I think you all will appreciate that. Yes, we will get pens when everyone is here, so you will look sharp. See you all later
    1. Thank you, Carlton. As some of you may remember, at the end of last year I put forward the idea of developing a stronger community here at Westfield State. In order to do this, we need to create greater open communication with all parts of our University as well as find what connects us all together. A feat not easily accomplished, we will be busy drafting a plan to work towards this goal throughout the year and potentially beyond. One piece of this puzzle is to make sure that we are open and familiar with many of our colleagues, so if you see someone on SGA or a new student please introduce yourself. Furthermore, it is my ambition that we may develop a mission and vision in a way similar to the strategic plan. If anyone has any ideas in this area please let me know.
    2. Again welcome back and we will see you out there. Be sure to attend the cook out, Pep Rally, and numerous other events happening on campus this week.
    3. Items not listed on the agenda.
12. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Cameron Swan**
    1. Welcome back. For those of you who I haven’t met yet, my name is Cam Swan and I am our Student Trustee for the academic year.
13. The Board of Trustees consists of 11 members, nine of which are appointed by the sitting governor. The other two, Trustee Hill and myself, are elected by the alumni and the students prospectively.
14. The Board meets formally five times a year, excluding any retreats, conferences, or special meetings.
15. This is my second year on the board, and I am excited to continue the work that I have done with my colleagues on the board.
16. Each board member serves on subcommittees, and this year I am a member of Student and Academic Affairs, Institutional Advancement/Enrollment Management, and Finance and Capitol Assets.
17. The first board meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, October 9 starting at 8:30 am.
18. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me either now or after the meeting.
    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. As many of you already know, my name is Nickalena Richards. I am both thankful and excited to be standing here in front of all of you.
   2. I would like to thank all of you for being here. Your eagerness in aspiring to be leaders and set a steady example for the WSU student body is both motivating and inspiring to me. I have set a few goals for this year.
2. A collective goal that not only executive has but along with a handful of campus members is to establish a strengthened sense of community connectedness.
3. For instance, a specific goal I have is attempting to merge the student athlete populations into and with the entity of the general campus. As funny as this may be, as quick as the word spreads about a part, is what I would like to happen with the talk of campus activities and events.
4. These groups have tremendous influential power over a large portion of the student body.
5. To kick off the semester, the first priority on my agenda is to host an open forum with executive members for any campus member to attend.
6. Here students can address any concerns, desires, inquiries, and needs they may have.
7. It is imperative that I hear the voices of you so I can attempt to evaluate and make any necessary and reasonable implementations.
8. Another objective I have for the semester is to discuss the possibility of establishing work-shop like classes that help students build skills of independence and leadership.
9. It is important to me that I assist with aiding students in understanding the essential means and technicalities of their education.
10. Overall this includes: Planning for long-term means of living such as repaying debts, managing finances, and establishing safety and security.
    1. It has been brought to my attention, by Dr. Carlton Pickron, that we are in search of eight student committee members to fill open positions on the Student Affairs Committee**.**
11. Student Affairs Committee meetings are held the second Friday of every month at 1:40 pm, where the committee will discuss goals and objectives on how to enhance the Westfield State campus community.
12. Our next scheduled meeting is September 14 at 1:40 pm.
    1. Dr. Carlton Pickron also wanted me to mention that September 27 is Westfield Day at the Big E. Student support and participation in the parade we’re hosting would be greatly appreciated. There will be reliable transportation.
    2. I will soon be conducting interviews in search of students to sit on the Student Conduct Board**.**
13. This group of students and staff evaluate areas of conduct that happen on campus and make decisions on repercussions of campus violations.
14. Dates are still in the midst of being created and will soon be announced.
15. You will soon be able to find sheets on the SGA table when you first enter in the office.
16. If anyone is interested in aiding me with hanging flyers in regards to The Student Conduct interviews, I would love the help.
