

STUDENT GOVERNMENT MINUTES

November 23, 1993

- I. ROLL CALL: Laura MacWhinnie, Nikki Puglise, Laura Moscato, Johanna MacAllister, Kim Harper, Jim Godfrey, Tom Burke, Jen Jeffrey and Scott Ross were absent. Karen McManus, Angie Nydam, Janice Murphy, Karen Guistina and Maureen Galvin sent alternates. Maria Garcia, Kristen Legor, Chris Sault, Craig Colby and Christina Bianca were excused.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 1993: The Minutes were accepted.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Ted Christ*
 - A. Cable Committee: *Ted Christ*
 1. I will be contacting Curt Robie and Media Services to see if any new information is available. We are getting very close to the point where we will not be able to close out this issue this year.
 - B. Conference Selection Committee: No Report
 - C. Constitution Committee: *Ted Christ*
 1. The Committee reviewed Executive duties making them more concise. We included more accountability and limited the President's veto powers.
 - D. I have received more information regarding the Faculty Evaluations. It seems that studies back up student evaluations as being reliable sources. I will be searching the archives to see what has been done here in the past. I spoke to Dr. Brown last week and hopefully will meet with him soon on this issue.
 - E. Applications for the position of All College Representative to Senate will be available in the SGA Room on December 3. We will be conducting interviews and hope to have this seat filled within two weeks.
 - F. I am becoming increasingly concerned that the Administration will go forward with the Career Services fee increase, initiate a Health and Wellness Center Fee (the center will be located where the Owl's Nest is) as well as adding other additional fees such as the fee that students will have to put forward for the \$14.5 million to do routine renovations and comply with ADA regulations. We must keep up on these issues and the Executive Council will be working with the Administration to guaranty their input.
 - G. Curt Robie has told Jon Conlogue that all of the weight rooms must be closed. They are unsafe. Curt Robie is seemingly unwilling to help work out a compromise, therefore, the SGA must begin work to save our weight rooms. Steve Dailey is going to begin work on this project. I feel that this could be perceived as a power play so that students will be forced to accept the Health & Wellness Center:
 1. *Dan Szenda* - Have the R.D.'s expressed any concern regarding closing the Weight Rooms?
 2. *Kathi Bradford* - The problem is that it doesn't meet code. It is an unsafe situation. They are not happy about it at all. We are in favor of keeping them because it does provide a need for resident students.

The President's Report was accepted

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IV. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: *Steve Dailey*

A. Student Life Advisory Committee: *Steve Dailey*

1. SLAC discussed the results of the Dickinson/Davis Fire Door Survey Results as well as the effects and needs of a Health and Wellness Center on campus. We have submitted our Proposal for a revised Sign In Policy and I will be speaking more in depth with Jon Conlogue about this. Jon is discussing the results of the Surveys with Vice President Mazza. He stated that it looks as though we are on course to have both of these policies changed for next semester.
2. Brian Person issued his proposal regarding noise complaints with the Waste Removal Company to Residential Life and it looks as though the company will change its pick up to 9:00 a.m. (or at least 8:00 a.m.) instead of 6:00 a.m.
3. Dave Gallagher has contacted Continental Cable and informed them that WSC has yet to receive Cable Guides. They will be getting back to him on this.
4. The Student Life Advisory Committee meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Ely 232.

B. Student Life Committee: *Steve Dailey*

1. The Student Life Committee will meet on November 29 at 4:30 p.m. in Ely 242.

C. Parking Control Board: No Report

D. Alcohol Board: *Johanna MacAllister*

1. Due to the fact that quorum was not met, all proposals will be postponed until our next meeting. Proposals have been received for a Countdown '94 on December 9 and the annual Practitioners Dinner which is sponsored by the Accounting Club.
2. ARB will meet on November 29 at 3:30 p.m. in Ely 232.

E. Health Committee: *Mary Kate Keough*

1. Mary Kate Keough inquired if SGA felt that there would be enough student support/participation if AIDS testing was done on campus. The majority felt that this should be done.

F. Food Services Committee: No Report

G. Student Affairs Committee: *Mark Bousquet*

1. The Student Affairs Committee met on November 3 and discussed issues concerning Student Security and the Residential Life Staff and their duties relating to underage drinking and drug abuse on campus.
2. We also discussed the formation of a new Student Handbook.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on December 1 at 3:30 p.m. in Ely 233.

