**Student Government Association Minutes**

September 06, 2016

1. ROLL CALL: Kendall Dunbar, Daisha Serrano, Cameron Swan, were absent. Andrew Morin and Marissa Cremin were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 26, 2016: Minutes were approved.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: ***Matthew Carlin***
2. Hello everyone, I would like to welcome our special guest, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Carlton Pickron.
3. **Dr. Carlton Pickron:** Welcome back, welcome back campus leaders! You are campus leaders you always hear that from me. You are campus leaders. There’s more that will be joining your way as we get to the end of the month and the beginning of next month. Hopefully everyone had a productive, fun, bagel cutting summer.
4. Hopefully you all had fun this summer too and you came back with great energy, great enthusiasm, which I know we all love our school. This is a very important year. Yes, it’s the President’s first year as President of Westfield State, but you all get to vote for the President of the United States. I hope you are all registered to vote, if you are not see Barbara Hand see Sue LaMontagne or see Me. Upstairs or downstairs we have voter registration forms and we need to repeat this message when the rest of the group comes, so people can get registered to vote. If you are already registered you are supposed to be voting this Thursday, September 8, for various local elections and things like that nature. It is so important, but you know what’s an added piece to this whole election part, and then I’m going to go sit down, is the piece of dignity and respect. There’s’ just a lot of crazy talk out there, in this political year, but dignity and respect that’s what I’m looking for from all of us. It’s important that we stay above the fray and we can advocate for whatever candidate and whatever position we want, but it’s so important to maintain the dignity and respect that we have for all of us. Ok? That is so critical, in this time it needs to be said.
5. Let’s have a phenomenal year. The Class of 2017 is off and running folks. They’ve already sold 69 tickets for their trip to Mohegan sun. That’s just phenomenal work and that’s what we are expecting all year. We got our two cheerleaders in the front and so you know it’s going to be a pumped up SGA.
6. Thank you Dr. Pickron.
7. I’d like to welcome everyone back to campus and hope everyone had a wonderful opening day. There isn’t much that I need to report ton except that after the meeting there is a Pep rally on the green in support of our athletic program. We as an organization also have two of our clubs performing at the rally including the Nicht owls and AcaOwlettes.
8. Items not listed on the agenda.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** ***Brandon Trafford***
2. As most of you know, my name is Brandon Trafford and I am your student representative to the Board of Trustees.
3. In regards to the trustees, we have committee meetings coming up September 27, in the Presidents Board room with Academic and Student Affairs from 10:00am until 12:00pm, Finance and Capital Gains from 1:00pm until 3:00pm and Advancement from 3:30pm until 5:00pm.
4. On October 6, we have Audit Committee from 1:00pm until 2:30pm followed by the full board meeting at 3:00pm.
5. Also on Tuesday, September 27, I will be officially sworn into the Board of Trustees here in the SGA office at 5:30pm.
6. All University Committee**: No Report**
7. Neighborhood Advisory Board**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**: *Brendan McKee***
2. For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Brendan McKee and I am the Vice President of Student Life for the academic year. I have just a couple of things.
3. Applications for the University Student Conduct Board are located on the table by your binders. The deadline to submit the application is Friday, September 23 at 5:00pm here in the SGA office. I have flyers that have to go up around campus to advertise conduct board, so if you would like to help me hang these up, talk to me after the meeting. This will count as a unit opportunity.
4. I am looking for senators who are interested in Student Affairs Committee this year. Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26 at 1:40pm. If that date works for you, and you are interested in joining the committee, see me after the meeting.
5. Student Affairs Committee**: No Report**
6. Multicultural Committee**: No Report**
7. Food Services Committee**: No Report**
8. Health Committee: **No Report**
9. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
10. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
11. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
12. Community Relations/Fundraising Report**: No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: ***Jacob Lotter***
2. For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Jacob Lotter and I am this year’s Vice President of Academic Life. As VP of Academic Life I serve as liaison between the student body and Academic Affairs. You’ll be hearing from me a lot more as we get closer to class registration and things like that. Besides all of that I hope everyone is excited to have a great year.
3. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
4. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
5. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
6. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
7. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
8. Writing Liaison**: No Report**
9. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: ***Madeline Dexter***
10. For those of you who don’t know me, I’m Maddie Dexter and I am your Vice President of Programming. I hope everyone settled in nicely and is as excited to be back as I am.
11. Programming update**: Madeline Dexter**
12. The Campus Activities Board hosted a ThinkFast Trivia game this past Sunday and it was a great turnout of first years, over 100.
13. This upcoming weekend is Welcome Week for CAB.
14. Friday, September 9 from 4:00pm until 8:00pm we have *Knockerball* and an ice cream truck on the green.
15. Saturday, September 10, we are hosting a comedian, Josh Johnson, who is a lead writer for Jimmy Fallon. He will be at Scanlon Banquet Hall at 9:00pm.
16. Then at 10:30pm on Saturday, September 10 we are hosting our first Brown Bag Bingo, which is very exciting because I love Bingo and that will be hosted in Scanlon also.
17. **Daniel Chamberlain**: Point of Information, the posters that the school made say that Bingo is at 10:00pm, so we’re just going to go with that.
18. Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, September 7 at 5:00pm in the Owl’s Nest
19. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: ***Marcus DiBacco***
20. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Marcus DiBacco and I am the Vice President for Finance.
21. This year the Club Fair is being held from 4:00pm until 6:00pm on Thursday, September 15. We have sent our emails to the club advisors, and I need a few people to put up flyers in academic halls.
22. Finance Report: **No Report**
23. Foundation Report: **No Report**
24. SERETARY’S REPORT: ***Karina Sallaway/Rebecca Kennedy***
25. Executive Secretary Report: **Karina Sallaway**
26. For those of you who don’t know me, I’m Karina Sallaway and I am the Executive Secretary for this academic year. I wanted to start this year off talking about the upcoming elections for the Class of 2020. Signature papers will be available tomorrow morning at 9:00am in the SGA room and I have flyers that I would appreciated some hlp with hanging up around campus in the academic buildings and first year residence halls. This will be worth a unit, so if you are interested see me after the meeting.
27. Signature papers are due by 5:00pm on Wednesday, September 14 in the SGA room E017 and then the elections will be on September 20 and 21. More information about elections will be coming out soon so please spread the word and let’s get some great new faces down here.
28. Legislative Secretary Report: **Rebecca Kennedy**
29. I am Rebecca Kennedy, your Legislative Secretary. I will be in charge of units for this year, making sure you are all taking an active role in the Campus Community.
30. Four units are due the first Tuesday of the month so Septembers are due by October 4 by 3:30pm by email.
31. If you have any questions about what counts as a unit, don’t be afraid to ask.

1. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:

Rules and Regulations Committee: **No Report**

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: **No Report**
4. Junior Class: **No Report**
5. Sophomore Class**: No Report**
6. First Year Class: **No Report**
7. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
8. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
9. Davis Hall: **No Report**
10. Dickinson Hall**: No Report**
11. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
12. Lansdowne Hall**: No Report**
13. New Hall**: No Report**
14. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
15. University Hall**: No Report**
16. UNFIISHED BUSINESS**:**

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1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
3. **Brandon Trafford:** Pep Rally after the meeting.
4. **Matthew Carlin:** Please go to the Class of 2020 and get them involved. This is a big year for us, we need as many people as we can get and we need many First years to come join us.
5. **Jon Cubetus:** 256 Days until Commencement**.**
6. ROLL CALL: Kendall Dunbar, Daisha Serrano, Cameron Swan, were absent. Andrew Morin and Marissa Cremin were excused.
7. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.