    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’s Affairs Report: **No Report**
17. 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**
18. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Thalita Neves**
    1. My name is Thalita Neves and I’m the Vice President of Finance. I hope you all had a great summer and are ready to start the school year. I’m really excited to get to know all of you and to be able to work with you as student leaders to make sure we are heard on this campus.
    2. As the VP of Finance, I will be in charge of overseeing the SGA budget as well as all the clubs on campus.
19. I encourage you all to go to the Club Fair happening on September 13 from 4:00pm until 6:00pm in the Garden level of Ely. Please spread the word about the Club Fair because we really want a great turnout this year and want more people involved on campus.
    1. I will also be the chair of the Finance committee and will be looking for two members from each class to join me, but I’ll have more updates about that next week.
    2. Finance Committee: **No Report**
    3. Foundation Report: **No Report**
    4. Student Organization Council: **No Report**
20. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Matthew Howe**
21. Welcome back to another exciting year. I hope you had a restful and eventful summer. For those of you who do not know me, I am Matt Howe and as Marcus stated, I am the Vice President of Programming. We are in the middle of our amazing Welcome Back Week. There is a list of all the events and times posted outside the SGA room. Here are the events that CAB has going on for the remainder of the week.
22. On Friday, September 7, we have Build-A-Pillow at 4:00 pm on the Green. Pillows are limited so make sure you get there early!
23. Also, on Friday, September 7 at 10:00 pm we have our first Brown Bag Bingo of the semester, in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.
24. Wwe have bowling and arcade games on Saturday, September 8 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm in the Parenzo Gym.
25. September begins the Latex Heritage Month. An email was sent out by Ashiah Richeme earlier today with a list of events going on during the month.
26. Also, there are several Jewish holidays in September and they include Rosh Hashanah on the 10, Yom Kippur on the 19, and Sukkot on the 24.
27. **Mike Morrison**: When is the Pillow thing?
28. **Matthew Howe**: Friday, September 07 at 4:00pm on the green.
29. **Barbara Hand**: What kind of pillows?
30. **Matthew Howe**: Local pillows, Westfield State Pillows, the kind you put on your bd with the Westfield logo on it.
31. More information to come! That’s all for events, but the first CAB meeting will be September 12, at 5:00pm right down here in SGA.
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: **No Report**
    2. Legislative Secretary Report: **Courtney Smith**
36. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Welcome back to returning senators and welcome to SGA to our new senators. For those who don’t know me yet, my name is Courtney Smith and I will be your Legislative Secretary for the 2018-2019 academic year, and I look forward to getting to know all of you.
37. This year we will continue with office hours, you are required to do one office hour per week which we will talk about more at our next meeting.
38. I am also sending around a contact sheet that I would greatly appreciate if you could sign that today.
39. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:
40. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**
41. Constitutional Review Committee: **No Report**
42. 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**
43. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
44. Commuter Council: **No Report**
45. Senior Class: **No Report**
46. Junior Class: **No Report**
47. Sophomore Class: **No Report**
48. First Year Class: **No Report**
49. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
50. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
51. Davis Hall: **No Report**
52. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
53. Lammers Hall**: No Report**
54. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
55. New Hall**: No Report**
56. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
57. University Hall: **No Report**
58. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
59. NEW BUSINESS: (requires majority vote to be opened)
60. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
    1. **Madeleine Scott:** Tomorrow, September 5 Neighborhood Advisory Board is meeting at 5:50pm in the Tekoa Room. If you are on the board and you received an email from me please show up.
    2. **Marcus DiBacco:** The election papers for First Years will go out Friday, September 7 at 9:00am. If you know any let them know, if you see First Years walking around tell them. More information will come up on that soon. Also, we have an open Rep at Large position which we will soon be posting interviews for. If you know someone interested in the position please let them know. Our first full meeting will be September 25, we will be electing a parliamentarian then.

1. ROLL CALL: Cam Stanton and Connor Kennedy were absent.
2. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.

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