The Vice President's Report - Student Life was accepted.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PROGRAMMING: *Yvette Edwards*

- A. There are no scheduled events this week because of Thanksgiving but please remember:

December 11

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Wild Video Dance Party

Scanlon Banquet Hall \$2.00 or two canned goods
It's for a good cause so come and have a good time

December 13

SGA sponsored Faculty/Student Coffee House

Ely Main Lounge 3:30 p.m. Entertainment by Josh White
A variety of coffees and Italian pastry will be served

Admission is Free!!!

The purpose of this Coffee House is to build relations with Students and Faculty members. If you have a favorite Faculty member, please be sure to give them a special personal invite!

- B. The Campus Activities Board will meet on December 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the Third World Room. There is going to be a Decorating Party on December 1 in the lobby if anyone is interested in joining us.

The Vice President's Report - Programming was accepted.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jen Salmon/Erin Griffith

A. Finance Committee: Jen Salmon

1. Jen Salmon moved to allocate \$500.00 to W.S.K.B. for an Audio System Delay Unit. Dan Szenda moved to table until student representation from W.S.K.B. was present at Senate to answer questions regarding their proposal. The Motion to Table was accepted.
 2. Kathi Bradford - Do you know anything about the \$500.00 request for the fire alarms?
Jen Salmon - Ted brought it up to me. No one else has approached me.
Ted Christ - It's in the works right now. We just haven't had a chance to discuss it. It is going to go to Finance.
 3. The Finance Committee will meet on November 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.
- B. We need all SGA recognized Clubs and Organizations to hand in a Roster if they are in an active status. We will be issuing a list of Clubs and Student/Faculty or Staff contacts to the college community and your cooperation would be appreciated.
- C. All funds which are allocated to Clubs and not used, roll over into the General Club Account. The Club cannot use these funds for anything other than what they were allocated for.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

VII. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kelly O'Neill/Michelle Costa

- A. Election Committee: No Report
- B. Publicity Committee: No Report
- C. Laura Moscato has been removed from Senate due to absences.
- D. Michelle Costa announced that she will be resigning from Senate at the end of the semester. Anyone interested in her position as Assistant Secretary can arrange for an interview.

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The Secretary's Report was accepted.

VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: Dan Szenda

A. All College Committee: No Report

B. Academic Policies Committee: Bryan Walsh

1. The 1995/96 and 1996/97 Academic Calendars were approved and sent to ACC.
2. We also discussed the possibility of offering internships with a pass/fail grade. The subcommittee for internships will look into this.
3. The Academic Policies Committee will meet on December 2 at 3:30 p.m. in Wilson 114.

C. Curriculum Committee: No Report

D. Long Range Planning Committee: No Report

E. I would like to thank Alex Kennedy and Melissa Reilly for attending the SAC Meeting at STCC on November 18. The next SAC Meeting will be on December 2 at Mass Art. If enough students are interested in attending, I will arrange for transportation. At the December 2 SAC Meeting, we will be hearing from a member of Secretary Robertson's staff regarding the Capital Planning situation. Former Interim Chancellor Peter Mitchell will be reporting on the budget process; where we are and where we are going.

F. The Administration and Finance Committee (of HECC) will be meeting on December 7.

G. I was elected as Chair of SAC for the 1993/94 academic year.

1. *Tricia Rocco* - How is this going to affect your obligations to the students at WSC?

Dan Szenda - It hasn't affected anything I've done thus far as Trustee or a member of Executive Council. The fact that WSC has held this position for some time shows leadership.

H. The Budget Task Force will be meeting soon.

The Trustees' Report was accepted.

IX. BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT: No Report

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Bookstore Committee: No Report

B. Rules and Regulations Committee: No Report

C. Exchange Committee: No Report

D. Athletic Council: No Report

XI. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Affirmative Action Advisory Committee: No Report

B. Bookstore Operations Advisory Committee: No Report

C. Campus Sign Advisory Committee: No Report

D. Computer Advisory Committee: No Report

E. Food Services Advisory Committee: No Report

F. Human Relations Advisory Committee: No Report

G. Registration Advisory Committee: Steve Pratt

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1. Members of the Committee received a demonstration of a phone registration system by a company called Periphonics. Their representative gave us a brief history of their company and provided us with a list of their customers. He also gave us an overview of what applications could be run on the system in addition to registration processes. Our task is only to review alternatives to registration. Although we are by no means definite on our plans, the Periphonics Representative gave us a ball park estimate of \$40,000 for the basic system:

- a. *Ted Christ* - Will you be reviewing the Registration Process we just had?

Steve Pratt - Yes. It was the consensus that the process we have now is good but can be improved. We don't want to change the format of it. It will be an Arena Registration but hopefully if you call in my phone, that will make it quicker.

- b. *Kristin McQueston* - How do they decide how they open up classes?

Steve Pratt - That is up to the discretion of individual departments.

- c. *Kristin McQueston* - Is there any specific way to change that?

Steve Pratt - If you're having a problem, talk to the Department Chair.

- d. *Dan Szenda* - They should offer more sections of the same class. This is where Faculty Evaluations come in.

Steve Pratt - I'll speak to the Committee and find out the correct way to go about it.

2. The Registration Advisory Committee will meet on November 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Academic Affairs Conference Room.

H. Substance Advisory Committee: *Tricia Rocco*

1. The Substance Advisory Committee will meet on November 30 at 3:30 p.m. in the Private Dining Room.

I. Student Retention Advisory Committee: No Report

The Advisory Committee Reports were accepted.

XII. COMMUTER COUNCIL, THIRD WORLD, CLASSES AND HALLS:

A. Commuter Council: *Todd Dorman*

1. The Spaghetti Lunch was a flop.
2. The Commuter Council revised our Survey and are seeking an alternate way of implementing it.
3. Our letter in *The Owl* this week is asking what Commuters want from us and we are hoping to solicit responses from this.
4. The Commuter Council meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room.

B. Third World Organization: No Report

C. Senior Class: No Report

D. Junior Class: *Steve Pratt*

1. Winter White Stag tickets are on sale at the Teller Window

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for \$10.00. Please bring your I.D. with you when purchasing tickets and don't forget your semi-formal attire when you go home for Thanksgiving! The Stag will be held on December 3 from 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Alcohol will be served to those 21 years old downstairs.

2. We will also be having a 50/50 Raffle at The Stag. Tickets will be \$1.00 at the door.
3. Anyone interested in the Representative to Senate seat which is open, we will be holding interviews at the beginning of next semester.
4. The Class of 1995 will meet on November 29 at 9:30 p.m. in the Courtney Main Lounge.

E. Sophomore Class: No Report

F. Freshman Class: *Eve Descant*

1. The Class of 1997 made a small profit from selling refreshments at the Music & More Performance.
2. We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having four Advisors.
3. The Class of 1997 will meet on November 30 at 3:30 p.m. in the Ely Campus Center.

G. Apartment Complex: No Report

H. Courtney Hall: No Report

I. Davis Hall: No Report

J. Dickinson Hall: *Cynthia Pucillo*

1. Cynthia Pucillo moved that SGA accept Eric Ward as a Representative to Senate from Dickinson Hall. The Motion was accepted.
2. We had our Movie/Pizza Night on November 18. A few people attended.
3. We are going to be making posters for our Candy Gram Sale. The sale will take place during the first week of December.
4. We decided to get a heavy duty vacuum for our Hall. We are also looking into carpet sweepers. They are less expensive than vacuums.
5. Our VCR's are fixed.
6. Dickinson Hall Council will meet on November 29 at 9:00 p.m. in the Dickinson Hall Council Room.

K. Lammers Hall: No Report

L. Scanlon Hall: *Denise Gould*

1. Hall Council met with our R.A.'s in hopes of achieving better communication between Hall Council and the R.A. staff. We will be posting Minutes on the R.A. doors to keep them informed of what is going on. We also discussed the money which the R.A.'s use for their sections in order to let them know how much each one has and we've asked them to come to one of our meetings to let us know when they may be needing this money.
2. We also discussed going with R.A.'s on rounds during fire alarms. The R.A.'s said that they would need to discuss this further and will get back to us.
3. We also spoke about enforcing payment of Hall Dues and we will

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discuss this with the I.S.O.'s, especially when residents take out equipment.

4. We are still working on getting pool sticks.
5. Hall Council will be planning Hall Study Breaks for finals. We will be speaking to Sodexo's about ordering food.
6. Scanlon Hall Council will be meeting on November 29 at 9:00 p.m. in the Hall Council Room

Commuter Council, Class and Hall Reports were accepted.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: None

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. *Steve Dailey* - If you have any problems in Health Services, please see Kristin McQueston
- B. *Tom Stewart* - Yvette and I were awarded to NACA Comedy House on April 16. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact me.
- C. *Kerri McQueston* - Anyone interested in signing a Petition regarding the shuttle stop at Lammers Hall, please see me.
- D. *Andy Johnson* - There will be a Theme Talk on December 1 at 3:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Living Room with Dr. Brown regarding the history of Westfield State College.
- E. *Todd Dorman* - Parking Control Board will meet on December 3 at 2:30 p.m. in Ely 232.

XVI. ROLL CALL: Laura MacWhinnie, Nikki Puglise, Maria Garcia, Kim Harper, Jim Godfrey, Tom Burke, Jen Jeffrey and Scott Ross were absent. Amy Corcoran, Chris Sault, Kristen Legor, Craig Colby and Christina Bianca were excused. Karen McManus, Angie Nydam, Janice Murphy and Maureen Galvin sent alternates.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly M. O'Neill
Secretary

Michelle A. Costa
Assistant Secretary

KMO/MAC/bh

cc: Peter Mazza Joan Fuller
Peg Civello Kathi Bradford
Daryl Hendery Dr. Hanrahan
Jon Conlogue Tom Stewart
George Sicaras Chris Mongeon
Andy Johnson Adrene Adams
Maureen McCartney
Pat Rix
Dorothy Phelps
William Freeman
Edna Wilander
Paul Bogan
Sue Basque

WSKB Proposed Equipment Purchase

November 19, 1993

Audio System delay unit: Jam Man Box made by Lexicon and distributed through LaSelle Music in East Hartford, CT.

The request is for \$500.00

This unit will allow a minimal of an 8 second and a maximum of a 32 second delay. It will allow the Disc Jockey to edit any phone calls prior to the calls being aired. WSKB has currently "talk radio" type shows and several Disc Jockey's who air phone calls during their shows. Sometimes the calls can range from risque to vulgar. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

White & Black

When it comes to discussing race, Americans might as well be watching different movies. Confronted with everything from the Reginald Denny beating trial to the Ted Danson jokes, whites see one reality; blacks see another. And the fact that both have such a hard time talking straight about their grievances only makes matters worse. How can we move the racial debate to more realistic—and honest—ground?

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scores of middle-class and upper-class black professionals across the country (page 56), many are seething with grievances: over the petty indignities they still endure, the false fronts they have to put up to "make it" in white institutions, the ways in which they're pigeonholed in "black jobs." Sharon Collins, a sociologist at the University of Illinois, says there is one "constant issue" in the careers of black executives she has studied. "They were either trying to avoid 'black' jobs or trying to get out of them, or being penalized for being in them."

That blacks and whites have such a hard time talking straight about their grievances only makes matters worse. Blacks don't want to speak out for fear of being labeled "difficult." Whites keep their gripes to themselves lest they appear politically incorrect. And on both sides, when people do speak up, they scamper for the moral high ground, throwing around cheap rhetoric and competing for the status of victim. As historian John Hope Franklin points out, it's a game that dates back to the days of slavery. "We've got a history of dishonesty and hypocrisy in this area," he says. "We pile one on top of another, and have to continue to lie and misrepresent in order to validate our original positions. It becomes a compounding of the hypocrisy that began in the 17th century."

Victim thing: In private, blacks are willing to concede that they sometimes take the victim thing too far. "We spend too much time worrying about the fact that they're out to get us," admits one African-American writer, "and reacting to that and not to the issue at hand." In practice, that means focusing on whether Mike Tyson is a target of racism, instead of whether he committed rape. It means the National Association of Black Social Workers would rather see black orphans go unadopted than allow them into white families, which might dilute their "ethnicity." And it means that black professionals sometimes attribute to racism setbacks that may be the result of lack of merit or honest competition or just bad luck.

But successful blacks also see something whites often don't: that when whites say they have an open mind about blacks, they're talking about blacks who are like them. Political scientist Andrew Hacker of Queens College cites Colin Powell as the model: "He doesn't get angry, he's not sexy, he's not threatening. And whites say to blacks, 'Look, why don't you do it his way?'" (Light-colored skin doesn't hurt, either.) Raymond Mack, a white sociologist at Northwestern University, goes so far as to argue that many whites "believe two things—that all people are created equal, and that blacks are inferior to whites." So when they get to know a black they like and respect, it doesn't necessarily change their view of blacks as a group. "The truth is that if you succeed, whites won't treat you as though you're black," says Mack. "They'll treat you as though you're middle class."

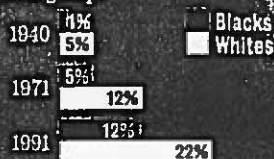
The trouble is that even for blacks who are good at it, the pressure of putting whites at ease becomes exhausting and often

Snapshots of Reality

Has the progress been slow, steady or illusory? As with so many racial questions, the answer can vary.

Education

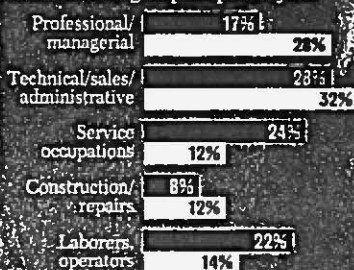
Persons, 25 years and older, with four years of college or more, by percentage of their racial group.



SOURCE: U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Occupation

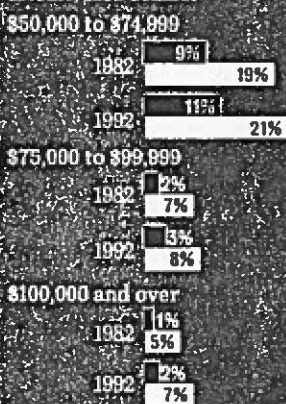
Employed civilians, 1992, by percentage of their racial group in specific jobs.



SOURCE: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Family Income

Percentage of racial group by total income, 1992 dollars.



SOURCE: U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

demoralizing. It's one reason why so many young middle-class blacks attending integrated colleges these days choose to live in all-black houses or eat at all-black tables. Asked why they're voluntarily "resegregating," black students argue that they're only doing the same thing white kids do. "Whenever people see black students living and working together, they call it segregation," says Zaheer Ali, a Harvard senior. "When they see white students living and working together, they call it just that—living and working together. It's just a natural phenomenon for people to associate with others who share similar interests."

So 30 years after Martin Luther King's famous speech, what does that say about his dream of racial harmony? As Harvard Law professor Randall Kennedy points out, Americans have at least arrived, after decades of struggle and debate, at a wide consensus across racial lines about what we're against: slavery, legal segregation, deliberate discrimination. But Kennedy argues that we have yet to decide what we're for. And after three decades of social experiments, he thinks it's clear that neither whites nor blacks really want a "color-blind" society where all racial differences are erased and people mix freely as though skin color didn't matter.

Pressing problems: Is there a middle ground between enjoying equality in the eyes of the law and becoming best friends? Tom W. Smith of the National Opinion Research Center argues that it's time to "work on attitudes, focusing on education, stressing such concepts as cultural pluralism." Sounds good—although the wrangling over multiculturalism on campuses and in corporations shows that it's no easy task. A more modest goal would be to try to seek common ground on pressing social problems like crime and public education that affect middle-class blacks as much, if not more, than whites. Jesse Jackson's latest campaign to mobilize black parents to fight the "rage of violence" in inner-city schools is a step in that direction.

It may also be time to start talking self-interest, rather than lofty principles, when we talk about race. By the middle of the next century, whites will make up only a little more than half of the U.S. population:

blacks will comprise almost a quarter, and other minorities will make up the rest. It's going to be awfully hard to forge a "globally competitive" work force if the races can't learn to work together. At the same time, whites will dominate most businesses and other institutions for a long time to come. And for all the frustrations, history shows that working within those institutions is the surest way for blacks to better their condition. Yet integration alone, as sociologist Douglas Massey of the University of Chicago observes, can be either "an opportunity for more understanding—or more misunderstanding." Which it's going to be will depend on how hard each of us is willing to work to understand the other's reality.

With JOHN MCCORMICK in Chicago, MARK STARR in Boston, VERA E. SMITH in Atlanta and DANZA SENNA and CAREY MONSERRATE in New York